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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service (BSFS), Georgetown University, International Relations/Culture and Politics, 2003-2005

Master in Regional Studies: Russia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Harvard University, 2006-2008

Master in Theological Studies, Concordia University, 2013-2015

PhD in Humanities (specialization in European History and Surveillance Studies), Concordia University, 2015-2019

Doctorate in Philosophy and Social Sciences, *Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales*, 2016-2019 (co-tutelle)

APPOINTMENTS & TEACHING POSITIONS

Post-doctoral Fellow/Researcher, McGill University & Loughborough University, 2021-2023 (Eastern European history, surveillance studies)

Lecturer in Surveillance Studies, SciencesPo, Paris, 2019

Lecturer, Christian Theology and Church History, Concordia University, 2017-2018

Research and Teaching Assistant, Department of Theological Studies, Concordia University, 2013-2019

RESEARCH

Participation in/management of research projects

Research grants

1. [Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Fellowship \(SSHRC\)](#), Post-Doctoral level: 90000\$ CA, 2021-2023. Title of project: "Files, Fear and Espionage: A cultural history of the Securitate's surveillance practices in Romania under communism."
2. Concordia University Accelerator Award, 5000 \$ CA, 2019
3. *L'École des hautes études en sciences sociales* grant for my field research carried out at the Council for the Study of Securitate Archives in Bucharest, Romania (summer 2016), roughly CAD 3100, 2016
4. [Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship Award \(SSHRC\)](#), Doctorate level, CAD 105,000, 2016-2019. Title of project: "Methods and motivations behind the collaboration and resistance of secret informers with the securitate in Communist Romania (1945-89)"
5. Fonds de Recherche Société et culture, Doctorate level (2016-2019) CAD, 60000 (declined), 2016-2019
6. Concordia University Campaign for a New Millennium Scholarship, CAD 1000, 2015
7. Concordia University Graduate Fellowship, awarded during the first three years of my PhD Studies, CAD 32,4000, 2015-2018
8. Monsignor Andrew Sinal Memorial Bursary in Theological Studies, CAD 2800, 2015
9. Concordia University Mobility Award CAD 2000, 2014
10. Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Fellowship (SSHRC), Master's Level, CAD 37,500, 2013-2014. Title of project: "The Life of the Romanian Theologian Antonie Plamadeala as a Runaway from the Secret Police and as a Political Prisoner in Communist Romania"
11. Fonds de Recherche Société et culture QC, MA level CAD 15,000 (accepted only CAD

5000), 2014

12. Concordia University Entrance Award CAD 7000, 2014-2015

Travel grants (for research purposes and dissemination of research findings)

1. Conference Fee Waiver Award to present a paper on psuchegraphies in Securitate Archives at the

Surveillance Studies Network 9th Biennial Conference, Rotterdam, (June 1-3, 2022)

2. Concordia University Travel Award to attend and present a paper at the IABA Conference, 2019

3. Presentation of paper at Knowing the Self: Auto/Biographical Narratives and the History of Knowledge, 19-21 June 2019, Facultad de Filologia UCM, Madrid Spain

4. Recipient of the Interdisciplinary Foundation registry fee relief scholarship to present at the Progressive

Connections Conference on Evil, Paper title: “Examining the concepts of *dossierveillance* and *psuchegraphy*

in the context of Communist Romania”. Prague, March 9-10, 2019

5. Recipient of the HUMA (Concordia, CISSC) Development Professional Fund: CAD 300, 2018

6. Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements SSHRC Award: CAD 6000, 2018

7. Conference Fee Waiver Award to present the following paper: “Examining Dossierveillance” at the

Surveillance Studies Network 8th Biennial Conference, Aarhus, Denmark, (June 7-9, 2018), EURO 120, 2018

8. Recipient of the Cotutelle Scholarship Fund, Concordia University: 5000 CAD, 2018

9. Concordia Humanities Travel Grant Award CAD 150, 2018

10. Concordia Faculty of Arts and Science Conference Travel Award CAD 500, 2018

11. Concordia Conference and Exposition Award CAD 1000, 2018

12. Concordia Conference and Exposition Award CAD 1000, 2015

Other Research Assignments

Conference organizer: The 2022 International Conference of the Society of Romanian Studies. “Borders and Transfers,” held on 15-17 June 2022, Timisoara, Romania

Conference organizer: Romania100: Looking Forward through the Past-2018,” *Society of Romanian*

Studies held on 26-29 June 2018, Bucharest, Romania

Conference organizer: “Indigenizing Pilgrimage”, held on May 7-9, 2015 at Concordia University

Visiting Scholar, Institute for the Research in Humanities, Department of Philosophy, University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania—July 2016

Section Editor, *Journal of Perpetrator Research*, 2020-present

Copy-editor, *Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales Press*, 2020

Reviewer for the *Journal of Surveillance & Society*, 2019

Research Assistant, Concordia University, Department of Theological Studies—2015- 2016
Provided research support for the SSHRC-funded project “Between the Devil’s Confessors and God’s Martyrs: Resistance and Collaboration of Religious Groups in Communist Romania,” principal investigator, Dr. Lucian Turcescu.

Technical assistant, Society’s *Journal of Romanian Studies*--2017-2018

Editorial Board Member, for *Studies of Transition States and Societies*, 2017-present

Editor for *The Montreal Review*—2018-present

Writer and Editor for *Ami-Quebec*, Montreal, Quebec—2017-2018

Co-editor and Writer, *Society for Romanian Studies Newsletter* —2016-2018

Visiting Scholar, Institute for the Research in Humanities, Department of Philosophy, University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania—July 2016

Research Assistant, Concordia University, Department of Theological Studies—2015-2016. Provided research support for the SSHRC-funded project “Between the Devil’s Confessors and God’s Martyrs: Resistance and Collaboration of Religious Groups in Communist Romania,” principal investigator, Dr. Lucian Turcescu.

Editorial Assistant for the *Journal of Cold War Studies*, Harvard University, 2006-2007

PUBLICATIONS

Monograph

Surveillance in Communist and Contemporary Surveillance Societies: files, dossiers, archives and fear, under consideration for publication by Routledge

Edited volume

Surveillance and the Dossier: Record Keeping, Vulnerability and Reputational Politics. Under contract with the University of Toronto Press. CFP launched in March of 2021.

Articles and anthology contributions

Cristina Plamadeala and Cristian Tileaga. “The Moral Career of a Suspected Legionary: Psychological Language in Securitate Archives”. *East European Politics & Societies and Cultures*. Published on October 5, 2021.

Cristina Plamadeala. “The Securitate File as a Record of Psuchegraphy” *Biography*, Vol. 42, Nr. 3, special issue on “Biographic Mediation: The Uses of Disclosure in Bureaucracy and Politics”, Vol. 42, Nr. 3, pp. 536-56.

Cristina Plamadeala. “Dossierveillance in Communist Romania: Collaboration with the Securitate, 1945-1989” in Rob Heynen and Emily van der Meulen, eds. *Making Surveillance States: Transnational Histories*, University of Toronto Press, 2019, pp. 215-236.

Cristina Plamadeala. “Paul and Women: Paul’s Contradictory Attitudes Towards Women in 1 Corinthians” *Currents in Theology and Mission Journal*, (April 2018) 45:2, 34-37.

Cristina Plamadeala. “Antonie Plămădeală and the Securitate in the years 1940s-1950s” in *Archiva Moldaviae*, Volume VIII, (2016), 215-251.

Cristina Plamadeala. “The Use and Misuse of Information in Securitate’s Files: the Case of Plamadeala”, in *Eurostudia* (2015) vol. 1 (1): 125-141.

Cristina Plamadeala. “Viața Mitropolitului Antonie Plămădeală în decursul anilor 1950-1960, așa cum a fost înfățișată în romanul său semi-autobiografic *Trei Ceasuri în Iad* și în scrisorile adresate familiei Ciobanu în această perioadă”, [The life of Antonie Plamadeala in the 1950s-1960s, as depicted in his semi-autobiographical novel *Trei Ceasuri în Iad* and in his letters written in this period to the Ciobanu family written in these two decades] in *Marturisitori ai Ortodoxiei în timpul regimului comunist. Studii și evocari*. [Confessors of Orthodoxy during the communist regime. Studies and reflections]. Mihail-Simion Sasaujan. ed. Editura Cuvantul Vietii, the Romanian Patriarchate, 2018, pp. 171-184.

Cristina Plamadeala. “The life of Antonie Plămădeală and of his family in the decade (1944-1954) following their refuge to Romania from Bessarabia” in Cosmin Budeanca, Dalia Bathory (eds.) *Histories (Un)Spoken. Strategies of Survival and Social-Professional Integration in Political Prisoners’ Families in Communist Central and Eastern Europe in the ’50s and ’60s*. Munster, Germany: LIT Verlag, 2017, 202-221. Book chapter published in

Romanian in Cosmin Budeanca and Dalia Bathory, eds. (2019). *Istorie (Ne)spuse. Strategii de supraviețuire și integrare socioprofesională în familiile fostilor deținuți politici din Europa Centrală și de Est în anii '50-'60*, Iasi: Editura Polirom.

Review

Cristina Plamadeala. Review of Valentina Glajar, Alison Lewis and Corina L. Petrescu, eds. *Secret Police Files from the Eastern Bloc: Between Surveillance and Life Writing*. Rochester: Camden House, 2016, 237 pages. ISBN 978-1-57113-926-9, *Journal of Biography*, Vol. 43, Nr. 2, (2020), pp. 474-476.

Other

Creative non-fiction (book)

Visul Mariei [Maria's Dream], Editura Eikon, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, 2014.

Lectures, presentations & interviews

1. „Incursiune în viața și activitatea Mitropolitului Antonie Plămădeală [On the life and work of the Metropolitan Antonie Plamadeala] Braila, Romania. Symposium organized by the Carol I Museum, Braila, June 20, 2015.
2. Interview with [Lavits](#), Paul Faltay. “Vigilância de dossiê e a produção de arquivos como ferramentas de controle, com Cristina Plamadeala”. 23 April, 2021. Lavits.org. Available at <https://lavits.org/entrevista-cristina-plamadeala/?lang=en>.

Interviews for *La Punkt*, a leading Romanian online platform for news, interviews and op-ed pieces

1. Interview with Roland Clark, *La Punkt* (interview carried out in Romanian, by Cristina Plamadeala and Ana Fumurescu)
2. Interview with Lucian Leuștean, *La Punkt* (interview carried out in Romanian, by Cristina Plamadeala)

Newsletter contributions for the Society of Romanian Studies newsletter: interviews carried out by Cristina Plamadeala and Ana Fumurescu

1. “Interview with Roland Clark.” *Society of Romanian Studies Newsletter*, vol. 40, Fall 2017, no. 1, pp. 9-11.
2. “Get to Know our Scholars.” Interview with James Kapalo. *Society of Romanian Studies Newsletter*, vol. 40, Fall 2017, no. 1, pp. 21-24.
3. “Interview with Peter Wagner.” *Society of Romanian Studies Newsletter*, vol. 39, Spring 2017, no. 1, pp. 10-11.
4. “Interview with Oana Valentina Suciuc.” *Society of Romanian Studies Newsletter*, vol. 39, Spring 2017, no. 1, pp. 13-14.
5. “Get to Know Our Scholars.” Interviews with Bruce O’Neill & Margaret Beissinger. *Society of Romanian Studies Newsletter*, vol. 39, Spring 2017, no. 1, pp. 17-20.
6. “Get to Know Our Scholars.” Interviews with Cristina Petrescu & Stefano Bottoni, *Society of Romanian Studies Newsletter*, vol. 40, Spring 2018, no. 1, pp. 13-18.

Public policy reports

1. “Highlights: February 12, 2010. Research Conference on Healthcare for the Uninsured and Undocumented,” by Michelle Khan, Nimira Lalani, Cristina Plamadeala, Estelle Sun and Bob Gardner, The Wellesley Institute, April 2010.
2. “Comprehensive Community Initiatives: Lessons Learned, Potential and Opportunities Moving Forward,” by Bob Gardner, Nimira Lalani, Cristina Plamadeala, The Wellesley

Institute, May 2010.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- a) Pursuit of undergraduate, graduate studies in three different countries: Georgetown University, Washington, DC (BS in Foreign Service), Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (MA in Regional Studies: Russia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia), Concordia University, Montreal, Canada (MA in Theological Studies and PhD in Humanities), *Ecoles des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales*, Paris, France (Doctorate in Philosophy and Social Sciences).
- b) Post-doctoral research conducted at two international universities (McGill University, Montreal, Canada and Loughborough University, Loughborough, UK).
- c) Pursuit of archival research for my doctorate and post-doctorate work at archives in Romania and Moldova. In Romania: the Council for the Study of Securitate Archives, Bucharest, Romania and the Romanian National Archives. In Moldova: the Moldovan National Archives.
- d) Participation at the following international conferences
 1. "Telling Difficult Stories with Fragments of Experience: Short-Term Ethnography in the Securitate Archives." *Paper presented with Cristian Tileaga*. The 2022 Society for Romanian Studies Conference, June 15-17, 2022, Timisoara, Romania.
 2. "Recruitment of Securitate Informers in Communist Romania: *psuchegraphies* in Securitate files." *Surveillance & Society Conference, Rotterdam, Netherlands. June 1-3, 2022.*
 3. "Collaboration with the Securitate in communist Romania." *Webinar Series. "Secrecy and Knowledge: Social and Cultural Responses to Secrecy" (February 24-March 9, 2022). Organized by Newcastle University's Research Group 'Knowing the Secret Police: Secrecy and Knowledge in East German Society.*
 4. "Collaboration with the Securitate and Docility under Communism in Romania" ICCEES 10th Congress. Bridging National and Global Perspectives. August 3-8, 2021, Montreal, Canada.
 5. "Examining the concept of *psuchegraphy* in the context of Communist Romania, 1945-89" IABA Conference 2019. Knowing the Self: Auto/Biographical Narratives and the History of Knowledge, 19-21 June 2019, Facultad de Filologia UCM, Madrid Spain
 6. "Examining the concepts of *dossierveillance* and *psuchegraphy* in the context of Communist Romania" 2nd Global Conference. The Changing Faces of Evil Inclusive Interdisciplinary Conference, Prague, Czech Republic, March 9-10, 2019.
 7. "Collaboration with the Securitate in Communist Romania: a Revisit of the Concept of Consent in the Analysis of Securitate Files". *Reckoning with Consent and Contract in Times of Instability*, Indiana University, Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference, March 1-2, 2019, Bloomington, Indiana
 8. "On *dossierveillance* and Collaboration with the Securitate, Romania's Secret Police in the Communist Period (1945-89). The Pursuit of Legitimacy. Power and its

- Manifestations in Political History. University of Leiden, Netherlands, October 23-25, 2018.
9. “*Dossierveillance* and the politics of fear : the case of Communist Romania (1945-89)” *The Eyes and Ears of Power – Surveillance, History and Privacy*, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark, September 13-14, 2018. *Invited Presentation*.
 10. “The Securitate File as a Record of *Psuchegraphy*” workshop organized by the *Centre for Biographical Research*, University of Honolulu, Hawaii, August 22-24, 2018.
 11. “Resistance Under Communism Revisited: the Case of the Vladimirești Monastery in Communist Romania” *Society for Romanian Studies*, Bucharest, Romania, 26-29 June 2018.
 12. “Examining *Dossierveillance*” at the *Surveillance Studies Network 8th Biennial Conference*, Aarhus, Denmark, June 7-9, 2018.
 13. “The Legionary Movement and the Vladimiresti Monastery” at the Religion and Violence *Colloquium, Sources, History & Contemporary World*, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, April 17-20, 2018.
 14. “The Death of the Vladimiresti Monastery”, organized by the *Liberal Arts Colloquium: On Death*, organized by the Vanier College and the Liberal Arts College, Panel: Pilgrimage, Death and the Afterlife, Concordia University. March 30-April 1, 2017.
 15. “On Lack of Love for Thy Neighbor: Bystanders and the Holocaust”, at the *Liberal Arts Colloquium: On Love, Panel On Love, Transgression and the Divine*, organised by the Vanier College and the Liberal Arts College, Concordia University. April 1 and 2, 2016.
 16. “The life of Antonie Plamadeala and of his family in the decade (1944-1954) following their refuge to Romania from Bessarabia” at the *Histories (A) Spoken. Survival and Social- Professional Integration Strategies in the Communist-era Political Prisoners’ Families in Central and Eastern Europe in the ‘ 50s and ‘ 60s*, Ramnicul Sarat, organized by the Institute for the Investigation of Communist Crimes and the Memory of the Romanian Exile 22-25 June 2016.
 17. “Antonie Plămădeală and the Securitate” Panel on Churches with and Against Dictatorship, *Society for Romanian Studies*, Bucharest, Romania, 17-19 June 2015.
 18. “On Truth and Lack of it in Securitate Files”. Resistance and Collaboration Under Communism. *Centre canadien d’études allemandes et européennes, Université de Montréal*. 27 February 2015.

Lectures, presentations & interviews

1. „Incursiune în viața și activitatea Mitropolitului Antonie Plămădeală [On the life and work of the Metropolitan Antonie Plamadeala] Braila, Romania. Symposium organized by the Carol I Museum, Braila, June 20, 2015.
2. Interview with [Lavits](https://lavits.org), Paul Faltay. “Vigilância de dossiê e a produção de arquivos como ferramentas de controle, com Cristina Plamadeala”. 23 April, 2021. Lavits.org. Available at <https://lavits.org/entrevista-cristina-plamadeala/?lang=en>.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP/ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

Board member, *Society for Romanian Studies*, 2016-2018

Board member, *Harvard Club of Toronto*, 2009-2010

Conference organizer: The 2022 International Conference of the Society of Romanian Studies. “Borders and Transfers,” held on 15-17 June 2022, Timisoara, Romania

Founder and Lead Researcher, The Dossierveillance Project, 2019-present

Conference organizer: Romania100: Looking Forward through the Past-2018,” *Society of Romanian Studies* held on 26-29 June 2018, Bucharest, Romania

Conference organizer: “Indigenizing Pilgrimage”, held on May 7-9, 2015 at Concordia University

Technical assistant, Society’s *Journal of Romanian Studies*--2017-2018

Member of the departmental appraisal committee, Concordia University, Department of Theological Studies—2014.

Editorial Assistant, *Journal of Cold War Studies*, Harvard University, 2006-2007

Member of the executive team and of the Harvard College interview committee—2009-2015

Policy Analyst, Mowat Centre, University of Toronto, 2009

Tutor & Mentor, *Harvard Summer School*, 2006

LANGUAGES

Native in Romanian, close to native in English, fluent in French. Solid knowledge of Russian. Beginner knowledge of Ukrainian and Spanish. Ability to read in Church Slavonic and Latin.