



Ambassador Roman Popadiuk

Executive Director George Bush Presidential Library Foundation

Roman Popadiuk assumed the duties of Executive Director of the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation in January 1999. The Foundation, along with the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum and the George Bush School of Government and Public Service, comprise the Bush Library Center at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas.

In the local Bryan/College Station community, Dr. Popadiuk has served on the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce and is currently on the Board of Directors of the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Dr. Popadiuk served as Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Press Secretary for Foreign Affairs under President George Bush. He served as the first U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine in 1992-1993. Dr. Popadiuk, a retired member of the career Senior Foreign Service, has received a number of awards, including the State Department's Superior Honor Award and the Meritorious Honor Award.

From 1993 to 1995, he was on the faculty of the School of Area Studies at the State Department's Foreign Service Institute. In August 1995, Dr. Popadiuk assumed the duties as International Affairs Advisor and senior civilian on the staff of the Commandant of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces at Fort McNair in Washington, D.C. He served in that position through the summer of 1998.

In January 1989, President Bush appointed Dr. Popadiuk to be Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Press Secretary for Foreign Affairs, a position he held until 1992. In President Reagan's administration, Dr. Popadiuk served as an Assistant Press Secretary from July 1986 until March 1988, when he became Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Press Secretary for Foreign Affairs. In October of that year, the President appointed him a Deputy Assistant.

Dr. Popadiuk joined the Foreign Service in 1981. He served in Mexico City from 1982 to 1984, where he did consular and political work and was Special Assistant to the Ambassador. From 1984 to 1986, he had a tour with the Department of State and the National Security Council. Prior to joining the Foreign Service, he was an adjunct lecturer in Political Science at Brooklyn College in New York City.

Dr. Popadiuk is a co-author of the report, *The President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board: Learning Lessons from Its Past to Shape Its Future*, which was completed in June 2008. His book, *The Leadership of George Bush: An Insider's View of the 41st President*, was published in September 2009. His writings on Ukraine have appeared in *The Ukrainian Quarterly*, *The Foreign Service Journal*, *Mediterranean Quarterly*, and *Presidential Studies Quarterly*. He is also the author of *American-Ukrainian Nuclear Relations*, a monograph published by the National Defense University. He is often interviewed on the status of U.S.-Ukraine relations and the situation in Ukraine. In 2006, he served as an observer of the parliamentary elections in Ukraine. He currently serves as the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the U.S.-China Relations Conference at Texas A&M University. The committee organizes a biennial conference that examines the mutual relationship of the two countries. Dr. Popadiuk is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Board of Advisors of the Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs at the George Bush School.

Dr. Popadiuk is married to the former Judith Ann Fedkiw. They have four children. Dr. Popadiuk graduated from Hunter College (B.A., 1973) and the Graduate Center of the City University of New York (Ph.D., 1981).