

## Section 2

### *Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University Young Scholars' Oral Testimonies*

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#### **Our international cooperation**

International cooperation between Seton Hall University and Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University has been ongoing since 2008. Professor James K. Daly and Associate Professor Olha Tarasenko, together with students of our universities, have been conducting various research projects for 16 years.

One of the research projects between our universities was the online journal Young Scholars Grinchenko – Seton International Journal, founded in 2020 to encourage and support students, and young scholars in researching important issues facing education, science, and the world.

The initiators of the international online journal were Olha Tarasenko, Associate Professor of the History of Ukraine Department of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities at Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University, PhD in History, Associate Professor (Kyiv, Ukraine), and James K. Daly, Professor of the Educational Studies Department of the College of Education and Human Development, Culture and Media at Seton Hall University, Doctor of Education, Professor (New Jersey, USA).

In four issues of the online Young Scholars Grinchenko – Seton International Journal students, and young scholars of our universities shared their research and creativity.

On October 31, 2023, was held the second virtual meeting “Stand with Ukraine! The experience of survival of Ukrainian students during the russian-Ukrainian war (2014 – 2023)” between students and teachers of Seton Hall University and Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University.

At this online meeting, American students shared their thoughts about the current situation in Ukraine, and Ukrainian students shared oral testimonies about their experience of surviving the russian-Ukrainian war (2014 – 2023).

Some oral testimonies about the war in Ukraine by Ukrainian students and teachers, which they gave at the virtual meeting on October 31, 2023, were included in the fifth edition of the online Young Scholars Grinchenko – Seton International Journal.

The oral testimonies of Ukrainian students and teachers are only part of the oral histories that we can now make public for ethical reasons. The publication of these oral histories is part of a larger project “My Story of War”, which is currently underway at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities of the Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University.

The project “My Story of War” consists of oral testimonies about the war in Ukraine from students and employees of Grinchenko University: those who were under occupation, those who are currently fighting, those who were captured, etc.

The project “My Story of War” also includes the project “Oral Histories – Migration Trajectories of Ukrainian Refugees”.

The full-scale russian-Ukrainian war has been going on for three years. During this time, we, Ukrainians, have changed.

However, the support of our American colleagues remains unchanged, for which we are very grateful, and look forward to further productive cooperation.