

## From the Editor-in-Chief: Future Plans for *EWJUS*

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**T**he present issue of *East/West: Journal of Ukrainian Studies* opens with a special thematic section dedicated to the 40th Anniversary of the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies (CIUS) at the University of Alberta. Guest edited by the CIUS's long-time associate, Roman Senkus (CIUS, University of Toronto), and titled "Ukrainian Studies in Canada Since the 1950s," this special section consists of two parts, the first of which appears in the present issue. Part I contains six articles: one article reports on CIUS's activities in the period 1992-2012, and the other five articles describe contributions of Canadian scholars to Ukrainian studies in the fields of social sciences, linguistics, political science, folklore, and history. In addition to the thematic section, the present issue contains two regular articles. One article shows the transformation of monumental landscapes in Ukraine through a case study of the first demolition of the Lenin statue in 1990 in the Ukrainian town of Chervonohrad (Lviv oblast'). The other article discusses Soviet Ukrainian socio-political contexts that contributed to the invisibility of Ukrainian women in the literary scene through the case of Lviv-based author Nina Bichuia. As always, the issue features an array of reviews of recent books in Ukrainian studies.

Our future publication plans include part II of the special section on Ukrainian studies in Canada, which will feature articles on religion and literature; and a special issue dedicated to language, identity, and ideology in Ukrainian media, guest edited by Volodymyr Kulyk (Institute of Political and Ethnic Studies, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine) and Alla Nedashkivska (University of Alberta). Furthermore, *EWJUS* has recently issued a [call for papers](#) for a special issue on Ukraine and Ireland in a comparative perspective, to be guest edited by Volodymyr Kravchenko (CIUS, University of Alberta). Interested colleagues are invited to submit an abstract of 300 words to [culp@ualberta.ca](mailto:culp@ualberta.ca) by 2 April 2018.

I am pleased to report that *EWJUS* continues to enjoy stable growth. Our readership statistics show a steady increase, thanks to our inclusion in the Directory of Open Access Journals and the MLA Directory of Periodicals last year. Since my last report (volume IV, no. 2, September 2017), the journal's articles and reviews have been downloaded more than 13,000 times in over

100 countries. Following my mandate to continue increasing the journal's visibility and attract new submissions, I presented on *EWJUS* at the American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages (AATSEEL) annual conference this year. I spoke of the *EWJUS*'s history, our transition to online publishing in 2014, and the topics in our publications. I also addressed the ways I am trying to grow the journal to ensure its sustainability and presented my planned initiatives to enhance our readership base and readers' engagement with *EWJUS* content. One such initiative is a translation project that I hope to initiate in the coming years. *EWJUS* publishes in English; however, it is important to make at least some of the materials that we publish available in Ukrainian, to (a) make an impact on scholarship in Ukraine, (b) strengthen the dialogue between scholars, and (c) increase our readership. I hope to report more on this project once it has entered the production phase.

I am delighted to announce that *EWJUS* received funding from the Alberta Foundation for Ukrainian Education Society (AFUES) to subsidize our publication initiatives this year. I am grateful to the AFUES for their support. It is important that community partners recognize the relevance of the research we publish.

I thank our guest editor, Roman Senkus, who has done a tremendous job in soliciting, organizing, and editing submissions for the special section featured in this issue, and our book review editor Tania Stech (CIUS, University of Toronto) for her continuing contribution to the journal. I appreciate the careful work of our copy-editor for this issue, Marcia Craig (Edmonton, AB), and I am grateful to my undergraduate student RA, Cossette Massa (MacEwan University) for her careful fact-checking and attention to detail in her formatting and referencing work for the journal. I acknowledge Halyna Klid (CIUS, University of Alberta) for her attractive cover design.

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