

2007 American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages Book Prize
for Best Contribution to Language Pedagogy

Robert A. DeLossa (Cambridge, Mass.), R. Robert Koropecykj (UCLA), Robert Romanchuk (FSU), and Alexandra Isaievych Mason (Cambridge, Mass.) have won the 2007 American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages Book Prize for Best Contribution to Language Pedagogy, for their jointly authored textbook *Rozmovljajmo! (Let's Talk!): A Basic Ukrainian Course with Polylogs, Grammar, and Conversation Lessons* (Bloomington, IN: Slavica, 2005).

The Language Pedagogy Award Committee (Masako Ueda Fidler, Brown U.; Laura Janda, UNC-Chapel Hill; and Richard Robin, George Washington U.) wrote the following about *Rozmovljajmo!*:

"*Rozmovljajmo* is a much needed textbook in the dramatically changing landscape of Slavic studies, where a truly diverse expertise of Slavic languages and cultures is in increasing demand. The book covers the basic grammar of Ukrainian and aims to develop all basic language skills. It is a result of years of classroom teaching and is built on a strong foundation in the latest teaching methodologies. Written with a profound knowledge of the recent linguistic development, the textbook represents the dominant conversational standard in post-Soviet Ukraine. Each lesson opens up with situational polylogs and communicative exercises, which are followed by grammatical explanations with practice exercises. The main chapters are supplemented by further dialogs, *rozmovnyky*, and their English translations. *Rozmovljajmo* contains impressively rich spoken language input that can be used for conversational as well as structured tasks. Numerous authentic photographs also provide a good sense of today's Ukraine. The book includes an additional section that presents the frequent pitfalls for speakers of Russian, tabular appendices, a glossary, and a detailed index. *Rozmovljajmo* is an excellent textbook that will be used in colleges and high schools as well as in self-study for many years to come."

The award was presented at the President's Reception at the AATSEEL conference in Chicago on December 29, 2007.