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I direct dissertations in the field of philological sciences (the structure of English, Anglo-American linguistics, possible-world semantics, language acquisition, multilingualism).

I have promoted contemporary approaches to the study of language, such as generative syntax, possible-world semantics, linguistic pragmatics, poetics and historical-comparative linguistics, whose frameworks I have applied to the analysis of linguistic/ discursive phenomena. The class I teach in the doctoral school is titled *Current trends in syntax and semantics* (LDR 1106); its aim is to get graduate students familiar with recent developments in generative syntax and truth-conditional/possible world semantics. My current research focuses primarily on free indirect discourse, the semantics of proper names and fictional names, the semantics of propositional attitudes, and the semantics of questions and exclamations.

I am director of the Center of Pragmatics for Communication (Babeș-Bolyai University).

Selected publications:

Books:

Lumile posibile în structurile limbajului ["Possible Worlds for Linguistics"], Cluj: Echinox, 2003.

Introducere în semantica referențială ["An Introduction to Referential Semantics"], Cluj: Presa Universitară Clujeană, 2006.

Topics in the Semantics of Names and Discourse, Cluj: Casa Cărții de Știință, 2015.

Scholarly articles:

"A Survey of the Pragmatic and Referential Functions of Free Indirect Discourse," *Poetics Today*, Vol. 14: 4, Duke University Press, 1993, 691-714.

"Free Indirect Discourse: Some Referential Aspects," *Journal of Literary Semantics. An international review* XXIV/1, Julius Groos, 1995, 21-41.

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“Lumi posibile și realități ficționale”, *Dacoromania*, XIV, nr. 1, Cluj: Editura Academiei Române, 2010, pp. 77-89.

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