Curriculum Vitae

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PROFESSIONAL RECORD:

- October 2014 – Present – Senior Consultant and Research Editor, A.I. and Cyber Ethics, The Global Learning Center, Inc., Atlanta, GA.
- August 2014 – Present – Teaching Assistant. University of Georgia.
- May – August 2017 – Research Analyst. Prisma Analytics, Barcelona, Spain.
- September 2011 – July 2014 – Research Assistant. Institute for Global Studies at the University of Babeș-Bolyai, Romania.
- September 2011 – July 2014 – Adjunct Lecturer in Digital Media, College of Political, Administrative, and Communication Sciences, Department of Journalism and Digital Media, University of Babeș-Bolyai, Romania.

EDUCATION

- 2017 – Ph.D.c. Comparative Literature (ABD), University of Georgia, U.S.A.
  Thesis: "Playing with Robots in Cyberspace. Agon and Replacement in 20th Century American Science Fiction". Expected to defend in 2019. Committee: Mihai I. Spariosu (chair), Dorothy M. Figueira, Dezso Benedek.
- 2016 – Ph.D., Political Science, University of Babeș-Bolyai, Romania
  Thesis: "The Play of Hacking and the Political Values of the Hacker Culture".
- 2011 – M.A., Media Communication, University of Babeș-Bolyai, Romania
  Dissertation: "Media and Cyber Threats: A Hyperbolic Discourse".
- 2008 – B.A., History, University of Babeș-Bolyai, Romania.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record, Comparative Literature Department at University of Georgia

- Playing with Robots: Artificial Intelligence in Multicultural American Speculative Fiction
- Multicultural Black Diaspora Literature
- Comparative Ethnic American Literature

- Detective Fiction
- Intercultural Digital Humanities (proposed for 2019 and under review by the UGA Curriculum Development Committee)
- Professional Translation and Technical Writing in the Digital Age (proposed for 2019 and under review by the UGA Curriculum Development Committee)
- Western World Literature from Ancient to the 17th Century
- Western World Literature from the 17th Century to Present Day
- Children's Literature
- World Literature to the 17th Century
- World Literature from the 17th Century to Present Day

Instructor of Record, Journalism and Digital Media Department at University of Babeş-Bolyai, Romania English program,

- New Media Theory
- Media History
- Diversity in Media

AFFILIATIONS

- Affiliated Faculty, African Studies Institute, University of Georgia
- Associate Expert, DAVA Strategic Analysis, Romania

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Member, The Association for Computers and the Humanities
- Member, Modern Language Association
- Member, American Culture Association
- Member, Science Fiction Research Association

LANGUAGES

- English, German, Romanian, some French.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

- Cyber ethics, A.I. ethics, cyberpunk fiction, cyberspace, hacker culture, American literature, philosophy of technology, science fiction and fantasy, intercultural

studies, political philosophy, African American literature, digital humanities, developmental editing.

GRANTS

- University of Georgia, Graduate School Travel Award of $2,462, March 24, 2017
- Teaching Assistantship, Department of Comparative Literature, University of Georgia, 2014 – 2019.
- Co-manager and research team member: "Clash of Civilizations or Peaceful Co-Evolution? Intercultural Contact in the Age of Globalization." A grant of the Romanian National Authority for Scientific Research, CNCS-UEFISCDI, project ID: PN-II-PCE-2011-3-0771, 2011 – 2015, 383,000 EUR ($445,134).
- Romanian Ministry of National Education and Scientific Research, Doctoral Assistantship in Political Science, University of Babeş-Bolyai, 2011 – 2016, 18,000 EUR ($20,923).

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

- *Playing with Robots. Cyberspace and Artificial Intelligence in the 20th Century (in preparation)*

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Intercultural Digital Humanities, in Dorothy Figueira (ed.), *Rebuilding A Profession: Comparative Literature, Intercultural Studies and the Humanities in the Age of Globalization*, Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht unipress, upcoming 2019
- Rei Magosaki. Tricksters and Cosmopolitans: Cross-Cultural Collaboration in Asian American Literary Production, in *Recherche Littéraire / Literary Research*, No. 33, Summer 2017, pp. 88 – 93.
- with Radu Meza, Co-Citation Mapping and the Intercultural Dialogue of the Intellectual Communities in Arad and Timisoara (19th to early 20th centuries), in Spariosu, Mihai, I., (ed.), *Intercultural Conflict and Harmony in Central European Borderlands. The Cases of Banat and Transylvania 1849 – 1939*, Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht unipress, 2017, pp. 355 – 367.
- with Radu Meza, Concept Mapping of Ideological Positioning in Cultural and Political Periodicals in the Interbellum Cluj, in R*omanian Journal of Information Science and Technology*, vol. 16, no. 2-3, 2013, pp. 237-250.
- with Radu Meza, Harta co-citărilor ca analiză a comunicării ştiinţifice intercultural din Banat (sec. XIX), in Mihai Spariosu, Vasile Boari (eds.), *Armonie şi conflict*

intercultural în Banat şi Transilvania. Perspective cultural-istorice, European Institute, 2014, pp. 513 – 527.
- Hacking Hollywood: The Hacker Culture in Three Popular Films, *Journal of Media Research*, no. 11, 2011, pp. 95 – 114.

LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PAPERS

- "Replacement. A Comparative Review of Human-Machine Relations in E. M. Forster's *The Machine Stops* and Karel Čapek's *Rossum's Universal Robots*" upcoming, 2019 National American Culture and Popular Culture Conference, American Culture Association, Washington DC, April 17-20, 2019.
- "Innovative Information and Communication Technological Platforms for Intercultural Studies" at the University of Georgia at Athens, GA, April 13, 2018.
- "Hacktivism and Cyberpunk" at John Hopkins University, Society for Comparative Literature and the Arts, October 20, 2017.
- "The Political Values of the Hacker Culture in Phrack and 2600 Magazine" American Culture Association, 47th Annual Conference, San Diego, April 14, 2017.
- "Hacktivism Revisited: Co-citation Analysis of Political Concepts of Major Hacktivist Groups" Integrative Research & Ideas Symposium, University of Georgia, March 20, 2017.
- "The Process in Translation: Quantum Relations Principle and New Machines" The Society for Comparative Literature and the Arts, University of South Carolina – Columbia, October 15, 2016.
- "Strategy, Military Thought, and the Hacker Spirit. A Post-Clausewitzian Framework" College of Political, Administrative and Communication Sciences, University of Babeş-Bolyai, June 20, 2016.
- "A Digital Humanities Approach for the Study of Intercultural Dialogue" College of Political, Administrative and Communication Sciences, University of Babeş-Bolyai, May 4, 2014.
- "On the Digital Apocalypse. Media and Cyber Threat Inflation", College of Political, Administrative and Communication Sciences, University of Babeş-Bolyai, February 25, 2013.
- "Author Co-Citation Analysis and Concept Mapping as Research Methods for Intercultural Studies," at Oesterreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Institut für Kulturstudien und Theatergeschichte, Vienna, October 25, 2012.
- "Computer-Assisted Research in Intercultural Studies," at the *The 2012 Cultural Bridges in Germany Forum, Berlin. Conference on" Strengthening Intercultural Relations in Germany Through Arts, Sports, Politics and the Economy",* Institute for Cultural Diplomacy, Nov. 7-9, Berlin, 2012.

- "Authors and their Work as Cultural Bridges. A Case Study for Banat", at *The Cultural Bridges in Germany – A Forum for Young Leaders*, Nov. 11, 2012, Berlin
- with Radu Meza, "Co-Citation Mapping for Intercultural Studies / Harta co-citărilor pentru studii interculturale", at *Intercultural Conflict and Harmony in Banat and Transylvania: Cultural-Historical Perspectives*, May 17-19, 2012, Timişoara, Romania.
- with Radu Meza, "Concept Mapping of Ideological Positioning in Cultural and Political Periodicals in the Interbellum Cluj", at *Computational Models for Interethnic Studies in Transylvania and Banat*, 27-29 September 2012, Cluj-Napoca, Romania.
- "Cybersecurity and the State. An overview" College of Political, Administrative and Communication Sciences, University of Babeş-Bolyai, January 25, 2012.
- "Meanings of Advanced Military Technology in Contemporary Warfare," *Semiotics, Society and Culture,* University of Babeş-Bolyai, May 18, 2008 (CNCSIS PN II TD-379/2008).

ORGANIZING COMMITTEES (conferences, workshops)

- Intercultural Studies for a Global Age: Principles, Methodology, Practice, April 12-14, 2018, University of Georgia at Athens.
- Intercultural Conflict and Harmony in Banat and Transylvania: Cultural-Historical Perspectives, May 17-19, 2012, West University of Timişoara, Romania.
- International Conference on Religion and Politics in the Globalization Era, June 22-24, University of Babeş-Bolyai, Cluj-Napoca, Romania.
- Intercultural Conflict and Harmony in Banat and Transylvania: Cultural-Historical Perspectives (II), September 28-30, 2012, University of Babeş-Bolyai, Cluj-Napoca, Romania.
- Computer Models for Interethnic Studies in Banat and Transylvania, September 27-29, 2012 University of Babeş-Bolyai, Cluj-Napoca, Romania.
- Intercultural Dialogue, Mediation and Negotiation in Romania, May 31, 2013, University of Babeş-Bolyai, Cluj-Napoca, Romania.
- International Conference on Media Convergence, 23-26 October 2013, University of Babeş-Bolyai, Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

REFERENCES:

- **Dr. Mihai I. Spariosu**, Distinguished Research Professor, Head of the Department of Comparative Literature, University of Georgia, Mobile: 404-345-8481 | spariosu@uga.edu
- **Dr. Dorothy Figueira**, Distinguished Research Professor, Department of Comparative Literature, University of Georgia, Mobile: 706-542-2748 | figueira@uga.edu

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