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Nationality

Romanian

Date of birth

1950-07-28

Gender

Male

Desired employment / Occupational field

Professor emeritus, Babes-Bolyai University, Faculty of Letters, Department of English;
Doctoral adviser in Philological sciences (theoretical linguistics, the structure of English, Anglo-American linguistics)

Work experience

I have taught classes in historical and comparative linguistics, history of English, truth-conditional and possible world semantics, generative linguistics, pragmatics, and narrative discourse.

My research has focused on the structure of the sentence, on free indirect discourse, narrative discourse, proper names, fictional names and multilingualism, for the analysis of which I have used syntactic, semantic and pragmatic frameworks.

Dates

Occupation or position held

At present: Professor Emeritus, Departamentul of English, Doctoral school of Linguistics and Literary Studies, Faculty of Letters, Babeş-Bolyai University

1998 –2016: Professor, Department of English, Babeş-Bolyai University

1994 - 1998: Associate Professor, Department of English, Babeş-Bolyai University

1990 - 1994: Assistant Professor, Department of English, Babeş-Bolyai University

1973 - 1990: Instructor, Department of Germanic Philology, Babeş-Bolyai University

1990 -1992: Visiting Professor, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics (Fulbright award)

1984-1986: Visiting Professor, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, Department of History (Fulbright award)

Main activities and responsibilities

Local level – Babeş-Bolyai University

2016 – at present: Professor, Department of English, Babeş-Bolyai University; doctoral adviser in the field of philology (theoretical linguistics, the structure of English, Anglo-American linguistics)

2007 – at present: Director, Center of Pragmatics for Communication, Faculty of Letters, BBU

2001 – 2016: Director of the MA program Current Trends in Linguistics, Faculty of Letters, Babeş-Bolyai University

2012 – 2017: Member of the board of the Doctoral School of Linguistics and Literary Studies, Faculty of Letters, Babeş-Bolyai University

2012 – 2017: Member of the board of the doctoral school of Languages and Cultural Identities, The Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures, University of Bucharest

2012 – 2015: Chairperson, Department of English, Babes-Bolyai University
2004-2006: Vice Rector, Babes-Bolyai University
2000-2004: Dean of the Faculty of Letters, Babeş-Bolyai University
1996-2000: Vice-dean (Chancellor), Faculty of Letters, Babeş-Bolyai University

National level

2013 – at present: President, Commission for Humanities and Theology, the Romanian Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (ARACIS)
2005 – 2016: Member, Philological Commission of the Council for Conferring University Degrees, Certificates, and Titles (CNATCDU), Ministry of Education and Research, Romania
2011 – 2012: Vice-president, Philological Commission, Council for Conferring University Degrees, Certificates, and Titles (CNATCDU), Ministry of Education and Research, Romania
2008 – 2013: Secretary, Commission for Humanities and Theology, the Romanian Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (ARACIS)
2005 – 2011: Member, Philological Commission of the Council for Conferring University Degrees, Certificates, and Titles (CNATCDU), Ministry of Education and Research, Romania
1997- 2010: Expert, the National Council for University Research (Romania) (CNCSIS)

European level

2007- 2014: Member of the Board of the European Language Council (ELC/CEL), Brussels

In my teaching and research career I have promoted contemporary approaches to the study of language, such as generative grammar, formal semantics and possible world semantics, linguistic pragmatics and linguistic poetics, as well as comparative linguistics, whose frameworks I have applied to the analysis of linguistic / discursive phenomena at the synchronic level (free indirect discourse, truth in fiction, fictional worlds, proper names, fictional names, the semantics of belief sentences, the semantics of questions and exclamations, the syntax of English, comparative syntax, multilingualism), or at the diachronic level (English historical syntax, comparative grammar of Germanic languages).

At Cornell University (Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics) I taught Narrative Discourse (Graduate level) and The Structure and History of Romanian (Bachelor level).

At Kent State University I taught classes of Romanian language and civilization.

As doctoral adviser, I currently supervise 8 Ph.D. dissertations; another 32 dissertations coordinated by myself have already been defended.

I was member of another 43 Ph.D. defense commissions.

I was member of 45 tenure track / promotion commissions for full professor and associate professor positions, nationwide. As dean of the Faculty of Letters (2000-2004), I presided over another large number of commissions.

I was member of two promotion commissions for full professor and, respectively, associate professor positions at King Abdulaziz University, Saudi Arabia (2010, 2011), and another commission for promotion to associate professor at Aljouf University, Saudi Arabia (2015).

I was member of 19 habilitation theses defense commissions.

As former dean of the Faculty of Letters, former vice-rector of Babes-Bolyai University, and Chairperson in the English Department, I contributed to institutional development in the following domains: curricular reform, quality assurance, human resources, international cooperation, and language policy.

	<p>As president of the Commission for Humanities and Theology, the Romanian Quality Insurance Agency for Higher Education (ARACIS), I elaborated guidelines / benchmarks for the evaluation of HE teaching programs, I evaluated a large number of language and literature programs, and participated in HE institutional evaluations in Romania.</p> <p>As member of the Philological Commission of the Council for Conferring University Degrees, Certificates, and Titles (CNATCDU), Ministry of Education and Research, Romania, I was involved in the process of setting up evaluation guidelines / benchmarks, in decision making, as well as in the validation process of Ph.D. defenses, defenses of habilitation theses, and of full professor and associate professor tenure track / promotion competitions, nationwide.</p> <p>As member of the ELC / CEL Board (European Language Council / Conseil Européen pour les Langues), I participated in decision making, in the elaboration of multilingual projects and of language policy proposals for EU higher education institutions.</p>						
Name and address of employer Type of business or sector	Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca Edu-Univ						
Education and training							
Dates	1957-1969: Elementary school, middle school and high school at Emil Racoviță High School, Cluj-Napoca, Romania						
Title of qualification awarded	<p>University:</p> <p>1969-1973: undergraduate student, Faculty of Letters, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania; English language and literature - Romanian language and literature</p> <p>1977-1984: doctoral studies, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania</p> <p>1973: BA degree in English language and literature (major) - Romanian language and literature (minor)</p> <p>1984: Doctoral degree, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca; Dissertation title: <i>Free Indirect Discourse and Interior Monologue in the Modern English novel (Virginia Woolf, D. H. Lawrence and James Joyce). A study in theoretical and applied poetics</i></p>						
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Philology, structure of English, structure of Romanian, English literature, American Literature, Romanian literature, history of English / theoretical linguistics, generative linguistics, possible world semantics, linguistic pragmatics, comparative and historical linguistics, stylistics, narrative poetics, discourse analysis						
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca						
Level in national or international classification	Level 'A' in the national classification of universities; high degree of confidence in national institutional evaluations						
Personal skills and competences							
Mother tongue(s)	Specify mother tongue Romanian						
Other language(s)	English, Hungarian, French						
Self-assessment	Understanding		Speaking			Writing	
European level (*)	Listening		Reading		Spoken interaction	Spoken production	Writing
English	x	C2		C2		C2	C2
Hungarian	x	C1		C1		B2	B1
French	x	A1		A2		A1	-
	(*) Common European Framework of Reference for Languages						
Social skills and competences	Replace this text by a description of these competences and indicate where they were acquired. (Remove if not relevant, see instructions)						

Organisational skills and competences

Management skills:

- Management skills in the following domains: academic management (university reform, curricular reform, international cooperation, language policies, human resources);
- Quality assurance in HE;
- Organization of meetings, summer schools, conferences;
- Coordination of research projects.

Computer skills and competences

Windows, MSWord, Excel, PowerPoint, Internet (mostly self-taught)

Artistic skills and competences

Photography

Other skills and competences

Evaluation of higher education programs

- Experience as evaluator of higher education programs, as permanent expert (currently president) of the Commission for Humanities and Theology, the Romanian Quality Insurance Agency for Higher Education (ARACIS)
- Evaluation of teaching staff and research staff

Driving licence

Hold a driver's licence, category B

Additional information

Editor:

- Studia Universitatis Babes-Bolyai, Philologia (2000-2004)

Editorial board member:

- Bucharest Working Papers in Linguistics, University of Bucharest
- British and American Studies, University of Timișoara
- Diacronia, Univ. "Al. I. Cuza", Iași

Referee (international journals):

- Journal of European Language Policy, Liverpool
- Sustainable Multilingualism, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania

Referee (Romanian national journals and Romanian publishing houses):

- Bucharest University Press (Editura Universității București)
- Transylvania University Press, Brașov
- Studii de Știință și Cultură, Vasile Goldiș University, Arad
- Linguaculture, Al. I. Cuza University, Iasi

Curriculum design and development expert:

- Short term expert in the *project Development of an operational system for qualifications in Romania (Dezvoltarea unui sistem operațional al calificărilor din România)* - DOCIS (2009-2011) POSDRU/2/1.2/S/2; Quality assurance in Romanian Higher Education in a European context (Asigurarea calității în învățământul superior din România în context european. Dezvoltarea managementului calității academice la nivel de sistem și instituțional), POSDRU/2/1.2./S1, Project code 3933
- Expert in the TUNING LITHUANIA Project, VP1-2.2-ŠMM-08-V-01-001 (2010-2011): curriculum design for the English Philology BA program of Vilnius University (competences, subjects, credit points)
- Short term expert, SQFHUMART Project, Grant Agreement: 2009-12039 (2009-2011): competences design for HE linguistics programs (BA level, MA, Ph.D.).

References:

Alexandra Cornilescu, Faculty of Foreign Languages, University of Bucharest;
Mircea Dumitru, Professor, University of Bucharest
Wolfgang Mackiewicz, Professor, Freie Universitaet, Berlin;
Carol G. Rosen, Professor, Department of Linguistics, Cornell University

PRIZES, AWARDS

Certificate of Merit for Contribution to the Development of Babeş-Bolyai University, 2005
Certificate of Merit for Institutional Innovation, Babeş-Bolyai University, 2004, 2002
Certificate of Didactic Excellence, Babeş-Bolyai University, 2003
Representativity Award, Babeş-Bolyai University, 2011; 2010; 2009; 2008

EXPERIENCE IN RESEARCH PROJECTS:

Director:

- DYLAN Project – Language Dynamics and Management of Diversity, director Partner 13, Babeş-Bolyai University (European FP6 Project, CIT4 No 028702) (2006-2011). Project focusing on the problematic of multilingualism and on language policies in European institutions, multinational companies and higher education. As leader of the Babeş-Bolyai University team, I participated with analyses and presentations at the consortium meetings. With the BBU team I constructed a corpus relevant for multilingual practices at BBU (video and audio recordings, questionnaires, interviews), analyzed language policy documents, assessed the way these documents are reflected in the multilingual practices, and made recommendations. The BBU contribution to the project was published in Anne-Claude Berthoud, François Grin and Georges Lüdi (eds.), *Exploring the Dynamics of Multilingualism. The DYLAN Project*, Amsterdam: John Benjamins, 2013.
- MULTICOM, director Partener 3, Babeş-Bolyai University, Project 133996-LLP-1-2007-1-FR-ERASMUS-ECDSP, Université Rennes 2 (2007-2010) – a joint cooperation project between five European universities. Building on work undertaken in three successive Thematic Network Projects devoted to enhancing the relevance of Higher Education language programmes, the Multicom project aimed to develop and implement new curricula in the area of multilingual communication for first cycle language students (BA). I participated with analyses, designed competences, elaborated and tested teaching materials; the latter were placed on a resource platform accessible to the partner universities.

Member:

- TNP3 - Thematic Network Project in the Area of Languages 3, director Partner BBU – D (2007) (Project nr. 230356-CP-1-2006-1-DE-Erasmus-TND) (2006-2007). Thematic project dedicated to the role of languages in higher education. I participated with analyses and materials to the project meetings.
- TNP2 - Thematic Network Project in the Area of Languages 2, Subproject 1, Languages for Language Related Jobs and Professions, director partener BBU (Contract No. 110774-CP-1-2003-Erasmus- TNPP) (2003-2006). Thematic project dedicated to language related jobs and professions. I elaborated the Report for Romania.
- TUNING LITHUANIA Project, VP1-2.2-ŠMM-08-V-01-001 (2010-2011) - BA curriculum development project at Vilnius University, focusing on how to implement the credit point system and on how to define the competences. I gave talks and organized workshops on how to design an English Philology BA curriculum at Vilnius University.
- 2009-2011: Project acronym: SQFHUMART, Grant Agreement: 2009-12039 (2009-2011). I contributed to the definition of skills and competences for higher education language programs (BA, MA and doctoral level).

KEYNOTE SPEAKER (selections)

- Western University, Timișoara, British and American Studies Conference, May 2021 („Same Name, Different Content. Facets of Proper Names and Fictional Names”)
- Bucarest University, Conference of the Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures, November 2020 („Fictional and non-fictional uses of proper names. Semantic aspects”)
- University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science and Technology, Târgu Mureș, Annual conference of the University, December 2020 („Proper names and fictional names”)
- Name and Naming International Conference, 5th Edition, Multiculturalism in Onomastics, Baia Mare, September 3-5 2019 („A semantic-referential perspective on name and naming”)
- „1 Decembrie 1918” University, Alba Iulia, The 9th Conference on Linguistic and Intercultural Education – CLIE-2019 („Facets of Proper Names”)
- „1 Decembrie 1918” University, Alba Iulia, CLIE (Conference on Linguistics and Intercultural Education), June 2018 (“What’s in a Name. A Semantic View of Names in Fiction”);
- „1 Decembrie 1918” University, Alba Iulia, CLIE (Conference on Linguistics and Intercultural Education), Key note speaker, aprilie 2017 (“Possible Worlds and Free Indirect Discourse”)
- Babeș-Bolyai University, „What’s in a name? A semantic view of names in fiction”, May, 2015
- Partium Christian University, Annual Conference of the Foreign Languages Department, September, 2014 (“Unconventional uses of proper names”);
- University of Oradea, Cultural Contexts in the English Speaking World, (“Proper names in non-standard uses”), Martie 2013;
- University of Bucharest, “Syntax and Semantics of specificity”, December 2012 (“The semantics of fictional names”);
- “Pragmatic and referential functions of free indirect discourse”, invited conference, Cornell Linguistics Colloquia, Cornell University, February, 1991.
- Trends in contemporary Romanian Linguistics”, invited conference, Romanian-American Colloquium, Romanian Library, New York, December, 1986.

RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

- *Lumile posibile în structurile limbajului*, Cluj: Editura Echinox, 2003.
- *Introducere în semantica referențială*, Cluj-Napoca, Presa Universitară Clujeană, 2006.
- *Topics in the Semantics of Names and Discourse*, Cluj-Napoca, Casa Cărții de Știință, 2015.
- “A Survey of the Pragmatic and Referential Functions of Free Indirect Discourse”, *Poetics Today*, Vol. 14: 4, Duke University Press, 1993, pp. 691-714.
- “Free Indirect Discourse: Some Referential Aspects”, în *Journal of Literary Semantics. An international review*, XXIV/1, Julius Groos Verlag, Heidelberg, 1995, pp. 21-41.
- “Possible Worlds and Truth in Fiction”, în *Journal of Literary Semantics. An international review* XXVII/3, Julius Groos Verlag, Heidelberg, 1997, pp. 173-190.
- “On the bivocal nature of free indirect discourse”, *Journal of Literary Semantics. An international review*, 32, Mouton de Gruyter, Berlin, New York, 2003, pp. 167-176.
- “Fictionality as a Pragmatic and Referential Category”, în *Journal of Literary Semantics. An international review* XXVIII/2, Julius Groos Verlag, Heidelberg, 1999, pp. 92-104.
- „Lumi posibile și realități ficționale”, *Dacoromania*, XIV, nr. 1, Cluj: Editura Academiei Române, 2010, pp. 77-89.
- (main author) “Policies and practices of multilingualism at Babes-Bolyai University (Cluj, Romania)”, în Anne-Claude Berthoud, François Grin and Georges Lüdi (eds.), *Exploring the Dynamics of Multilingualism. The DYLAN Project*, Amsterdam: John Benjamins, 2013, 323-342.
- “On the semantics of fictional names”, *Revue Roumaine de Linguistique*, LVIII, 4, Editura Academiei Române, București, pp. 371–382, 2013.
- “Unconventional Uses of Proper Names: Semantic and Syntactic Issues”, în Oliviu Felecan, Daiana Felecan (eds.), *Unconventional Anthroponyms: Formation Patterns and Discursive Function*, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, Newcastle upon Tyne, 2014, 26-39.

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