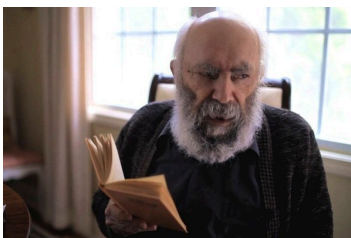

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December 2018



Viktor Zhmak, *Koliadnyky*

We wish you a wonderful holiday season!



In Memoriam of Dr. Bohdan Rubchak (1935-2018)

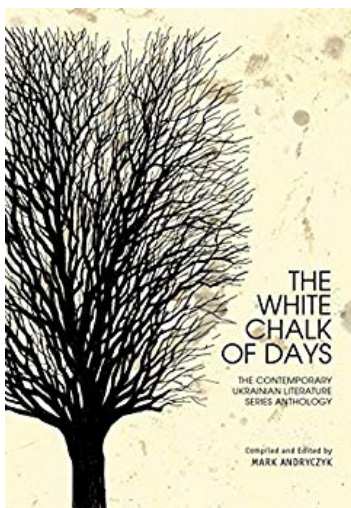
On September 23, 2018, we lost a colleague, literary scholar, poet, and co-founder of the

New York Group of Ukrainian poets. Born in 1935 in Kalush, Western Ukraine, Bohdan Rubchak was barely a teenager when he arrived in America in 1948, together with his mother, settling in Chicago. His early proclivity for things philological eventually resulted in full-fledged literary and scholarly career. The author of six books of poetry, numerous articles of literary criticism, and co-editor of the anthology of Ukrainian émigré poetry *Koordynaty* (1969), as a poet Rubchak defies hasty compartmentalization.

In the ensuing paragraphs I would like to share some thoughts on his life and work originally included in my book *Literature, Exile, Alterity: The New York Group of Ukrainian Poets* (2014).

Maria G. Rewakowicz, Rutgers University –
New Brunswick, NJ

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Book Launch: *The White Chalk of Days: The Contemporary Ukrainian Literature Series Anthology*

On 1 December 2018, Dr. [Mark Andryczyk](#) presented the book, titled *The White Chalk of Days: The Contemporary Ukrainian Literature Series Anthology*. The anthology consists of English-language translations of literary works that imaginatively engage pivotal issues in today's Ukraine and express its tribulations and jublations. Featuring poetry, fiction, and essays by fifteen Ukrainian writers, the anthology offers English-language readers a

wide array of the most beguiling literature written in Ukraine in the past fifty years.

[For details, click here](#)



Conference on the Western Ukrainian Republic and Its Unification with the Ukrainian National Republic

In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the proclamation of the independence of the Western Ukrainian Republic and its unification with the Ukrainian National Republic, the Shevchenko Scientific Society in America, the [Ukrainian Academy of Arts and Sciences in the U.S.](#) and the [Ukrainian Institute of America](#) co-sponsored a conference in New York City. The conference featured presentations by Oleh Pavlyshyn ("The Establishment of the Ukrainian Government in Eastern Galicia and State Building in the Western Ukrainian Republic"), Orest Popovych ("November 1918 in the Light of Family Reminiscences"), and Ihor Hyrych ("Contentious Questions in Contemporary Interpretations of the Ukrainian Revolution of 1917-1921"). Dr. Anna Procyk played a critical role in organizing the conference, and she made the opening remarks.

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Call for Submissions: The 2018-2019 Research Grant Program

The Shevchenko Scientific Society in the United States of America will award Research Grants and Dissertation Research Grants during 2018-2019. There will be only one

granting cycle in 2019, with all grant applications for Research Grants and Dissertation Research Grants due on February 1, 2019. All grant applications and supportive documents must be submitted electronically in an online application platform.

For details, [click here](#).



Member of the Month: Pavlo Gintov

When I moved to the United States in 2006, I was looking for people or organizations who research and promote Ukrainian culture. I heard about the Shevchenko Scientific Society and attended some of the lectures there. Later, when I began my doctoral studies at [Manhattan School of Music](#), the Shevchenko Scientific Society kindly awarded me with a scholarship.

For past several years I have been researching, studying and performing piano works by Ukrainian composers. [My CD of piano works](#) by a forgotten Ukrainian composer Serge Bortkiewicz has been released on the Piano Classics label and received enthusiastic reviews in Europe and in the United States.

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Recent Events

December 15, 2018

Book Talk: [*Lovers of Justice*](#) by **Yurii Andrukhovych**

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December 8, 2018

Lecture: **"Alcoholism, Degeneration, and Ukrainian Nationalism: Doctor Sofia Parfanovych and the Vidrozhennia Anti-Alcohol Society in the Interwar Galicia"**

Speaker: Kateryna Ruban, PhD Candidate, New York University

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December 1, 2018

Book Talk: [*The White Chalk of Days*](#) by **Marko Andryczyk**

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November 11, 2018

Lecture: **"Cultural Encounters: Japan Meets Ukraine through the Prism of Literature Translation"**

Speaker: Olga Khomenko, Associate Professor, Department of History, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Ukraine; Fulbright Scholar, Ukrainian Research Institute, Harvard University

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November 10, 2018

Lecture: **"The Idea of the Belarusian-Ukrainian Federation: From Realpolitik to Utopia (1918-1920)"**

Speaker: Gennadi Korolov, Institute of

Ukrainian History of the National Academy of
Sciences of Ukraine

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November 10, 2018

Conference: "**The 100th Anniversary of the Proclamation of the Independence of the Western Ukrainian Republic and Its Unification with the Ukrainian National Republic**"

Presenters: Oleh Pavlyshyn (Ukraine), Orest Popovych (USA) , and Ihor Hyrych (Ukraine)

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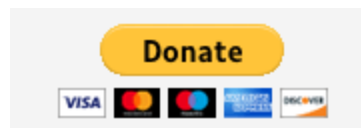
October 28, 2018

Special Event: **In Memoriam of Dr. Bohdan Rubchak**

Moderator: Vasyl Makhno, Program Director,
Shevchenko Scientific Society

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