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Director, Ancient and Medieval Studies
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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2013 - Assistant Professor, History Department, University of Alabama in Huntsville.
Director, Ancient and Medieval Studies Program (2016-).

EDUCATION

2013 Ph.D., Late Antiquity, University of Florida.
2006 M.A., Greek & Roman History and Archaeology (with distinction), University of Bucharest.
2004 B.A., Ancient History, University of Bucharest.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Roman and Late Antique Mediterranean; Late Roman and Early Medieval Balkans; Roman-barbarian interaction and identity formation; ancient borderlands and cross-cultural exchange; economic and monetary history of the Mediterranean world; communication and exchange networks.

PUBLICATIONS

Book:

2018 *Cultural Encounters on Byzantium's Northern Frontier c. AD 500-700: Coins, Artifacts and History*. Cambridge University Press.

Refereed Journal Articles:

2018 "The Mint of Thessalonica and the Mediterranean Economy in the 6th-7th c.," *Revue Belge de Numismatique et de Sigillographie* 164 (2018): 426-495.
2018 "Reconciling the 'Step Sisters': Numismatics, History, and Archaeology." *Byzantinische Zeitschrift* 111, no. 1: 103-134.
2016 "Going East: Western Money in the Early Byzantine Balkans, Asia Minor and the Circumpontic Region (6th-7th c.)." *Rivista Italiana di Numismatica e Scienze Affini* 116 (2016): 129-188.
2016 "A Few Rare Byzantine Coins Found in Dobrudja and the Extent of Byzantine Control in the Seventh-Century Balkans." *Cercetări Numismatice* 17 (2016): 53-64.

- 2015 "A Hoard of Sixth-Century Solidi, Light-Weight Solidi and Fractions from Gökler (Phrygia)." (with Zeliha Demirel Gökalp). *Revue Numismatique* 171 (2015): 317-335.
- 2014 "A Hoard of Early Byzantine Gold Coins from Bithynia." (with Zeliha Demirel Gökalp). *Numismatic Chronicle* 174 (2014): 193-203.
- 2013 "Sixth-century Fibulae with Bent Stem." (with Florin Curta) *Peuce* 11 (2013): 101-176.
- 2012 "Heavy Money, Weightier Problems: The Justinianic Reform of 538 and Its Economic Consequences." *Revue Numismatique* 168 (2012): 363-402.
- 2012 "Hoards and Hoarding Patterns in the Early Byzantine Balkans." (with Florin Curta). *Dumbarton Oaks Papers* 65-66 (2012): 45-111.
- 2011 "Too Much Typology, Too Little History: A Critical Approach to the Classification and Interpretation of Cast Fibulae with Bent Stem." (with Florin Curta). *Archaeologia Bulgarica* 15 (2011), no. 3: 51-81.
- 2009 "Early Byzantine Coin Circulation in the Eastern Provinces: A Statistical Approach." *American Journal of Numismatics* 21 (2009): 151-226.
- 2007 "Early Byzantine Capidava – The Numismatic Evidence." *Cercetări Numismatice* 12-13 (2006-2007): 153-174.
- 2007 "Greek Imperial, Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman Coin Finds at Capidava (1966-2006) in the Collection of National History Museum of Romania." *Pontica* 40 (2007): 607-623.

Book Chapters:

- 2017 "A Hoard of Sixth-Century Coppers and the End of Roman Capidava." In I. C. Opreș and A. Rațiu, *Capidava II. Building C1 – Contributions to the History of *annonae militaris* in the 6th Century*, 161-174. Cluj-Napoca: Mega, 2017.
- 2009 "Face Value or Bullion Value? Early Byzantine Coins beyond the Lower Danube Border." In *Byzantine Coins in Central Europe between 5th and 10th Century*, ed. M. Woloszyn, 449-471. Cracow: Polish Academy of Sciences, 2009.
- 2008 "Some Aspects of Monetary Circulation in the Byzantine Province of Scythia during the 6th and 7th Century." In *Acta Musei Varnensis VII: Numismatic, Sphragistic and Epigraphic Contributions to the History of the Black Sea Coast*, ed. I. Lazarenko, vol. 1, 301-330. Varna: Zograf, 2008.

Reviews:

- 2017 *Byzance et sa monnaie (IV^e-XV^e siècle)*, by C. Morrisson and G.-D. Schaaf. Paris: Lethielleux, 2015. *Revue Numismatique* 173 (2017): 409-411.
- 2016 *Justinian's Balkan Wars: Campaigning, Diplomacy and Development in Illyricum, Thrace and the Northern World A.D. 527-65*, by A. Sarantis. *Journal of Late Antiquity* 9, no. 2 (2016): 550-553.

- 2013 *Untersuchungen zur schiffsgestützten Grenzsicherung auf der spätantiken Donau (3.-6. Jh. n. Chr.)*, by F. Himmeler. BAR International Series 2197. Oxford: Archaeopress, 2011. *Ancient West & East* 13 (2014): 333-335.
- 2011 *Les destinées de l'Illyricum méridional pendant le haut Moyen Âge. Mélanges de l'École Française de Rome, Moyen Âge 120-2*. Rome: l'École Française de Rome, 2009. In *Early Medieval Europe* 19, n. 3 (2011): 354-355.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2014-2018 Faculty Research Grant, Humanities Center, University of Alabama in Huntsville (awarded four times).
- 2015 New Faculty Research Award, University of Alabama in Huntsville.
- 2014 Ad Astra Award for Excellence in Research for Doctoral Students (ERD).
- 2013 Graduate School Dissertation Scholarship Award, University of Florida.
- 2012-2013 Junior Fellowship, Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection (Harvard University).
- 2012 E. K. Rand Dissertation Grant, Medieval Academy of America.
- 2012 Tedder Family Doctoral Fellowship in the Humanities, Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere, University of Florida.
- 2012 James Wilkerson Dissertation Research Award, History Department, University of Florida.
- 2011-2012 Assistantship, University of Florida, History Department.
- 2009 Fellowship of the American Numismatic Society Eric P. Newman Graduate Seminar, New York. June-July.
- 2007-2012 Certificate of Outstanding Achievement, University of Florida International Center.
- 2007-2011 Alumni Fellowship, University of Florida.
- 2003-2004 Erasmus Scholarship, University of Aachen, Germany.

COMPETITIVE TRAVEL AWARDS

External:

- 2015 International Numismatic Council Congress Grant.
- 2011 The International Association of Byzantine Studies Grant.
- 2007 Romanian Ministry of Culture Mobility Grant.

Internal:

- 2014-2017 Faculty Travel Grant, University of Alabama in Huntsville.

- 2010-2012 Graduate Travel Grant, History Department/College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Florida (awarded three times).
- 2009-2011 Graduate Student Council Travel Grant, University of Florida (awarded three times).
- 2009 Medieval and Modern Studies Travel Stipend, University of Florida.

CONFERENCE PAPERS & PUBLIC LECTURES

- 2018 "Religion and politics: sixth-century Christianity beyond the Lower Danube frontier," 17th Congress of Christian Archaeology, Utrecht & Nijmegen (Netherlands), July 2-6.
- 2018 "Army Pay or People's Money? The Byzantine Mint of Thessalonica in the Sixth Century," 52nd International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 10-13.
- 2017 "Fraternal Enemies Reconciled: History, Numismatics, and Archaeology." 52nd International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 11-14.
- 2016 "Money and Barbarians: " Enhancing Social Prestige on Byzantium's Northern Frontier (6th-7th c.)." 51st International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 12-15.
- 2016 "Legacy of Rome: Money in the Early Byzantine Balkans and Asia Minor." FLAME Conference & Workshop, Princeton University, April 29-May 1.
- 2015 "Byzantium and Lazica in the Sixth Century: The Numismatic Evidence." XV International Numismatic Congress, Taormina, Italy, September 21-25.
- 2015 "Fiduciary Coinage in Early Byzantium." 50th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 14-17.
- 2015 "Minting in the Balkans and Asia Minor." Framing the Late Antique and Early Medieval Economy Workshop, Princeton University, March 28.
- 2014 "Between Byzantium and Persia: Money and Politics in Transcaucasia (6th-7th c.)." 49th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 8-11.
- 2014 "From Apollo to Christ: The Conversion of Constantine and the Survival of Pagan Representations in Late Antiquity." AIA Lecture Series, University of Alabama in Huntsville, April 3.
- 2012 "The Lower Danube and the Frontier Question in Late Antiquity." 47th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 10-13.
- 2011 "In the Shadow of the Empire: Early Byzantine Coins across Frontiers." 22nd International Congress of Byzantine Studies, Sofia, Bulgaria, August 22-27.
- 2011 "Coins, Barbarians, and Frontiers in Early Byzantium." 46th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 12-15.
- 2010 "A "Purse" of Early Byzantine Coins Found at Capidava (Scythia) and the Circulation of Justinianic Large *Folles*." 45th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 13-16.

- 2009 "Early Byzantine Coin Circulation in the Eastern Provinces: A Statistical Approach." XIV International Numismatic Congress, Glasgow, UK, August 31-September 4.
- 2009 "Early Byzantine Coin Circulation in the Eastern Provinces." 44th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 7-10.
- 2007 "Face Value or Bullion Value? Early Byzantine Coins beyond the Lower Danube Border." Byzantine Coins in Central Europe between 5th and 10th Century, international conference, Krakow, Poland, April 23-26, 2007.
- 2005 "Some Aspects of the Monetary Circulation in the Byzantine Province of Scythia during the 6th and 7th Century." Numismatic, Sphragistic and Epigraphic Contributions to the History of the Black Sea Coast, international conference, Varna, Bulgaria, September 15-17, 2005.

TEACHING

- 2013- Assistant Professor, University of Alabama in Huntsville, History Department:
 HY 103 – World History to 1500 (incl. honors).
 HY 229 – Ancient & Medieval Worlds.
 HY 300 – Craft of History.
 HY 329 – Imperial Rome.
 HY 331 – World of Middle Ages.
 HY 401/501 – Daily Life in Ancient Rome.
 HY 480/580 – Romans and Barbarians in Late Antiquity.
 HY 498/598 – Roman History on Film.
 HY 498/598 –Roman Frontier Culture.
 HY 696 – Studies in Ancient Rome.
- 2012 Instructor of Record, University of Florida, History Department:
 EUH 2001 - Western Civilization: From Late Antiquity to the Age of Discovery.
- 2009-2011 Teaching Assistant, University of Florida, History Department:
 MEM 3003 – Introduction to the Medieval World.
 EUH 3931 – History of Christianity.
 EUH 3033 – History of the Holocaust.
 HPS 3003 – Perspectives on Science & Mathematics: Newton-Darwin-Freud.

RESEARCH

- 2015 Post-dissertation research at the American Numismatic Society, New York, August.
- 2013- Member of the international digital humanities project FLAME: "Framing the Late Antique and Early Mediterranean Economy," directed by Princeton University. <http://coinage.princeton.edu/>
- 2012-2013 Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection (Harvard University), Junior Fellow.

- 2012 Dissertation research in Romania (museum collections). June-September.
- 2011 Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection, pre-doctoral resident. August.
- 2010 Dissertation research at the American Numismatic Society, New York. October.
- 2008 Research Assistant, University of Florida. Conducted research for a project application submitted to NEH. Fall.
- 2006-2007 Research associate in the international project *ARHEOMET* (scientific research of ancient metallurgy technologies).
- 2005-2007 Assistant Curator, National History Museum of Romania, Bucharest.

FIELD WORK

- 2001-2016 Excavations and numismatic expertise, Capidava, Romania, a major Roman and Byzantine fortress on the Danube frontier.
- 2006 Excavations, Muro Leccese, Italy, the Medieval Archaeology Field Practicum of the University of Florida.
- 2004 Excavations, Roșia Montană (Alburnus Maior, Dacia), Roman necropolis.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2015-2018 Contributor to *Byzantinische Zeitschrift. III Abteilung. Bibliographische Notizen und Mitteilungen. 8A Numismatik* (Balkans).
- 2013-2018 Peer reviewer for:
- Oxford University Press
 - Numismatic Chronicle, United Kingdom
 - Czech Science Foundation, Czech Republic
 - Ministry of Science, Education and Sports, Croatia
 - Cercetări Numismatice, Romania
- 2016 Text revision, *Transylvania in the Second Half of the Thirteenth Century: The Rise of the Congregational System*, by Tudor Salagean. Leiden/Boston: Brill.
- 2016 Session Presider, "Innovation in identities, innovation in narratives: literature in the Mediterranean region during Late Antiquity and the early Middle Ages." 51th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 12-15.
- 2014 Co-translator (Romanian to English), *The Mortuary Archaeology of the Medieval Banat (10th- 14th Centuries)*, by Silviu Ota. Leiden/Boston: Brill.
- 2012 Session Presider, "The Health and Lifestyle of Medieval Populations: A Bio-anthropological Perspective." 47th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 10-13.
- 2011 Session Presider, "The Archaeology of Early Medieval Europe." 46th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 12-15.

- 2007 Organizing Committee Member, Ancient and Medieval Monetary Technologies and Metrology: The Contribution of Atomic and Nuclear Analyses, international symposium, Bucharest, Romania, May 4-5.
- 2007 Speaker at the Round Table: Varna in the History and Archaeology of the West Black Sea-Coast, Varna, Bulgaria, February 19.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 2012 Medieval Academy of America.
- 2010 American Historical Association.
- 2009 American Numismatic Society.
- 2005 Romanian National Commission for Archaeology.
- 2002 Romanian Numismatic Society.

LANGUAGES

- Romanian: native.
- French: reading (excellent), speaking (fluent), writing (good).
- German: reading (very good), speaking (conversational).
- Spanish: reading (very good).
- Italian: reading (very good).
- Bulgarian: reading (with dictionary).
- Latin: reading (good).
- Ancient Greek: reading (good).