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At the 2019 ASEES Convention

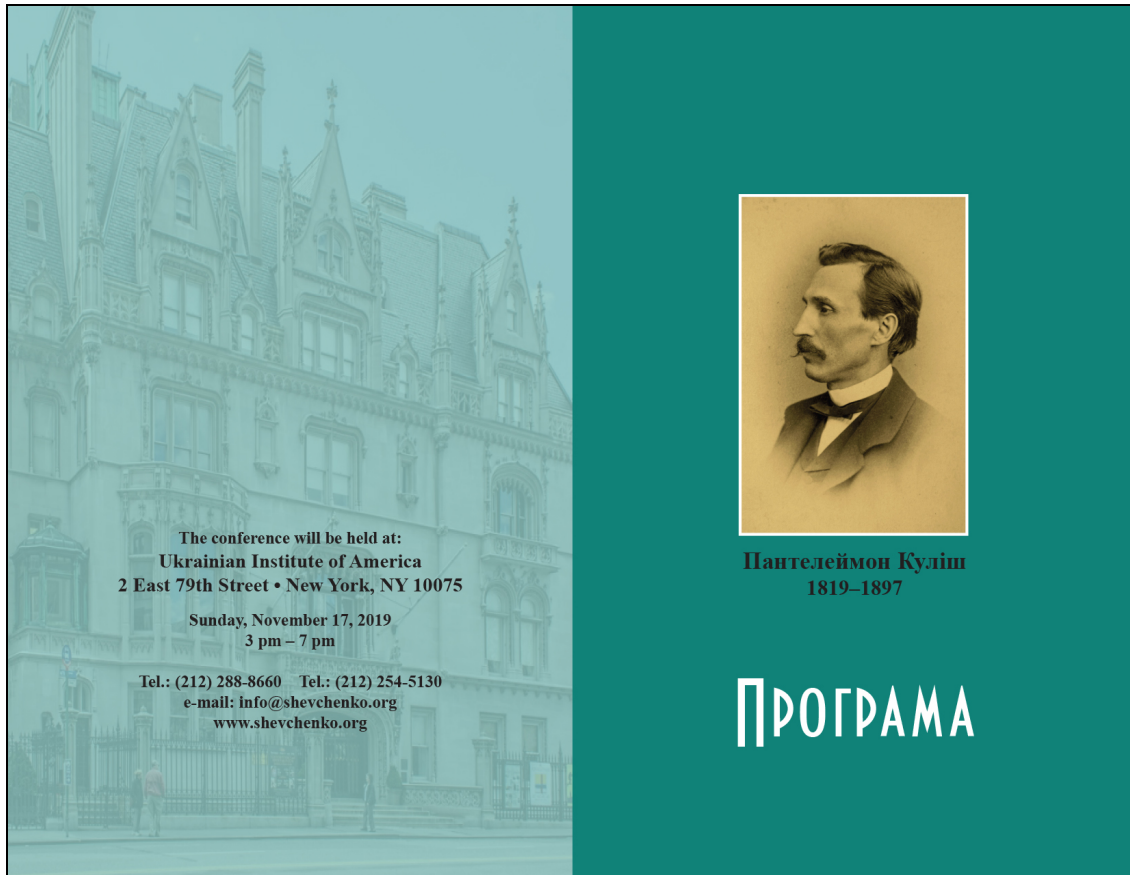
On November 23, 2019, the [American Association for Ukrainian Studies](#) (AAUS) held a business meeting at the 2019 annual convention of the [Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies](#) (ASEES), leading international organization dedicated to the advancement of knowledge about Central Asia, the Caucasus, Russia, and Eastern Europe. Reflecting close ties between the two organizations, many members of the Society attended the AAUS reception, sponsored by the Shevchenko Scientific Society in the United States, and jointly presented their research at the convention.

"The Society has always felt that it was important to have a presence at such interdisciplinary gatherings," said Halyna Hryn, President of the Shevchenko Scientific Society in the United States. "It is very pleased to host a reception for scholars in Ukrainian studies every year."

A number of the Shevchenko Society members participated in the convention. As noted by Vitaly Chernetsky, the Society's Learned Secretary and the Director of the Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies at the University of Kansas, "at the 2019 ASEES convention in San Francisco,

Ukraine-related themes were highly prominent and covered a really wide range of subjects, from cinema to politics."

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The conference will be held at:
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Sunday, November 17, 2019
3 pm – 7 pm

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1819–1897

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The 200th Anniversary of Panteleimon Kulish

The Shevchenko Scientific Society in the United States, in collaboration with the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute, the Ukrainian Institute of America, and the Ukrainian Academy of Arts and Sciences in the US, sponsored an international conference, marking the 200th anniversary of [Panteleimon Kulish](#), a renowned Ukrainian writer, folklorist, and historian born on August 7, 1819.

“By any standards, Panteleimon Kulish is a key figure in the creation of modern Ukrainian literature and culture and the conceptualization of their histories, and at the same time the central animating force and one of the small handful of the founding fathers of Ukrainian national existence, along with Shevchenko, Kostomarov, and Dragomanov, of Ukrainian intellectual thought and the modern

Ukrainian national consciousness that builds on it,” said [George G. Grabowicz](#), Dmytro Chyzhevs'kyj Professor of Ukrainian Literature at Harvard University. “Along with Shevchenko and later Dragomanov, Kulish was the very first to see programmatically the Ukrainian issue as an international issue, as an issue of nation formation.”

Oles Fedoruk, director of the [Center for the Study of Life and Work](#) of Panteleimon Kulish at the Shevchenko Institute of Literature, National Academy of Science of Ukraine, emphasized Kulish’s diverse contributions to the development of Ukrainian literature and culture. Fedoruk pointed out that “the Center brings together experts from different disciplines, not just literary critics, but also folklorists, historians and linguists, reflecting all the fields in which Kulish excelled.”

Andrii Danylenko, Tamara Hundorova, Halyna Ivashkiv, Vasyl Ivashkiv, and Anna Procyk made presentations at the conference, highlighting the significance of Kulish’s work in different areas.

[For a video recording of the event, click here](#)



The Creation of the Dobzhansky Genetics Club

The Biomedical Section of the Shevchenko Scientific Society in the United States established the Dobzhansky Genetics Club and held its inaugural meeting on November 2, 2019. The main goal of the newly formed club is to stimulate an academic discussion of cutting-edge research in genetics and foster a dialogue among Ukrainian American scientists of different generations.

The Genetics Club is named after [Theodosius Dobzhansky](#), a renowned Ukrainian American experimental and theoretical geneticist who played a prominent role in shaping a current perspective on the theory of evolution.

Dr. [Roman Shirokov](#), chair of the Biomedical Section, co-founder of the Genetics Club, and Associate Professor in the Department of Pharmacology, Physiology and Neuroscience at Rutgers University, made the introductory remarks and delivered a talk, titled "Paradise of Theodosius Dobzhansky" at the inaugural meeting. The first meeting of the club also featured research by two junior scholars, Dr. [Olya Yarychkivska](#) and Dr. [Iryna Ivasyk](#), from [Rockefeller University](#), leading biomedical research university located in New York City. [For details, click here](#)



Society Members Attend a Meeting of the Ukrainian Heritage Consortium at Harvard

Lev Chaban, Jurij Dobczansky, Halyna Hryn, and Marko Slyz participated in the sixth conference of the [Ukrainian Heritage Consortium of North America](#) (UHCNA) hosted by Harvard University's Ukrainian Research Institute (HURI) on October 17-20, 2019. The UHCNA is a voluntary group that coordinates an exchange of information, fosters friendships and cooperation among Ukrainian cultural heritage institutions and professionals in the US and Canada through biannual meetings. UHCNA members were welcomed at the Institute's Omeljan Pritsak Memorial Library by faculty members, university librarians, research fellows and associates.

Marko Slyz described the challenges of downsizing the Society's library collection and creating a new online catalog. Jurij Dobczansky, chair of the Society's Archives and Library Committee and senior cataloging specialist at the Library of Congress, demonstrated how establishing authority records for subject headings and proper names promotes Ukrainian scholarship and indeed, cements the very notion of Ukrainian identity and nationhood.

A detailed account of the UHCNA's sixth conference appeared in the December 1 issue of the [Ukrainian Weekly](#).



Member of the Month: Iryna Zenyuk

Current Position: Assistant Professor,
Department of Chemical and Biomolecular
Engineering, University of California, Irvine

I am a member of several professional science and engineering societies. The Shevchenko Society provides a venue for interactions with Ukrainian scientists across various social science disciplines. The Shevchenko Society has excellent lecture series and I enjoy learning about disciplines outside my immediate field of work.

My group [at the [University of California, Irvine](#)] works on enabling renewable energy sources by electrification of transportation sector. We work in the domain of electrolyzers, fuel cells and

batteries, trying to reduce cost and increase efficiencies of these electrochemical devices to decarbonize environment.

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Member News

Vitaly Chernetsky, Associate Professor of Slavic Languages and Literatures at the University of Kansas, published "[Sofia Andrukhovych's Felix Austria: The Postcolonial Neo-Gothic and Ukraine's Search for Itself](#)," in *Canadian Slavonic Papers* (2019), vol. 61, issue 4.

Olena Lennon, Adjunct Professor of Political Science at the University of New Haven, wrote the article, "[All Is Quiet on the Russian Front: Ceasefires and the Pursuit of Legitimacy by Self-proclaimed "Republics" in Ukraine](#)" (co-authored with Gregory Adams), forthcoming in *Eurasian Geography and Economics* (2019).

Vasyl Makhno, poet, essayist, and translator, read his poetry at the the 2019 [Princeton Poetry Festival](#), a two-day biennial event organized by Pulitzer Prize-winning poet and Princeton professor Paul Muldoon.

Victor Markiw, Lecturer of Music at the University of New Haven, and his colleagues organized [a remembrance event](#), honoring Ukraine's Revolution of Dignity and commemorating Holodomor, on November 21, 2019.

Olena Nikolayenko, Associate Professor of Political Science at Fordham University, published the article, "[Framing and Counter-framing a Peace March](#)

[in Russia](#): The Use of Twitter during a Hybrid War," in *Social Movement Studies* (2019), vol. 18, issue 5.

Timothy Snyder, Levin Professor of History at Yale University, participated in a discussion on the [lessons of the fall of the Berlin Wall](#) at the international conference organized by the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, the Estonian Institute of Historical Memory and Open Estonia Foundation and held in Tallinn in November 2019.

Virlana Tkacz, artistic director of the [Yara Arts Group](#), produced a new show *Winter Songs on Mars*, a collaboration with *Koliadnyky* from Kryvorivnia and *Nova Opera*, featuring the traditional Hutsul koliada, an 18th century Ukrainian Nativity play and winter songs on Mars; and a new opera *GAZ* composed by Roman Grygoriv and Illia Razumeiko.



Recent and Upcoming Events

November 2, 2019

Roundtable: **The Dobzhabsky Genetics Club**

Speakers: **Roman Shirokov**, Associate Professor in the Department of Pharmacology, Physiology and Neuroscience at Rutgers University; **Olya**

Yarychkivska, Postdoctoral Associate at the Rockefeller University, and **Iryna Ivasyk**, Biomedical Fellow at the Rockefeller University

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November 9, 2019

Lecture: **The Chungul Kurgan Grave Goods in the Black Sea Steppe of the Thirteenth Century**

Speaker: **Renata Hold**, Professor Emerita and Curator in the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology at the University of Pennsylvania

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November 16, 2019

Lecture: **Exhibiting Trauma: Memorialization of the Holodomor in Ukrainian Museums**

Speaker: **Valentyna Kharkhun**, Professor and Chair of Ukrainian Literature Department at Mykola Gogol State University in Nizhyn, Ukraine

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November 17, 2019

International Conference: **The 200th Anniversary of Panteleimon Kulish, 1819-2019**

Speakers: Andrii Danylenko, Oles Fedoruk, George Grabowicz, Tamara Hundorova, Halyna Ivashkiv, Vasyl Ivashkiv, and Anna Procyk

[For details, see](#)

November 23, 2019

Lecture: **Renewable Energy in Ukraine and Worldwide: A Comparative Analysis**

Speaker: **Iryna Sotnyk**, Professor in the Department of Economics, Entrepreneurship and Business Administration at Sumy State University, Ukraine

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December 7, 2019

Film Screening: ***New York. Malaniuk***

Introductory Remarks: **Vasyl Makhno**, Ukrainian poet, essayist, and translator

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December 14, 2019

Lecture: **Ukrainian Gastronomy Identity in Ukraine and Diaspora**

Speaker: **Marianna Dushar**, the 2019-2020 Fulbright scholar at the Ukrainian National Women's League of America

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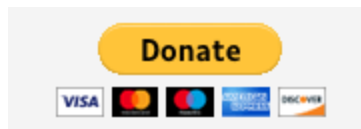
December 21, 2019

Book Presentation: ***Eternal Calendar*** (Lviv, Ukraine: Old Lion Publishing, 2019)

Speaker: **Vasyl Makhno**, Ukrainian poet, essayist and translator

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