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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2024- Professor.
2019-2024 Associate Professor.
2016- Director, Ancient and Medieval Studies Program.
2013-2019 Assistant Professor, History Department, University of Alabama in Huntsville.

EDUCATION

2013 Ph.D., Late Antiquity, University of Florida.
2006 M.A., 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.

Reviews & review articles D. White, *Journal of the Australian Early Medieval Association* 15 (2019): 137-139; J. Baker, *Speculum* 95/2 (2020): 551-552; M. Decker, *American Historical Review* 125/3 (2020): 1075-1076; A. Madgearu, *Antiquité Tardive* 28 (2020): 412-414; C. Morrisson, *Revue Numismatique* 177 (2020): 425-427; A. Sarantis, *Numismatic Chronicle* 179 (2020): 410-416; P. Somogyi, *Dacia* 64 (2020): 303-314; M. Woloszyn, *Journal of Roman Archaeology* 34 (2021): 983-997; Li Qiang, *Historical Studies on Central Europe* 1, no. 2 (2021): 281-287.

Refereed Journal Articles:

- 2024 "The short seventh century: reassessing the end of Roman rule in Thracia in light of numismatic, literary and archaeological sources." *American Journal of Numismatics* 36 (2024), forthcoming.
- 2023 "Roman nostalgias in near *Barbaricum*" (with Florin Curta). *Dacia* 67 (2023): 83-143.
- 2023 "Collapse in the Balkans? Three seventh-century coin hoards from Hrisosotira on the Black Sea coast (Bulgaria)" (with Ivan Hristov). *Ancient West & East* 22 (2023): 133-157.
- 2022 "Fighting against nature: Romans and barbarians on the Icy Danube." *Journal of Ancient History* 10, no. 1 (2022): 135-163.
- 2021 "Free Market, Black Market or No Market? Money and *annona* in the Northeastern Balkans (6th–7th c.)." *Journal of Late Antiquity* 14, no. 2 (2021): 294-334.
- 2020 "The Monetary Economy of Dobrudja during the Migration Age (6th-7th centuries)." *Stratum Plus* (2020), no. 5: 363-376.
- 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:

- 2025 "Army Pay or People's Money? The Propontic Mints and the Mediterranean Economy (6th-7th c.)." In *Alan Stahl Festschrift*, submitted.
- 2024 "Cities on the Black Sea Coast and the Circumpontic Exchange Network (c. 500-700)." In *Routledge Companion to the Byzantine City: from Justinian to Mehmet II (ca. 500-ca.1500)*, eds. L. Zavagno and N. Bakirtzis, 107-138. New York: Routledge, 2024.
- 2019 "Money Talks: Financial Crisis and the Fate of the Roman Balkans (6th-7th c.)." In *Studia Romana et Mediaevalia Europensia. Miscellanea in honorem annos LXXXV peragentis Professoris emeriti Dan Gh. Teodor oblata*, eds. D. Aparaschivei and G.-A. Bilavski, 107-139.
- 2017 "A Hoard of Sixth-Century Coppers and the End of Roman Capidava." In I. C. Opriș and A. Rațiu, *Capidava II. Building C1 – Contributions to the History of annona 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. Himmler. 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

- 2022 Outstanding Faculty Award, College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Alabama in Huntsville.

2014-2023	Faculty Research Grant, Humanities Center, University of Alabama in Huntsville (awarded eight 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:

2014-2020	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.

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS & PUBLIC LECTURES

- 2023 NOMISMATA, International Workshop, Trieste (Italy), September 8, 2023 (invited).
- 2022 "The Roman frontier on the Lower Danube: revisiting an old debate." Walls, Borders, and Frontier Zones in Ancient and Contemporary Worlds, Jerusalem, December 2022 (invited).
- 2020 "Money in the early Byzantine Balkans: a century of research," 134th Annual Meeting of the American Historian Association, New York, January 3-6.
- 2019 "Failure in the Balkans: economic crisis and the collapse of the Danube frontier (c. 582-615)," 54th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 9-12.
- 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," 53rd 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- University of Alabama in Huntsville, History Department:
 HY 103 – World History to 1500 (incl. honors).
 AMS 229 – Ancient & Medieval Worlds.
 HY 300 – Craft of History.
 HON 301 – Alternative Decisions WW2
 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 490/590 – Research Seminar in History.
 HY 498/598 – Ancient Rome on Film.
 HY 498/598 –Roman Frontier Culture.
 HY 686 – Readings in Ancient Roman History.
- 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

- 2013- Member of the international digital humanities project FLAME: "Framing the Late Antique and Early Mediterranean Economy," directed by Princeton University. <https://coinage.princeton.edu/project-team/>

2015	Post-dissertation research at the American Numismatic Society, New York, August.
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 <i>ARHEOMET</i> (scientific research of ancient metallurgy technologies).
2005-2007	Assistant Curator, National History Museum of Romania, Bucharest.

FIELD WORK

2001-2023	Excavations and numismatic expertise, Capidava, Romania, a 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, Roşia Montană (Alburnus Maior, Dacia), Roman necropolis.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2023-	Member of the Editorial Board, <i>Propontica</i> , peer-reviewed archaeology journal of the Black Sea region, Turkey. https://dergipark.org.tr/en/pub/propontica/board
2020-	Member of the Editorial Board, <i>Hiperboreea</i> , peer-reviewed journal of Balkan History Association. http://hiperboreejournal.com/editorial-board/
2017-	Member of the Advisory Board, <i>Cercetări Numismatice</i> , peer-reviewed journal. http://www.cercetarinumismatice.ro/?Comitet-stiintific
2015-2021	Contributor to <i>Byzantinische Zeitschrift. III Abteilung. Bibliographische Notizen und Mitteilungen. 8A Numismatik</i> (Balkans).
2013-	Peer reviewer for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oxford University Press, United Kingdom • Springer Nature, Germany • Numismatic Chronicle, United Kingdom • Czech Science Foundation, Czech Republic • Ministry of Science, Education and Sports, Croatia
2016	Text revision, <i>Transylvania in the Second Half of the Thirteenth Century: The Rise of the Congregational System</i> , 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.
- 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).