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Y.Dashkevich was a prominent Ukrainian historian-medievalist, particularly an expert in the history of Armenian colonies in Ukraine and Poland.

Y.Dashkevich was born in Lvov, Western Ukraine to Roman Dashkevich and Elena Stepaniv, both well-known military-political figures. After graduating the gymnasium at Lvov he entered the Department of Philology, University of Lvov (1944-1949). In 1949 Y.Dashkevich was arrested and sentenced to 10 years in the correctional labor camp where he remained until 1956. After being released he returned to Ukraine and worked as a bibliographer at the Institute of Social sciences.

In 1963 Y.Dashkevich defended dissertation ("Armenian colonies in Ukraine in the sources and literature of the XV-XIX centuries") and was awarded with the degree of candidate of science in history. Between 1967-1972 he held the position of the Head of Ethnography at the Museum of Ethnography and Arts, Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. From 1974 until 1980 Y.Dashkevich worked at the Central State Historical Archive of Ukraine in Lvov, Institute of Social Sciences of the Academy (1990-1992), Deputy-director of the Institute of Ukrainian Archaeography and primary sources of Ukrainian Academy. In 1994 he defended the second dissertation. In the late 1990s and early XX century Y.Dashkevich held different positions in the Academy of Sciences and higher education (University of Lvov).

Armenology is the main sphere of Y.Dashkevich's scholarly heritage. His studies include mostly the primary sources of the Armenian colonies of Ukraine (Lvov, Kamenets) and their history. Excellent knowledge of Armenian helped Y.Dashkevich in his Armenological studies.

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