

INFORMATION ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Sage Blodgett



Sage Blodgett is a first-year Diplomacy and International Relations major with a minor in History at Seton Hall University, originally from Albany, New York.

She is passionate about refugee advocacy and international humanitarian issues, with a strong interest in global policy and human rights.

She hopes to pursue a career in refugee policy, focusing on international frameworks that support and protect displaced communities

Shane N. Holden



Shane Holden is an undergraduate student at Seton Hall University.

He is majoring in Diplomacy and International Relations with key interests lying in human rights and non-governmental organizations.

He is a founder and president of the Amnesty International Chapter at Seton Hall University and an executive board member of Operational Smile at Seton Hall University.

He aspires to center his career on expanding access and ensure high quality education around the world.

Hasini Muddapu



Hasini Muddapu is a student at Seton Hall University studying International Relations and Diplomacy.

She is very passionate about International Relations and advocacy.

She hopes to practice law in the future.

She is involved in organizations like the Diplomatic Envoy, and she is double majoring in political science.

She loves to cook, dance, and play violin, travel, and spend time with friends and family.

Julia Kaluzna



Julia Kaluzna is a sophomore at Seton Hall University, majoring in Secondary Education and History, with a minor in Religion.

She is interested in education, language learning, and the role of faith in shaping individuals and communities.

Julia has experience teaching English as a Second Language and is passionate about working with diverse groups of learners.

She also hopes to pursue opportunities to teach and travel abroad in the future.

Avery Kachmarsky



Avery Kachmarsky of Pasadena, California, is an undergraduate in the School of Diplomacy and International Relations at Seton Hall University.

He is currently a staff writer for The Diplomatic Envoy, the foreign affairs news section of the School.

Avery is an Intelligence Analyst Intern for The Organisation for Threat Assessment and Peacebuilding, and a current Fellow with the J. Christopher Stevens Initiative's Alumni Fellowship Academy, where he will join his colleagues from across the United States and the MENA region for an in-person Workshop this Summer in Morocco.

Avery is a member of both the Honors and Buccino Leadership programs, and the upcoming President of Seton Hall's Slavic Club for Fall 2026.

Neve Walker



Neve Walker is an undergraduate student at Seton Hall University studying Diplomacy and International Relations and Philosophy, with a minor in Arabic and a focus on women in conflict zones and disarmament in the Middle East.

Actively involved in global initiatives, she has participated in international forums such as the ECOSOC Youth Forum, Commission on the Status of Women, and the World Summit for Social Development in Doha, Qatar.

Through her work with organizations like the AFS Youth Assembly and the United Nations Association, she has developed strong skills in event coordination, advocacy, and youth engagement.

A student journalist and member of the Buccino Leadership Institute, Neve is passionate about advancing human rights, gender equality, and global cooperation

Emma Escobar-Rivera



Emma Escobar-Rivera is the Founder and Director of the 501 (c) (3) nonprofit Books Beyond Limits, editor in chief of La Jeunesse Mondiale, and a recipient of the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX) scholarship for 2026 – 2027.

Luc Escobar-Rivera



Luc Escobar-Rivera is a recipient of the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX) scholarship for 2025 – 2026, an incoming freshman at the School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Seton Hall University, and Culture editor of *La Jeunesse Mondiale*.

Dean Sati



Dean Sati is a graduate student at Seton Hall University's School of Diplomacy and International Relations and a member of the United Nations Association at Seton Hall University (UN-SHU).

He also serves as a research assistant within the department.

He is bilingual in English and Arabic and has a strong familiarity with the cultural and political dynamics of Syria and the broader Arab world.

His academic interests focus on U.S. – Middle East relations, international law, and human rights, with particular attention to the geopolitical dynamics of Syria and the broader Middle East.

His work examines how power and discourse shape international understandings of conflict and resistance in the region. Outside of his academic work, he is a student pilot who enjoys traveling and participating in local volunteer initiatives in the Middle East.

Olha Saraieva



Olha Saraieva is a Candidate of Historical Science – Ph.D. in History.

Since December 2012, she has been an Associate Professor in the Department of Philosophical Sciences and History of Ukraine at the State Higher Educational Institution “Priazovsky State Technical University” (Mariupol). In 2022, the university was relocated to Dnipro.

Since 2019, she has been a Deputy Director for Cultural and Aesthetic Education at the Educational and Scientific Institute of Modern Technologies, State Higher Educational Institution “Priazovsky State Technical University” (Dnipro).

Since 2025, she has been an Associate Professor in the Department of Ukrainian Philology and Intercultural Communication at Kharkiv National University of Urban Economy named after O.M. Beketov (Kharkiv).

Olha’s scientific interests include the activities of local governments in Southern Ukraine, source studies, and prominent figures in education and culture in Southern Ukraine.

Olha researches the socio-economic and cultural history of southern Ukraine in the late 19th – early 20th centuries.

In 2022, she participated in the scientific project “Research Perspective of Ukraine” at the Humboldt Forum (Berlin).

In 2023, she was a participant in the DHI scientific scholarship program (Warsaw).

Olha is the author of 85 scientific articles and 3 monographs.

Mariia Saraieva



Saraieva Mariia is a first-year student in the specialty “Philology: English, German” at Kharkiv National University of Municipal Economy named after O.M. Beketov (Kharkiv).

From 2014 to 2025, she was a student at the Mariupol Municipal Lyceum (relocated to Kyiv in 2022).

From 2022 to 2024, she was an Erasmus student at Gymnasium (Rostock, Germany).

In November 2025, she passed the FCE English language exam at the Cambridge School (Hamburg, Germany), level B2.

In September 2026, she passed the German language exam «TELC» level S1 (Rostock, Germany). Her academic interests include ethnolinguistics, stylistics, and analysis of artistic texts, creative writing, and narrative strategies.

Stepan Vasylyshyn



Stepan Vasylyshyn is a Candidate of Historical Sciences – a Ph.D in History.

He is the Head of the Humanitarian Department of the Kopychynets City Council and a history teacher at the Lyceum of Hadynkivtsi, Kopychynets City Council, Chortkiv District, Ternopil Region.

He is researching the theme “School Education in the Ternopil Voivodeship: Regulatory and Legal Principles and Organizational and Administrative Mechanisms (1918 – 1939)” to comprehensively reconstruct the education system in the Ternopil Voivodeship during that period. The educational sphere of this period was not just an institution but also an arena of struggle to preserve Ukrainian identity under the systemic pressure of Polonization.

Stepan is investigating the balance between state (Polish) and private (Ukrainian) schools based on archival materials from the funds of the Central State Historical Archive of Ukraine in Lviv, the State Archive of Ternopil Region, the archives of the Republic of Poland, and contemporary periodicals.

He pays special attention to the study of regulatory and legal support, personnel issues, the activities of Ukrainian teachers, and the functioning of the network of educational institutions, scholarships, and societies with the aim of eliminating gaps in the history of Ukrainian education and complementing the decolonization narrative in modern historical science.

Olena Kazimirenko



Olena Kazimirenko is the Head of the Fine Arts and Design Department at the «Universum» Applied College at the Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University.

She is a Lecturer in core disciplines and supervisor of student projects in the field of Design Education.

She is interested in Design as a communication tool for shaping cultural and social environments.

Marko Miliutin



Marko Miliutin is a MA Graduate from Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University, Senior Researcher at the Museum of Prominent Figures of Ukrainian Culture, and Leading Archaeographer at the Department of Source Studies of Modern Ukrainian History, Mykhailo Hrushevsky Institute of Ukrainian Archaeography and Source Studies of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine.

Mykhailo Mishyn



Mykhailo Mishyn is a second-year postgraduate student at Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University.

His academic interests include local history, the history of pedagogy, and biographical studies of educational figures.

Mykhailo advocates for the inherently European nature of Ukrainian education and science.

He emphasizes that Ukraine has always been an integral part of the European intellectual and scientific tradition.

He enjoys researching archival records and genealogy, and actively promotes the historical legacy of the Ukrainian educators as a vital foundation for contemporary European reforms.

Mykhailo works at the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, focusing on European integration of education, science, and innovation.

Roman Podat



Roman Podat is studying for a Master's degree at Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University, majoring in "History and Archaeology".

He graduated from Shevchenko Kyiv National University with a Bachelor's degree in the History of Ukraine.

Since childhood, he has been interested in history and economics, so he has a special interest in economic history and the history of technology.

Myroslav Sakal



Myroslav Sakal is a third-year student of the History and Archaeology program at Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University.

He chose this profession, guided by a desire to develop Ukrainian history and serve the nation through the study of its past.

His research interests include historical periodicals, historical urban studies, historical cartography, and the history of Western Ukrainian lands.

Daryna Osetianova



Daryna Osetianova is a second-year Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University student majoring in History and Archaeology.

She chose this major because she has always loved the mysteries of history and the detective work involved in uncovering them. For her, every research project feels like an investigation.

Her research interests include the politics of memory, russian imperialism and colonialism, and travelogues of foreigners in Ukraine in the 19th century.

When she is not researching, she can usually be found reading books from different genres each time, solving all kinds of puzzles, or playing video games, particularly those set in post-apocalyptic worlds or centered on historical events.

Veronica Shtonda



Veronica Shtonda is a second-year student at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, majoring in History and Archaeology.

She chose this major because she wants to discover the hidden stories of our country.

She is very interested in the history of Western Ukraine, especially how people lived there in the 18th–19th centuries.

Her future goal is to become a researcher.

She wants to study additional historical sources and demonstrate the importance of Western Ukrainian history to our national identity.

Pavliuk Artem



Pavliuk Artem is a first-year undergraduate student at the Educational and Research Institute “Horlivka Institute of Foreign Languages of Donbas State Pedagogical University” (was relocated to Bakhmut).

His research interests are the military history of the United States from the second half of the 20th century to the second quarter of the 21st century.

Hanna Hedo



Hanna Hedo is a first-year Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University student majoring in History and Archaeology.

Her research interests include historical methodology, ethnography, and the study of travel notes. Hanna actively participates in scientific conferences, archival practices, and interdisciplinary educational projects.

Daria Romanenko



Daria Romanenko is a first-year master's student in History at Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University.

Although she holds a Bachelor's degree in Philology, a growing passion for historical research prompted her to switch to studying History.

Daria's research focuses on the 18th and early 20th centuries, in particular, examining the travelogues and narrative accounts of foreigners traveling through Ukrainian lands during this period.