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**Academic Positions:**

2015- present Associate Professor, School of Philosophy, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C  
2009 – 2015: Assistant Professor, School of Philosophy, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.  
2005–2009: Assistant Professor, Campion College, University of Regina, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada.

**Education:**

2000–2005: Ph.D., University of Guelph. Title of Ph.D. Dissertation: “Plato’s *Meno*: An Interpretation.” Advisor: Kenneth Dorter  
1999–2000: M.A., University of Bucharest, Faculty of Philosophy. Title of MA Dissertation: “On Kant’s Distinction between Space and Time as Forms of Intuition and as Formal Intuitions: An Interpretation of the *Transcendental Deduction (Critique of Pure Reason – B)*.” Advisor: Ilie Parvu.  
1998 Fall Semester – University of Oxford, St. Anne’s College, Oxford. Visiting Student (no degree), *TEMPUS Scholarship*  
1995–1999: B.A., University of Bucharest, Faculty of Philosophy. Title of Honors Diploma: “Kant’s *Transcendental Deduction (Critique of Pure Reason – A)*: An Ontological Reading.” Advisor: Ilie Parvu.

**Areas of Specialisation / Areas of Competence:**

AOS: Ancient Greek Philosophy (Plato)  
AOC: Metaphysics, Heidegger, Modern Philosophy.

**Publications:**

**Books:**

*On the Good Life: Thinking through the Intermediaries in Plato’s Philebus* - book under contract with SUNY Press (forthcoming 2019)

*Plato’s Meno: An Interpretation* (Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield, Lexington Books, 2007).

**Edited volumes:**

Alma Cornea Ionescu, *Muzica vietii mele*, Editura Brumar, Timisoara, 2018.

**Journal Articles:**

“Elenchus, Recollection, and the Method of Hypothesis in the *Meno*” – *The Plato Journal* vol 17/2017, 9-29.

“The *Techne* of Dialectic: Elenchus and the Method of Division in Plato’s *Sophist*” – forthcoming in an anthology, McGill University Press.

“Due Measure and the Dialectical Method in Plato’s *Statesman*”, *Journal of Philosophical Research* vol 41: 2016: 77-104.

The Place of Pleasure and Knowledge in the Fourfold Articulation of Reality in Plato’s *Philebus*” in *Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy*, vol. XXX: 1-32 2015.

“Dialectical Method and Myth in Plato’s *Statesman*”, *Ancient Philosophy* 34(1), 2014: 1-18

“Dialectic in Plato’s *Sophist*: Division and the Communion of Kinds”, *Arethusa* 46, 2013: 41-64.

“Recollection and the Method of Collection and Division in the *Phaedrus*.” *Journal of Philosophical Research* 37, 2012: 1-24.

“Dialectical Method and the Structure of Reality in the *Timaeus*.” *Ancient Philosophy* 30, 2010: 299–318.

“Hybrid Varieties of Pleasure and the Complex Case of the Pleasures of Learning in Plato’s *Philebus*.” *Dialogue* 47, 2008: 1–23.

“Plato’s Understanding of Pleasure in the *Philebus*: Absolute Standards of Repletion and the Mean.” *Journal of Philosophical Research* 33, 2008: 1–18.

“The Unity of the *Philebus*: Metaphysical Assumptions of the Good Human Life.” *Ancient Philosophy* 27, 2007: 55–75.

“The Transition from the Lower to the Higher Mysteries of Love in Plato’s *Symposium*.” *Dialogue* 46, 2007: 27–42.

“The Mythical Introduction of Recollection in the *Meno* (81a–e3).” *Journal of Philosophical Research* 31, 2006: 153–170.

“Another Kantian Argument for the Refutation of Problematic Idealism: Kant’s Fragment *On Inner Sense* (The Leningrad Fragment)” – in *Portret de grup cu filosofia: Studii de istoriografie filosofica*, Timisoara: Editura Universitatii de Vest, 2005: 221–243 (in Romanian)

“The Concept of the *Last God* in Heidegger’s *Beiträge*: Hints toward an Understanding of

the Gift of *Sein*.” *Studia Phaenomenologica* 2, 2002: 59–95.

“Hegel’s Doctrine of the Identity of Cause and Effect in the *Science of Logic*.”  
*Analele Universitatii de Vest din Timisoara*, Vol. XIV, 2002: 35–56.

### **Chapters in Anthologies:**

“Doua modele pentru recuperarea încrederii în rolul si rostul actual al disciplinelor umaniste: Great Books Programs si Liberal Arts College”, pp. in *Filosofia în universitatea contemporană*, Coordonator: Claudiu Mesaroş, Editura Universităţii de Vest, 2017

### **Book Reviews: Book Reviews:**

*The Demiurge in Ancient Thought: Secondary Gods and Divine Mediators*. By Carl Séan O'Brien. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015, Ancient Philosophy (Spring 2017 forthcoming)

*Plato and Heidegger, A Question of Dialogue*, Penn State Press, 2009, Francisco Gonzalez, *Dialogue* 49, 2010: 322–324.

*Companion to Heidegger’s Contributions to Philosophy*, Scott, Charles E, Schoenbohm, Susan M., Vallega-Neu Daniela eds., *Studia Phaenomenologica* 3, 2003: 277–281.

*Essays in Honor of Hubert Dreyfus: Vol. I: Heidegger, Authenticity, and Modernity; Vol. II: Heidegger, Coping and Cognitive Science*, Wrathall, Mark A. and Malpas, Jeff, eds., *Symposium* 5, 2001: 115–120.

*Essays in Honor of Hubert Dreyfus: Vol. I: Heidegger, Authenticity, and Modernity; Vol. II: Heidegger, Coping and Cognitive Science*, Wrathall, Mark A. and Malpas, Jeff, eds., *Studia Phaenomenologica: Romanian Journal of Phenomenology*, vol. 1, no. 1–2, pp. 344–350, 2001 (slightly different version from the above; Romanian).

William D. Blattner, *Heidegger’s Temporal Idealism*, *Studia Phaenomenologica* 1, 2001: 344–350.

### **Work in Progress:**

*On the Good Life: Thinking through the Intermediaries in Plato’s Philebus* - book project under contract with SUNY Press.

“The Philosopher’s Dialectical Art in the *Phaedrus*: What are the Objects that we Collect and Divide” – conference paper

“Images and Paradigms in the *Sophist* and the *Statesman*” - journal article

### **Conference Presentations and Invited Talks:**

## I. Papers:

“The Philosopher’s Dialectical Art in the *Phaedrus*: What are the Objects that we Collect and Divide” – Conference on Platonic Dialectic, Bergen, Norway May 31-June 2, 2018.

“Plato’s Account of Pleasure in the *Philebus* surviving Three Aristotelian Objections”, SAGP Annual conference, Fordham University, NYC, October 2017.

“Images and Paradigms in Plato’s *Sophist* and the *Statesman*” SAGP Annual Conference, Fordham University NYC, October 28-30, 2016.

“Measures and Paradigms in Plato’s *Sophist* and *Statesman*”, Guest lecture at the Washington Architecture Alexandria Center, Ph.D. Seminar, September 23, 2016.

“Pleasures of Learning and the Role of Due Measure in Experiencing Them”, West Coast Plato Workshop, Northern Arizona University, May 8, 2016.

“Pleasures of Learning and the Role of Due Measure in Experiencing Them”, Congress in Ancient Philosophy, SIFG, Lisbon, April 21, 2016.

“Due Measure and Paradigms in Plato’s *Statesman*”, SAGP Annual Conference, Fordham University, NYC, October 25, 2015.

“The *Techne* of Dialectic: Elenchus and the Method of Division in Plato’s *Sophist*” – St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia, October 17, 2015.

“Pleasure and Knowledge as Ingredients of the Good Human Life in Plato’s *Philebus*” – invited talk Universitatea de Vest, Timisoara, May 29, 2015.

“Socrates Freshly Bathed and Wearing Fancy Sandals at Plato’s Banquet: Dramatic Elements in the *Symposium*”/Socrate proaspat imbaiat si cu sandale dichisite in picioare la Banchetul lui Platon: Elemente dramatice in dialogul platonician” – Libraria Cartea de Nisip, Timisoara, May 28, 2015.

“Divine Method in Plato’s *Philebus*” – invited talk at the Research Institute at the University of Bucharest, ICUB, May 27, 2015.

“Elenchus and the Method of Division in Plato’s *Sophist*” - SAGP Annual Conference, Fordham University, NYC, October 25, 2015.

“Recollection and Persuasion in Plato’s *Phaedrus*” – invited talk at the Department of Philosophy, University of Maryland, College Park, May 1, 2014.

“Cosmic Myth and Dialectical Method in Plato’s *Statesman*”- Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, March 21-22, 2014.

The Dialogue between Pleasure and Knowledge in Plato's *Philebus*", SAGP Annual Conference, Fordham University, NYC, 13 Oct. 2013.

"The Place of Pleasure and Knowledge in the Fourfold Articulation of Reality in Plato's *Philebus*" Boston College, invited lecture, Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, 19, September, 2013.

The Dialectical Method of Collection and Division in Plato's *Philebus*", Boston College, invited seminar, Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, 19 September 2013.

"The Place of Pleasure and Knowledge in the Fourfold Articulation of Plato's *Philebus*" Invited talk on a Panel entitled: The Body and the Irrational. Duquesne University, Pittsburg, PA (15 March 2013).

"Interweaving Method and Myth in Plato's *Statesman*" SAGP Annual Conference, Fordham University, NYC, Oct. 19-21, 2012.

"Circular Orbits and the Three Parts of the Soul in Plato's *Timaeus*", Keynote Address at the Annual Thomistic Studies conference, Fulton Sheen House of Formation, Maryland, March 16, 2012.

"Pleasures as Replenishments and the Mean", King's University College, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada, February 8, 2012.

"Division and the Communion of Forms in the *Sophist*: A Reading of *Sophist* 253b10–e2." SAGP Annual Conference, Fordham University, NYC, Oct. 21–23, 2011.

"The Complexity of the Soul in Plato's *Timaeus*" – Virginia Tech, WAAC, Old Town Alexandria, Virginia, September 16, 2011.

"Recollection as Participation in the Banquet of the Gods" – Keynote Address at the Annual Thomistic Studies conference, Fulton Sheen House of Formation, Maryland, March 11, 2011.

"Recollection and the Method of Collection and Division in the *Phaedrus*." SAGP Annual Conference, Fordham University, NYC, Oct. 15–17, 2010.

"Dialectical Method in Plato's *Timaeus*." Annual Congress of the Humanities, Canadian Philosophical Association's division (CPA), Concordia University, Quebec, Canada, May– June 2010.

"Hybrid Varieties of Pleasure in Plato's *Philebus*." Annual Congress of the Humanities, Canadian Philosophical Association's division (CPA), Carleton University, Ottawa, May 2009.

"Co-operative and Manly Virtues in Plato's *Meno*." Prairie Provinces Political Science

Association Conference (PPPSA), Regina, September 2008.

“Pleasures in the *Philebus*: Absolute Standards of Repletion and the Mean.” University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada, February 2008.

“Persuading Necessity and Recognizing the Mean in Plato’s *Timaeus*” – 11th International Conference of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas, (ISSEI), Panel: Matter and Form, Helsinki, July 2008.

“Socrates: Wizard and Torpedo-Fish. Complex Irony in the *Meno*” – Panel: Socrates on Trial, University of Regina, October 2007.

“The Unity of the *Philebus*” – Annual Congress of the Humanities, Canadian Philosophical Association (CPA), University of Saskatchewan, May 2007.

“The Relevance of Emotions in Plato’s Conception of Love in the *Symposium*” – Annual Congress of the Humanities, Canadian Political Science Association’s division (CPSA), University of Saskatchewan, May 2007.

“Plato’s Understanding of Pleasure in the *Philebus*” – Annual Congress of the Humanities, Canadian Philosophical Association’s division (CPA), York University, Toronto, June 2006.

“Plato’s Understanding of Pleasure in the *Philebus*” – Annual Conference of the Philosophical Association of the Religious Affiliated Colleges (PARAC) Campion College, Regina, March.

“The Transition from the Lower to the Higher Mysteries of Love in Plato’s *Symposium*” – Presented at From the Academy to the Lyceum, conference organized in honor of Professor Kenneth Dorter, University of Guelph, November 2006.

“The Transition from the Lower to the Higher Mysteries of Love in Plato’s *Symposium*” – Annual Philosophy Conference, Western Canadian Philosophical Association (WCPA), University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, 7–9 October 2005.

“Another Kantian Argument for the Refutation of Problematic Idealism: Kant’s Fragment On Inner Sense (The Leningrad Fragment)” Philosophy Symposium organized by the Department of Political Science, Philosophy and Communication, Western University, Timisoara, 19 April 2003.

#### **Invited Commentaries on Scholarly Papers:**

(1) Commentary on Kenneth Dorter: “Sense Perception and Reason in *Parmenides*.” Annual Congress of the Humanities, Canadian Philosophical Association’s division (CPA), Concordia University, Quebec, Canada, May–June 2010.

- (2) Commentary on Warren Heiti: “The Paradox of the Republic.” Annual Congress of the Humanities, Canadian Philosophical Association’s division (CPA), Carleton University, Ottawa, May 2009.
- (3) Commentary on John Thorp: “Love among the Stoics”, Annual Congress of the Humanities, Canadian Philosophical Association’s division (CPA), Saskatoon, May 2007.
- (4) Commentary on Steven Robinson: “Spiritedness and Desire in Plato versus Rawls” – Congress of Humanities, Canadian Philosophical Association’s division (CPA), Saskatoon, May 2007.

**Other Public Presentations:**

“Doua modele pentru recuperarea rostului si rolului disciplinelor umaniste: Liberal Arts Colleges si Great Books Programs” Diaspora si Prietenii, Timisoara, April 26, 2016.

“Socrates Freshly Bathed and Wearing Fancy Sandals at Plato’s Banquet: Dramatic Elements in the *Symposium*”/Socrate proaspat imbaiat si cu sandale dichisite in picioare la Banchetul lui Platon: Elemente dramatice in dialogul platonician” – Libraria Cartea de Nisip, Timisoara, May 28, 2015.

“The Complexity of the Soul in Plato’s *Timaeus*” – Virginia Tech, Architecture Ph.D. Seminar WAAC, Old Town Alexandria, Virginia, September 16, 2011.

“Philosopher-Kings and Abolition of Nuclear Family in the Ideal State.” Philosophy Cafe Series, 17 Sept. 2008, Connaught Library, Regina.

**Referee Work for Scholarly Journals and Publishing Houses:**

**Ancient Philosophy Apeiron**

Arethusa

American Political Science Review

British Journal for the History of Philosophy Broadview Press

CUA Press Dialogue

Jahrbuch für Religionsphilosophie

**Teaching Experience:**

**The Catholic University of America (2009-present):**

Phil 201 The Classical Mind

Phil 202 The Modern Mind

HSPH 102 Human Action and Government  
HSPH 203 Nature and Human Nature  
Phil 301 Reasoning and Argumentation  
Phil 310 Philosophy of Art  
Phil 353 History of Ancient Greek Philosophy  
Phil 455 Junior Seminar: Plato's *Republic*  
Phil 604: Plato: *Statesman*  
Phil 705: Plato: *Sophist*  
Phil 833 Plato: *Philebus*  
Phil 904: Plato's Theory of Recollection: the *Meno*, the *Phaedo*, the *Phaedrus*

**Campion College, University of Regina (2005–2009):**

Phil 100 Introduction to Philosophy Phil 150: Critical Thinking  
Phil 210 Pre-Socratics and Plato  
Phil 211 Aristotle and Later Greek Philosophy Phil 240 Metaphysics  
Phil 310/410: Plato  
Phil 312/412 Heidegger (Being and Time)  
Phil 890: Readings in Heidegger (Heidegger's Interpretation of Kant's First Critique)

**St. Michael's College, University of Toronto (2005 Spring)**

Phil. Death, Philosophy, and Finitude, St. Michael's College, Continuing Education Program

The University of Bucharest (May-June 2015)

Intensive Seminar: Plato's *Statesman*

University of Guelph (2003 Fall):

Phil 2130 Philosophy of Religion

**Academic Honors/Awards:**

2008 – SSHRC General Research Grant/President's Fund, University of Regina, for participation at the 11th International Conference of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas, Language, and Scientific Imagination, Panel: Matter and Form, Helsinki, Finland.

2008 – President's Research Award, Campion College, for participation at the 11th International Conference of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas, Language, and Scientific Imagination, Panel: Matter and Form, Helsinki, Finland.

2008 – Plato's *Meno*: An Interpretation nominated for the "Book of the Year" Award in Philosophy by the Romanian Cultural Magazine *Cuvantul*.

2000 – 2004 (12x) University Graduate Scholarship, University of Guelph, Canada.

1998 Fall Semester – TEMPUS Scholarship – Visiting Student at Oxford University, St. Anne's College, Oxford – Tutors: Dr. Jens Timmermann (Kant), Dr. Stephen Mulhall (Heidegger).

1995 – 2000 (10x) Study Award, University of Bucharest, Romania.

**Public Panels/Talks Organized:**

Organizer of a Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, The Catholic University of America, February 13-14, 2015.



Guest speaker: Dr. Kenneth Dorter: “Weakness and Will in Plato’s *Republic*.” University of Regina, September 21, 2007.

Guest Speakers: Fr. Cosmin Sicoe, Fr. John Maerean and Fr. Michael Oleksa: “Orthodox Music and Icons.” Champion College, February, 2006.

**Committee Work for The School of Philosophy, The Catholic University of America:**

2015 –present Research Day Committee  
2013 - present Undergraduate Curriculum Committee  
2013 - present Undergraduate Program Learning Outcomes Assessment Committee  
2012-2013 Foreign Language Exam Committee (German)  
2011 -present Curriculum Committee  
2011- present Committee on Failing Grades  
2011- present School of Philosophy Academic Dishonesty Committee  
2011- present Appeal Panel for the Academic Senate, CUA  
2010 - present Reading List Committee (RL I)  
2010 - present Foreign Language Exam Committee (Greek)  
2009 - 2013 Library Committee  
2009 - present Placement Advisory Committee  
2009 - present Undergraduate Philosophy Club and Phi Sigma Tau  
2009 - present Senior Comprehensive Examination Com  
2009-present Undergraduate Philosophy Club and Phi Sigma Tau

**Committee Work for Champion College and the University of Regina:**

2007 – 2009 Philosophy Curriculum Review Committee  
2007 – 2009 Committee for Student Internship (CSI)  
2007 – 2009 Committee for International Student Exchange  
2006 – 2009 Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL)  
2006 – 2009 Committee for Admissions to the Philosophy MA, UR.  
2006 – 2009 Officer for Applications to Graduate Studies in Philosophy  
2005 – 2009 Library Committee

**Professional Affiliations:**

Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy International Plato Society  
Canadian Philosophical Association  
American Philosophical Association  
Romanian Society for Phenomenology

**Languages (other than English):**

Romanian – mother tongue  
German, Spanish, Ancient Greek – reading and translation skills  
Russian, Hungarian – basic skills

