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## EDUCATION

September 2005—Present **Harvard University**. **Ph.D.** candidate in **Comparative Literature**. Literatures: **Romanian, Russian** (double major) **Spanish, Latin**. Current GPA: 4.0.

August 2000--May 2004 **College of Charleston, South Carolina**. **BA** in **English** and **French**. *Summa cum Laude*. GPA in each major: 4.0. Overall 3.99. General GRE score: 1300 (Verbal 97%, Analytical 54%, Writing 4).

1996-2000 **National College "Andrei Muresanu,"** Dej, Romania. Major: **Philology** with concentration on **English and American literatures** with intensive English language learning. Baccalaureate in **Romanian, English, French** Languages and Literatures, **Romanian History, Physical Education**. Overall grade: 9.99. Overall high-school GPA: 9,89. TOEFL score: 660.

## EXPERIENCE

April 11—July 4 2005 **Intern** at the **Romanian Embassy in Washington, DC** under H.E. Ambassador Sorin Ducaru, Foreign Affairs Minister Mihai-Razvan Ungureanu, President Traian Basescu. Responsibilities: press and cultural affairs, Romanian—American Communities in the US; Romanian student communities.

2004-2005 **Writer** for the College of Charleston Magazine (campus publication addressed to students and alumni). Editor: Dr. Caroline Hunt, Ph.D. Harvard University.

**Grant Writer, Post—Production Researcher** in the **Office of College Relations and Media Communications** at the College of Charleston. Projects overseen: State of the Arts (4-episode TV series featuring contemporary, mid-career local and international artists. Aired on South Carolina ETV during the Spoletto International Arts Festival in May 2005).

2004 **Volunteer ESL teacher**, St. Mathew's Community Outreach Center in Charleston, S.C. Level taught: **Intermediate**.

2003-2004 **Intern Writer** for the College of Charleston Magazine.

2000—2004 **Student Assistant in the President's Office** at the College of Charleston, Charleston, S.C. under Presidents **Alexander M. Sanders, jr** and **Leo H. Higdon, jr**. Responsibilities: clerical work.

**Student Associate Managing Positions: Sottile Theater, Blacklock House.**

**Filming Set Supervisor: “Leopold Bloom” (2002); “The Notebook” (2003).**

2003 **International Student Representative** on the search committee for a new Director of the Office of **International Education and Exchange Programs**.

2000-2002 **Ambassador for Student Alumni Associates** at the College of Charleston.  
Member of a select student body assisting with campus events.

#### RELATED INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES

2005 **Toastmasters**, College of Charleston Chapter.

2003 **Alumni Participant in the Olomouc Summer Young Leaders' Institute**. Participated in leadership seminars and workshops held on the Institute's 10th year anniversary.

1999-2000 **Senior Class President**, N.C. **Andrei Muresanu**. Managed academic and extra-curricular activities.

July—August 1998 **Scholarship Recipient, Olomouc Summer Young Leaders' Institute, The Czech Republic**. Program geared toward **global issues** and **leadership studies** sponsored by the **Society for an Open Foundation, Romania**.

#### HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

##### College of Charleston:

2000—2004 **Highly Distinguished** on the **Faculty Honors List** (GPA: 3.99).

**Alexander M. Sanders** International Scholarship.

2004 Outstanding Student Award in **English**.

**English Speaking Union** Academic Scholarship.

Member of the **Sigma Tau Delta** International **English** Honor Society.

Paper “Liberation and Entrapment in Tsihi Dangarembga’s *Nervous Conditions*” elected Semi-Finalist for Chrestomathy. Literary Magazine of the College of Charleston.

2003 Member of the **Phi Kappa Phi** and the **Sigma Alpha Phi** Honor Societies

September—December 2002 **Verdon—Vaire** Academic Scholarship in support of studying at the **Campus Europeen Platon** in **Annot, France** (extension of the **University of Charleston**).

ACADEMIC OLYMPICS, National College Andrei Muresanu, Dej, Romania

2000: First Prize, **American and English Literature** *Cluj County* Level Contest. Grade: 10.

1999: Special Prize for Literary Analysis, **American and English Literature** *National* Level.

1998: Honorable Mention: **American and English Literature** *Cluj--County* Level.

1997: Third Place, **Romanian Language and Literature** –*Cluj* County Level.

Honorable Mention: **Latin Language, Literature, and History**—*Cluj* County Level.

**American and English Literatures**—*Cluj* County Level.

CONFERENCES

May, 2000 “Gheorghe Sincai” Highschool, Cluj—Napoca. Organized by the Ministry of Higher Education with support from the Babes Bolyai University Philology Department. Committee Members: Maria Breharu—Bruja.

First Prize -- “Best Student Presentation” on Mihai Eminescu’s “Sarmanul Dionis.”

January 15, 2000 “Mihai Eminescu” Highschool, Cluj—Napoca.

Second Place for Literary Analysis: Mihai Eminescu’s “Inger de Paza.”

December 4, 1999 N.C. “Andrei Muresanu,” Dej: “The Doppelganger Motif in the works of E.A. Poe, E. Hemingway, H. James.” Organizer with Prof. Maria Breharu—Bruja.

Presented on E.A. Poe’s “William Willson.”

October 1994 “C’est, Ca. Tout est le signe; mais le signe est-il tout?” International Conference on Semiotics, Suceava, Romania. Accompanied Prof. Nicolae Sut (father).

PUBLICATIONS

2005 **College of Charleston Magazine** Chronicle of A Moving Experience.

Photo essay: Loren Bridges ‘04.

2004 **College of Charleston Magazine** Zooming in on Egypt. Photos: OLGIS—TN.

2003 **College of Charleston Magazine** The International Experience. With Sarvin Gamian. ‘04.

- 2002 **College of Charleston Magazine.** Germany and Beyond. With Tannia Betzler, '03.
- 2000 **Liceenii, CNAM Student Magazine.** "Inger de Paza" de Mihai Eminescu. Comentariu literar.
- 1999 **Liceenii.** Poezii; Despre Corina Boca. Interviu cu Diana Chiorean..
- 1998 **Liceenii.** Poezii. Cehia—Jurnal boem.
- 1997 **Liceenii.** O lume virtuala. Despre virusi.
- 1994 **Liceenii, LTAM Student Paper.** Anagrama.
- 1990 **Rebusache.** Monoverb cu entarsa.

#### LITERARY PRIZES

##### High—school:

- 1999 Second Place for **Poetry** –Romanian. Contest Organized by the Ministry of Education with support from the Excelsior Literary Magazine, Cluj—Napoca.
- 1998 Second Prize for **Poetry** –Romanian. **CNAM.**

Special Prize for **Essay** writing –English. **CNAM.**

- 1997 First Prize for **Poetry** –Romanian section. **CNAM.**

##### Middle—School: Liceul Teoretic "Andrei Muresanu," Dej. Diriginte: Prof. Jecan Eugen (Mathematics).

1996 High—school entrance exams: **Romanian** Literature and Language: 9,55. **Mathematics:** 10. **English** Language and Literature: 10.

1995 Best class in **Cluj County.**

##### Elementary school: teacher Maria Seplecan. Unless otherwise noted all below are class contests.

1992: **PANA DE AUR International Literary Contest** organized by the Ministry of Education and Science.

Special Prize for **ESSAY WRITING** (three—piece sample).

First Prize for **CREATIVE PROSE WRITING** (on the exhilarating alternative reality of swapping places and material composition with a casual drop of water on a Blue Planet of wreckless ecological abuses).

1990--91 First Prize for **ESSAY WRITING** (on the nostalgia and sur-reality of breaking up with the kindergarten years).

MINI MATE CLUB: Second Place (Van—Euler Diagrams).

First Prize for DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION, singing. 8<sup>th</sup> of March Program organized by self with assistance from fellow classmates Ioana Morar, Laura Galea, Ionut Rus et al.

PAINTING CLASSES, CLUBUL COPIILOR, Dej. Professor: Marcel Lupse.

1989--90 MINI MATE CLUB: First Place. Score 90/90 (arithmetics, logic, rows of numbers)

November—December 1989 Third Degree **PIONEER**. Award bestowed at the **WW II Heroes' Memorial** in the Dealul Florilor Cemetary.

#### Pre—school:

1982—1988: Caminul de Copii nr. 4. Teachers: Mrs. Crisan, Mrs. Mihut.

Skill acquired: singing “Foicica de mohor, maaaai/ M-o pus dracu' sa ma-nsor, maaaai.” Widely performed in duets with brother Ionut before indulging relatives.

#### OTHER INFORMATION

Languages: Romanian (Native), English, French, Russian, Spanish.

Club Sports: 1999—2000 TAEKWON-DO ITF, Dej. 8 GUP.

2005—Present HARVARD TAEKWON-DO.