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### James K. Daly



James K. Daly is a Doctor of Education and Professor in the Department of Educational Studies in the College of Human Development, Culture and Media at Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey, USA.

He is the co-founder and co-director of the Center for Global Education at Seton Hall University. He was one of the directors of the Deliberating in a Democracy project in New Jersey. This international program was designed to teach students how to deliberate controversial public issues. Teachers and students from Seton Hall University and Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University worked together in this project in 2008-2010. The Seton Hall grant created a network of teachers and students from nine New Jersey high schools who collaborate with teachers and students from high schools in Ukraine. Although the grant has ended, he continues to work with teachers and students at Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University.

## **Pavlo Lushyn**



*Pavlo Lushyn* is a Doctor of Psychology, and Professor of the Department of Educational Foundations at Montclair State University, New Jersey, USA.

He is the author of the eco-centered facilitation approach to psychological assistance and the original theory of personality changes. Founder of the School of Eco-Facilitation for practicing psychologists and counselors. A practicing psychologist and psychotherapist with many years of research, counseling, and psychotherapy.

Member of the Expert Council of the Higher Attestation Commission of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine in Psychological Sciences from 2011 to 2022. Author of over 250 scientific publications, including 12 monographs and 35 scientific-popular and educational editions on assisting people in complex life situations.

## Maribel Roman



Maribel Roman holds a Ph.D. in Education, Leadership, Management & Policy (ELMP) from Seton Hall University. She is a Co-Founder Center for Global Education at Seton Hall University. She visited Ukraine, Kyiv, and Borys Grinchenko Metropolitan University in 2009 with a group of educators from New Jersey.

She is a Co-Founder & Board of Directors for Xcel Mentoring Network, Florida, USA.

Her academic focus revolves around the globalization of education and strategies for resolving conflicts.

Over the past six years, she has actively advised non-profit organizations on enhancing their organizational structure and efficiency. Additionally, she provides conflict resolution training for small businesses.

## Armaan Gupta



*Armaan Gupta* is an aspiring physician at Seton Hall University studying biology on the pre-med track. He loves community service and giving back to his community, which was the guiding motivation for creating Global Hands for Ukraine, a humanitarian aid initiative focused on providing medical care to fleeing Ukrainian refugees. He has created multiple medical initiatives in the past and hopes to continue down the path of service.

Armaan's journey at Seton Hall is not just about academics. As a member of the Buccino Leadership Institute, he is actively acquiring the skills necessary to emerge as a leader in his society. His past leadership work, combined with his current efforts, demonstrate his relentless drive and ambition to become the best societal role model possible.

Armaan's interests extend beyond his academic and community commitments. He finds joy in playing the guitar, dancing with his competitive dance team, playing golf, and exploring new places through travel. These activities not only contribute to his personal growth but also provide a well-rounded view of his personality.

Armaan eagerly anticipates his future, with a strong desire to continue giving back to his community and supporting others through challenging times.

## **Bryan A. Scocco**



*Bryan Scocco* is a sophomore at Seton Hall University studying Secondary Education and History. He enjoys studying Eastern European and Middle Eastern history. Bryan hopes to pursue a career in higher education.

## Andrew Misura



Andrew Misura holds a Master of Business Administration in Supply Chain Management from Seton Hall University. He works for Seton Hall in digital marketing and analytics and serves on the University's Artificial Intelligence (AI) Committee as part of the Teaching, Learning & Technology Roundtable (TLTR).

He will be a volunteer English instructor at Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv this summer and volunteer with the All Stars Project of New Jersey.

Andrew enjoys traveling, the outdoors, and playing with his Portuguese water dog.

## Sierra Rogalsky



*Sierra Rogalsky* is a Secondary Education and History major and going for a minor in Psychology at Seton Hall University.

*Sierra Rogalsky* is from Roxbury, New Jersey. She has lived in the United States for her entire life.

She loves to dance and is heavily involved in FLASH, or the Filipino League at Seton Hall.



## John Taylor



*John Taylor* is a Roman Catholic Seminarian studying at Seton Hall University with the Salesians of Don Bosco.

Research and advocacy in human development for refugees and displaced persons are some of his interests.

On a broader level, the welfare of vulnerable persons around the world is of great importance to him.

He has worked as an Employment Specialist at World Relief Fort Worth for four years (2016–2020).

Currently, he is coordinating the English Language Learner program at Our Lady of the Valley in Orange, New Jersey.



## Pascal-De-Madeleine M. Mukuye



*Pascal-De-Madeleine Mukuye* is a monastic brother, a Salesian of Don Bosco. He was born in the Democratic Republic of Congo. However, he is a Canadian by nationality. Pascal-De-Madeleine Mukuye studies at Seton Hall University in Orange, New Jersey, USA. His reading and writing interests include philosophy, theology, and Biblical exegesis. He works very closely with young people (teenagers) helping them in the field of education. Pascal-De-Madeleine Mukuye also animates young people who strive to serve their parish community through different outreach programs. His works are mostly reflective and spiritual.

## **Olena Aleksandrova**



*Olena Aleksandrova* is the Dean at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities of Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University, Doctor of Philosophical Sciences, and Professor. She graduated from Zaporizhzhia National University: specialty “History”, qualification “Teacher of History and Social Science” (with honors); specialty “Management of foreign economic activity”, qualification “Economist-Manager”; specialty “Psychology”, qualification: “Practical Psychologist”.

PhD thesis “Competition as a Principle of Social Development: Social and Philosophical Analysis”, doctoral dissertation “Genesis of the Middle Class in Modern Ukrainian Society”.

Research interests: the study of the specifics of the formation and development of the middle class in modern Ukrainian society, the history and theory of civil society, the development of a methodology for ensuring social harmony in the conditions of social transformations.

Author of 7 monographs and 154 scientific articles.

Head of the Specialized Academic Council for Defence of Theses for obtaining the degree of Doctor (Candidate) of Philosophical Sciences (Specialties: Social Philosophy and Philosophy of History, Religious Studies).

Chief Editor of journal *Skhid*.

Member (expert) of a National Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (Kyiv, Ukraine).

Member of the Board of directors of the Foundation of Public Management (Kyiv, Ukraine).

## **Anna Hedo**



*Anna Hedo* is the Head of the History of Ukraine Department at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities of Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University, Doctor of Historical Sciences, and Professor.

She graduated from Donetsk National University, where she also defended her PhD thesis and doctoral dissertation “Social Status and Economic Development of Greek Communities in Ukraine in the mid-17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries: Source Studies”, which were devoted to the history and source studies of Greek communities in Ukraine in the mid-17<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

Research interests: the study of national communities and the role of foreigners in the history of Ukraine in the mid-17<sup>th</sup> – early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

She is the author of 6 monographs and more than 120 articles on the subject and problems of historical memory.

She loves reading books, watching movies and growing flowers.

## **Olha Tarasenko**



*Olha Tarasenko* is an Associate Professor of the History of Ukraine Department at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities of Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University, Ph.D. in History, Associate Professor.

Research interests include the study of the history of historical education and historical science of the 19<sup>th</sup> century in Ukraine, the life paths and multifaceted activities of the participants of the School of Historians at Kyiv St Volodymyr's University in the historiography of the 19<sup>th</sup> – the first quarter of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Her first passion was Music. She is a music teacher. She loves playing the piano and listening to music. Her second passion is History. Her third passion is English, which helps her explore our unique world, countries, and people.

## **Oleksandr Bon**



*Oleksandr Bon* is an Associate Professor of the History of Ukraine Department at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities of Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University, Ph.D. in History, Associate Professor.

Research interests include the history of the Ukrainian intelligentsia of the first decades of the twentieth century, the history of monument protection in Ukraine, museum studies, art history, and biography.

His hobbies range from fishing to playing the violin.

## **Ruslan Kutsyk**



*Ruslan Kutsyk* is an Associate Professor of the History of Ukraine Department at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities of Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University, Ph.D. in History.

He graduated from Ternopil Volodymyr Hnatiuk National Pedagogical University with master's degree (with honors) and the qualification "historian, history teacher".

PhD thesis "Information Policy of the Russian Imperial Government in the Ukrainian Gubernias of the South-Western Region (1914–1917): Methods and Means of Implementation".

Author of 20 scientific articles. He also studies the everyday life of the population in the conditions of wars, revolutions, and occupations.

He served in the National Guard of Ukraine.

Ruslan has been fond of drawing since childhood. He likes to read scientific literature, science fiction, and post-apocalyptic. He is collecting his own library.

He loves watching feature films. He is a fan of the cult films "The Lord of the Rings", "Star Wars", "The Mummy", "Gladiator", "Harry Potter", "The Hunger Games", "A Quiet Place", "Dune", etc.



## **Olena Kazimirenko**



*Olena Kazimirenko* teaches professional disciplines for students majoring in Graphic Design at the “Universum” College of Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University.

Olena’s areas of interest: the development of graphic design in Ukraine, and the practical application of design thinking in the formation of the social and cultural environment.

Olena’s hobbies are graphic design, drawing, walks in picturesque places with a camera.

## **Olga Saraieva**



*Olga Saraieva* is an Associate Professor of the Department of Philosophical Sciences and History of Ukraine at Priazovsky State Technical University (moved from Mariupol to Dnipro), Deputy Director for educational work of Educational and Scientific Institute of Modern Technologies, PhD in History.

Research interests: history of Ukraine, its culture, ethnic traditions, social history; history, cultural values, traditions, problems of intercultural communication of the Greeks of Ukraine; Policy of historical memory, security, and identity; Local self-government in Ukraine: historical traditions and prospects; Use of game practices and mechanisms in the educational process.

Participation: in the Humboldt Forum project (Berlin) (September 2022 – December 2022); and in the research project of the German Historical Institute (Warsaw) (November – January 2022–2023).

## Maria Saraieva



Maria Saraieva is a 10th grade student of the Mariupol City Lyceum (moved to Kyiv). She is passionate about learning Ukrainian and English languages. Winner of the 2020 Petro Yatsyk National Ukrainian Language Competition. Maria participated in the city (II place in 2023) and regional (III place in 2023) English Language Olympiads. She has a Certificate B1 “PET for schools” in English (2021) and a Certificate B1 in German (2024). Maria was fond of classical choreography (2013–2022, Mariupol).

## **Dmytro Kolomiets**



*Dmytro Kolomiets* is a first-year PhD student at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities of Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University.

Dmytro's research interests include the history of the lands of the Kyiv Voivodeship, as well as their structure and demography, dating from the middle to the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

## **Polina Ishchenko**



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Her research interests focus on studying religious diversity in East Asia, particularly the Islamic religious phenomenon in China.

In addition, she studies Ukrainian-Turkish relations and analyzes the state of the Ukrainian diaspora in Turkey.

## Maryna Galushko



*Maryna Galushko* is a second-year master's student in the "History and Archeology" educational program at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities of Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University.

Maryna's interests are extremely diverse: from reading books over a cup of coffee to weaving necklaces from beads.

She tries to learn constantly something new.

Dancing, sports, drawing – all this is present in her life.

Currently, her aspirations are the same as those of all Ukrainians – a complete victory for Ukraine over the terrorist country.



## Polina Derkach



*Polina Derkach* is a first-year master's student in the "History and Archeology" educational program at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities of Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University.

She has a keen interest in studying English during her free time and enjoys expanding her knowledge of the language.

She participated in many different programs during her spare time like the EuroSchool program. Polina's hobbies include reading and practicing fly yoga, an activity she finds both relaxing and invigorating.

She also has a passion for traveling and enjoys the opportunity to explore new places and learn about different cultures.

## Andriy Kozyshyna



*Andriy Kozhushyna* is a second-year student of the “Social Work” specialty at the Social Sciences and Humanities Faculty, and a fourth-year student of the “Heat Power Engineering” specialty at the Educational and Scientific Institute of Modern Technologies of Pryazovskyi State Technical University (moved from Mariupol to Dnipro).

Andriy is the Student Director of the Educational and Scientific Institute of Modern Technologies at Pryazovskyi State Technical University.

He was born in Mariupol, the Donetsk region. After finishing the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, he entered the Mariupol Polytechnic College at Pryazovskyi State Technical University, where he began active social activities.

Andriy was awarded many certificates and diplomas for his active participation in the social life of the college. In 2021, he graduated from college (with honors).

In 2021, he entered the Pryazovskyi State Technical University in the specialty “Heat Power Engineering”, joined the University’s Trade Union Organization, and became a member of the student body.

Andriy stayed in Mariupol and even during the occupation continued to study for a whole year, actively demonstrating his Ukrainian position.

Andriy Kozhushyna plans to enter the Master’s program at Pryazovskyi State Technical University. He dreams of returning to liberated Mariupol.

## Kateryna Vetoshko



*Kateryna Vetoshko* is a first-year student of the specialty “Law” at the Faculty of Law and International Relations of Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University.

The issue of human rights has always fascinated Kateryna, but her passion will always remain in the theater.

Kateryna enjoys playing different roles that help bring out all the opposite sides of human nature. When she plays a role, she tries to understand the character enough to think about his/her feelings and motives. This is the art of reflecting life through the prism of another identity.

Each role becomes a window into another person’s life, allowing the actor and the audience to feel what it is like to be someone else. Through acting, we understand that every story, even a fictional one, is part of the truth about human nature.

It reminds us that we all play roles in the great theater of life, where each of us is an actor, and the audience is our environment, which we choose ourselves.

In addition, acting will help her in the legal future, by understanding the truth about people and their behavior; you can know the outcome in advance.

## **Kateryna Yaniuk**



*Kateryna Yaniuk* is a first-year student of the specialty “Law” at the Faculty of Law and International Relations of Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University.

She is engaged in active social and political activities.

Kateryna is interested in reforming and rebuilding Ukraine, legislative initiatives, and European integration processes.

## Maria Klymenko



*Maria Klymenko* is a first-year student of the specialty "Law" at the Faculty of Law and International Relations of Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University.

She aspires to become a professional lawyer to protect the laws of the people and help rebuild Ukraine after the war.

She has been a responsible and persistent person all her life, which is probably why she chose her specialty.

Maria is sure that our common duty is to study hard. Education is the basis of any science and any success. She urges us to study hard for the sake of our future and the future of Ukraine, which will surely defeat evil.

## **Yesenia Hnatenko**



*Yesenia Hnatenko* is a first-year student of the specialty "Law" at the Faculty of Law and International Relations of Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University.

She strives to make this world fairer.

Yesenia wants our Ukraine to become a world example of a state governed by the rule of law.



## Maria Prokopchuk



*Maria Prokopchuk* is an Associate Professor of the Department of English Language and Communication and Deputy Dean at the Faculty of Romance and Germanic Philology of Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University, Ph.D. in Pedagogy, Associate Professor. She is the author of a Holocaust studies curriculum for high school students, and a participant in an international program at Yad Vashem (Israel) and the Florida Holocaust Museum (USA). Research interests include methods of teaching English as a second language and Holocaust studies.

## Kristina Hidzhelitska



*Khristina Hidzhelitska* is a third-year student at the Faculty of Romance and Germanic Philology of Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University. Majoring in English Language and Literature. She chose this major because she wants to be fluent in foreign languages, especially English. She is interested in the process of learning English, its structure and the ability to communicate with other people.

Khristina would like to become a teacher of English and German, continue to improve her skills in this field and travel a lot.

She enjoys reading books, music, dancing, and handicrafts, as she likes to create things with her own hands.

## Pavlo Zhuravskyi



*Pavlo Zhuravskyi* is a first-year student of the Faculty of Romance and Germanic Philology of Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University. Majoring in English Language and Literature. Pavlo perceives English as the language of the world, as a huge cultural layer that he wants to understand and become a native speaker.

He is interested in the sciences, linguistics, history, geography, and culture.

He has friends from the United States and the United Kingdom who are interested in Ukraine, its historical significance and culture, and its politics.

After graduation, he wants to do linguistic work in politics, society, and history, and find his vocation, as the world is a huge space of opportunities that appear in the life of every person as they learn new skills.

Pavlo is a fan of the NHL, supporting the Detroit Red Wings and Arizona Coyotes (Utah Hockey Club).

Pavlo likes to write in English and Ukrainian.

He also likes to draw, and play computer games, and is interested in technology and software.

## Ruslana Temnyk



*Ruslana Temnyk* is a third-year student at the Faculty of Romance and Germanic Philology of Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University. Majoring in Translation.

She chose this specialty because of her strong desire to learn foreign languages, as she dreamed of learning English, German, French, Spanish, and Italian.

After graduation, she wants to travel and work as a translator.

Her interests include reading, movies, sports, and traveling.

Ruslana often travels on the Erasmus+ program, which allows her to learn about different cultures.

## **Viktoria Kachanovska**



*Viktoria Kachanovska* is a second-year student at the Faculty of Romance and Germanic Philology of Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University. Majoring in French language and literature.

She has always loved the French language, so she decided to study French philology at the university.

Victoria plans to connect her life with languages after graduation. She realizes how important it is to know several European languages perfectly in our modern life. This opens up many great job opportunities in the future.

Victoria is fond of reading books. She finds peace and tranquility in it.

She likes to visit museums, various events, exhibitions, and modern dance classes. All this helps her to feel happy and inspires her to do something new.