During the demonstrations on Maidan Square, portraits of Taras Shevchenko, Ukraine’s greatest poet, featured prominently. Shevchenko signifies Ukrainian freedom, unity, and pride. This year marks the 200th anniversary of Taras Shevchenko's birth. This event will host a panel of experts on Ukraine to discuss Shevchenko’s role in Ukrainian identity, culture and society.

Peter Fedynsky (Voice of America) is a leading specialist on Shevchenko who recently published a new translation of Shevchenko's *The Kobzar*. Victor Stepanenko researches civil society’s role in Central and Eastern Europe. Yaroslav Pylynski is director of the Wilson Center’s Kennan Institute in Kiev.

**Wednesday, March 26, 2014**

4:00 – 5:00 pm

Voesar Conference Room

1957 E Street NW, Suite 412

Please RSVP at [http://go.gwu.edu/Shevchenko](http://go.gwu.edu/Shevchenko).

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