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### **Nov 22 2016 Meeting**

*'The Intergenerational Impact of Genocide:  
How the Holodomor has impacted survivors and  
their descendants in Ukraine'*

At this meeting, Brent Bezo made the presentation, *The Intergenerational Impact of Genocide: How the Holodomor has impacted survivors and their descendants in Ukraine*. Brent is a PhD student at Carleton University and this is the subject of his research. He lived in Ukraine for five years and has conducted interviews with family members whose relatives survived the Holodomor (1933 Famine in Ukraine).



*Brent Bezo – presenter at our Nov 2016 meeting*

In particular, he is interested in interviewing three generations: grandparent survivors, adult sons and daughters and adult grandchildren. He is researching the impact of the Holodomor at the individual and family levels.

During his research, Brent identified the following effects of the Holodomor: (1) Fear that the Famine will happen again; fear of reprisals (2) Sadness when there is mention of the Holodomor; sadness because of missing family members (3) Shame that this happened in Ukraine and its effects on Ukrainian identity (4) Anger that Ukrainians were targeted through this political act.

Other effects of the Holodomor were (1) stockpiling of food (2) Reverence for food /nothing is discarded/ (3) overeating (4) abuse of alcohol (5) other addictions to overcome stress.

One of the main purposes of this research is discover methods to overcome stress/trauma. The presentation was followed by a question and answer period. Some of the questions dealt with the possibility that trauma resulting from the Holodomor may have also been caused or compounded by experiences during the Second World War, personal tragedies and the emigration experience of arriving and settling in Canada.

Further information on Brent's research project can be located at:

Brent Bezo and Stefanie Maggi, The Intergenerational Impact of the Holodomor Genocide on Gender Roles, Expectations and Performance: The Ukrainian Experience  
<http://www.jsmedcentral.com/Psychiatry/psychiatry-3-1030.pdf>

Grad Research: How Trauma Impacts the Descendants of Survivors  
<https://gradstudents.carleton.ca/2016/grad-research-how-trauma-impacts-the-descendants-of-survivors/>.

## **Digital Sources**

The University of Alberta's Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies (CIUS) launched a website for publications about Canadian Ukrainians - it's free. The collection includes books, research reports, journals - including the Journal of Ukrainian Studies, research guides and more, including the British Foreign Office files 1917-1918 on Ukraine and Ukrainians.

To access the website go to:  
<http://cius-archives.ca/>

## **Purchasing Archival Supplies**

*This reply was submitted by Silva Kindl, Conservator, City of Ottawa Archives in answer to an inquiry about purchasing acid-free file folders and archival boxes for storage of documents, photographs and related material related to family history research:*

You can purchase archival supplies directly from St Armand Paper (Papeterie St Armand) in Montreal. The address is 3700 St Patrick Street (514-933-8338). There is ample parking and it is walking distance from St Henri metro (though you have to cross the foot bridge over the Lachine Canal). David Caruthers and his wife, Denise sell archival products at the front of their papermaking warehouse. I think they may be open Saturdays but it is best to check. They have a nice selection of folders and envelopes and papers as well as blotters and map folders (lignin free folders). If you call ahead, they can set things aside for you or make sure they have what you need. It happens to be a fun place to visit as they also give tours of the papermaking process. David and Denise are also knowledgeable in preservation issues.

In Ottawa, the only possibility would be to go to Wallack's or DeSerres and buy any paper made from 100% cotton or a high cotton content (such as Fabriano paper or handmade papers) and make folders with these by simply folding them. In my experience, the staff in these stores are not usually knowledgeable in preservation and often consider the descriptive term 'acid-free' as a reliable indication of archival quality, which it is NOT. Many so called 'acid free' papers sold in these stores are only temporarily acid free. The only way to be sure is to ask for paper made of cotton

or linen or Japanese fibers such as Kozo. Any wood pulp content will create an acid folder later on. (Note that many Japanese papers have wood pulp as well.) The important descriptive is the actual fiber type.

Online suppliers are:

- Carr McLean: <https://www.carrmclean.ca/CategoryGroupBrowser.aspx?CategoryID=131>
- Gaylord: <http://www.gaylord.com/>
- Brodart: <http://www.shopbrodart.com/library-supplies/>
- Lines and Curves (family run business out of Mississauga) <http://linesandcurves.com/archival.htm>.

## **Nashi Predky — Our Ancestors .. Ukrainian Genealogy Workshop**

"Rediscovering Your Family Stories"  
Saturday, May 6th, 2017 Doors Open: 8am - 5pm  
Ukrainian American Citizens' Club  
302 Mansfield Boulevard  
Carnegie, PA 15106

For more information and to register, see:  
<http://nashipredky.org/workshop>

## **Community Events**

*Jan. 26, Thursday. 7 pm.*

UNF-OG (Ukrainian National Federation) Annual General Meeting and election of new executive. At 913 Carling Avenue upstairs (CYM Hall). Guest speaker, Paul Migus (former UNF President and Consultant) on the topic 'Improving Governance in Ukraine: An Update on Public Administration Reforms'. Q and A to follow and refreshments. Voluntary donation for non-members. Everyone welcome !.

*Feb. 25, Saturday.*

The League of Ukrainian Canadians invites you to a night of Ukrainian Cabaret with Vechornitsi. Official poster and full details to be released soon.