

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education:	
2022-present	<ul style="list-style-type: none">West University of Timișoara, Romania. Ph.D. in Philology (with scholarship) Supervisor: Dr. Cristina Chevereșan (received a scholarship)
2020-2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">West University of Timișoara, Romania. Master of Arts in Philology American Studies (achieved max. grade) Supervisor: Dr. Irina Diana Madroane
2017-2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">West University of Timișoara, Romania. Bachelor of Arts in Philology: English Language and Literature – German Language and Literature Supervisor: Dr. Claudia Doroholschi
Professional positions held:	
2020-present	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Teaching Assitant, West University of Timișoara Department of Modern Languages and Literatures (English Language)
2012-present	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Senior Network Engineer, Tech Mahindra Services
Courses taught and other services provided to students and the home institution:	
	English courses for the History and Physical Education Faculties at the West University; Volunteer at various events organized by the University; Encouraging young students to follow an academic career
Research interests:	
Research areas	Literary Analysis; Critical Discourse Analysis; Media Discourse Analysis
Research topics	Fragmentation of the self in post-modern literature; U.S. right-wing media discourse analysis; Authority representation in post-colonial literature
Publications:	
Articles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Struggles of the American Democracy in the 21 Century. The American caste system and African Americans as the engine of Democracy</i> -accepted for publication in the 2024 edition of The Journal of American Studies U.V.T.<i>Symbolic Constructions of the Folk Devil in American Pro-Life Media Discourses: A Moral Panic Perspective</i> - published in the Student Symposium Journal 2023<i>Social Identity in To Kill a Mocking Bird</i> -published in The Journal of American Studies U.V.T. in 2023
Other professional activities:	

Volunteer Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer at the International Symposium <i>Germanistik zwischen Regionalität und Internationalität: 60 Jahre Temeswar</i> organized by the German Department of the Faculty of Letters of the West University of Timisoara (October 2016) • Volunteer and moderator at the <i>26th Student Symposium for English Students</i> organized by the English Department of the Faculty of Letters of the West University of Timisoara (April 2021) • Volunteer at the Women's Rights: Interdisciplinary Perspectives and Approaches, organized by the Center of Interdisciplinary Gender Studies (October 2021) • Volunteer in the Workshop <i>The Only Way to Fight Lies is with the Truth</i> held by Fulbright specialist Ron Keefover organized by the Center of Interdisciplinary Gender Studies (CISG) (Mai 2022) • Volunteer and moderator at the <i>27th Student Symposium for English Students</i> organized by the English Department of the Faculty of Letters of the West University of Timisoara (April 2023) • Volunteer for the event <i>The Days of American Documentary</i>, organized by The Center of American Studies (A.S.C.) in Timisoara (April 2023)
Presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of presentation at <i>the Women's Rights: Interdisciplinary Perspectives and Approaches</i>, organized by the Center of Interdisciplinary Gender Studies. Title of the presentation: "The Feminist Movement as Constructed in the T.V series Mad Men" (March 2021) • Certificate of presentation at the <i>26th Student Symposium for English Students</i> organized by the English Department of the Faculty of Letters of the West University of Timisoara, the title of the presentation: <i>Symbolic Constructions of the Folk Devil in American Pro-Life Media Discourses: A Moral Panic Perspective</i> (April 2021) • Certificate of presentation in the <i>Games of Science</i> workshop organized by the British Council and Social Innovation Solutions (10-11 April 2023)
Conferences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of participation in the <i>Rural Crisis and American Politics</i> workshop held by prof dr. Steven Conn from Miami University U.S.A (March 2022) • Certificate of participation in the Workshop <i>The Only Way to Fight Lies is with the Truth</i> held by Fulbright specialist Ron Keefover (Mai 2022) • Certificate of participation in the <i>My Ph.D. Thesis in 3 Minutes</i> workshop organized by the Timisoara University Alliance (March 2023) • Accepted to present at the 46th annual Society for Caribbean Studies conference held in Leicester, the title of the paper: <i>Authority Manifestations in The Farming of Bones</i> U.K. (July 2023)
Membership in associations:	
A.S.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The American Studies Center, West University of Timisoara, Romania (2022)
CISG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Interdisciplinary Centre for Gender Studies, West University of Timisoara, Romania (2022)

S.C.S.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Society of Caribbean Studies U.K. (2023)
Professional awards and grants:	
Study grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2022-2025 a three-year scholarship while writing the Ph.D.