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### **Curriculum Vitae**

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### **EMPLOYMENT**

- 2016- Class of 1949 Distinguished Professor in the Humanities and Professor of American Literature and Critical Theory, UNCG, Dept. of English
- 2007- Professor of American Literature and Critical Theory, UNCG, Dept. of English
- 2004- Associate Professor, UNCG, Dept. of English
- 1998- Assistant Professor, UNCG, Dept. of English

### **EDUCATION**

- Ph.D.** Double Ph.D. in English and Comparative Literature, Indiana Univ. Minor: Theory, 1998
- M.A.** English, Indiana Univ., 1996
- M.A.** Comparative Literature, Indiana Univ., 1995
- B.A.** Literary Studies/Romanian-Classics, Univ. of Bucharest, Romania, Diploma in Philology (M.A.-equivalent). Minor: Latin, 1984. 318-p. B.A. thesis

### **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

American literature, especially post-1945 fiction; literary-cultural theory and history of ideas; global studies, cosmopolitanism, and comparative and world literature with emphasis on narrative; postmodernism and after; postcolonialism and its Central and East European developments; Cold War and post-Cold War studies; translation; New Materialisms and recent U. S. popular culture.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **BOOKS (16)**

#### **MONOGRAPHS (8)**

*Flat Aesthetics: Twenty-First-Century American Fiction and the Making of the Contemporary.*  
New York, NY: Bloomsbury, 2023, xviii + 268 pp.  
<https://www.bloomsbury.com/us/flat-aesthetics-9781501355264/>

*Reading for the Planet: Toward a Geomethodology*. Ann Arbor, MI: U of Michigan P, 2015, viii + 248 pp.

*Cosmodernism: American Narrative, Late Globalization, and the New Cultural Imaginary*. Ann Arbor, MI: U of Michigan P, 2011, xii + 440 pp.

*Memorious Discourse: Reprise and Representation in Postmodernism*. Teaneck, NJ: Fairleigh Dickinson UP, 2005, 282 pp.

*Rewriting: Postmodern Narrative and Cultural Critique in the Age of Cloning*. Albany, NY: SUNY P, 2001, xviii + 248 pp. SUNY P “Postmodern Culture” Series.

*Poetica reflectării. Încercare în arheologia mizei* [Poetics of Reflection: An Archaeology of Mimesis]. Synopsis in French. Bucharest, Romania: Universe P, 1990, 263 pp. Chapter reprinted in *The Play of the Self*. Ronald Bogue and Mihai I. Spărișu, eds. Albany, NY: SUNY P, 1994. 23-37. Invited.

*Alexandru Ivasiuc. Anatomia imaginii* [Alexandru Ivasiuc: Anatomy of the Image]. Bucharest, Romania: Minerva P. 1988, 209 pp. “Universitas” Series. A psychoanalytic approach to the contemporary novel and its subversive politics.

*Ceremonia textului* [Textual Ceremony]. Bucharest, Romania: Eminescu P, 1985, 229 pp. Essay on modern and postmodern poetry and poetics.

## EDITED ESSAY COLLECTIONS (8)

*The Bloomsbury Handbook of World Theory*. Jeffrey R. Di Leo and Christian Moraru, eds. New York, NY: Bloomsbury. xvii + 506 p. 2022.  
<https://www.bloomsbury.com/us/the-bloomsbury-handbook-of-world-theory-9781501361951/>

*Theory in the “Post” Era: A Vocabulary for the 21st-Century Conceptual Commons*. Alexandru Matei, Christian Moraru, and Andrei Terian, eds. New York, NY: Bloomsbury, 2022. xi + 361 p. <https://www.bloomsbury.com/us/theory-in-the-post-era-9781501358975/>

*Francophone Literature as World Literature*. Christian Moraru, Nicole Simek, and Bertrand Westphal, eds. New York: Bloomsbury, 2020, xi + 307 pp. <https://www.bloomsbury.com/us/-francophoneliterature-as-world-literature-9781501347146/>

*Romanian Literature as World Literature*. Mircea Martin, Christian Moraru, and Andrei Terian, eds. New York, NY: Bloomsbury, 2018, xvii + 357 pp.  
<https://www.bloomsbury.com/us/romanian-literature-as-world-literature-9781501327919/>

*The Planetary Turn: Relationality and Geoaesthetics in the Twenty-First Century*. Amy J. Elias and Christian Moraru, eds. Evanston, IL: Northwestern UP, 2015, xxxvii + 272 pp.

*Postcommunism, Postmodernism, and the Global Imagination*. Christian Moraru, ed. and preface. New York, Boulder, CO: Columbia UP/EEM Series, 2009, vii + 308 pp.

*Pentru o nouă cultură critică românească* [For a New Romanian Critical Culture]. Alex Goldis, Christian Moraru, and Andrei Terian, eds. Forthcoming, 2023.

*Postmillennial Literature: The Waning of the Postmodern in Romania and Beyond*. Teodora Dumitru, Christian Moraru, and Andrei Terian, eds. 2024. In progress.

## EDITIONS

Nichita Stănescu, *Poezii* [Nichita Stănescu, Poems]. Preface, edition, afterword (pp. 331- 376), and bibliography. Bucharest, Romania: Minerva P, 1988.

## GUEST-EDITED JOURNAL ISSUES (SELECTION)

*American Book Review*, vol. 44, no. 1 (Spring 2023). Guest-coedited special-topic issue and co-authored introduction on “Weak Theory.” With Jeffrey R. Di Leo.

*American Book Review*, vol. 36, no. 5, July/Aug. 2015. Guest-edited special-topic issue on American World Literature.

*American Book Review*, vol. 34, no. 4, May-June 2013. Guest-edited special-topic issue on metamodernism.

*American Book Review*, vol. 28, no. 3, March/April 2007. Guest-edited special-topic issue on cosmopolitanism.

*Transilvania*, nos. 7-8 (2021). Special-topic issue on Mihai Iovanel’s *History of Contemporary Romanian Literature: 1990-2020*. Issue consultant. <https://revistatransilvania.ro/7-8-2021/>

*Studia Universitatis Babeş-Bolyai Philologia* 67, no. 3 (September 2022). Guest-coedited special-topic issue and co-authored introduction on new literary history.  
<http://studia.ubbcluj.ro/download/pdf/1448.pdf> And:  
[http://studia.ubbcluj.ro/arhiva/cuprins\\_en.php?id\\_editie=1448&serie=PHILOLOGIA&nr=3&an=2022](http://studia.ubbcluj.ro/arhiva/cuprins_en.php?id_editie=1448&serie=PHILOLOGIA&nr=3&an=2022)

## ARTICLES (CCA. 320—SELECTION)

“Planetary Poetics.” *Globalization and Literary Studies*. Edited by Joel Evans. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge UP, 2022. 305-317. Invited.  
<https://www.cambridge.org/gb/academic/subjects/literature/literary-theory/globalization-and-literary-studies?format=HB>. Translated into Hungarian (“Planetáris poétikák”) by Kovács Péter Zoltán, *Korunk* XXXIII, no. 11 (2022): 9-19.

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“Objecthood, Flat Form, Political Formalism: OOO and Ben Lerner’s *Hatred of Poetry*.” *Metacritic* 7, no. 1 (July 2021): 16-39. Invited. <https://doi.org/10.24193/mjcst.2021.11.02>

“World History, Literary History: Postmodernism and After.” *Studia Universitatis Babeş-Bolyai Philologia* 67, no. 3 (September 2022): 15-28. Invited. DOI: 10.24193/subbphil.2022.2

“Postfuturism: Contemporaneity, Truth, and the End of World Literature.” *Theory in the “Post” Era: A Vocabulary for the Twenty-First-Century Conceptual Commons*. Alexandru Matei, Christian Moraru, and Andrei Terian, eds. New York: Bloomsbury. 2022. 179-198.

“Periodization.” *The Encyclopedia of American Fiction, 1980-2020*. Edited by Patrick O’Donnell, Stephen J. Burn, and Lesley Larkin. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2022, vol. 2, 1053-1062. Invited. 19-p. mss. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/book/10.1002/9781119431732>

“Worlding Comparative Literature.” *The Bloomsbury Handbook of World Theory*. Jeffrey R. Di Leo and Christian Moraru, eds. New York, NY: Bloomsbury. 2022. 101-118.

Preface and “Introduction: The Worlding of Theory” and Preface. With Jeffrey R. Di Leo. *The Bloomsbury Handbook of World Theory*. Jeffrey R. Di Leo and Christian Moraru, eds. New York, NY: Bloomsbury. 2022. viii-ix; 1-17.

“Literary Historiography as Event: Mihai Iovanel’s *History of Contemporary Romanian Literature: 1990-2020*.” *Transilvania* nos. 7-8 (2021): 1-13 (37-p. mss). Invited. <https://doi.org/10.51391/trva.2021.07-08.01>.

“Plagiarism, Creativity, and the Communal Politics of Renewal.” *Post-Digital: Dialogues and Debates from electronic book review*. Vol. 1. Edited by Joseph Tabbi. New York: Bloomsbury, 2020. 319-325. Invited. Reprinted in revised form from *electronic book review*. <http://www.electronicbookreview.com/thread/fictionspresent/plagiarized>. Posted June 21, 2007.

“Murdoch after Postmodernism: Metafiction, Truth, and the Aesthetic of Presence in *The Black Prince*.” *Études britanniques contemporaines* 58 (October 2020). Invited. <https://journals.openedition.org/ebc/9853>. 22-p. mss.

“Saizecizarea optzecismului. Contemporaneitate si decontemporaneizare in literatura romana de azi” [The ‘Sixtifying’ of Literary ‘Eightism’: Contemporaneity and De-Contemporanization in Today’s Romanian Literature]. *Vatra* 618 no. 9 (October 2022): 10-16. 21-p. essay. <https://revistavatra.org/2022/10/07/christian-moraru-saizecizarea-optzecismului-contemporaneitate-si-decontemporaneizare-in-literatura-romana-de-azi/>

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“Topodemocracy: Joseph O’Neill and the Spatial Sublime.” *Études britanniques contemporaines* 57 (December 2019). 25-p. mss. <https://journals.openedition.org/ebc/7789>

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“Welliterature? American Literature after Territorialism: Manifesto for a Twenty-First-Century Critical Agenda.” *American Literature as World Literature*, edited by Jeffrey R. Di Leo. New York: Bloomsbury, 2018, pp. 127-147. Invited.

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“‘Neutrality’ as *nomos*? Paradigm, Nuance, and the Politics of Coterritoriality in Late Barthes.” *The Comparatist*, vol. 40 (Fall 2016): 284-298.

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“The Worlds of National Literature and the Geopolitics of Reading.” With Andrei Terian. Preface and Acknowledgments, and Introduction to *Romanian Literature as World Literature*. Edited by Mircea Martin, Christian Moraru, and Andrei Terian. New York: Bloomsbury, 2018, pp. xiv-xvii and 1-31.

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“*We* Have Never Been Postmodern: On Critical Literacy” [*Noi* nu am fost niciodată postmoderni. Despre alfabetizarea critică]. *Vatra* magazine 6-7 (June-July) 2018: 86-88. Trans. into Romanian by Alex Ciorogar.

“Critique and Its Postnational Aftermath: Dialogism and the ‘Planetary Condition.’” *Criticism after Critique: Aesthetics, Literature, and the Political*. Edited by Jeffrey R. Di Leo. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014, pp. 99-112.

“‘World,’ ‘Globe,’ ‘Planet’: Comparative Literature, Planetary Studies, and Cultural Debt after the Global Turn.” *Futures of Comparative Literature: ACLA State of the Discipline Report*, edited by Ursula K. Heise, with Dudley Andrew, Alexander Beecroft, Jessica Berman, David Damrosch, Guillermina De Ferrari, César Domínguez, Barbara Harlow, and Eric Hayot. New York: Routledge, 2017, pp. 124-133. Based on essay posted for American Comparative Literature Association, the 2014-2015 Report on the State of the Discipline of Comparative Literature website—Paradigms, <http://stateofthediscipline.acla.org>. Dec. 8, 2014. 35-p. mss. Invited.

“Undying Theory: Levinas, Place, and the Technology of Posthumousness.” *Dead Theory: Derrida, Death, and the Afterlife of Theory*, edited by Jeffrey R. Di Leo. New York: Bloomsbury, 2016, pp. 217-233.

“More Voluminous than the Nation? The Transnational Book in the World Network Society.” In *Speaking Volumes...: (S)édition, Impression(s)*, edited by Elizabeth Durot-Boucé. *Travaux d'investigation et de recherche*, Université de Rennes 2, Rennes, France. 2017, pp. 245-262.

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“No Absolute Zero: Time Ecologies after Brexit.” *Debating Globalization: Identity, Nation, and Dialogue*, edited by Iulian Boldea and Cornel Sigmirean, Arhipelag XXI Press, 2017, pp. 14-20. <http://www.upm.ro/gidni/?pag=GIDNI-04/vol04-Lit>. 15-p. mss. Invited.

“Muzeu național și arhivă mondială: literatură și estetică după statul-națiune” [National Museum and Global Archive: Literature and Aesthetics after the Nation-State]. *Observator cultural* 832 (July 21, 2016): 16-17 (12-p. mss.). Invited. <https://www.observatorcultural.ro/articol/muzeu-national-si-arhiva-mondiala-literatura-si-estetica-dupa-statul-natiune/>

“Why Community Needs Theory: Rethinking the Communal in the Twenty-First Century.” *Euphorion*, vol. 27, no. 1 (April 2016): 35-37. 11-p. mss. Invited.

“Crossing the Kafka Network: Schulz, Blecher, Foer, and the Repositioning of the Human.” *Echinox* 34 (2018): 101-116. Invited.

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“Cultural Studies Goes Global.” *Euresis* (2014): 23-28. 12-p. mss. Invited.

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“Contagion, Contamination, and Don DeLillo’s Post-Cold War World-System: Steps toward a Haptical Theory of Culture.” *Contagion: Health, Fear, Sovereignty*, edited by Bruce Magnusson and Zahi Zalloua, U of Washington P, “Global Re-visions” Series, 2012, pp. 123-148. Invited. <http://books.google.com/books/about/Contagion.html?id=sCINbQDzkVsC>.

“*Cosmopolitisme ou barbarie?* September 11, Higher Education, and Cosmopolitan Literacy: An Asymmetric Manifesto.” *Terror, Theory, and the Humanities*, edited by Jeffrey R. Di Leo and Uppinder Mehan, U of Michigan and Open Humanities P, 2012, pp. 35-51. “Critical Climate Change” Series. <http://openhumanitiespress.org/Di%20Leo%20and%20Mehan%20%20-Terror%20Theory%20and%20the%20Humanities.pdf>.

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“Cosmology: Mircea Cărtărescu’s *Nostalgia*—The Body, the City, the World.” *Postcommunism, Postmodernism, and the Global Imagination*, edited by Christian Moraru, Columbia UP, EEM Series, 2009, 47-69.

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“Pentru ‘de-eminescenizarea’ culturii critice române” [“Romanian Critical Culture: Too Much Eminescu”]. *Mozaicul*, vol. 13, no. 1, Jan. 2010, p. 5.

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### ***CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA ORGANIZED***

“Postmillennial Literature: Toward a New Aesthetics.” Lucian Blaga Univ. of Sibiu and UNCG. Sibiu, Romania, July 30-Aug. 4, 2022. Critical Theory Institute, 4<sup>th</sup> ed. (organized with Andrei Terian and Teodora Dumitru).

“Objects of Literature: Aesthetics, Immanence, and Diplomacy in the Twenty-First Century.” Symposium co-organized with Alexandru Matei. Transilvania University, Brasov, Romania, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

“For a New Romanian Critical Culture.” Lucian Blaga Univ. of Sibiu and UNCG. Sibiu, Romania, Oct. 22-24, 2021. Critical Theory Institute 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. (organized with Alex Goldis and Andrei Terian). Online.

“The Conceptual Lab.” Lucian Blaga Univ. of Sibiu and UNCG. Sibiu, Romania, Oct. 13-15, 2018. Critical Theory Institute 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (organized with Andrei Terian and Alexandru Matei).

“Romanian Literature, World Literature.” Lucian Blaga Univ. of Sibiu and UNCG. Sibiu, Romania, Sep. 17-19, 2015. Critical Theory Institute 1<sup>st</sup> ed. (organized with Andrei Terian and Mircea Martin).

“Legitimizing Cultures, Cultures of Legitimacy: An International Conference.” Univ. of Bucharest, Nov. 23-25, 2006. Conference organized (with Mircea Martin).

“Technology in the College English Classroom: Literature, Culture, Pedagogy.” Univ. of North Carolina, Greensboro, April 5-6, 2002. Conference Coordinator.

“Norms, Curricula, Ideology: Current Canon Debates and the Politics of Literary History.” Univ. of Bucharest, 16-20 March 1992. Conference organized (with Paul Cornea).

### ***INVITED LECTURES, KEYNOTES, AND OTHER MAJOR TALKS (CCA. 100—SELECTION)***

“Comparative into World Literature: Scholarships and Politics in the Contemporary Era.” Lecture, Univ. of Alicante, Spain, June 14, 2022. <https://vertice.cpd.ua.es/270477>

“‘Literature Is Politics’ as a Post-Anthropocentric Claim.” Keynote, “Politiques de la littérature” [Politics of Literature] International Francophone Colloquium, Transilvania Univ. of Brasov, Romania, Dec. 19, 2022.

“Doctoral Research Today.” Workshop, Univ. of Bucharest, Faculty of Letters, November 12, 2021 (Zoom).

“New Materialisms and Contemporary Literary Studies.” Lecture and workshop, University of Bucharest, Faculty of Letters, November 19, 2021 (Zoom).

“When Does Romanian Literature Start Over? National Literary History after Mihai Iovanel’s *History*” Lecture, Lucian Blaga Univ., Sibiu, Romania, Oct. 19, 2021.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BIpIXRzgRxo>

“Post-Pandemic, Post-Postmodern: Emily St. John Mandel’s *Station Eleven* and the World on Display.” Lecture, Centre for the Study of the Modern Anglophone Novel, Babes-Bolyai Univ., Cluj, Romania, Oct. 16, 2021. Streamed online live.

“Object-Thinking and the Ontology of Translation.” Keynote, “A Translational Approach to National Cultures” International conference, Babes-Bolyai Univ., Cluj, Romania, Oct. 15, 2021.

“Flat Aesthetics and New Literary Studies.” Opening lecture at the “Objects of Literature: Aesthetics, Immanence, and Diplomacy in the Twenty-First Century” symposium, Transylvania University, Brasov, Romania, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

“Transatlantic Events: Mihai Iovanel’s *History of Contemporary Romanian Literature: 1990-2020* between Worlds.” Keynote videodelivered on July 15, 2021 at the annual colloquium of the Romanian Association of General and Comparative Literature held at Transylvania University of Braşov, Romania.

“Periodization, Theory, and the Making of the Contemporary.” Keynote (video), “When Is Theory? Shifts of Time Frame in Contemporary Literary Studies,” International Conference, Babes-Bolyai Univ., Cluj, Romania, April 15-16, 2021.

“The National Shibboleth: Eminescu, Patrimonialization, and the Recognition Factory.” Keynote (video), Annual International Conference of Ovidius University of Constanta, Romania, Nov. 28, 2020.

“What Is World Literature?” Videolecture, University of Bucharest, Romania, Nov. 6, 2020.

“Toward a New ‘Degree Zero’: Afterlives of Postmodernism.” Videolecture, University of Bucharest, Romania, Nov. 13, 2020.

“Writing like a Tree: Novel Environments after Postmodernism.” Keynote, “Planetary Spaces” Conference, University of Montreal, Canada, and Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj, Romania, Oct. 17, 2019.

“Polynomial Time”: White Lies, Cybernetics, and Ian McEwan’s *Machines Like Me*.” Lecture, Babes-Bolyai Univ., Cluj, Romania, Oct. 18, 2019.

“Contracts of Spatiality after Postmodernism.” Lecture, Univ. of Tampere, Finland, May 15, 2019.

“Self-Colonization: A Concept.” Lecture, Bucharest Univ., Romania, May 17, 2019.

“Literature, System, Power: Postmodernism and After.” Keynote, “Subversion and Censorship” Colloquium, Univ. of Pisa, Italy, Nov. 15, 2018.

“The Conceptual Lab and Our Theory Commons.” Keynote, Critical Theory Institute, Lucian Blaga Univ., Sibiu, Romania, Oct. 13, 2018.

“‘An essentially aesthetic affair’: Presence, Beauty, and Geopolitics in *Infinite Jest*.” Keynote, David Foster Wallace Symposium, Univ. of Glasgow, UK, Aug. 2, 2018.

“The Map and the Territory: Literatures in the World.” Symposium video address, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania, May 22, 2018. Invited.

“National Literatures in the 21<sup>st</sup>-Century World.” Major address, the London Book Fair, Waterstones, and Romanian Cultural Institute of London, UK, April 10, 2018.

“Exhaustion 2.0? Culture of the Extreme Present.” Keynote, the “Temporalities of Modernism” Conference, Babes-Bolyai Univ., Cluj-Napoca, Romania, May 4, 2018.

“No Brexit: Planetary as a World Literary System.” Keynote, the “Planetary Cultural and Literary Studies” Conference, Université de Montréal, Canada, April 19, 2018.

“Kafka at a Distance: Schulz, Blecher, Foer.” Lecture, Yale Univ., Dec. 7, 2017.

“There Is No Universal Literature: *World Literature*, *littérature-monde*, and the Reading of Romanian Literature in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” Lecture, University of Bucharest and the National Museum of Romanian Literature, Romania. Dec. 14, 2017.

“Planetary as a World Literary System.” The “Imago Mundi: La littérature à l’échelle du globe” conference. Lecture, Université de Limoges, France, May 12, 2017.

“Is There a World Literature? Old Literary Forms and new Cultural Formations.” Lecture, Lucian Blaga Univ., Sibiu, Romania, May 15, 2017.

“No Absolute Zero: Time Ecologies after Brexit.” Conference keynote, Petru Maior Univ. of Tirgu Mures, Romania, May 18, 2017.

“Toward a New Geoliterary Order? A Critical Agenda for 21<sup>st</sup>-Century American Literature.” Lecture, Babes-Bolyai Univ., Cluj-Napoca, Romania, May 20, 2017.

“Language, Territory, Nation: American Literature in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” Lecture, Univ. of Bayreuth, Germany, July 4, 2016.

“National Museum and Global Archive: Literature and Aesthetics after the Nation-State.” Lecture, Univ. of Bucharest, Romania, and Museum of Romanian Literature, Bucharest, June 30, 2016.

“Coevalness and Critical Chronography.” Lecture, Univ. of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, April 1, 2016.

“Easing into the World: Contemporary American Literature as Geopositioning.” Lecture, The Society for Critical Exchange Winter Theory Institute, Slought Foundation, Temple University, and Univ. of Houston, Victoria, TX, Philadelphia, PA, Feb. 4-7, 2016.

“‘An environment of justice’: Reinventing the Communal in Post-9/11 U. S. Fiction.” Lecture, Univ. of London, Goldsmiths College, UK, Oct. 13, 2015.

“Mean Time and Critical Chronography: ‘Contemporary’ in U. S. Literature and Culture.” Lecture, Sheffield Hallam Univ., UK, Oct. 15, 2015.

“Where Literature Is: Map, Territory, Scale, and the Geopolitics of Reading.” Keynote, Lucian Blaga Univ. Theory Institute, Sibiu, Romania, Sep. 17-19, 2015.

“Past, Present, History: The Meaning of the Contemporary in U. S. Literature and Culture.” Lecture followed by workshop. Lucian Blaga Univ., Sibiu, May 5, 2015.

“Cultural Mapping and Contemporary U. S. Literature.” Lecture, Lucian Blaga Univ., Sibiu, May 6, 2015.

“American Literature and Culture in Global Society.” Lecture, Petru Maior Univ., Tirgu-Mures, Romania, May 7, 2015.

“Criticism and Methodology in 21st-Century Literary and Cultural Studies: The U. S. and Beyond.” Lecture and workshop. Petru Maior Univ., Tirgu-Mures, May 8, 2015.

“American Literary History after Transnationalism: A Discipline for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” Lecture followed by workshop. Center for American Studies, Univ. of Bucharest, Romania, May 11, 2015.

“Far-Flung Kinship: Reading American Fiction across Continents.” Lecture followed by workshop. Center for American Studies, Univ. of Bucharest, May 13, 2015.

“Literary History and National Culture: Provocations and Reorientations in the Post-Statal Age.” Univ. of Bucharest, Faculty of Letters, May 14, 2015.

“The Politics of Affect and the Global Imagination in Post-World War II American Narratives of Trauma.” Lecture followed by research workshop. Session in the Center’s “Cross-Cultural Encounters, Traumatic Affect, and Paths of Remembrance” Series. Center for American Studies, Univ. of Bucharest, Faculty of Letters, May 15, 2015.

“Postmodernism and After: The Problem of Literary-Cultural Intertextuality.” Radboud Univ., Nijmegen, the Netherlands, May 19-22, 2014 (three-part lecture).

“Indisciplined Literature: Aesthetics and Critique after the ‘Waning of Affect.’” Univ. of Bucharest, ALGCR Conference, July 11, 2014.

“The Planetary Remaking of Cultural Studies: Steps toward a Geomethodology.” The Netherlands Research Institute for Literary Studies, Univ. of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, May 14, 2014.

“The Dutch Atlantic: *Netherland* and the Rebirth of the Communal in the Post-9/11 United States.” Radboud Univ., Nijmegen, May 16, 2014.

“World, Globe, Planet: Global Studies and Beyond.” Lucian Blaga University, Sibiu, May 7, 2014.

“Postmodernism and Post-Postmodernism.” Petru Maior University, Tirgu-Mures, May 5, 2014.

“No Resting Place: Levinas, Gagarin, and the Technology of Posthumousness.” The Society for Critical Exchange Winter Theory Institute. Univ. of Houston, Victoria, TX. Feb. 7, 2014.

“Ethics, Cultural Memory, and the Postmodern Twilight.” Babes-Bolyai Univ., Cluj, Romania, April 30, 2013.

“Culture, Geopolitics, and Graduate Education in the Global Society.” Transylvania Univ., Braşov, Romania, May 2, 2013.

“Globalization and the New Cultural Imaginary.” Lecture and workshop, Transylvania Univ., Braşov, May 3, 2013.

“The Inorganic Intellectual.” The Society for Critical Exchange Winter Theory Institute. Univ. of Houston, Victoria, TX, Feb. 8, 2013.

“Plausible Aggregations: Space, Scalarity, and World-Reading in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” Univ. of Limoges, France, July 7, 2012.

“Culture in the Plural or, Cultural Studies after 9/11.” Univ. of Freiburg, Germany, July 19, 2012.

“September 11, Higher Education, and Cosmopolitan Literacy: An Asymmetric Manifesto.” Radboud Univ., Nijmegen, the Netherlands, Dec. 16, 2011.

“The Planetary Condition.” University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, Dec. 15, 2011.

“Making Room: An Accommodating Modernity.” Ohio State University, Nov. 15, 2011.

“Don DeLillo, American Literature, and the Post-Cold War World-System: Sketch for a Haptical Theory of Culture.” Univ. of Maryland, College Park, Sep. 9, 2011.

“Horizontal Tradition.” Invited major talk at the 2011 International Conference on Narrative, Washington Univ. in St. Louis, April 9, 2011, (“Narrative Theory II”).

“The Afterlife of Postmodernism: Paradigm Shift and Ethical Criticism in the New Millennium.” Univ. of Bucharest, American Studies Center, Dec. 19, 2011.

“Contemporaneity: Chronology, Meaning.” Univ. of Bucharest, Faculty of Letters, Dec. 20, 2011.

“No Joking Matter: Translation, Transnation, and the Production of the Human.” The 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference “Language, Literature, and Cultural Policies: Centers and (Ex-) Centricities.” Ruhr Univ., Bochum, Germany, and Univ. of Craiova, Romania. Craiova, Nov. 13, 2010.

“Terrible Subjects: American Studies after 9/11.” American Studies Center, Univ. of Bucharest, Nov. 15, 2010.

“Cosmodernism.” Univ. of Bucharest, Faculty of Letters, Nov. 15, 2010.

“Higher Education: 9/11, Cosmopolitan Literacy, and the New Pedagogical Imperative.” Univ. of Houston-Victoria. The Society for Critical Exchange Winter Theory Institute, Feb. 12, 2010.

“The Worlding of Disciplines.” Indiana Univ. Comparative Literature Dept. 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference, Feb. 26-28, 2010.

“Băsescu, c’est nous sau political - în teorie” [Băsescu, c’est nous or, the political - in theory”]. Univ. of Bucharest, June 4, 2009.

“The Politics of Theory.” Lecture and workshop run at University of Bucharest, Faculty of Letters, Dept. of Literary Theory, June 3, 2009.

“‘Global,’ ‘Globalization,’ ‘Americanization’: Grammar Politics in the ‘Post-Ideological’ Era.” The Romanian Association for American Studies and the Romanian – U. S. Fulbright Commission 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Univ. of Bucharest, Romania, May 22-24, 2008.

“Heterotopics: Space, Time, Identity.” Keynote. “Alterity and Identity: Geographies of the Mind.” Univ. of Bucharest Conference, May 31-June 2, 2007.

“Postmodernism and Literary Pla(y)giarism: Legal and Cultural Issues.” Univ. of Alicante, Spain, May 25, 2007.

“Sherwood Anderson and the Languages of Modernism.” Univ. of Alicante, May 23, 2007.

“Donald Barthelme’s *Snow White*: Modernism, Postmodernism (, and After?).” Univ. of Alicante, May 21.

“Copyrights, Copycat, and the Aura of Reproduction: A Look at Recent American Fiction.” Univ. of Freiburg, Germany, May 15, 2007.

“Graduate Studies and Professional Development.” Dept. of Comparative Literature. Indiana Univ., Bloomington, IN, March 23, 2007.

“Intellectual Elites.” Russian and East European Institute Conference, Indiana Univ., Bloomington, IN, March 24, 2007.

“The Exceedingly Long Nineteenth Century.” Russian and East European Institute Conference, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, March 24, 2007.

“Legitimate Issues: Culture and Authority in the Age of ‘Global Debt.’” Keynote. “Legitimizing Cultures, Cultures of Legitimacy: An International Conference.” Univ. of Bucharest, Nov. 23-25, 2006.

“Cultural Studies Now? Cultural Studies Now!” American Studies Center, Univ. of Bucharest, Nov. 22, 2006.

“Postmodernism and Its Fictions – Now.” Freiburg Univ., Germany, June 12, 2006.

“Roots, Rhizomes, and the Rebirth of Comparison: American Studies in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” Univ. of Bucharest, Nov. 28, 2005.

“Fables of Outsourcing: Toward a Global Narrative Economy.” Freiburg Univ., Germany, May 25, 2005.

“Globalism, Culture, and New Proximity.” UNCG, Romance Languages Dept., Nov. 17, 2005.



“Cosmopolis Revisited: Space, Time, and Togetherness in the New Millennium.” UNCG Research Excellence Lecture, April 5, 2004.

“Translation: Language, Culture, Eros.” The UNCG Honors Program, Jan. 30, 2002.

“The Brave New World of Risk.” The German Studies Roundtable, UNCG, April 26, 2002.

“Sanskripts: Lee Siegel’s, Nicole Mones’s, and Eva Hoffman’s ‘Translations.’” Indiana Univ., Feb. 20, 2002.

“Professional Development and Graduate Placement: The Dynamic Duo.” Indiana Univ., Feb. 20, 2002.

“The Globalization of Doubt and Postmodern Critique: Epistemology and Cultural Politics in a ‘Runaway World.’” North Carolina State Univ. Dept. of English, Faculty Speaker Series, Oct. 31, 2001.

“Tips for Effective Graduate Writing - Writing for Publication and Formal Presentation.” GRS 711: Academic and Professional Communication. Daniel Gould and Maureen Grasso, Instructors. UNCG, June 5, 2001.

“When Did Modernity Begin? Modernity, Modernism, Modernization, Postmodernism: A Few Interdisciplinary Questions and Issues.” The German Studies Roundtable, UNCG, Sep. 29, 2000.

“Cultural Memory and the Arts at the End of the Millennium.” The UNCG Honors Program, March 22, 2000.

“Revisionist Narratives of the 1970s: Ishmael Reed and E.L. Doctorow” (Indiana Univ., L655 “American Literature and Culture: 1900-1945,” Carolyn A. Mitchell’s class. April 16, 1996).

“John Barth, Donald Barthelme, and the Short Story as Specular Game” (C337/W406. “20<sup>th</sup> Century: Tradition and Change,” Matei Calinescu’s class. Dec. 4, 1995).

“The Politics of Poetic Intuition. Literature and Society in Postcommunist Perspective” (in German). Freie Waldorfschule Mannheim, Germany, April 29, 1992.

“Power and the Culture of Resistance in Posttotalitarian Society.” Foreign Service Institute, Washington, D.C., July 20, 1991.

### ***CONFERENCE PAPERS (NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL; CCA. 230—OMITTED)***

### ***CONFERENCE PANELS AND WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED AND CHAIRED (CCA. 30—SELECTION)***

“Literary History and the Dynamic of Transnationalism.” Workshop at the 4<sup>th</sup> ed. of the Critical Theory Institute, Lucian Blaga Univ. of Sibiu, Romania, Aug. 3, 2022.

“Romanian Literature and Romanian Studies: A 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Reset.” Workshop, 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Center for Romanian Studies in International Context, Ovidius Univ. of Constanta, Romania (videodelivered), Oct. 13, 2021.

“Geocriticism after the Spatial Turn: Countercartographies of the Contemporary.” Panel co-organized and co-chaired, 8th Annual Symposium of the Association for the Study of the Arts of the Present, University of Tartu, Estonia, Sep. 3, 2016. With Andrei Terian.

“Textual Materialities: Barthes and Beyond.” Panel chair, the Society for Comparative Literature and the Arts 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Eckerd College, FL, Oct. 11, 2014.

“U. S. Culture and Global Cultural Studies.” Graduate School for the Humanities, Radboud Univ., Nijmegen, the Netherlands, May 15, 2014.

“Literary History and Geopolitics in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” Roundtable, Lucian Blaga University, Sibiu, Romania, May 8, 2014.

“Planetary Relations: Arts after Postmodernism.” The Association for the Study of the Arts of the Present, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, Carnegie Mellon Univ., Oct. 28, 2011. With Amy J. Elias.

“Models of Authorship at the Turn of the Millennium: An Interdisciplinary Approach.” The 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the European Society for the Study of English. Univ. of Aarhus, Denmark, Aug. 26-28, 2008. Seminar co-organized (with Lourdes López Romero, Univ. of Alicante, Spain).

“Intertextual Relationships.” The 2001 Southern Comparative Literature Association (SCLA) Conference, Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Sep. 14, 2001. Panel chair.

“Symptoms of Theory: Nation, Enjoyment, Critique.” The MLA Convention, Washington, D.C., Dec. 27-30, 2000. Panel organizer and chair.

“[Linguistic Approaches to Propaganda].” American Name Society Conference, Washington, D.C., Dec. 29, 2000. Chair.

“Eastern Fantasies: Memoir, Romance, and Transactions of Identity in Mircea Eliade’s and Maitreyi Devi’s Fictions.” The MLA Convention, Chicago, IL, Dec. 28, 1999. Co-organizer and Co-chair (with Yumna Siddiqi).

“Pedagogy and Comparative Approaches in the Literary-Cultural Theory Class: New Strategies and Contexts.” The 1999 SCLA Anniversary Conference, The Univ. of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, Sep. 16-18, 1999. Co-organizer and Co-chair (with Jeffrey R. Di Leo)

“Global Narratives and Local Stories: The Cold War’s Hot Legacy.” The MLA Convention, San Francisco, Dec. 27, 1998. Special session chair.

“Narrative Practices in the Post-Cold War Era.” The 1998 International Conference on Narrative. Northwestern Univ., Evanston, IL, April 2-5, 1998. Panel organized (with Marcel Cornis-Pope). Chair and respondent.

“From ‘Intertextuality’ to ‘Intermediality.’” The 20<sup>th</sup>-Century Literature Conference, Univ. of Louisville, Feb. 20, 1996. Panel organized.

“Shame and Display.” The Society for the Study of Narrative Literature (SSNL) Convention, Columbus, Ohio, April 26, 1996. Chair.

“Models of Writing: From Poststructuralism to Cultural Studies,” The ACLA Conference, Univ. of Notre Dame, April 11-13, 1996. Chair.

“Intertextuality in Contemporary American Fiction: Nabokov, Updike, Pynchon.” The 20th-Century Literature Conference, Univ. of Louisville, KY, Feb. 22, 1996. Invited Chair.

“Postmodern Thought and ‘Prepostmodern’ Cultures,” The MLA Convention, Chicago, Dec. 28, 1995. Chair.

“Postmodern Poetics and the Technological Imagination.” The ACLA Conference, The Univ. of Georgia, Athens, March 16-18, 1995. Panel organized.

### ***HONORS, AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS***

- 2016- Class of 1949 Distinguished Professor in the Humanities, UNCG
- 2016 Class of 1952 Distinguished Professor of English, UNCG
- 2021-2025 European Research Council Grant (Associate PI and Project Supervisor; \$2,000,000 research grant)
- 2005-2007; 2010, 2012, 2016, 2020 (deferred), 2023 (awarded Nov. 3, 2022) Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship, Freiburg Univ., Germany; Konstanz Univ., Germany; Ludwig-Maximilians Univ., Munich, Germany
- 2020 UNCG International Programs Center, Fulbright Student Award Campus Committee Evaluation, Member
- 2014, 2015 Fulbright Specialist Grant, U. S. Studies, the Netherlands, lecture tours, May 11-27, 2014; Univ. of Bucharest, Lucian Blaga Univ., Sibiu, and Petru Maior Univ., Targu-Mures, Romania, May 4-18, 2015
- 2012- Senior Fulbright Specialist
- 2007 UNCG Regular Faculty Grant
- 2007, 2008 UNCG Center for Critical Inquiry Fellowship
- 2005, 2007, 2012, 2020 UNCG Kohler Research Award
- 2012, 2004, 1999 UNCG Summer Excellence Research Award
- 2016 UNCG Faculty First Fellowship
- 2004- UNCG College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Merit Awards for Research and Publication
- 2003 UNCG Research Excellence Award (Assistant-Associate Professor level)
- 2010- UNCG Scholars’ Travel Fund Awards
- 2003- UNCG International Travel Fund Awards
- 2002 UNCG College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Merit Awards for Research and Publication and Teaching
- 2001, 2010, 2017, 2019 UNCG Publication Grants
- 2001 Nomination for UNCG College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Merit Award for Teaching
- 2000 UNCG College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Merit Award for Research
- 1999- UNC Chapel Hill Center for Slavic, Eurasian, and East European Studies Fellowship
- 1998 Indiana Univ. Future Faculty Development Fellowship. Declined for UNCG Assistant Professor position
- 1997 Indiana Univ. Second Semester Research Fellowship
- 1997 Indiana Univ. College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Teacher and Scholar Fellowship
- 1996 Indiana Univ. Comparative Literature Dept. A.I. Distinguished Teaching Award
- 1995 Indiana Univ., College of Arts and Sciences Travel Grant
- 1993-94 Indiana Univ. Graduate Fellowship

- 1992-93 Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship, Heidelberg Univ., Germany. Research grant  
 1991 National Forum Foundation Internship Award, Washington, D.C.  
 1990 Fondation pour une entr-aide intellectuelle européenne Fellowship, Paris, France  
 1989 Goethe Fellowship (Goethe-Institut, Schwäbisch-Hall, Germany)

## ***READER'S REPORTS / EVALUATOR FOR***

### **PRESSES (SELECTION)**

Oxford Univ. Press; Routledge; Northwestern Univ. Press; SUNY Press; Univ. of Nebraska Press; Longman; Bedford/St. Martin's, Univ. of South Carolina Press, Fairleigh Dickinson Univ. Press, Fordham Univ. Press, Palgrave Macmillan, Univ. of Michigan Press, Continuum, Bloomsbury, Rowman & Littlefield, Anthem Press, Cartea Romaneasca, Purdue University Press, Lever Press, Cornell Univ. Press, Brill

### **JOURNALS (SELECTION)**

*PMLA; Contemporary Literature; Postmodern Culture; Twentieth-Century Literature; Genre; Studies in the Novel; Poetics Today; World Literature Today; Utopian Studies; The Comparatist; Mosaic: A Journal for the Interdisciplinary Study of Literature; Canadian Review of Comparative Literature / Revue Canadienne de Littérature Comparée; LIT: Literature, Interpretation, Theory; Comparative Literature and Culture; Studies in American Humor; Intertexts; j\_spot: The Journal of Social and Political Thought; Tulsa Studies in Women's Literature; symploke; Orbis Litterarum: International Review of Literary Studies; Studies in American Culture; Studies in Popular Culture; Journal of Dutch Literature; College English; JNT: Journal of Narrative Theory; electronic book review (ebr); Journal of World Literature; Open Library of Humanities (OLH); Neohelicon, Revista de Ciencias de las Religiones; GeoHumanities; Textual Practice; Imbizo; mediAzioni; Dibur Literary Journal, Stanford Univ.'s Taube Center for Jewish Studies; Cultural Critique; International Journal of Science, Technology, and Society; Comparative Literature Studies; European Journal for Life Writing; Nouvelles Études Francophones; Academia Letters; Open Philosophy; Studia Universitatis Babeş-Bolyai Philologia*

### **GRANT APPLICATIONS AND TENURE / PROMOTION DOSSIERS**

Univ. of Louisiana; West Virginia Univ.; West Chester Univ.; East Carolina Univ.; Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada; Discipline Peer Review Committee Member, U. S. Council for International Exchange of Scholars/Institute of International Education Fulbright Specialist Program; The Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO) and the Dutch Council for the Humanities; Sheffield Hallam Univ., UK; Texas State Univ., San Marcos; Baruch College; Lucian Blaga Univ., Sibiu, Romania; Alexandru Ioan-Cuza Univ., Iasi, Romania; Univ. of Bucharest, Romania; Ruhr-Univ. Bochum, Germany; MacEwan Univ., Canada; Austrian Science Fund; European Research Council Referee (Invited June 2020); Transilvania University of Brasov, Romania

## ***ACADEMIC SERVICE (UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT, PROFESSION—SELECTION)***

1990-1998: Univ. of Bucharest; Indiana Univ.

1998-present: UNCG; UNCG highlights:

2020- UNCG International Programs Center, Fulbright Student Award, Campus Evaluation Committee member  
 2020-UNCG Atlantic World Research Network Advisory Board and Allocations Committee member  
 2018-2019: Postcolonial and World Literatures Search Committee Chair, Dept. of English and International and Global Studies  
 2019- Advisor, Indiana University, Walter Center for Career Achievement  
 2018- Lectureship Selection Committee, Dept. of English  
 2020 Post-Tenure Review Committee, Dept. of English  
 2019- Indiana University Walter Center for Career Achievement, Advisor  
 2014- Fulbright Specialist Peer Reviewer  
 2003-2006 Director of Graduate Studies, Dept. of English  
 2004- Research Excellence Award Review Committee (several years)  
 2007-2010; 2015-2016 College of Arts and Science Promotion and Tenure Committee  
 2005, 2016 College of Arts and Sciences Research Assignment Committee  
 2005- College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Advisor, New Faculty Research Grant Applications  
 2001-2013 University Research Grants Committee (several years)  
 2001-2003 Programs Director, Dept. of English  
 2007-2013, 2015-2016 UNCG New Faculty Program Mentor  
 1999-2013 UNCG General Ed. Writing- and Speaking-Intensive Committee (several years)  
 2000-2003 Commencement and Ceremonies Committee  
 1999- Fast Forward/iSchool Program Mentor (several years)  
 1998-2001 Graduate Studies Committee, Dept. of English  
 2009- Faculty Development Committee, Dept. of English  
 2008- Faculty Evaluation Committee, Dept. of English  
 2013-2015 Undergraduate Studies Committee, Dept. of English  
 1998-1999 Curriculum Revision Committee, Dept. of English  
 1998-2000 Graduate Placement Director, Dept. of English  
 1998-2001 Advisor, English Society, Dept. of English  
 1998-1999 Coordinator, "Globalism and Culture," Interdepartmental Reading Group

## ***FOREIGN LANGUAGES***

French, German, Romanian (fluent)

Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Latin, Ancient Greek (reading)

## ***MEMBERSHIPS***

MLA Modern Language Association

SCE Society for Critical Exchange

ACLA American Comparative Literature Association

ICLA International Comparative Literature Association

SCLA Society for Comparative Literature and the Arts

ISSN International Society for the Study of Narrative

ALA American Literature Association

ASAP Association for the Study of the Arts of the Present

AvHAA Alexander von Humboldt Association of America

SEAC Société d'Études Anglaises Contemporaines

ALGCR Romanian Association of General and Comparative Literature (honorary)