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EDUCATION

- CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY** 2015-2019
Montreal, Québec
PhD in Humanities (cotutelle with EHESS)
- ÉCOLE DES HAUTES ÉTUDES EN SCIENCES SOCIALES** 2016-2019
Paris, France
PhD in Philosophy
Thesis topic: *Methods and motivations behind the collaboration and resistance of secret informers with the Securitate in Communist Romania (1945-89)*
- CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY** 2013-2015
Montréal, Québec
Master in Theological Studies
- HARVARD UNIVERSITY** 2006-2008
Cambridge, Massachusetts
Master in Regional Studies: Russia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia
- GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY** 2003-2005
Washington, DC
B.S. in Foreign Service

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Books

Surveillance and the Dossier: Record Keeping, Vulnerability and Reputational Politics, co-edited with Joshua Reeves, under contract with the University of Toronto Press. CFP to be launched at the end of January, 2021

Under the Magnifying Glass of the Securitate: being subject to psuchegrahpic work and dossiurveillance, under review with the University of Toronto Press

Peer-Reviewed articles

1. "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, 536-56.
2. "Paul and Women: Paul's Contradictory Attitudes Towards Women in 1 Corinthians" *Currents in Theology and Mission Journal*, (April 2018) 45:2, 34-37.
3. "The Use and Misuse of Information in Securitate's Files: the Case of Plamadeala", in *Eurostudia* (2015) vol. 1 (1): 125-141..
4. "Antonie Plamadeala and the Securitate in the years 1940s-1950s" in *Archiva Moldaviae*, Volume VIII, (2016), 215-251.

Articles submitted to academic journals and currently under review

1. “The Moral Career of a Suspected Legionary: Psychological Language in Securitate Archives”. submitted to *East European Politics & Societies and Cultures*, (co-written with Cristian Tileaga)
2. “Telling Difficult Stories with Fragments of Experience: Archives as Ethnographic Spaces” submitted to *Ethnos*, (co-written with Cristian Tileaga)
3. “The Vladimirești Christian Orthodox Monastery in Securitate Files”, submitted to *Archiva Moldaviae*

Peer-Reviewed book chapter

“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, 215-236.

Book review

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*, forthcoming 2020.

Conference proceeding

“The life of Antonie Plamadeala 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). *Istorii (Ne)spuse. Strategii de supraviețuire și integrare socioprofesională în familiile foștilor deținuți politici din Europa Centrală și de Est în anii ’50-’60*, Iasi: Editura Polirom.

Other contributions (in Romanian)

“Viața Mitropolitului Antonie Plămădeală în decursul anilor 1950-1960, așa cum a fost înfățișată în romanul său semi-autobiografic *Trei Ceesuri 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 Ceesuri 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 evocări*. [Confessors of Orthodoxy during the communist regime. Studies and reflections]. Mihail-Simion Sasaujan. ed. Editura Cuvantul Vietii, the Romanian Patriarchate, 2018, 171-184.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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 Leustean, *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 Suci." *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.

Creative non-fiction

Book

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

Short story

"The Rotating Billboard" in *The Montreal Review*, January 2018

PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (PAPER PROPOSALS ACCEPTED BY A SELECTION COMMITTEE)

1. Presentation of my upcoming book: *Under the Magnifying Glass of the Securitate* presented/discussed at the "The Image of East-Central Europe in English-language Academic and Text Books" 18th Annual Conference, July 22-September 7, 2020, Poland.
2. "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
3. "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.
4. "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
5. "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.

6. “*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*.
7. “The Securitate File as a Record of *Psuchegraphy*” workshop organized by the *Centre for Biographical Research*, University of Honolulu, Hawaii, August 22-24, 2018.
8. “Resistance Under Communism Revisited: the Case of the Vladimirești Monastery in Communist Romania” *Society for Romanian Studies*, Bucharest, Romania, 26-29 June 2018.
9. “Examining *Dossierveillance*” at the *Surveillance Studies Network 8th Biennial Conference*, Aarhus, Denmark, June 7-9, 2018.
10. “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.
11. “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.
12. “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.
13. “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.
14. “Antonie Plamadeala and the Securitate” Panel on Churches with and Against Dictatorship, *Society for Romanian Studies*, Bucharest, Romania, 17-19 June 2015.
15. “On Truth and Lack of it in Securitate Files”. Resistance and Collaboration Under Communism. *Centre canadien d’études allemandes et euripéennes, Université de Montréal*. 27 February 2015.
16. „Incursiune în viața și activitatea Mitropolitului Antonie Plamadeala [On the life and work of the Metropolitan Antonie Plamadeala] Braila, Romania. Symposium organized by the Carol I Museum, Braila, June 20, 2015.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Close to native knowledge of English; advanced in French and Russian; native in Romanian; ability to read in Ukrainian, Spanish, and Church Slavonic.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

LECTURER 2019
SciencesPo, Paris
Surveillance Studies

LECTURER 2017-2018
Concordia University, Department of Theological Studies, *Montreal, Québec, Canada*
Taught courses on ancient Greek and Roman mythology and Church history

TEACHING ASSISTANT 2013-2018
Concordia University, Department of Theological Studies, *Montreal, Québec, Canada*
Assisted in the teaching and grading of assignments produced by students in several courses offered by the department of theological studies at Concordia University. Courses for which I have served as a teaching assistant: Religion and Politics, Origins of Christianity, Introduction to New Testament and Religious Pluralism in a Secular Culture, Introduction to Christian Ethics

TEACHING ASSISTANT/MARKER 2017-2019
Concordia University, Department of Education, *Montreal, Québec, Canada*
Courses : Historical and Philosophical Foundations of Early Childhood Education (Fondements historiques et philosophiques de l'éducation préscolaire)

TUTOR & MENTOR
2006
Harvard Summer School *Cambridge, MA*
Tutored political science and international affairs to high school students who were part of the Harvard Summer School program and took courses at Harvard University.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

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-present
Editor for *The Montreal Review*—2018-present
Editorial Board Member, for *Studies of Transition States and Societies*, 2017-present
Writer and Editor for *Ami-Quebec*, Montreal, Quebec—2017-2018
Co-editor of the *Society for Romanian Studies Newsletter* —2016-2018

LEADERSHIP

Founder and Lead Researcher: *The Dossierveillance project* (www.dossierveillance.com), 2019-present
Conference Organizer: Upcoming 2022 International Conference of the Society of Romanian

Studies (to be held in Timisoara, Romania)

Conference organizer: “Indigenizing Pilgrimage”, held on May 7-9, 2015 at Concordia University Member of the conference organizing committee. In charge of communications and outreach. Concordia University, Department of Theological Studies—2015

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

Technical assistant for the Society’s *Journal of Romanian Studies*—2017-2018

Board member, the *Society of Romanian Studies*, 2016-2018

Member of the Departmental Appraisal Committee, Concordia University, Department of Theological Studies—2014

Helped write the Departmental Appraisal Report of the Department of Theological Studies—2014

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

Organized events for the Harvard alumni community from the Greater Toronto Area and served on the Harvard interview committee (Toronto office); in Toronto, I was in charge of the organization’s website (2009-2010). In Montreal, I interviewed students interested in being admitted at Harvard College. I wrote reports on each interview, as part of the student’s application for admissions (2011-2015).

GRANTS & AWARDS

Research grants

2019— Concordia University Accelerator Award, 5000 \$ CA

2016— *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

2016-2019— Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship Award (SSHRC), Doctorate level, CAD 105,000

2016-2019— Fonds de Recherche Société et culture, Doctorate level (2016-2019) CAD, 60000 (declined)

2015— Concordia University Campaign for a New Millennium Scholarship, CAD 1000

2015-2018— Concordia University Graduate Fellowship, awarded during the first three years of my PhD Studies, CAD 32,4000

2015— Monsignor Andrew Sinal Memorial Bursary in Theological Studies, CAD 2800

2014— Concordia University Mobility Award CAD 2000

2014— Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Fellowship (SSHRC), Master’s Level, CAD 17,500

2014— Fonds de Recherche Société et culture QC, MA level CAD 15,000 (accepted only 5000)

2013-2014— Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Award, MA level, CAD 20,000

2014-2015— Concordia University Entrance Award CAD 7000

Travel grants

2019—Concordia University Travel Award to attend and present a paper at the IABA Conference 2019. Knowing the Self: Auto/Biographical Narratives and the History of Knowledge, 19-21 June 2019, Facultad de Filologia UCM, Madrid Spain

2019—Facultad de Filologia UCM, Madrid Spain

2019—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

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

2018—Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements SSHRC Award: CAD 6000

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

2018—Concordia Humanities Travel Grant Award CAD 150

2018—Concordia Faculty of Arts and Science Conference Travel Award CAD 500

2018—Concordia Conference and Exposition Award CAD 1000

2015—Concordia Conference and Exposition Award CAD 1000

Other prizes and awards

2007-2008— Arts Fellow, Harvard University. 2005: John Carroll Scholarship, Georgetown University (awarded for excellence in academic achievement)

2002-2003—Presidential Scholarship from Cumberland College, now Cumberland University, (granted free tuition)

2001-2002— Florida-Eastern Europe Linkage Institute scholarship to study at Lake-Sumter community College (tuition waived to cover out-of-state costs)

2000-2001—Future Leaders Program Scholarship "funded by the US Congress to attend Eustis High School, Eustis, Florida - room and board covered