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Experienced second language educator, curriculum developer, and teacher trainer. Researcher and creator of praxis opportunities through informal online communities of practice. Skilled presenter and conference organizer in the areas of ubiquitous professional teacher learning, technology-enhanced additional language acquisition (Canada), and educational reform (Ukraine). Investigator and curator of digital collaborative learning tools for language teachers and learners. Translator, writer, editor. Seasoned volunteer sector leader.

## Skills

English - native fluency  
Ukrainian - native fluency  
Russian - working knowledge  
French - working knowledge

## Credentials

Ontario College of Teachers Certification 1994

## Experience

- Post-Graduate Research Assistant, U of Alberta Faculty of Education 2019-2021
- Associate Researcher, Educational Informatics Lab (OTU-UOIT) 2015–
- Owner/Translator, UPTRANSLATIONS, Toronto, Canada 1992–
- Graduate Research Assistant, UOIT/OTU Faculty of Education-SSHRC Partnership 2014-2015
- Editorial Associate, *Maidan-Donbas* (author, Youry Bilak) 2013-2017
- Editor-in-Chief, <http://oomroom.com/>, University of Alberta, Edmonton 2009-2010
- Rare Book Analyst, Richview Books, Toronto 2000-2001
- Junior/Intermediate Occasional Teacher, Toronto Catholic District School Board 1994-1996
- Staffing Associate, Citizenship & Immigration Canada, RHQ-HR Unit 1992-1996
- Public Relations Officer, Ukrainian Credit Union Ltd., Toronto 1990-1992
- Executive Director, UNF of Canada, Toronto 1989-1990
- Project Researcher, Joint Centre for Asia Pacific Studies, U of T-York University 1989
- Director of Operations, Ukrainian World Congress, Toronto 1988-1989
- International Language Teacher, TCDSB, Toronto 1985-1988
- Constituency Assistant, Ward 1, TDSB, Toronto 1985-1988
- Researcher, Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship 1986
- Doctoral Research Assistant: Prof. Stella Hryniuk, University of Toronto 1985

## Education

<b>EdD Candidate, University of Glasgow, School of Education</b>	2018–
<b>MA, Education and Digital Technology, Faculty of Education, University of Ontario Institute of Technology, Oshawa, Ontario</b>	2017
• Graduated with High Distinction	
• Research Assistantship, 2015, 2014; Dean's Scholarship, 2013	
<b>BEd/OTC, OISE, University of Toronto</b>	1994
• Graduated with High Distinction	
<b>MA, Slavic Languages and Literatures, University of Toronto</b>	1988
• Graduated with Distinction	
<b>Certificate, Advanced Russian, Norwich University, Northfield, Vermont</b>	1987
• Entrance Scholarship	
<b>Honours BA, History &amp; Ukrainian Studies, French minor, University of Toronto</b>	1985
• I. Franko Memorial Scholarship, U of T; various private scholarships	

## Affiliations

<b>Member, Ukrainian Educational Research Association, Ukraine</b>	2022–
<b>Class representative, Doctorate in Education (EdD), U of Glasgow</b>	2021–
<b>Member, (Director since 2022), Shevchenko Scientific Society of Canada</b>	2020–
<b>Associate Member, Canadian Ethnic Media Association (formerly CEJWC)</b>	2019–
<b>Member, UWC Educational Coordinating Council</b>	2019–
<b>Member, U of Glasgow PhD Society</b>	2018–
<b>Member, UCC National Ukrainian Education Council</b>	2017–
<b>Associate Researcher, Canada-Ukraine Research Partnership (OTU/UOIT-KNEU)</b>	2016–
<b>Member, Forum of the Union of Ukrainian Educators Abroad</b>	2016–
<b>Governor, Ukrainian Knowledge Internet Portal Consortium Association</b>	2015–
<b>Founding Member, UNF National Ukrainian School Initiatives Committee</b>	2010–
<b>Member, Ukrainian Women's Organization, Toronto Branch</b>	2009–

## Academic/Professional Activities

- November 2022, Project "MIOK - 30", International Institute for Education, Culture and Diaspora Relations, Lviv, Ukraine (special greeting presentation)
- December 2021, Year-end celebration of organizational community life, PROSVITA Ukrainian Cultural Society, Argentina (Official Greetings from Canadian Ukrainian educators)
- November 2021, International online scholarly-practitioner seminar "Online resources for learning Ukrainian as a foreign language in the face of new challenges", International Institute for Education, Culture and Diaspora Relations, Lviv, Ukraine (keynote speaker)
- March 2021, 2020, International Online Competition for Young Translators MOVOHRAJ, Union of Ukrainian Educators Abroad (English translation adjudicator)
- February 2021, Online presentation of the web portal "Ukrainian Educational Universe", International Institute for Education, Culture and Diaspora Relations, Lviv, Ukraine (Official Welcome)
- 2021, 2018, *Learning Ukrainian Rocks* Canada-wide student video contest (ULEC Edmonton) (adjudicator)
- October 2020, 1st Global Conference on Education (GloConEd) 2020 *Research Trends in Education* - Universitas Kuningan, Indonesia (paper; presentation)
- May 2020, VIII International Research Conference *The Ukrainian Diaspora: Research Problems*, Ostroh Academy, Ukraine (expert interview for Canada Ukraine Parliamentary Program presentation)
- November 2019, *Languages in an Open World*, European Centre for Modern Languages of the Council of Europe, Graz, Austria (paper; presentation)
- August 2018, 1<sup>st</sup> International Forum of Ukrainian Saturday and Sunday Schools, Lviv Polytechnic National University, Ukraine (paper; masterclass; e-resources compendium)
- June 2018, EDMEDIA, Amsterdam, Netherlands (UOIT/OTU) (joint paper; presentation)

- May 2018, 1<sup>st</sup> National Online Ukrainian Teachers' Conference (Toronto/multiple cities) (presentation)
- December 2017, *Language Education Across Borders*, Karl-Franzens-Universität, Graz, Austria (paper; presentation)
- November 2017, Research Initiative on Democratic Reform in Ukraine Symposium on Higher Education Reform in Ukraine, Faculty of Education, U of AB (3MT adjudicator)
- November 2017, *Ukrainian World Congress at 50 and Beyond: The Roadmap*, Toronto, Canada (presentation)
- October 2017, World Conference on Online Learning, Toronto, Canada (presentation; workshop co-facilitator)
- July 2017, XXIInd International Congress on Personal Construct Psychology, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada (workshop co-facilitator)
- December 2016, Research Initiative on Democratic Reform in Ukraine Symposium on Higher Education Reform in Ukraine, Faculty of Education, U of AB (Ukraine HE Reform Working Group; report)
- November 2016, IV International Scientific Conference *Ukrainian Language in the World*, Lviv Polytechnic National University, Ukraine (conference paper; presentation; e-resources compendium)
- March 2015, 1<sup>st</sup> International Scientific Internet Conference *Innovations in Business Education*, Kyiv, Ukraine (presentation)
- 2012 (–ongoing) Biennial National Ukrainian Educators Conference, various Canadian cities (presentations; masterclasses; e-resource compendia)
- 2009-2016, UNF of Canada National Ukrainian School Initiatives Committee Workshops, various cities (presentations; masterclasses; e-resource compendia)

## Publications

Підзамецька, У. (2023, January 18). МІОК продовжує розвивати освітній потенціал. форум українознавчих закладів «В освіті сила України!» *Новий Шлях Українські Вісни* [The New Pathway Ukrainian News]. <https://newpathway.ca/miok-prodovzhuye-rozvyvaty-osvitniy-potencial/>.

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Pidzamecky, U., & vanOostveen, R. (2021). The pedagogical evolution of Repertory Grid Technique for diverse learning communities: A review. *Trends in Social Sciences*, 3(1), 10-23. [https://asnpublishing.org/images/tss/tss\\_vol3\\_1\\_pp10-23.pdf](https://asnpublishing.org/images/tss/tss_vol3_1_pp10-23.pdf)

Pidzamecky, U. (2021). The Aha! moments in self-studies by Charis-Olga Papadopoulou, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki [review for Academia Letters]. <https://bit.ly/34gqq8a>

Pidzamecky, U. P. (2020). Contemporary education reform and national reinvention in post-independence Ukraine: The national qualifications framework, bridging state and global perspectives. *Indonesian Journal of Learning and Instruction*, 3(2), 51-64. <https://www.journal.uniku.ac.id/index.php/IJLI/article/view/3682/0>

Pidzamecky, U. (2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2013, 2012, 2011). *A compilation of selected Ukrainian digital educational resources*, vols. 1-8. Toronto: UNF Canada Ukrainian School Initiatives Committee. <http://bit.ly/3b3Ok8f>.

Pidzamecky, U. & vanOostveen, R. (2018). From ephemera to building blocks: Capturing new understandings about efficacy beliefs among teachers in learning communities using repertory grid elicitation. In *Proceedings of EdMedia: World Conference on Educational Media and Technology* (pp. 1308-1318). Amsterdam, Netherlands: Association for the Advancement of Computing In Education (AACE). <https://www.learntechlib.org/primary/p/184345/>.

Pidzamecky, U. (2017). The global education race: Taking the measure of PISA and international testing [book review]. *Canadian Journal of Education/Revue canadienne de l'éducation*, 40(3), 1-4. <http://journals.sfu.ca/cje/index.php/cje-rce/article/viewFile/3324/2454>.

Pidzamecky, U. (2017). *Investigating the role of informal online communities of practice (CoPs) in professional learning: The experience of Second/Foreign language teachers* (Order No. 10758540). Available from ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global. (2010554795). <http://hdl.handle.net/10155/825>.

Pidzamecky, U. (2016). 21st century learning and communicative language teaching: Designing opportunities with authentic assessment to build capacious learners. In O. Wynnyckyj-Yusypovych et al. (Eds.), *Proceedings of the IV International Scientific Conference «Ukrainian Language in the World»* (pp. 216-222). Lviv, Ukraine: Lviv Polytechnic National University. <https://goo.gl/tV8VdX>.

## Recognition/Certification

January 2022, Certificate of Completion, Sexual Abuse Prevention program, Ontario College of Teachers

2018 Nominee, OTU/UOIT Outstanding Thesis Award, Faculty of Education  
[https://uoit.ca/weeklyreport/archives/2018/06/2018-outstanding-thesis-award-winners-and-nominees.php?utm\\_source=weeklyReport&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=2018-Outstanding-Thesis-Award-winners-and-nominees](https://uoit.ca/weeklyreport/archives/2018/06/2018-outstanding-thesis-award-winners-and-nominees.php?utm_source=weeklyReport&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2018-Outstanding-Thesis-Award-winners-and-nominees)

1987 Certificate of Merit, The Russian School of Norwich University, Vermont  
1987 Ontario Council for Leadership in Educational Administration Certificate in Bi-level/Multi-level Teaching

1985 University of Ottawa / University of Costa Rica INPAX Certificate in Peace Education  
1985 Ontario Youth Medal - International Youth Year

## Leadership experience

- Barvinok Dance School group representative
- UNF West Toronto Ukrainian School Parent's Committee
- Josyf Cardinal Slipyj Catholic School CSAC - various positions
- Sadochok Preschool Centre Inc. Vice-president
- Couchiching Institute on Public Affairs Board of Directors
- Saskatchewan Teachers of Ukrainian
- Ukrainian Professional and Business Club of Toronto
- Canadian Ethnic Journalists and Writers Club of Toronto
- Ukrainian National Youth Federation of Canada - Past National President

## References

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