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EDUCATION

PhD. Purdue University -- Comparative Literature/Medical Humanities • 2007

Dissertation: “Transacting Sites of the Liminal Bodily Spaces,” *the first dissertation* on medical humanities at Purdue at the time, finished with the support of two fellowships;

<https://doi.org/10.1093/jhmas/jrp021> *Committee:* Dr. Thomas Adler and Dr. Elizabeth K. Mix (co-chairs); Dr. Keith Dickson and Dr. Floyd Merrell. *Areas of Expertise:* Comparative Contemporary Literature (emphasis on comparative theater, poetry, and medical humanities), Cultural and Literary Studies, Health Rights

M.A. Purdue University -- Comparative Literature • 2003

Thesis: “The Ontological and Epistemological Significance of Silence in the Works of Edward Hopper, Edvard Munch, Samuel Beckett, and Duane Hanson” *Committee:* Dr. Elizabeth K. Mix and Dr. Sandor Goodhart. *Areas of Expertise:* Literary Theory; Cultural Studies; Theater; the Arts

B.A. University of Bucharest -- Romanian Literature and Language; minor, American • 1998

Lucrare de licență: “Păsările și sentimentul libertății în romanul lui Alexandru Ivasiuc.” Main advisor: Dr. Eugen Negrici

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Mission: My ambition has always been to bring academia closer to the real world. That is, the ways in which I teach and engage with my students offer vibrant dialogues with applicable solutions.

When my alma mater did not have a Medical Humanities program, I requested that my research and dissertation did not stop because of that. I pushed limits because I believed (and still do) that, guided by knowledge and passion, I can thrive truly and profoundly. Furthermore, when I was a graduate student, faculty and students spoke timidly about female rights as human rights, intersectionality, immigration, mental health, sexuality, gender gaps of various kinds, etc. I have focused on these issues with the same diligence I conduct my daily interactions. Ultimately, my goal is to never forget that what keeps us together is an active participation in nearby and/or far communities; also, civilization improves if and only if Humanities are integrated into sciences, and together seek ways to improve life on Earth.

Keywords: *Medical Humanities; Immigration/World Literature; Neurodiversity/Neuro-humanities; Invisible Disabilities; STEAM; Integrated Pedagogy; Dramatic Literature; Performing Arts for Actors and Non-Actors; Creative Writing & Research; Applied Games and Other Hands-on Academic Activities; Enhanced/Embodied Communication; Publishing/Editing; Language and All Its Metaphors.*

TEACHING & PEDAGOGICAL EXPERIENCE

Current appointments:

Pace University, New York City, NY • (2014-present), **Undergraduate Educator, Full Adjunct Professor** *I have a strong record of interdisciplinary, pedagogical research and innovative, immersive, applied teaching tools with a focus on Health & Healing, The Arts, Performance, variations of Englishes, Translation & Interpretation, Criticism and Cultural Studies, Women's and Gender Studies, Immigration, Cinema, etc.* Courses taught (and created*): *LIT 213 E: Eastern European Literature (*learning community*); LIT 275: Disability Studies in Literature and Culture (*civic engagement, writing enhanced*); *ENG 223: Creative Writing: Healing Storytelling; *ENG 120: Language under the Microscope (*learning community, writing enhanced, Women's and Gender Studies*); *INT 299: Writing for Actors, Acting for Writers (*learning community, writing enhanced*); *LIT 211: Tragic and Comic Visions (*learning community, writing enhanced, American Studies*); *ENG 110: Man Trouble (*learning community, writing enhanced, Women's and Gender Studies*); LIT 211: American Family Drama (*online, writing enhanced*); AMS 202: Intro to American Studies (*learning community*); AMS 102: Intro to American Studies (*leaning community, Global Pathways students, English as a Second Language*); *INT 299 W: 21st Century Dramatic Texts as Inter-Cultural Dialogue (*honors, writing enhanced, learning community*); *LIT 211G: Worlds in Lit: Immigration and Englishes (*honors, writing enhanced, learning community, Women's and Gender Studies*); LIT 211 W: Women in Literature: Theater of Resistance (*writing enhanced*); LIT 303: Introduction to Cultural Studies (*writing enhanced*); LIT 211: The Individual and Society (*writing enhanced*); LIT 212: Romanticism and the Modern World (*writing enhanced*); ENG 120: Exile in Literature, Cinema & Visual Arts; ENG 201: The Movies: From Literature to Cinema; ENG 201: The Arts: Visual Arts, Drama, Dance & Music; ENG 201: Writing in the Disciplines; ENG 110: Composition

Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, NJ • (2011; 2014; 2017; 2022-present) **Graduate and Undergraduate Educator, Adjunct Professor** *I taught courses for the FYE that focused on the arts and sciences; I also taught more advanced courses on lit & sciences; I am currently teaching seminars on ESL/ ELL and the art of communication to foreign students. I also teach a colloquium in writing to undergraduate students, a requirement of their First-Year Experience.* Courses: ELC 71, 81: Writing and Speaking for Academic Purpose (graduate courses); CAL 103: Freshman Writing & Communication; HLI 220: Images of Science in Literature; HLI 318: Caribbean Literature and Culture; HLI 413: Literature by Women in English from 14th c until Today; HASS 103: Writing and Community Colloquium

Past appointments:

Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY • (2024, fall) **Undergraduate Educator, Adjunct Professor** *I have been assigned to teach asynchronously WRT 102: Intermediate Writing Workshop, where students learn strategies for extended academic writing assignments including textual analysis, argument or point of view, and multi-source, college-level research essays* **Centenary University**, Hackensack, NJ • (2023, fall) **Undergraduate Educator, Adjunct Professor** ENG 2026: Women Writers of the World *I taught an asynchronous course by focusing exclusively on the diverse écriture féminine as produced by female authors from around the world. The course served as a platform to talk about urgent matters like intersectionality based on sex and gender, equity, and body autonomy in a global context* **South China University of Technology**, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, China • (2021-2022) **Undergraduate Educator, Cohort of International Professors, Rutgers University Abroad Program** *I taught EAP (English for Academic Purposes) & Technical Communication Skills I & II), an online course that met Chinese STEM students online twice a week. The course focused heavily on integrating their skills into an academic research context as well as developing and improving their academic written English* **Wagner College**, Staten Island, NY •

(2012-2016; 2021-2022) **Undegraduate Educator, Adjunct Professor** *I taught several courses both in literature and writing: ENG 111 H (Honors) Non-Western Women's World Literature; ENG 110: Contemporary American Drama; ENG 101: College Writing; ENG 113: World Literature; ENG 291: Special Topics: Early Modern Women Writers* **Metropolitan College of New York**, Manhattan Campus, NY • (2011-2013) **Undegraduate Educator, Adjunct Associate Professor** *My primary responsibility was to teach Critical Thinking and Writing through the Study of Literature & Social Studies, a course where traditional approaches to literary studies were perfectly blended with non-traditional ones, e.g., practicing yoga and/or meditation techniques/mindfulness* **Hudson County Community College**, Jersey City, NJ • (2010-2012) **Undergraduate Educator, Instructor** *I taught Composition I & Composition II primarily to underrepresented and underserved students by focusing on crafting their life experiences into powerful statements, building stronger grammar, mechanics, and oral skills* **St. Peter's University**, Jersey City, NJ • (2010-2011) **Undergraduate Educator, Instructor** *I taught first-gen students Composition 102, Composition 104, and Special Topics in Literature: Immigration, courses in intermediate and advanced composition, as well as a special course dedicated to immigration, displacement, and literature* ***During 2008-2010 I was unemployed strictly on account of visa working restrictions** **Rutgers University**, New Brunswick, NJ • (2007-2008) **Undergraduate Educator, Part-Time Lecturer** *I taught Expository Writing, the mandatory course for all freshman students, a rigorous introduction into academic research and writing across fields of studies/disciplines*

CREATIVE EXPERIENCE

Playwright • (2011-Present)

Given my training in interdisciplinary, across disciplines background, as well as my exposure to trauma, after years of academic publishing, I decided to take a leap of faith and write dramatic literature. The biggest achievement is my trilogy on breast cancer, the only one currently in the world. Other distinctions include grants, awards, and commissions for writing plays (bilingually).

*(Legend: **P**, Premieres; **SR**, Staged Readings; **ZR**, Zoom Readings; **R**, Representations; and **OP**, Online Premieres)*

(SR, '25) *Map of T/Error*, Invited play, International Voices Project, Chicago, IL, Director TBA

(P, '24) *Cont'd Cancer, Choreographed* (Part of **Staging Breast Cancer Trilogy**), Cosmin Manolescu, Cristina Lilienfeld, et. al., Baia Mare, Cluj, and Bucharest, Romania

(P, '24) *Moss*, Village Playwrights' Annual Pride Festival 2024, with a support from the A.R.T. NYSCA Creative Opportunity Fund, Director Uni Coglioni, Theater for the New City, NYC, NY

(P, '23) *La tiza/Chalk*, Short Play Festival "In Between," Yun Theatre, Dramaturg Dr. Mona Merhi, Director Harvey Yan, Seattle, WA

(P, '23) *Cancer, Choreographed* (Part of **Staging Breast Cancer Trilogy**), Cosmin Manolescu, Cristina Lilienfeld, et. al., Bucharest-New York-Jersey City-Timișoara-Brașov

(P, '23) *The Phone Call*, Queens Play Festival, The Secret Theatre, Director Hannah Hill, New York, NY

(P, '22) *Sans Me*, Science in Theater Festival, Director Yueh-Yeh Li, The Tank, New York City, NY

(P, '22) *Man on the Moon*, S.P.O.T Festival, Director Shannon Keegan, SPOT, New York City, NY

(P, '22) *Man on the Moon* (radio version), Fresh Fruit Festival, New York City, NY

(P, '22) *In Her Head, In the Kitchen*, Radio Drama Festival, Canterbury, UK

(P, '22) *In Her Head, In the Kitchen*, Monologue Slam, Theater Y, New York City, NY

(P, '21) *Ce facem azi?*, Harta colecționarului de amintiri, Proiect UnTeatru, ARCUB și Primăria Municipiului București, România

(P, '21) *Mia (Four Installations)*, (Part of **Staging Breast Cancer Trilogy**), Director Handan Ozbilgin, Pace U & Identity Crisis Theater, HERE: Arts Center, New York, NY

(SR, '21) *Femeia care tot uită să se nască*, Lectură dramatică, Festivalul Internațional de Literatură și Traducere, Regia Ion Săpădaru, TNB, Iași, România

(P, '21) *Woman, a Choreopoem (or, That Time when Michelle Obama & I Had Da Hong Pao Tea)*, The Reboot Festival, Barons Court Theatre, London, UK, Director Sharon Willems

(SR, '21) *La țigă/Chalk*, Director Krista Schwarting, Valdez Last Frontier Theatre Conference, Anchorage, AK

(P, '21) *Cliffhanger*, The Players Theater, Short Plays Festival, New York City, NY

(R and workshop, '21) *Unpack*, 15th Edition of the National Symposium of Theatre and Performance Arts in Academe, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, VA

(R, '21) *Unpack*, Romanian Cultural Institute in London, UK

(SR, '21) *Against the White Male Savior Syndrome*, Black History Month, International Center for Women Playwrights, w/ Elena Harding, London, UK

(P, '21) *Unpack*, The Main Theatre, International Stage on Screen Festival, with Maria Alexe, Director Leo Băcica, Dramaturg Sharon Willems, Santa Clarita, CA

(ZR/Live Reading, '20) "Laika: Dreaming in Blue," Director Leo Băcica, London-NYC

(ZR) *A Lullaby for Alexandra/Cântec de leagăn pentru Alexandra*, w/ Katia Pascariu, NYC-Bucharest-London

(OP/ZR, '20) *Cliffhanger*, Theater Y, Online Festival during C-19, Director Hillary Ward, NY

(OP/ZR, '20) *Cliffhanger*, Short Plays Festival, The Players Theater, NYC, NY

(ZR, '20) *Against the White Male Savior Syndrome*, Play Slam of Protest, Lexington, VA

(OP, 20) *Snowdrops and Chlorine*, (Part of **Staging Breast Cancer Trilogy**), Director Pink (Reg) Flowers, Falconworks Theater Company, New York, Fall 2020 – with a grant from AFCN (Romanian National Cultural Fund Association)

(OP, '20) *Suicidal Dog and Laika*, U.S.- U.K.- Romanian co-production with a support from the Romanian Cultural Institute, Director Leo Băcica, New York

(OP, '20) *Ana* with Andrea Helen David, London, UK

(ZR, '20) *La Tîza*, The Shawnee Playwrights Original Series, Shawnee on Delaware, PA

(ZR, '20) *Rehearsing Lines, Clean, The Space Between Us, Cliffhanger, In Her Head, and In the Air* The C-19 Play Slam Zoom Experience, Coordinated by Dr. Domnica Rădulescu, Lexington, VA

(P, '20) *Moss*, Short Plays Festival, The Players Theater, New York City, NY

*(SR, '19) *Suicidal Dog and Laika*, “Testimony in Practice” series, Director Leo Băcică, University of Birmingham, UK

(SR, '19) *Suicidal Dog and Laika*, Director Olga Levina, RCINYC, New York City, NY

*(SR, '19) *Mia*, Director Handan Ozbilgin, LaGuardia Performing Arts Center, Long Island City, NY

*(SR, '19) *Suicidal Dog and Laika*, Finnish Institute of Culture, Director, Leo Băcica, London, UK

*(P, '19) *Am aflat... acum*, Trupa de teatru amatori a Colegiul Național de Arte “Regina Maria,” Centrul Multifunctional Educativ pentru Tineret Jean Constantin, Director Iulian Enache, Constanța, Romania

(SR, '19) *Suicidal Dog and Laika*, New Jersey Theater Center, Director Olga Levina, Jersey City, NJ

(SR, '18) *Suicidal Dog and Laika*, TheaterLab, Director Marcy Arlin, New York City, NY

(SR, '18) *Ce rămâne după viață?*, MNLR, Muzeul Național al Literaturii Române, Director Alexandru Nagy, Bucharest, Romania

(SR, '17) Scenes from *Mia*, “Nothing to Lose,” Romanian Cultural Institute, Director Rania Rashoodi, New York City, NY

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, ET. AL.

(2024-25) Dr. Iuliana Voroneanu, Postdoc Thesis: “Ipostaze feminine în piesele de teatru contemporan al scriitoarei din diaspora Cătălina Florina Florescu”, Universitatea “1 Decembrie”

Alba Iulia, Alba, Romania (NB: Her postdoc thesis analyzes three of my plays to talk about the autonomy of the female body, and dramatic literature and metaphors qua healing tools.)

(2024) Finalist, “Yard Sale,” Neurodivergent One Act Festival, Spectrum Theater Ensemble
Neurodivergent One Act Play Festival, Providence, RI

(2024) “Calming the Racing Mind through Cross-Stitches and Fabrics,” Experiential Learning
Award for LIT 211: Worlds in Literature, special guest, Rhonda Khalifeh

(2024) Recipient of an AFCN collaborative grant with Fundația Gabriela Tudor for “Roots,” a
project based on my script, “Cancer, Choreographed,” part of *Staging Breast Cancer Trilogy* (NB:
AFCN stands for Administrația Fondului Cultural Național, affiliated with the Ministry of Culture,
Romania)

(2023) Finalist, “Feminizium,” New Venture Play Festival: The Evolution of Human Rights, The
Philadelphia Artists’ Collective, Philadelphia, PA

(2022) Recipient of an AFCN collaborative grant with Fundația Gabriela Tudor for “Copacul vieții,”
a project based on my script, “Cancer, Choreographed,” part of *Staging Breast Cancer Trilogy*, Romania

(2022) Finalist, “Clean,” The PGE Faces of America Monologue Festival #4, New York, NY

(2022) Recipient of a collaborative grant for “Cancer, Choreographed” for “București afectiv”,
ARCUB și Primăria Municipiului București, Romania

(2022) Recipient of an AFCN collaborative grant with AREAL for a project based on my script,
“Cancer, Choreographed,” part of *Staging Breast Cancer Trilogy*, Romania

(2022) Recipient of a Faculty-Student Research Grant, Pace University, “6,000 Miles Away from
Home: Mapping out My Ukraine”

(2022) Semi-Finalist, “The Space between Us,” MadLab Theatre Roulette, Columbus, OH

(2021) Finalist, “Woman, A Choreopoem,” Occupy the Stage ’22, Women’s Theatre Festival,
Raleigh, NC

(2021) Finalist, “La tiza,” Arts and Letters Prize for Drama, Georgia College, Milledgeville, GA

(2020) Finalist, Play of the Year National Competition, “Femeia care tot uită să se nască”, UNITER,
Bucharest, Romania

(2019) *Moss*, English language shorts finalist Carlo Annoni Playwrighting Prize, Milano, Italy

(2019) Recipient of an AFCN grant for developing a play and a project about cancer, Romania

(2019) 2nd prize for “Am aflat... acum” (in Romanian), National New Comedy Competition,
14th Edition, Teatrul de Comedie, București, Romania

- (2019) Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2018-2019, English Department, Pace University
- (2019) Setter Leadership Awards Nominee 2018-2019, Schimmel Theater, Pace University
- (2019) Recipient of an AFCN prize for developing a commissioned play in collaboration with Teatrul de Stat Constanța. Title (in Romanian): “Am aflat... azi,” Director: Iulian Enache, Romania
- (2018) Recipient of a Faculty-Student Research Grant, Project: “Reloading Classical Music: The Benefits of Music for College Students,” Pace University
- (2018) Recipient of a Faculty-Student Research Grant, Pace University, “Theater Education and Disability Studies”
- (2018) The Path Pace Innovation Award. Title of the project: “Civic Action,” for Learning Community Course “Worlds in Lit: Immigration & Englishes,” Pace University
- (2017) Recipient of the President Friedman and Provost Sukhatme’s Faculty-Student Research Grant, Pace University, Project: “Overlapped Semantics of Survival after Communism and War”
- (2017) Recipient of the President Friedman and Provost Sukhatme’s Faculty-Student Project: “Sharing Englishes & Social Media,” Undergrad Research Grant, ‘17-’18, Pace University
- (2017) The Path Pace Innovation Award. “Legacies: Moving Forward,” for Learning Community Course INT LC 299 Hon: 21st C Dramatic Texts as Inter-Cultural Dialogue, Pace University
- (2016) Modern Language Association, Forum Executive Committee, LLC Romanian, 2017-2020, New York, NY
- (2016) Recipient of the President Friedman and Provost Sukhatme’s Faculty-Student Research Grant, Pace University, Project: “Reinvented Emotions: An Interdisciplinary Project”
- (2014-2015) Reader and Judge, The Stanley Drama Award Competition, Wagner College, Staten Island, NY
- (2010-2013) Modern Language Association — International Bibliography Fellowship, New York, NY
- (2006-2007) PRF Research Grant, Comp Literature Department, Purdue U, “The Acquisition of the Body’s Language(s): An Interdisciplinary Study in Literature, Art, and Bioethics (*awarded to complete my dissertation*), West Lafayette, IN
- (2005-2006) Puskas Fellowship Award, Comparative Literature Department, Purdue U, “Carved in the Flesh: Discourses of Spatiality and the Bioethics of Medicine” (*awarded to complete my dissertation*), West Lafayette, IN
- (2004) Purdue Research Foundation, Summer Grant, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

PUBLISHING EXPERIENCE

Single-Authored and Edited Books • (2006-ongoing)

(2026) ***Rehearsing Cancer through Role-Play: Ten Lessons Plans for Students in Literary Analysis and Medical Humanities*** (Applied Pedagogy; Interdisciplinary Studies; Higher Education); Publisher: TBA. ISBN: TBA.

(2025) ***The Brain Is the Ocean We Live in*** (poetry); Publisher: TBA. ISBN TBA.

(2025) ***Map of T/Error*** (political play/war, violence, displacement, trauma); Publisher: Next Stage Press. ISBN TBA. Book launch: RCINYC/Drama Book Shop; London Book Fair, '25.

(2024) ***Corp de teatru (În cinci rochii strălucitoare)***; Editura Eikon. ISBN: 978-606-49-1112-4. (*Plays, Diaspora Literature; Limba și literatura română*), Book launches: The National Museum of Literature, Bucharest, '24; The National Theatre Festival, Bucharest '24; Târgu-Mureș Theater Festival, Fall '24; London Book Fair, '25. Reviewed in "Incursiuni in imaginar," vol. 15 (*single-authored*)

(2023) ***Female Playwrights and Applied Intersectionality in Romanian Theater*** ISBN: 9780367474140 (*Pedagogy; Interdisciplinary and Applied Theatrical Criticism; Translation*); Publisher: Routledge. Library of Congress Call Number: 2023044190. Publicity event: London, UK, Book Fair; Book launch: The National Theatre Festival, fall 2024, Book Review: World Literature Today (*single-authored*)

(2022) ***Borderless Thalia: A Multilingual, Pandemic Comedic Collection*** Publisher: Solis Press, UK. ISBN: 9781910146804. (*Plays; Pedagogy; Multilingual*) Library of Congress Call Number: <https://lccn.loc.gov/2022362629>. Book launches at the Drama Book Shop, May 16th, New York, The George Inn, London, UK, December 27th, 2023 (*edited*)

(2021) ***Staging Breast Cancer Trilogy*** ISBN: 9781667161334; (*Plays; Health; Medical Humanities; Curriculum*) Publisher: NoPassport Press, Ed. Caridad Svich. Library of Congress Call Number: <https://lccn.loc.gov/2021392152>. Special interviews with breast cancer survivors and activists: Rebecca Pine, Michael Singer, and Catherine Guthrie. Events (for) *Mia*: Reading & Discussion: "Nothing to Hide," Romanian Cultural Institute in New York, 2017; Invited talk: "The Interplay of Ekphrastic Readings of Femininity Post-Mastectomy," Harvard U, 2017; Special event (Sponsored by Women's and Gender Studies and Office for Student Success): "The Art and Theater of Femininity" with invited guest, Thedra Cullar-Ledford, Pace U, 2018; Performance: Stage reading, Directed by Handan Ozbilgin, NYC, 2019. Special event (Sponsored by the Office for the Dean of Students, Student Development and Campus Activities and the English Department): "Woman's HER/Story Month: Reclaiming the Female Body" with talks from *Mia* and *Behind the Sheet*, Florescu and Simpson, playwrights, and Handan Ozbilgin, director, Pace U, 2019; Special Talk: 30 Minutes of *Mia* at New York U Educational Theater and Drama Therapy Forum: Theater and Health, April

2019; *Mia, or One Story of the Ill Body and the Transformative Force of the Theater*, Romanian Cultural Institute in Vienna; Mia comes to Romania, Talk via Skype with students enrolled in their 3rd year American Studies major, U of Bucharest, prof. Diana Benea, November 2019; World Premiere, Directed by Handan Ozbilgin, HERE: Arts Center, 2021; (for *Cancer, Choreographed*, World Double World Premiere in Bucharest, Romania, and New York, US. WellDance, a workshop at Pace University; several interviews on the radio and TV (in Romanian) (*single-authored*)

(2019) *The Rebelled Body Plays* ISBN: 9780359513079; (*Plays; Politics; Health; Medical Humanities*) Library of Congress Call Number: <https://lccn.loc.gov/2018487029>. Book launch/Press: 23 January 2020 New York Public Library; 24 January 2020 Seminary Co-Op, Chicago; 9 February 2020 Radio Romania Cultural; 16 February 2020 Romanian Times; 27 March 2020 Purdue University (postponed, C-19); 7-8 April, Workshops, Bradley University, a residency sponsored in part by Richard and Gretchen Ibsen Endowment for distinguished theater artists (*single-authored*)

(2018) *Teatru* Editura Tracus Arte. ISBN: 9786066649285; (*Teatru, Limba și literatura română*) București, Romania. Press: Hora; Goethe Institute Interviu; Bookaholic Interviu; Elle Magazine Interviu; et. al. Book Launches: Casa Avramide, 22 June 2018, Tulcea; Teatrul de Stat Constanța, 25 June 2018 – Festivalul “Miturile Cetății”; Cărturești (Carusel), Bucharest, 30 iunie 2018; Readings: “All for Theater” hosted by the U.S. Embassy in Bucharest, 19 June 2018 (*single-authored*)

(2017) *The Night I Burned My Origami Skin* ISBN: 9781681143859; (*Poetry*) Anaphora Literary Press. Public Reading: 04/13, Symposia Bookstore, Hoboken, NJ; Showcased at the 2018 Poets House Showcase, New York, NY; and the 70th Anniversary Philadelphia Writers’ Conference, Philadelphia, PA; Library of Congress Call Number: <https://lccn.loc.gov/2017954204> (*single-authored*)

(2017) *Of Silences in Munch, Beckett, Hopper, and Hanson (A Monograph)* ISBN: 9783330336926; (*Literary Criticism, Art Criticism, Philosophy of Being; Performance Studies*) LAP LAMBERT Academic Publishing, Germany (NB: *This monograph is currently available in French, German, Portuguese, Spanish, and Italian*) (*single-authored*)

(2017) *Transnational Narratives in Englishes of Exile* ISBN: 978 498539456; (*Exile/Immigration in Literature and Film, Englishes, Cultural Studies, Interdisciplinary Studies, Transnational Literatures*) Lexington Books, Rowman and Littlefield Publishing Group, Lanham, MD. Book launches: CEERES of Voices, U of Chicago, IL, March 23rd, 2018 ; The Harriman Institute, Columbia U, April 20th, 2018; Library of Congress Link: <https://lccn.loc.gov/2017958987>. Peer-reviewed in *Journal of Postcolonial Writing* (57.3) and *Comparative Literature Studies* (57) (*co-edited, based on a concept solely designed by me*)

(2013) *Disjointed Perspectives on Motherhood* ISBN: 9780739183175; (*Literary Criticism, Comparative Feminism, Motion Picture*) Lexington Books, Rowman and Littlefield Publishing Group, Lanham, MD, 2013. Publicity event: MLA Book Exhibit, Chicago, IL, 2014 Library of Congress Call Number: PN56.5.M67 D57 2013 OVERFLOWA5S; Listed on *Women’s Studies Journal* (*edited*)

(2011) *Inventing Me/Exerciții de retrăit* ISBN: 9876063810131; (*Non-Fiction Memoir, Diaspora Literature; Limba și literatura română*) Editura Scrisul Românesc, Craiova, Romania Press release:

Biblioteca Județeană Alexandru și Aristia Aman, Craiova, July 2011. Review: “Direcția superioară a spiritului creator” by N.N. Negulescu, *Constelații diamantine* 2.3 (7) 2011 (*single-authored*)

(2011) *Transacting Sites of the Liminal Bodily Spaces* ISBN: 9781443826938; (*Literary Criticism, Medical Humanities, Attitudes toward Death*) Cambridge Scholars Publishing, London, U.K.; Electronic version accessible at <http://search.ebscohost.com/> (2001-2007) Library of Congress Call Number: PN56.B62 F56 2011; National Institute of Health ID: NLM ID: 101609083; National Library of Medicine Call Number: 2013 G-172 (*single-authored*)

PUBLISHING EXPERIENCE

Book Chapters • (2002-ongoing)

(2025) “Solitude: An Original Script, Interrupted.” *Intersectional Singularity: A Speculative Fiction Discourse on Race, Sex, and Gender from Machine Learning to Sentient Droids*. The Ohio State UP. Eds. Christene d'Anca and Darren Borg. The Ohio State UP. (forthcoming)

(2024) “Childhood/Dytynstvo”; “The Beginning of Memories”; “When One Is Missing...” and “If We Die Right Now.” *SHATTERED/ Artists Inspired by Artists*. Eds. Oana Cajal and Claudia Serea. New Meridian Arts. US. (forthcoming)

(2023) “Woman, a Choreopoem (or That Time when Michelle Obama & I Had Da Hong Pao Tea),” *Immigrant Voices in the Pandemic*, Eds. Roxana Cazan and Domnica Rădulescu, Solis Press, London, UK

(2022) “Rehearsing Lines.” *Borderless Thalia: A Multilingual, Pandemic Comedic Collection*, ed. Catalina Florina Florescu. Solis Press. London, UK

(2021) “2 Sisters, 2 Stories: Breast Cancer, Femininity, and Body Ownership.” *Ludics: Toys, Games, and Play from Antiquity to the Present*, eds. Vassiliki Rapti and Eric Gordon, Palgrave Macmillan

(2020) “La tiza” (A One-Act Play). *Voices on the Move: Writing by and about Refugees*. Eds. Roxana Cazan and Domnica Rădulescu. Solis Press, UK

(2020) “Unsent Letters, 1992-2020.” *Breasts across Motherhood: Lived Experiences and Critical Examinations*, eds. Patricia Drew and Rosann Edwards, Demeter Press

(2017) “Introduction” and “Mise en abîme with my Immigrants.” *Transnational Narratives in Englishes of Exile*. Lexington Books, Rowman and Littlefield Publishing Group, Lanham, MD

(2016) “Ruins and Memorials: Challenging Absence Architecturally in New York City.” *The City since 9/11: Literature, Film, Television*. Ed. Keith Wilhite. Fairleigh Dickinson UP

(2015) “Scrabble Cancer Project: To Mom, forever (Notes from an Ongoing Diary).” *Looking for the Enemy: The Eternal Internal Gender Wars of Our Sisters*. Eds. Monique Ferrell and Julian Williams. Dubuque: Kendall Hunt Publishing Company

(2014) “Police, Adjective: A Journey and a Halt straight to the Center of Words.” *Small Cinemas in Global Markets: Genres, Identities, Narratives*. Ed. Lenuta Giukin. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield Publishing Group. 51-66

(2013) “Nomad/”Romanglish.”” *Between History and Personal Narrative: East-European Women’s Stories of Migration in the New Millennium*. Eds. Maria-Sabina Draga Alexandru, Mădălina Nicolaescu, Helen Smith. Berlin: LIT Verlag

(2013) “Mother-less: Joan Didion’s Blue Nights and David Lindsay-Abaire’s Rabbit Hole.” *Disjointed Perspectives on Motherhood*. Ed. Catalina Florescu. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books

(2011) “The Secret Passage.” Illustrator Rachel Tobias

<https://www.amrtastudios.com/narrative/Lafayette—Our Cancer Year>. E-book:

<http://www.purdue.edu/discoverypark/oncological/about/cancer-stories.php>, Purdue U

(2010) “Performing Memories: Communism as Rhizome.” *Romanian Culture in the Global Age*. Eds. Rodica Mihăilă and Dana Mihăilescu. U of Bucharest P

(2010) “Ne Habeas Corpus in Brian Clark’s *Whose Life Is It Anyway?* and Alejandro Amenábar’s *The Sea Inside*,” *The Patient: Essays in the Medical Humanities*. Eds. Harold Schweizer and Kimberly R. Myers, Bucknell UP

(2009) “Of Genes, Mutations, and Desires in Moacyr Scliar’s *The Centaur in the Garden* and Franz Kafka’s *The Metamorphoses*.” *The Body in Medical Culture*. Ed. Elizabeth Klaver, SUNY

(2002) “The Double Rhetoric in William Shakespeare’s *Othello* and *Richard II*.” *Fuzzy Spaces*. Eds. Sibel Sayili and Natasa Momcilovic. Purdue UP, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures

PUBLISHING EXPERIENCE

Critical Essays & Creative Publications • (2006-ongoing)

(2025) “The Question of How Are You,” Crab Creek Review, Spring edition

(2024) “Birth of a Tank” (experimental/hybrid writing), EgoPhobia # 82

(2024) “The Glass Blowers” (short play), Impost, volume 18.

(2024) “Whose Earth Is It Anyway? I came, I studied, and I stayed here,” (op-ed), Consequence Forum, September issue.

(2024) “Sipping Water While Drowning,” (flash story), ZiNDaily. <https://www.zvonainari.hr/zin-daily>. September issue.

(2024) *A Lullaby for Alexandra/Cântec de leagăn pentru Alexandra* (a one-act play), Journal of Civic Media, Volume 4-5.

(2024) “Medicine Paper,” “Will,” and “The Beginning of Memories,” (poems), Red Fern Review

(2024) “The Smell of Gas Reminded Her of Sylvia Plath,” (poem) Planoplyzine # 37

(2024) “To Be Continued...” (bilingual poem), Modern Poetry in Translation

(2024) “When One Is Missing” (poem), Consequence Forum

(2024) *Mergând spre necunoscut, Împreună* (a one-act play, in Romanian), EgoPhobia #79

(2023) “The Stubborn Sagging Kitchen Cabinet,” (poem) Consilience. “Time” Issue.

(2023) *Dissecting Geography*, Literature Today, (1MP) July 2023 Edition

(2023) *What Americans Missed: Cancer, Choreographed*, (op-ed) EgoPhobia #77

(2023) *Effervesce* (play and two images by Constantin Găvenea), EgoPhobia #75

(2023) “The Many Cri(s)es of Mia,” American, British, and Canadian Studies, Lucian Blaga University, Sibiu, (applied academic essay) (Volume 29)

(2022) “Zămislirea,” (short story), LiterNet: Portal Cultural.

(2022) “Childhood/Dytynstvo” (poem), *Shattered. Picto-Impulses of War. Artists Inspired by Artists in Solidarity with the People of Ukraine*. Created by Oana Cajal. LaMama International

(2022) “Two Trains” (1MP), Contemporary One-Minute Plays, Fresh Words: An International Literary Magazine, (Volume 1)

(2022) “Chakras” (a one-act play), Fresh Words: An International Literary Magazine, *Contemporary One Act Plays* (Volume 3)

(2022) “Home” (10-minute play), *The Ripped Festival*, American Blues Theater

(2021) “Rehearsing Lines” (a 15-minute play), The Pirandello Society of America

(2020) “Three Situations, One Narrator” (flash stories), Time of the Poet Republic

(2020) *Rehearsing Lines* (a ten-minute play), Hektoen International (Hektoen Institute of Medicine)

(2020) Featured poet, The Blue Nib, 43 issue.

- (2020) *Effervesce* (based on a play; graphic novel), Hektoen International (Hektoen Institute of Medicine)
- (2020) “Try Them All (personal narrative); The Space Between Us (a short play),” The RSAA Journal, Volume 1
- (2020) *Cliffhanger* (a ten-minute play), Hektoen International (Hektoen Institute of Medicine)
- (2020) “Remember That Time When March Stopped?” (op-ed) The RSAA Journal, 1
- (2018) “The Night that Forgot to Become Day,” (flash story) The Esthetic Apostle, Summer edition
- (2018) “Animalitate/Creepology” and “Coasta Evei/Eve’s Rib,” (bilingual flash story) Levure littéraire, Magazine international d'information et d'éducation culturelle14
- (2018) “Looking Away,” (op-ed) The RSAA Journal, 1.1
- (2017) “Andrei Șerban Metamorphosing *The Sea Gull*,” (review) Scena, 38
- (2017) “Everybody Wants to Be like Me: Sameness and Difference in Bernard Pomerance’s Play *The Elephant Man*,” (academic essay) Le Comparatisme comme approche critique/Comparative Literature as a Critical Approach, ed. Anne Tomiche, Paris, Classiques Garnier
- (2017) *Ebony Bones* by Iulia Pană, transl. by Adrian G. Sahlean. The RSAA Journal, (review) 1.1
- (2015, *reprinted*) “The Dance of Life Accompanied by the Music of Death in Yasmina Reza’s Plays and Novels,” (academic essay) Journal of Virtual Realities, Interactive Dramas, and Literary Constructs. 8.1 (2015). 35-48
- (2013) “Four Short Literary Incisions” (“Or How I Have Started to Write about Things that Did not Let Me Sleep”), (flash fiction) Hektoen International (Hektoen Institute of Medicine)
- (2012) “There Is Something about Deception: The Crude Perspective in Neil LaBute’s Play *Fat Pig*” (academic essay) Texas Theatre Journal. 6.1
- (2012) “Identity, Hospital, and Cancer: The Story of Lucy Grealy,” (academic essay) Journal of International Women’s Studies. 13.1
- (2012) “The X-Rayed Memory of a Cancerous Breast,” (personal narrative) DisClosure: A Journal of Social Theory. College of Arts and Science. U of Kentucky. 21: 80-82
- (2012) “Into the Silence of the Objects: Analyzing Beckett’s Nothingness,” (academic essay) Babilonia: Revista Lusófona de Línguas, Culturas e Tradução. 10-11: 49-60.
- (2012) “My Blue Escape, My Otherness of Being,” (personal narrative) Touchstone Magazine. English Department, Kansas State U. 44: 26-27
- (2011) “Who Is Not Sylvia? A Character Analysis of Stevie from Edward Albee’s *The Goat, or Who Is Sylvia?*” (academic essay) The AnaChronisT. #16

- (2011) “Violated Intimacy or Procreation non Sequitur in Cristian Mungiu’s Film *432*,” (academic essay) Otherness: Essays and Studies. The Center for Studies in Otherness. 2.2
- (2011) “Impossible Returns through Joy Kogawa’s Novel *Obasan*,” (academic essay) Issue: Multilingual Realities in Translations. Reconstruction: Studies in Contemporary Culture. 11.1
- (2011) “Reinventing Demeter through Persephone’s Suffering and Altruism,” (academic essay) The Problems of Literary Genres. 54.1
- (2011) (I Am) Still Here—Performing Memory Using Mobile Devices,” (academic essay) Journal of Contemporary Thought. 33 Summer
- (2011) “An Analysis of Athol Fugard’s *Master Harold* ... and the Boys,” (academic essay) Encyclopedia of General Themes in Literature. Ed. Jennifer McClinton-Temple, New York: Facts on File, Inc.
- (2010) “Narrating and Performing the Pain of the Other in Paula Vogel’s *The Baltimore Waltz* and Bryony Lavery’s *Last Easter*,” (academic essay) CLCWeb: Comparative Literature and Culture. 12.3
- (2010) “Disappeared,” (hybrid narrative) EAPSU: A Journal of Critical and Creative Work. 7: 78-89
- (2010) “Miasma and/as Uncontrolled Political Discourses,” (academic essay) Atenea: A Bilingual Journal of the Humanities and Social Sciences. 30.1-2
- (2010) “End of Season Liquidation Sale,” (flash story) Hektoen International. 2.3
- (2009) “The Atrophy of *Esse Est Percipi* in Neil Jordan’s *The End of the Affair*,” (academic essay) Language, Literature and Cultural Studies / Langue, littérature et études culturelles. 2.2
- (2008) “Questioning Two Canonical Concepts of ‘Self’ and ‘Authenticity’ in Pedro Almodóvar’s Film *All about My Mother*,” (academic essay) University of Bucharest Review: A Journal of Literary and Cultural Studies. U of Bucharest, 10.1: 136-141
- (2008) “*Ars Moriendi*, the Erotic Self, and AIDS,” (academic essay) Media/Culture Journal. 11.3
- (2008) “Selective Lobotomy: Of Politically (In)Correct Issues in David Wojnarowicz’s Artworks,” (academic essay) Artciencia. 9.4
- (2007) “The Dance of Life Accompanied by the Music of Death in Yasmina Reza’s Plays and Novels,” (academic essay) Journal of Drama Studies: An International Journal of Research on World Drama in English. 1.2
- (2006) “Verbal and Visual Rhetorics of Cancer: Defying Cancer in Margaret Edson, Audre Lorde, and Jo Spence’s Works,” (academic essay) Journal of International Women’s Studies. 8.1
- (2006) “Betrayed Hopes, Wounded Bodies: Whose Reality Matters in David W. Hwang’s *M. Butterfly* and Tony Kushner’s *Angels in America*?” (academic essay) American. 4.1

(2006) “Teaching Plan for Samuel Beckett’s *Krapp’s Last Tape*,” (applied criticism) Theatre Pedagogy Papers, MATC, The Mid-America Theatre Conference, CD-ROM

PUBLISHING EXPERIENCE

Associate Editor • (2024-2027)

Theatre Annual: A Journal of Theatre and Performance of the Americas, Williamsburg, VA, Published by the College of William & Mary. *I prepare one issue/year; I promote the annual issue; I distribute a call for submissions; I conduct anonymous peer-review; I carry out the production work; and I liaise with contributors. My first term is as an associate editor; my subsequent term, I serve as the full editor of the publication*

FACULTY SERVICE AND ACCOLADES

Pace University, New York City Campus • (2016-present)

(2024) Creator of a learning community course, Eastern European Literature, *first-time ever offered at Pace University*

(2023) Advisor for Oliver Schofield, Gerard Cannon Award, First Place: “I Have the Key to the Incinerator,” Writing Awards, Annual Event (Course taught: INT 299 Writing Actors, Acting Writers)

(2023) Workshop on Movement for Breast Cancer; Guests: Cosmin Manolescu, Cristina Lilienfeld, and Michael Singer

(2022) Advisor for Julia Tretyakov, Faculty-Student Research Grant, Pace University, Project: “6,000 Miles Away from Home: Mapping out My Ukraine”

(2020) Man Trouble Course Guest Speakers Series Funded by the Straus Thinking and Learning Center

(2019) WEC Awards Ceremony, Advisor for Isabella Crotti, winner, for a piece titled “The Untold Stories of Female Immigrants: An Analysis of Life As A Female Immigrant through Zhu Yi’s *Holy Crab*” (Course taught: LIT 211W, Women in Literature, Fall 2018); 2019 WEC Awards Ceremony, Advisor for Jameson Lowenstein, winner, for a piece titled “*Dear Evan Hansen*: A Massacre of Queer Family Dynamics” (Course taught: 21st Century Dramatic Texts as Inter-Cultural Dialogue, Fall 2018)

(2019) World Theater Day Bakeoff Celebration, Diversity, a program organized in collaboration with Denise Santiago, Director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, 27 March, Pace U

(2018) Advisor for Emily Peguero, Faculty-Student Research Grant, Pace University, Project: “Reloading Classical Music: The Benefits of Music for College Students,” summer

(2018) Advisor for Sophie MacArthur, Faculty-Student Research Grant, Pace University, Project: “Theater Education and Disability Studies,” summer

(2018) WEC Awards Ceremony, Advisor for Danielle Matilla, winner, for a piece titled “Globalization Leads to Oppression of National Individuals” (Course taught: LIT 211G, Worlds in Literature: Immigration & Englishes, Spring 2018); 2018 WEC Awards Ceremony, Advisor for Ethan Coniglio, winner, for a piece titled “*The Humans* by Stephen Karam at Nichols Private School,” (Course taught: INT 299W, 21st Century Dramatic Texts as Inter-Cultural Dialogue, Fall 2017); 2018 WEC Awards Ceremony, Advisor for Elizabeth Bell, winner, for a piece titled “Wollstonecraft and Edgeworth: Women in Society,” (Course taught: LIT 212 R, Romanticism & the Modern World, Spring 2018); 2018 WEC Awards Ceremony, Advisor for Julia Walton, winner, for a piece titled “Exploring the Implications of Being Human: The Manifestation of Dehumanization,” (Course taught: INT 299W, 21st Century Dramatic Texts as Inter-Cultural Dialogue, Fall 2017); 2018 WEC Awards Ceremony, Advisor for Brian Frank, winner, for a piece titled “Feminist Themes in Romantic Artwork and Literature,” (Course taught: LIT 212 R Romanticism & the Modern World, Spring 2018)

(2018) “Teaching Empowerment Using Female Romantic Writers,” Femmepowerment Conference

(2018) Research Faculty by the Discipline, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences, Manhattan Campus

(2017) Advisor for Casey Pidcock, “Cautionary Letters (of War and Communism),” part of Pace President Krislov’s inaugural student exhibit

(2017) Advisor for Chloe Richards, the Provost’s Undergraduate Research Grant Title of the Project: “Sharing Englishes and Social Media”

(2018) Creator of an honors, learning community course, Immigration and Englishes

(2017) Advisor for Casey Pidcock, Pace Undergraduate Student and Faculty Research Program, Student Engagement and Retention Specialist in the Division for Student Success, Title of the Project: “Overlapped Semantics of Survival after Communism and War,” summer

(2017) Invited talk, “Writing in Exile.” May Day: A Pace U “Teach-In.” Manhattan Campus

(2017) WEC Awards Ceremony, Advisor for Charlotte McPherson, winner, for a piece titled “Amir: An Individual from *Disgraced* by Ayad Akhtar,” (Course taught: LIT 211, The Individual & Society, fall 2016); 2017 WEC Awards Ceremony, Advisor for Mukta Oberoi, winner, for a piece titled “New Encounters: Reflections on Fatal Migration by Josh Begley,” (Course taught: LIT 211, The Individual & Society, fall 2016); 2017 WEC Awards Ceremony, Advisor for Brandon Amato, winner, for a piece titled “Culture, Art, & Activism in Lucy R. Lippard’s ‘Trojan Horses: Activist Art and Power,’ Fredrick C. Harris’ ‘The Next Civil Rights Movement?’ and the horror film *Get Out* directed by Jordan Peele,” (Course taught: LIT 303, Intro to Cultural Studies, spring 2017); 2017 WEC Awards Ceremony, Advisor for Stephanie Harp, winner, for a piece titled “Two Women in Dialogue: Mary Wollstonecraft and Maria Edgeworth,” (Course taught: LIT 212, Romanticism and the Modern World, spring 2017)

(2017) Advisor for Roxana Saravia, The Dean’s List Celebration for Honors Students

(2017) Creator of a new honors, interdisciplinary, learning community course, “21st Century Dramatic Texts as Inter-Cultural Dialogue”

(2017) Student and Faculty Research Days, The Office of Sponsored Research, Division for Student Success, and Pforzheimer Honors College, LIT 212, Romanticism and the Modern World. Title of the project: *Walking with H.D. Thoreau*

(2016) Advisor for Annabelle Krupcheck, Pace Undergraduate Student and Faculty Research Program, Student Engagement and Retention Specialist in the Division for Student Success, Title: Reinvented Emotions: An Interdisciplinary Project, summer

(2016) Student and Faculty Research Days, The Office of Sponsored Research, Division for Student Success, and Pforzheimer Honors College, ENG 201, Writing in the Disciplines, The Arts. Title of the project: *A Humument*

GUEST TALKS (GT) AND OTHER EVENTS

(2024) *A Doua Românie* (TV Interview), TVR România Internațional, Bucharest, Romania

(2024) *Ca pe roate* (Radio Interview), Radio România Actualități, Bucharest, Romania

(2024) *Jurnal Cultural* (TV Interview), TVR Cultural, Bucharest, Romania

(2024) Lansare de carte/ Book launch, Muzeul Național al Literaturii Române/ National Museum of Literature, Bucharest, Romania

(GT, 2023) “Towards a Theater of Healing.” An invited talk for Directing and Drama: New Horizons course, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece

(2023) *A Doua Românie* (TV Interview), TVR România Internațional, Bucharest, Romania

(2023) *Români de Pretudindeni* (Radio Interview), Radio România Actualități, Bucharest, Romania

(GT, 2022) *Unpack/ Despachetez*, English in the Global Context Graduate Studies Program, University of “1 December 1918 Alba Iulia,” Alba Iulia, Romania

(GT, 2022) *Suicidal Dog and Laika*, Narratives of Diasporic Identities, American & British American Studies, U of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania

(GT, 2021) *Staging Breast Cancer Trilogy*, Bradley University, Peoria, IL

(GT, 2021) *Mia* and Political Theater, Ludics Seminar, Mahindra Humanities Center, Harvard U, Cambridge, MA

(GT, 2021) *Mia* and Staging Breast Cancer, James Madison University, The Cohen Center for the Humanities, James Madison U, Harrisonburg, VA

- (2020) *Români de Cinci Stele* (Radio Interview), Radio România Actualități, Bucharest, Romania
- (2020) *A Doua Românie* (TV Interview), TVR România Internațional, Bucharest, Romania
- (GT, 2020) World Theater Day at my alma mater, Purdue U, 27 March, (postponed, C-19), West Lafayette, IN
- (GT, 2020) *The Rebelled Body Plays*, with Mihaela Campion, The Seminary Co-Op, Chicago, IL
- (GT, 2020) Invited talk at New York Public Library. Theater of the Wrapped Political Bodies, Manhattan, NY
- (2019) Special Talk: 30 Minutes of *Mia*, New York University Educational Theater and Drama Therapy Forum: Theater and Health, NYC, NY
- (GT, 2019) Pushing the Limits of Gender Roles through Performance, a talk followed by activities based on *Three as in Tri-Angle, or the Aftertastes of Life*, a play about masculinities and metatheater, Canadian Language Museum, Toronto, Canada
- (2019) Woman's HER/Story Month: Reclaiming the Female Body, an event at Pace University sponsored by the Dean for Students Office and the English Department. With invited guests, Charly Evan Simpson and Handan Ozbilgin, Pace U, New York City, NY
- (GT, 2018) Playing a Game Called History, a talk based on my play, *Suicidal Dog and Laika*, Romanian Cultural Institute, Berlin, Germany
- (GT, 2018) Romanian Voices in Transcultural Dialogue, the Harriman Institute. Columbia U, New York, NY
- (GT, 2018) Poetry Reading with Christine Hamm, Symposia Bookstore, Hoboken, NJ
- (2018) Thedra Cullar-Ledford, Catalina Florescu, and guests in a bold dialogue about the art and theater of femininity, Dyson Women's Initiative Leadership and GWS at Pace NYC, NY
- (2018) Dramatic Translations with a Twist, SRS Annual Conference, Romania 100: Looking Forward through the Past," Bucharest, Romania (With students from U of Bucharest)
- (GT, 2018) Back to Shame, A Talk about Reproduction, Violated Rights, and the Traditional Family, The Workshop on Gender and Transformation in Europe at NYU at the Center for European and Mediterranean Studies, New York City, NY
- (2018) Poetry reading from my volume of poems, *The Night I Burned My Origami Skin*. Association of Writers and Writing Programs. Annual Conference, Tampa, FL
- (GT, 2018) About Immigration and Englishes, CEERES of Voices, U of Chicago, IL

(GT, 2017) The Inter-Play of Ekphrastic Readings of Femininity Post-Mastectomy, Mahindra Humanities Center, Harvard U, Cambridge, MA

(2017) Nothing to Hide/Nimic de ascuns, A Reading from my play *Mia*, Romanian Cultural Institute, Invited guest, Rania Rashoodi, NYC, NY

(2012) Breast Poster and Cancer Poster. Scrabble Cancer Project. An Evening at MoMA. New York City Regional Arts in Healthcare Groups and Access Programs at Museum of Modern Art, NYC, NY

(2011) Breast Poster and Cancer Poster. Scrabble Cancer Project. Think Art Conference, Commonwealth Art Gallery, College of Fine Arts, Boston U, Boston, MA

(2011) The Secret Passage, LaLa Gallery and Studio. Cancer, Culture, and Community Project, Lafayette, Indiana (based on the original short autobiographical story “Rodica Has a Hole.” Text: Catalina Florina Florescu; Graphic interpretation: Rachel Tobias), Lafayette, IN

(2010) *Three as in Tri-Angle, or the Aftertastes of Life*, A reading of my play (passages), Theme: Masculinities. Urban Stages Theater, NYC, NY

(2010) This Blood which Is My Water. Panel: “Original Prose Reading,” English Association of the Pennsylvania State Universities. Fall Conference: A River Runs through Us: Exploring the Poetics of Space. Lock Haven, PA

SCHOLARLY CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

(2025) “Cancer and Creativity: Turning Personal Challenges into Plays.” AWP, Los Angeles (featuring Lia Romeo, E.M. Lewis, and Alice Eve Cohen)

(2024) “Raising the Veil and Rising the Truth on Hidden Pains,” Crisis and Meaning: Exploring the Intersections Between Humanities, the Arts, and Mental Health, Stevens Institute of Technology, NJ

(2023) “Roundtable: ‘Contemporary Women Playwrights and the Politics of Emotion,’” The 24th Annual International Conference of the English Department, University, Theme: Literature and Cultural Studies Section: Humor and Pathos in Literature and the Arts,” In memoriam, Mihaela Irimia, Irina Pană and Octavian Roske, Bucharest, Romania

(2022) “When They Say Pack, Bring an Aquarium,” Representations of the Danube in Literature and the Arts, FLLS Conference, University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania

(2022) “Copilărie” part of Shattered: Symbolic Gesture, Artists for Artists in Solidarity with Ukraine, Photoimpulses and poetry, ed. Oana Cajal, Muzeul Național al Literaturii Române, București, Romania

(2020) Taking Stock: Romanian Culture 1989-2019, MLA, Seattle, WA

- (2019) “*Mia*, a Play by Catalina Florina Florescu,” Staging Academia: Campus Controversies in American Drama, American Literature Association, Annual Convention, Boston, MA
- (2019) “Breasts or no Breasts: About *Mia*, My Play,” Theatre and Health Forum, New York U, NYC, NY
- (2019) “Of Trains that Do not Stop but Tease our Train Stations, or a Reflection on Matei Vişniec’s *Occidental Express*,” MLA, Chicago, IL
- (2018) “Romanian academic and cultural presence in the US.” With Ileana Olrich (Arizona SU). Shaping the Field of Romanian Studies: American & Romanian Scholars at Work. Full panelists: Sam Beck (Cornell U); László Fosztó (Romanian Institute for Research on Minorities Issues); David Kideckel (Central Connecticut SU); Vintilă Mihăilescu (U of Bucharest); Steven Sampson (Lund U). Panel organizer: Iuliu Raţiu. SRS Annual Conference, Romania 100: Looking Forward through the Past,” Bucharest, Romania
- (2018) “Dramatic Translations with a Twist.” With students from U of Bucharest, Roxana Mocanu, Bianca Stoian, Vlad Neagu, Marian Banescu, Bianca Hoge, Alexandra Dulgheru, SRS, Bucharest, Romania
- (2018) Annual Conference, Romania 100: Looking Forward through the Past,” Bucharest, Romania
- (2018) “Freedom of Words, Words of Freedom.” Herta Müller and the Romanian Language, Culture, and Politics, MLA, New York City, NY
- (2017) “Children Left Behind: The Empty Road in Teodora Mihai’s *Waiting for August*.” 10th Annual Romanian Studies Conference, Indiana Bloomington, IN
- (2017) “Communism as Entangled Parables in Herta Müller’s Novella *The Passport*.” MLA, Philadelphia, PA
- (2017) “Post-scriptum: The Digital Nomad.” MLA, Philadelphia, PA
- (2016) “Teaching Herta Müller.” Transitions and Transactions III: Literature and Journalism. Pedagogies in Community Colleges. The Borough of Manhattan Community College, NYC, NY
- (2016) “Medicine, Make Me Immortal!” ACLA, Harvard U, Cambridge, MA
- (2016) “The Impossible Return in Stere Gulea’s film *Weekend with Mama*,” MLA. Austin, Texas
- (2015) “Elasticity or the Sentimental Phenomenology of Skin and Love in Sarah Ruhl’s *Clean House*,” ACLA, Seattle, WA
- (2015) “A Woman’s Inhumane, Torturous Death in Cristian Mungiu’s *Beyond the Hills*.” MLA, Vancouver, Canada
- (2015) “Minor Romanian Literature and Cinema.” MLA, Vancouver, Canada

- (2014) "Teaching Monstrosity: Embracing Sympathy," Transitions and Transactions: Literature and Creative Writing Pedagogies, Borough of Manhattan CC, NYC, NY
- (2014) "States of Nomadism and the Recreation of the Immigrant Self." ACLA, New York U, NYC, NY
- (2013) "About Memory in Sarah Ruhl's Play *Dead Man's Cell Phone*." CityWide: A Multimodal Conference of Theater and Performance. CUNY Graduate Center, NYC, NY
- (2013) "Everybody Wants to Be like Me: Sameness and Difference in Bernard Pomerance's Play *The Elephant Man*," ILCA Annual Congress. L'Université Paris-Sorbonne, France
- (2013) "(I Am) Still Here -- Performing Memory Using Mobile Devices." ACLA, U of Toronto, Canada
- (2012) "Nomad/Romanglish." Europeanization and Globalization. Lucian Blaga U, Sibiu, Romania
- (2012) "Scrabble Cancer Project: To Mom, Forever." ACLA Brown U, RI
- (2011) "Violated Intimacy or Procreation non Sequitur in Cristian Mungiu's Film *432*." MLA, Los Angeles, CA
- (2010) "Le Corps Perdu/Le Corps Continué in the Works of Félix Gonzales-Torres." ACLA, New Orleans, LA
- (2009) "Performing Memories: Confessions after Communism." MLA, Philadelphia, PA
- (2009) "Of Genes, Mutations, and Desires in Moacyr Scliar's *The Centaur in the Garden* and Franz Kafka's *The Metamorphoses*." ACLA, Harvard U, Cambridge, MA
- (2008) "Pain as Dark Comedy in Paula Vogel's *The Baltimore Waltz*." ACLA, Long Beach, CA
- (2008) "Questioning Two Canonical Concepts, of 'Self' and 'Authenticity' in Pedro Almodóvar's *All about My Mother*." Writing the Self—Modes of the Self-Portrayal in the Cultural Text. U of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania
- (2006) "Carved in the Body's Memories: The Theater of Cruelty as Presented in Jean Genet's *The Balcony* and Eugène Ionesco's *Rhinoceros*," 47th M/MLA, Milwaukee, WI
- (2006) "The Bodymind: A Visual Approach." The Semiotic Society of America. Purdue U, IN
- (2006) "Ne Habeas Corpus in Brian Clark's *Whose Life Is It Anyway?* and Alejandro Amenábar's *The Sea Inside*." The Patient: A Symposium. Bucknell U, PA
- (2006) "Collapsing Worlds before and after Communist Regime in Lucian Pintilie's *Balanța* and Nae Caranfil's *Filantropica*." MLA, Philadelphia, PA
- (2005) "'Scenes'" of Imprisonment through the Misuse and/or Abuse of Language: A Reading of Athol Fugard's *Master Harold' and the Boys*, *The Blood Knot*, and *A Lesson from Aloes*." ACLA, Penn

State U, PA

(2004) “Back into the Chrysalis: Desperately Seeking Meaning in Pirandello’s *Henry IV* and Samuel Beckett’s *Krapp’s Last Tape*.” ACLA, U of Michigan, MI

(2004) “I Sense the Scent of a Trapped Being: Duane Hanson’s Sculptures.” Popular American Association, New Orleans, LA

(2004) “I have Taught Others All My Life, Now My Body Teaches Me about Cancer: A Reading of Margaret Edson’s *Wit*.” M/MLA. St. Louis, MO

(2003) “Trapped in the Word: A Comparative Approach to Silence in Samuel Beckett’s *Endgame* and William Shakespeare’s *Richard II*.” The Southern Annual Comparative Literature Convention, U of Austin, TX

(2003) “The Double Rhetoric in René Magritte’s Paintings.” SW/Texas PCA/ACA. Albuquerque, NM

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

(2023-2024), Școala9 • **Columnist** (Romanian) <https://scoala9.ro/redactia/catalina-florescu/192/>

(2023), Risk Theatre Modern Tragedy Competition • **Judge** <https://risktheatre.com/>

(2023 spring semester), The Writing Center • **Part-Time Lead Tutor**, Pace University, NYC, NY

(2019 - 2023), New Play Festival • **Curator**, Jersey Center Theater Center, Jersey City, NJ
I read over 150 submissions on themes relevant to our global communities, selected a few plays, organized the staged readings, promoted the festival, offered dramaturgical feedback to playwrights, allowed underprivileged communities free access to the event; discovered new talent; promoted inclusivity; etc.

(2017-present) Adevărul (in Romanian) • **Blogger** <https://adevarul.ro/search?q=catalina+florescu>

(2011), SECE Exam, Stevens Institute of Technology • **Examiner & Grader**

(2008), ETS (Educational Testing Services), CAHSEE Program • **Certified Online Rater**

(2006-2007), Purdue Research Foundation, Comparative Literature, Purdue U • **Research Assistant**

(2005-2006), Puskas Fellowship, Comparative Literature, Purdue U • **Research Assistant**

(2004), Refractions (Proceedings of the Grad Students’ Conference, Purdue U) • **Co-editor**

(2005-2007), Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN • **Research Assistant**, Comparative Lit Program

(2001-2005), Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN • **Teaching Assistant**, Latin 101, Latin 102, and Mythology; P/T Tutor, Purdue's OWL

TRAVEL GRANTS

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(2025) Romanian Cultural Institute in New York Travel Grant, World Premiere, Staged Reading, *Map of T/Error*, Intituto Cervantes, Chicago, IL

(2023) U Scholarly Presentation Support Fund, Pace U, Book Launch, *Bordeless Thalia*, London, UK.

(2020) U Scholarly Presentation Support Fund, Pace U, Book Launch Chicago, *The Rebelled Body Plays*

(2019) Modern Language Association: Travel Grant, MLA, Chicago, IL

(2019) U Scholarly Presentation Support Fund, Pace U, MLA, Philadelphia, PA

(2018) U Scholarly Presentation Support Fund, Pace U, U of Chicago, Book Launch, *Transnational Narratives in Englishes of Exile*, Chicago, IL

(2017) U Scholarly Presentation Support Fund, Pace U, MLA, Philadelphia, PA

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(2014) Modern Language Association: Travel Grant, MLA, Chicago, IL

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