

Autobiography

I, Burdiak (maiden name: Fedorko) Vira Ivanivna was born on July 18, 1947 in the town of Lypovets, Vinnytsia Oblast, in the family of office employees. From 1954 to 1965 I studied at Lypovets Secondary School No.1, which I finished with a gold medal. In 1965 I entered the Historical Faculty of Chernivtsi State University, which I successfully graduated in 1969 and obtained a qualification of historian and teacher of Social Sciences. In 1969-1974 I worked as a researcher and senior researcher at Chernivtsi Regional Museum of Local Lore. In 1974-1978 I worked as a methodologist at the Faculty of Advanced Training of Social Sciences Teachers of Technical Schools at Chernivtsi State University.

In 1978 after the competition I was enrolled in the position of a lecturer at the Department of Scientific Communism of Chernivtsi State University. In 1982 I defended my thesis “Development of Socialist Competition of Industrial Enterprises in the years of the Ninth Five-Year Plan (based on the materials of the western regions of Ukraine)” in the specialty 07.00.02. In 1988 I received Certificate of Associate Professor of the Department of Scientific Communism.

During all the following years I worked as an Associate Professor at Chernivtsi State University, and after the University was awarded the title of “national”, I became an Associate Professor at Chernivtsi National University. In 2001 I entered the post-doctoral program of Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University, which successfully completed on October 22, 2004 with the defense of my doctoral thesis “Political Transformation Processes in Bulgaria in the Post-Communist Period” by speciality 23.00.02 - Political Institutions and Processes.

After completing my doctoral studies, I continued to work as an Associate Professor at the Department of Political Science and Sociology of Chernivtsi National University, and in February 2005 I was elected a Full Professor of the same Department where I work till present time.

During the years of my work at the University I published more than 400 scientific papers, including: a number of personal and collective monographs, textbooks, analytical materials, scientific articles, manuals and recommendations, materials of scientific conferences etc.

During 2010-2019 I was a member of the Expert Council for examination, evaluation and certification of candidate and doctoral theses in Philosophical, Political and Sociological Sciences of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine.

Since 2005 I have been a member of the Specialized Academic Council D.76.051.03 of Yuriy Fedkovych National University of Chernivtsi.

Since 2006, after receiving a Doctorate degree in Political Science and Full Professor Certificate, I began to provide scientific guidance and counseling to degree seekers. Under my supervision, 12 PhD and 1 doctoral theses were defended. I was an official opponent in the defense of a number of theses.

I regularly participate in the preparation and editing of articles for collections of scientific papers as an editor-in-chief of the collection of scientific papers “Media Forum: analytics, forecasts, information management”; as a member of the editorial board of the collection of scientific articles “Historical and Political Problems of the Modern World” of Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University and other collections of the Ukrainian universities; and as a member of the editorial board of the collection of scientific articles “Studium Europy Środkowej i Wschodniej” (“Studies of Central and Eastern Europe”) of the Higher School of Regional Economics in Kutno, Poland.

Being a scientific supervisor of students’ research work I prepared 5 winners (first and second places) of the All-Ukrainian Olympiads and scientific competitions of student works in Political Science.

Since 2005, I have been Deputy Head of the Department of Political Science and Public Administration at Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University.

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