



## **Press Release**

### ***The Ukrainian Famine-Genocide Reflections After 75 Years***

An interdisciplinary academic conference placing famine and genocide in the context of Soviet and Ukrainian history.

**Friday, September 12, 2008 at University of North Carolina's FedEx Global Education Center**

**Hosted by the University of North Carolina and Duke Joint Center for Slavic, Eurasian, and East European Studies in collaboration with the Ukrainian Association of North Carolina with support from the College of Arts and Sciences and the Office International Affairs**

**Chapel Hill** — Relevant for scholars, graduate students, high school and community college educators, as well as individuals interested in Ukrainian and Soviet history, *The Ukrainian Famine-Genocide: Reflections After 75 Years Conference* will situate the impact of the Ukrainian famine-genocide in the country's turbulent history. This year marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Holodomor, the genocidal starvation of Ukrainians in the 1930s. Crossing discipline borders and incorporating many interests, scholars will offer a historical and comparative perspective on the famine-genocide. Participants will address a wide range of scholarship, from memory and gender studies to demography and studies in nationalist and ideological-centered historical movements. After 75 years, the intensity of the scholarly debate on such issues associated with the Holodomor has not waned. The scheduled programming invites participants to engage in the relevant and multifaceted issues regarding the research and teaching of famine and genocide.

In the keynote address, Professor Mark von Hagen, past President of the International Association for Ukrainian Studies, will explore how the inability to make sense of the famine reflects broader problems--the reluctance to confront the larger history of collectivization, the relationship of the famine to the crimes of the Stalin era, and the need to raise awareness of Ukrainian history.

The conference will feature a poster and a book exhibit at UNC's FedEx Global Education Center, Duke University Libraries, and the Chapel Hill Public Library. The exhibit and the events are open to the public, though prior registration is required for the Historiography Workshop. Contact CSEEEES Associate Director, Jacqueline Olich at [jmolich@email.unc.edu](mailto:jmolich@email.unc.edu)

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## **2-2-2 “The Ukrainian Famine-Genocide: Reflections After 75 Years” Conference**

*The Center for Slavic, Eurasian and Eastern European Studies* incorporates the shared resources of the University of North Carolina and Duke University to serve a locus for studies in Slavic, European, and Eurasian language, history, and culture. As one of sixteen centers of its kind in the United States, CSEEEES encourages and supports community outreach, visiting scholars, study-abroad and exchange programs, in addition to seminars and conferences to promote understanding of the region. The Curriculum in Russian and East European Studies, housed in the Center, offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in interdisciplinary area studies. [www.unc.edu/depts/slavic](http://www.unc.edu/depts/slavic)

*The Ukrainian Association of North Carolina* serves to unite Ukrainians and interest in Ukrainian culture and history in North Carolina. By organizing cultural festivals and historical commemorations and participating in scholarly forums, the UANC establishes a community of Ukrainian interest and culture and demonstrates their significant contribution to the state of North Carolina. [ncua.inform-decisions.com/eng/index.html](http://ncua.inform-decisions.com/eng/index.html)

### **Schedule of Events**

**10:00 AM**

“Ukraine and Three Twentieth-Century Cataclysms”

Speaker: George Liber

**UNC FedEx Global Education Center 4003**

***This event is open to the public***

**12-1:30 PM**

Workshop: Historiography of the Famine-Genocide

Moderator: Donald J. Raleigh

Participants: Mark von Hagen, Taras Hunczak

**UNC FedEx Global Education Center 3009, DeBerry Board Room**

**3:30-5:30 PM**

Roundtable: “The Famine-Genocide in Historical, Demographic, and International Perspective”

Moderator: Jehanne Gheith

Participants: George Liber, Oleh Wolowyna, Taras Hunczak

**UNC FedEx Global Education Center 4003**

***This event is open to the public***

### **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

***“The Ukrainian Famine-Genocide and Confronting Stalinism in Ukraine and Russia”***

**7:30 PM UNC FedEx Global Education Center Nelson Mandela Auditorium**

***This event is open to the public and no registration is required***

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### 3-3-3 “The Ukrainian Famine-Genocide: Reflections After 75 Years” Conference

#### ***SPEAKER: Mark von Hagen***

Mark von Hagen is Professor and Chair of the History Department at Arizona State University, where he started in July 2007. Before that he taught for twenty-two years at Columbia University, where he was the Boris Bakhmeteff Professor of Russian and East European Studies, Director of the Harriman Institute (1989-2001), and Chair of the History Department (2006-2007). He served a three-year term as President of the International Association for Ukrainian Studies (2002-2005).

Participants include:

- **Jehanne Gheith**, Ph.D., Chair, Department of Slavic and Eurasian Studies, Duke University. She co-directs International Comparative Studies, an undergraduate interdisciplinary major, and has directed the Changing Faces of Russia FOCUS program since 1999. Dr. Gheith is interested in Russian literature and culture, gender studies, Gulag history, survivor narratives, and cultural differences in the processes of memory. Her most recent publication is “‘I Never Talked...’: Enforced Silence, Non-Narrative Memory, and the Gulag” in *Mortality* 12.2 (2007): 159-175.
- **Mark von Hagen**, Ph.D., Chair, Department of History, Arizona State University. He is author of *War in a European Borderlands: Occupations and Occupation Plans in Galicia and Ukraine, 1914-1918* (University of Washington Press, 2007) and other publications on a variety of topics including historiography, nationality politics and minority history.
- **Taras Hunczak**, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, Federated Department of History, Rutgers University. Dr. Hunczak studies Russian, Ukrainian and Eastern European history. He is author of *On the Horns of a Dilemma: The Story of the Ukrainian Division Halychyna* (University Press of America, 2000).
- **George Liber**, Ph.D., Department of History, University of Alabama-Birmingham. Dr. Liber studies Soviet history, post-Soviet political trends and comparative nationalist and revolutionary movements. He is the author of *Soviet Nationality Policy, Urban Growth and Identity Change in the Ukrainian SSR, 1923-1934* (Cambridge University Press, 1992).
- **Donald J. Raleigh**, Ph.D., Jay Richard Judson Distinguished Professor, Department of History, UNC Chapel Hill. Dr. Raleigh’s research interests include the interaction between social context and ideologically inspired policies. He is editor of *Provincial Landscapes: Local Dimensions of Soviet Power, 1917-1953* (University of Pittsburgh Press, 2001). He is also author of, among others, *Russia’s Sputnik Generation: Soviet Baby Boomers Talk about their Lives* (Indiana University Press, 2006).
- **Oleh Wolowyna**, Ph.D., President, Ukrainian Association of North Carolina and President of Informed Decisions, Inc., a consulting firm in Chapel Hill, NC. Dr. Wolowyna’s main areas of research interest are demographic crisis in Ukraine and regional population projections, 1932-33 Famine-Genocide in Ukraine,

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demography and socioeconomic characteristics of Ukrainians in the US and Canada, and multiregional population projections methodologies. He is author of, among others, “Demographic Dimensions of the 1932-33 Famine in Ukraine” in *Famine in Ukraine 1932-1933: Genocide by Other Means*, ed. Taras Hunczak and Roman Serbyn (Shevchenko Scientific Society, 2007) and “Demographic Crisis in Ukraine: Causes and Consequences” in *The Ukrainian Quarterly* 63.2 (2007): 117-148.

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