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Education

- **PhD Candidate in History** and TA at Purdue University, College of Liberal Arts, West Lafayette, Indiana, USA. Admitted in History Dept Fall 2007.
Major: European History. Advisor: Prof. James Farr. Dissertation: “**The Occult Origins of Scientific Discoveries: Alchemical Patterns in European Thought from the Carolingian Era to the Early Modern Period (VIII-XVIII centuries).**”
Committee: Professors James Farr, John Contreni, and Myrdene Anderson, Purdue University, and Anthony Grafton, Princeton University, Visiting Fellow at Merton College Oxford.
- **Bilsland-Puskas Fellow** (August 2011-July 2012; Fall 2009- Summer 2010)
- **Masters** in “International Relations and European Integration, The National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania, (fall 2002-February 2004), **GPA: 10/10** with honors (A+)
- **Bachelors**, School of Political and Administrative Science, University of Bucharest (1997-2001), **GPA: 9/10**, Specialty: Political Science (all courses and exams in English), Thesis: “*Anti-Semitism and Theories of Nationalism in Romania in the 1918-1938 period*”
- **Bachelors**, Law School, “Titu Maiorescu” University (1997-2003), Bucharest, Thesis: “*The Reform proposed by the Nice Treaty regarding the European Parliament*” was ranked **10/10**
- Also attended classes in the Masters Program at “L’ Institute Franco-Roumain, de Droit des Affaires et de la Cooperation Internationale Henri Capitain - Nicolae Titulescu”, (all courses in French), 2002-2003.

Professional Development

- Main organizer of events:
 - Purdue Conference: ***Science and the Occult from Antiquity to the Early Modern Age***, April 20-21, 2012, support of History Dept and Puskas-Bilsland Fellowship, Purdue Univ.
 - Purdue Symposium: ***Science and the Occult in European History***, Oct 1, 2010, support of History Dept and Puskas-Bilsland Fellowship, Purdue University. My tasks: organizer, chair (session 1), and presenter (session 2).
<http://catalinaghionea.net/Symposium.html>

- Papers presented at Conferences:
 - **46th International Congress in Medieval Studies**
 May 12-15, 2011 Western Michigan University
 Session: Alchemy and the History of Science (sponsored by *Societas Alchimica*)
 Paper: *Shamanic Methods in Western European Alchemy*
<http://www.wmich.edu/medieval/Assets/pdf/congress/Schedule11.pdf>
 - **Science and Magic: Ways of Knowing in the Renaissance**
 April 29-30, 2011 Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey
 Session: Alchemy beyond the Laboratory
 Paper: *Alchemical Patterns and Symbols in European Thought (XVI-XVIII centuries)*
<http://www.princeton.edu/renaissance/events/waysofknowing/>
 - **Science and the Occult in European History**
 October 1, 2010 Purdue University, History Dept.
 Session: Magic and the Occult in Europe from Antiquity to Early Modernity
 Organizer and Chair: Angela C. Ghionea (with support of *Bilsland-Puskas Fellowship*)
 Paper: *Origins of Alchemical Patterns in European Thought*
<http://catalinaghionea.net/Symposium.html>
 - **45th International Congress on Medieval Studies**
 May 7–10, 2010 Kalamazoo: Western Michigan University
 Session: Magic and the Occult from Antiquity to Early Modernity
 Organizer: Paul White
 Paper: *The Non-Rational in the Rational: the Occult Origins of Science from Carolingians to Enlightenment* <http://www.wmich.edu/medieval/Assets/pdf/congress/Schedule10.pdf>
 - **MARS Workshops**
 November 16, 2009 Indiana: Purdue University
 Session: European Renaissance
 Organizer: Michael Ryan
 Paper: *Occult Origins of Science*
 Program: <http://www.cla.purdue.edu/mars/events/marsmondays.html>
 - **44th International Congress on Medieval Studies**
 May 7–10, 2009 Kalamazoo: Western Michigan University
 Session: Alchemy
 Organizer: Nancy L. Turner
 Paper: *Voynich has a Meaning: Alchemy and Exotic Plants in the Most Mysterious Manuscript in the World*
 Program: <http://www.wmich.edu/medieval/Assets/pdf/congress/Schedule09.pdf>
 - **MARS Workshops**
 April 6, 2009 Indiana: Purdue University
 Session: European Renaissance
 Organizer: Michael Ryan
 Paper: *New Herbs from Americas and their Use in the Renaissance Italian Medicine*
 Program: <http://www.cla.purdue.edu/mars/events/marsmondays.html>

- **CSAS 2009 Conference**
 April 2-5, 2009 Urbana-Champaign, Illinois: University of Illinois campus
 Session: "Body, Culture and Society"
 Organizer: Myrdene Anderson
 Paper: *The Role of Human Prints and Divine Traces in Persuasive Rituals*
 Program: <http://courses.missouristate.edu/mbuckner/CSAS09PrelimProgram.htm>
 Abstract: <http://courses.missouristate.edu/mbuckner/CSAS%2009%20Paper%20Abstracts.htm>
- **Congreso Internacional Chymia. Ciencia y Naturaleza en la Europea Moderna (1450-1750)**
 September 2008, El Escorial, Madrid (attended)
- **HGSA 2008 Conference**, Purdue. Paper: "Voynich Manuscript and its Genuine Alphabet" (12 April 2008)
- **OAH 2008 Annual Meeting**, New York, (Hilton Hotel). Paper: "Understanding the "Voynich", the Most Mysterious Manuscript in the World. American Shamanism and Exotic Plants" (29 March 2008)
- **MARS Conference** (Medieval and Renaissance Society, Purdue) Paper: "New Contributions to Voynich Manuscript's Mystery" (24 March 2008)
- **Purdue students workshop** Paper: "Voynich Manuscript is not a Hoax. Uncovering New Evidence" (29 January 2008)
- Other accepted papers:
 - Paper: *The Power of the Occult and Alchemy during Carolingians*
Third Annual Graduate Student Conference on Power and Struggle, 2011 U. of Alabama
<http://bama.ua.edu/~gha/conference.html>
 - Paper: *Handprints, Footprints and Representations of Human Body in Magical Rituals*
North Central Sociological Association 2009 Conference; 2009 Michigan
 Session on "Body, Culture and Society" <http://www.ncsanet.org/meetings/index.html>
 - Paper: *Products of American Arid and Semi-arid Lands in European Renaissance: Trading Medicine knowledge, Herbs, and Drugs*
SCÉR (Congrès de la Société Canadienne d'Études de la Renaissance); 2009 Ottawa
 Session: De Fabrica Artis Medicinae: the parts of medicine in Early Modern Times.
<http://www.crrs.ca/crrs-scrr/conferences/cong-09.pdf>
 - Paper: *The Role of Irrational in the Rationality of Early Modern Europe*
SCSC 2009 (The Sixteenth Century Society and Conference); 2009 Switzerland: Geneva
 Session: The Supernatural in Early Modern European Society
<http://www.sixteenthcentury.org/2009GenevaProgramv2.pdf>
 - Paper: *Products of American Arid and Semi-arid Lands in the Italian Renaissance: Trading Knowledge, Herbs, Food, and Drugs*
Collecting East and West, 2009 Italy, Florence Univ. of Arts & British Institute of Florence
 Session: The West: New Worlds of Knowledge
- Pending publications
 - **Chief-editor, co-author:** Volume ***Science and the Occult***, (Autumn 2011), Cambridge Scholars Publishing, UK.
 - article: *Origins and Evolutions of Alchemical Patterns in European Thought*

- Taught several sessions on “European Crusades in Middle East” for Prof. Aurora Martin (Professor of International Relations, School of Political Sciences, University of Bucharest, Romania).
- **Teaching demonstrations:** taught numerous sessions during each of the following courses:
 - Seminar in Teaching (POL 603): grade **A+**
 - Teaching College French (FR 519): grade: **A+**
- Attended **Center for Instructional Excellence** Workshops and Seminars, fall 2005-2009.
- **Certified** to conduct research using human subjects at Purdue University, by The Committee on the Use of Human Research Subjects (commonly known as IRB), after the completion of Collaborative IRB Training Initiative (CITI) Course, 2005.

Teaching Interests

- History of Alchemy
- European History
- Early Modern History
- Medieval History
- World History
- History of Romania
- Intellectual History
- History of Science

Professional Memberships and Other Activities

- Participated in various student conferences sessions (Bucharest, 1998-2005), where I presented research papers in the following fields: History of Political Ideas History of Diplomacy, International Relations Theories, European Union History, Political Culture, International Law and some Philology.
- Internship at Romanian Foreign Affairs Ministry, Bucharest, summer 1999.
- Affiliations and Journals’ subscriptions:
 - **HSS** (History of Science Society) → *Isis; Osiris*
 - **SHAC** (Society for the History of Alchemy and Chemistry) → *Ambix*
 - **SASM** (Society for Academic Study of Magic) → *Preternatural: Critical and Historical Studies on the Preternatural*
 - **SEHA** (Sociedad Espaniola de Historia de la Alquimia) → *Azogue*
 - **RSA** (Renaissance Society of America) → *Renaissance Quarterly*
 - **SM** (Societas Magica) → *Magic, Ritual, and Witchcraft*
 - **AIA** (Archaeological Institute of America) → *American Journal of Archaeology*
 - **OAH** (Organization of American Historians) → *Journal of American History*
 - **AHA** (American Historical Association) → *American Historical Review*
 - **MARS** (Medieval And Renaissance Studies)
 - **HGSA** (History Graduate Students’ Association)
- Other Journals’ subscriptions:
 - *Early Science and Medicine*
 - *History of Religions*
 - *Aries: Journal for the Study of Western Esotericism*

Languages

- Romanian: native
- English, French (near native)
- Spanish, Italian (fluent)
- Hebrew, Latin, German (good reading ability)
- Egyptian Hieroglyphs (good working knowledge)
- Classic Greek, Russian (beginner)

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