

EMANUELA GRAMA-NEAMȚU
egrama@umich.edu

EDUCATION

- University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA** December 2010
Ph.D., Anthropology and History
Dissertation:
Building Politics, Searching for Heritage: Archaeology, Architecture, and Imagineries of Social Order in Romania (1947-2007)
Co-Chairs:
Katherine Verdery, CUNY Graduate Center
Gillian Feeley-Harnik, University of Michigan
- University of Bucharest, Romania** June 1999
M.A., Anthropology
- University of Bucharest, Romania** June 1998
B.A., Sociology

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Institute for Advanced Studies New Europe College, Bucharest, Romania** March-July 2010
GE-NEC III Fellowship, "Arts in Romania 1945-2000," sponsored by the Getty Foundation, USA
- American Council for Learned Societies** Sept. 2008- April 2009
Dissertation Writing Fellowship in East European Studies
- The Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies, University of Michigan** Sept. 2008-April 2009
Janey and Melvin Lack Graduate Research Fellowship
- European Union Center/Center for European Studies, University of Michigan, "Jean Monnet" Graduate Fellowship** June 2008-Sept. 2008
- Institute for Advanced Studies New Europe College, Bucharest, Romania** Oct. 2007-May 2008
"Europa" Research Fellowship, Sponsored by Volkswagen Foundation, Germany
- Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna, Austria** Jan. 2007-July 2007
Körber Junior Fellowship "History and Memory in Europe," (declined)
- The Wenner Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, USA** April 2006-Oct. 2006
Individual Doctoral Research Grant
- Open Society Archives, Budapest, Hungary** March 2006
Individual Research Grant
- International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX)** Sept. 2005- Feb. 2006
Individual Advanced Research Opportunity Program Grant (IARO)
- Center for Eastern European and Russian Studies, University of Michigan** June-August 2005
Pre-Dissertation Research Award
- Institute for Research on Women and Gender, University of Michigan** May-August 2004
Community of Scholars Fellowship
- International Institute, University of Michigan** May-July 2003
Pre-Dissertation Research Award
May-August 2002
- International Institute, University of Michigan** Sept. 2001- April 2002
Fellowship for Incoming Students

PUBLICATIONS

(peer-reviewed=*)

- “*Sommersachsen* at Bierthälm: Nostalgia, Ironic Empathy, and Ethnicity Making among the Saxons of Transylvania.” In preparation for *Journal of Contemporary History*. May 2011
(expected submission)
- “Profilul ocupării forței de muncă în mediul rural din România” [The profile of labor force in rural Romania], for the report “Competențe europene pentru mediul rural”, CADI Romania April 2011
- “Impenetrable Plans and Porous Expertise: Building a Socialist Bucharest, Reconstructing Its Past (1958-1968).” *Études Balkaniques*. 2010
- “Letters, Plans, and Walls: Architects, Archeologists, and Institutional Politics in Bucharest of the 1960s.” *Anthropology of East Europe Review* 57, no.2: 56-67. 2009
- “Work, State, and the Linguistic Construction of ‘Self’ in Romania of the 1950s and 1960s. (A Case Study).” *Romanian Journal of Society and Politics* 5, no.2: 38-64.* 2006
- “Networking Texts and Persons: Politics of Plagiarism in Postsocialist Romania.” *Romanian Journal of Society and Politics* 4, no.2: 148-173.* 2004

INVITED TALKS

- Historical Preservation, Ethnic Belonging, and Symbolic Geographies in Contemporary Sibiu/Hermannstadt, Transylvania*. Lecture given at the Russian and East European Institute, Indiana University, October 12. 2010
- Grounding Socialism: Architecture, Archeology, and Conflicting Materialities in Bucharest’s Old Court Area (1953-1967)*. Lecture given at the Center for Russian and East European Studies, University of Michigan, October 28. 2009

PRESENTATIONS

- “*Carrying History on their Shoulders*”: *Houses, Persons, and Ethnicity Making among the Saxons of Transylvania*. The conference “Remaking the Social: New Risks and Solidarities,” the Romanian Association of Sociologists and the Sociology Department of the “Babes-Bolyai” University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. December 2-4. 2010
- Impenetrable Plans and Porous Expertise: Building a Socialist Bucharest in the 1960s*. The Annual SOYUZ Symposium “Global Socialisms and Postsocialisms,” Department of Anthropology, Yale University. April 23-24. 2009
- Building a Socialist Bucharest, Reordering History: Tamed Walls, Erased Lives in Bucharest’s Old Court (1953-1967)*. The symposium “Topographies of Violence,” The Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies, University of 2009

Michigan. April 16-17.

- Searching for Heritage in Transylvania: Making Memory into Property.* In the panel “Socialist Aftermaths: Papers in Honor of Katherine Verdery,” the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, November 19-23. 2008
- Co-organizer and discussant for the panel “Heritage Politics and Aesthetic Regimes,” the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, November 19-23. 2008
- Discussant for the workshop “*Imagined Communities: Twenty-Five Years Later*” with Benedict Anderson. The Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies, Ann Arbor, September 25. 2008
- Heritage Revival in Contemporary Transylvania.* The 16th International Conference of the Council for European Studies, Chicago, March 6-8. 2008
- Heritage, Memory and Urban Space in Sibiu, Transylvania.* The panel “Changing Landscapes of Bulgaria, Romania, and Yugoslavia,” the American Association for Advancement of Slavic Studies, New Orleans, November 15-18. 2007
- Monumentality and Community in a Transylvanian Village: The Revitalization of the Bánffy Castle in Bonțida, Cluj County.* The “Europa” Fellows Colloquium, Institute for Advanced Studies *New Europe College*, Bucharest. 2007
- The Dance of the Statues: Marking ‘Place’, Un-Making ‘State’ in Contemporary Sibiu, Romania.* The panel “Problems of State Authority in Contemporary Europe,” the 15th International Conference of the Council for European Studies, Chicago, March 22-24. 2006
- Creating “the Science of the Nation”: the Romanian Social Institute and the Politics of Modernization in 1930s Romania.* The European Social Science History Conference, Amsterdam, March 22-25. 2006
- Texts as Persons, Persons as Houses and Gardens: Reclaiming Personhood through Authoritarian Textualities.* The 7th Annual “Michigan” Graduate Student Conference in Linguistic Anthropology. Ann Arbor, University of Michigan, May 5-7. 2005
- “A Word of Comfort and a Caress”: Politics of Labor, Gender and Class of “The Social Service”, 1930s Romania.* Community of Scholars Conference, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, University of Michigan, April 8. 2005
- Networking Texts and Persons: Politics of Plagiarism in Postsocialist Romania.* The 2005 Annual SOYUZ Conference, “Post-Post Socialism?” Indiana University, Bloomington, March 4-5. 2005
- Street as Dictionary? Translating “the Public Space” or Representing Language and Publics in Postsocialist Romania.* The 6th Annual Graduate Student Conference in Linguistic Anthropology, University of Chicago, May 7-8. 2004

- Discussant. The panel *Scale* at the conference “Trans/formations of the Disciplines,” University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, February 22. 2004
- “Furs are Like People, None is Alike”*: *Labor and Luxury Commodities in Postsocialist Romania*. The Society for Comparative Research, The Fifth Annual Graduate Student Retreat, Princeton, Princeton University, May 7-8. 2003
- Work—A Negotiated Pattern in a Privatizing Romania?* Organizer and presenter, the panel “Hungarian and Romanian Workers: Comparative Study of the Construction of Work in Socialism”. The European Social Science History Conference, the Hague, February 27-March 2. 2002
- Workers between Narratives and Strikes: Gender and Kin on the Shop Floor*. The 2002 Annual SOYUZ Symposium, “New Directions in Post-Socialist Studies” University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, February 22-23. 2002

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Adjunct Lecturer, “Vasile Goldiș” University, Arad, Romania** January-May 2011
 Courses [in Romanian]
 “The History of the European Integration”
 “Introduction to Political Sociology”
- Instructor, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan** Spring 2009
 Anth 298 “Anthropological Approaches to Memory”
 Designed and taught original writing-intensive undergraduate seminar on historical and anthropological approaches to memory. Delivered lectures and coordinated seminar discussions for a 3-hour class that met biweekly. Prepared in advance discussion questions and posted them on the Ctools class web site, in order to help students better grasp the assigned readings. Maintained course Ctools site, held weekly office hours, offered extensive feedback on students’ writing and helped them prepare their mandatory in-class presentation of one of the assigned readings.
- Graduate Student Instructor, Department of Anthropology** Winter 2005
 Anth 101, “Introduction to Anthropology,” Prof. Stuart Kirsch
 Taught three discussion sections, held weekly office hours, offered feedback on students’ writing, contributed to the design of the midterm and final exams.
- Graduate Student Instructor, Department of Anthropology** Fall 2004
 Anth 101 “Introduction to Anthropology,” Prof. Andrew Shryock
 Taught three discussion sections, held weekly office hours, offered feedback on students’ writing, contributed to the design of the midterm and final exams.
- Graduate Student Instructor, Department of History** Winter 2004
 History 319 “Europe since 1945,” Prof. Dario Gaggio
 Led three discussion sections, prepared discussion questions, concept-maps and in-class exercises. Held weekly office hours, helped students prepare their in-class presentations, graded the midterm and final written exams.

Graduate Student Instructor, Department of History Fall 2003
History 318 “Europe in the Era of Total War, 1900-1945,” Dr. Megan Koreman
Led three discussion sections, prepared discussion questions, selected additional
visual materials, and designed concept-maps based on the readings and in-class
exercises (debates, role playing historical characters and events). Offered
extensive feedback on students’ papers, held office hours, met weekly with the
instructor and teaching fellows, graded the midterm and final written exams.

Graduate Student Instructor, Department of Anthropology Winter 2003
Anth 101 “Introduction to Anthropology,” Prof. Stuart Kirsch
Taught three discussion sections, held weekly office hours, offered feedback on
students’ writing.

Graduate Student Instructor, Department of Anthropology Fall 2002
Anth 101 “Introduction to Anthropology,” Prof. Kelly Askew
Taught three discussion sections, held weekly office hours, offered feedback on
students’ writing, contributed to the design of the midterm and final exams.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Graduate Student Representative in the Admission Committee of the 2009
Doctoral Program in Anthropology and History, University of Michigan,
February 2009.
(Thoroughly read and commented on each of the application files, and
participated in the meeting of the Executive Committee where the final
admission decisions were made.)

Co-organizer of the workshop “Gender in Post-socialism,” Department of 2005
History and the Institute for Women and Gender, University of Michigan, Ann
Arbor. March 4-5.

**Co-organizer of the graduate student conference “Trans/Formations of the 2004
Disciplines,”** The Doctoral Program in Anthropology and History, University of
Michigan, Ann Arbor. February 22-24.
(Responsible for the collection and distribution of the electronic
conference papers and the travel arrangements of the external conference
participants)

SELECTED RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Sociological research on the development of entrepreneurial initiatives and 2011
competences in rural Romania. Analyzed and systematized the sociological
literature on labor force and skills in Eastern Europe. Contributed to the
conceptualization of the sociological survey. Conducted interviews with rural
entrepreneurs, farmers, and local officialities. Written a 30-page research report.
Project coordinated by *CADI Foundation*, Romania, and funded by the European
Social Fund, the Program for the Human Resources Development 2007 – 2013.

- Dissertation research in the following archives: the Archives of the National Institute for Historical Monuments (INMI), the Central Historical National Archives (ANIC), and the Archives of the City of Bucharest, the Collection of the Commission of Historical Monuments (*Comisiunea Monumentelor Istorice*, 1912-1945). Conducted over 30 interviews with architects, historians, and art historians in Bucharest. Dec. 2007-May 2008
- Ethnographic and archival research in the multi-ethnic village of Bonțida, Cluj county, Romania. June-September 2007
- Research in the Open Society Archives, Budapest, Hungary, on minority politics and Transylvanian Germans (Saxons) in socialist Romania. March-April 2006
- Dissertation research in Sibiu, Romania. Ethnographic observations, interviews with Romanian and Saxon urbanites, and research in the following archives: the “Friedrich Teutsch” Center for Cultural Dialogue of the Lutheran Church of Romania, the Brukenthal Museum, and the National Archives, Sibiu branch. May 2006-Sept. 2006
Sept. 2005-Feb. 2006
- Archival research on the Romanian Social Institute and the politics of social work in interwar Romania. June-August 2003
- Research Assistantship for Professor Katherine Verdery, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan. Acquired and systematized quantitative data on the land restitution processes in Eastern Europe. May 2002

LANGUAGES

English (fluent)
German, French, Italian (reading proficiency)
Romanian (native)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association (2009-present)
American Anthropological Association (2008-2010)
American Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (2007-present)
Council for European Studies (2006-2009)

REFERENCES

Julien J. Studley Distinguished Professor
Katherine Verdery
PhD Program in Anthropology, City University Graduate Center
365 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10016
Phone: 212.817.8005/ fax: 212.817.1501, kverdery@gc.cuny.edu

Kathleen Gough Collegiate Professor
Gillian Feeley-Harnik
Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan
101 West Hall, 1085 S. University Ave. Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1107
Phone: 734.764.7274/ fax: 734.763.6077, gfharnik@umich.edu

Professor **Brian Porter-Szücs**
Department of History, University of Michigan
1014 Tisch Hall, 435 State st. Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1003
Phone: 734.764.6305/ fax: 734.647.4881, baporter@umich.edu

Assistant Professor **Krisztina Fehervary**
Department of Anthropology
University of Michigan
101 West Hall, Ann Arbor MI 48109-1107, fehervar@umich.edu