

[The Story of These Lands: Recovering Indigenous-Ukrainian Narratives in East Central Alberta](#)

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The Kule Folklore Centre at the University of Alberta and the Ukrainian Resource and Development Centre at MacEwan University are pleased to invite you to a special event - presentation by Leah Hrycun entitled *The Story of These Lands: Recovering Indigenous-Ukrainian Narratives in East Central Alberta*.

Thursday January 28, 5:00 pm MST

Registration required. Click here to register:
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Leah Hrycun is a PhD student at the Faculty of Native Studies, University of Alberta. This event will mark the beginning of the joint initiative between the two Centres.

Abstract: "Leah, there were no Natives here," my Baba says to me with increasing annoyance each time I ask if she knows any stories about Ukrainian settlers and Indigenous people. Indeed, as many historians of Ukrainian Canadian settlement demonstrate, by the time Ukrainian immigrants arrived here, Indigenous people had been erased from the lands they settled. But why do I continue to hear Cree and Métis stories about Ukrainians? About kimosôms (grandfathers) speaking Ukrainian and kôhkums (grandmothers) having Ukrainian poppyseed cake recipes? I had to ask myself: what had happened to the stories of my ancestors to allow them to erase the presence of Indigenous people? To answer these questions, I am recovering narratives of Indigenous-Ukrainian relations in east central Alberta. My goal is to demonstrate that recovering these histories and deconstructing how and why Ukrainian settlers came into Canadian multiculturalism, redresses Indigenous erasure in Ukrainian settler histories, and ultimately advance reconciliation.

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