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**EDUCATION**

**Harvard University**, The Divinity School, Cambridge, MA  
Th.D. in Religion and Society, expected 2014  
M.Div. in Religion and Society, 2006

**University of Transylvania**, Braşov, Romania  
Romanian Language Certificate, 2011

**University of Debrecen**, Debrecen, Hungary  
Hungarian Language Certificate, 2009

**Reed College**, Portland, OR  
B.A. in Social Anthropology, 2000

**DISSERTATION**

*Learning to Respect the Virgin Mother: Intimacy and Devotion at the Csíksomlyó Pilgrimage Site*  
Advisor: Professor Michael Jackson

**ACADEMIC HONORS, GRANTS, AND APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED**

*Visiting Doctoral Student*, Central European University, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, January – June, 2013

*American Council of Learned Societies*, East European Language Training Grant. May 2011

*Harvard University*, Frederick Knox Traveling Fellowship. May 2009

*Harvard Divinity School*, John L. Loeb Fellowship. May 2009

*Harvard Divinity School*, Edward Hopkins Shareholder. May 2005

*Harvard Divinity School*, Summer Research Grant. May 2005

*The Community Church of New York*, John Haynes Holmes Memorial Fellowship. June 2004

*Harvard Divinity School*, F. Forrester Church Scholarship. September 2003

*The Fund for Theological Education*, Congregational Fellow. September 2003

**INVITED LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PAPERS**

*Renewal Movements and Clerical Authority in Post-Conciliar Transylvanian Roman Catholicism*  
Conference Paper, The Lived History of Vatican II, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, April 2014

*The Virgin Mary and the Crisis of Roman Catholic Masculinities*

Panel Presentation, Comparative Masculinities Workshop, Gender Studies Department,  
Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, April 2013

*Mary and the Medium of Devotion: How Roman Catholics Use Objects to Materialize Divinity*

Departmental Colloquium Presentation, Sociology and Social Anthropology Department,  
Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, March 2013

*The Making and Un-Making of a Miracle in a Roman Catholic Canonization Procedure*

University Seminar, Applied Anthropology and Anthropology and Education Department,  
Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, NY, February 2013

*The Mother of God and the Language of Thieves: Abortion, Marian Devotionalism, and the  
Morality of the Black Market in Romania*

Conference Paper, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco,  
CA, November 2012

*The Making and Unmaking of a Miracle: Intersubjectivity, Gender, and the Politics of the  
Miraculous at the Csíksomlyó Roman Catholic Pilgrimage Site, Harghita County, Romania*

Conference Paper, "Ways of Knowing: A Graduate Conference," Harvard University,  
Cambridge, MA, October 2012

*The Mother of God and the Language of Thieves: Abortion, Reproductive Politics, and Marian  
Devotionalism at the Roman Catholic Pilgrimage Site of Șumuleu Ciuc, Romania*

Conference Paper, Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Nationalities,  
Columbia University, New York, NY, April 2012

*Tanúságot téve, fájdalmat viselve: Szűz Mária közbenjárásához kapcsolódó történetek a  
csíksomlyói búcsújáróhelyről (Bearing Witness, Bearing Pain: Stories of Marian Intercessory  
Help from the Șumuleu Ciuc Pilgrimage Center)*

Invited lecture presented at Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary, October 2011

*Christian Political Theology and Zhu Xi's Political Thought: A Comparison Through the Lens of  
Ritual and Human Nature*

Conference Paper, "Contemporary Confucian Ethics," Harvard University, May 2007

*Same-Sex Marriage and the Democratic Process in Congregations: An Ethnographic Investigation  
into the Lived Experience of Deliberation*

Harvard Divinity School Master's Thesis, May 2006

*Leaving to Return: Exploring The Experience of Space in Kodi, Sumba, Eastern Indonesia*

Reed College Honor's Thesis, May 2000

**PUBLICATIONS**

Ropes, Gates, and Landscapes: How Materiality Orders and Disorders a Post-Socialist Pilgrimage  
*Material Religion*. (Under Review)

The Risk of Ritual and Narrative in a Transylvanian Roman Catholic Canonization Procedure  
Special Issue of *Journal of Contemporary Religion*: “Ritual, Risk and Efficacy: Collocating Ritual  
Studies and the Anthropology of Christianity.” (Under Review)

Review of Encounters of Body and Soul in Contemporary Religious Practices, Anna Fedele and  
Ruy Llera Blanes (eds.). *Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale* 20(3): 2012

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Teaching Fellow**, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

“The Politics of Storytelling,” with Professor Michael Jackson (Fall 2013)

“Marx and His Readers: A Graduate Seminar,” with Professor Steven Jungkeit (Fall 2012)

“From the Hebrew Bible to Judaism, From the Old Testament to Christianity,” with  
Professor Shaye Cohen (Fall 2012)

“Back Roads to Far Places: Literature of Journey and Quest,” with Professors William  
Graham and Stephanie Paulsell (Spring 2012)

“Bodies in Urban Spaces,” with Professor Steven Jungkeit (Spring 2012)

“Introduction to the Histories, Theologies, and Practices of Christianity,” with Professor  
Francis Schussler Fiorenza (Fall 2008)

## RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

*Research Assistant to Rev. Dr. Forrest Church, New York, NY, 2003 – 2008*

- Researched and edited historical non-fiction:  
Freedom From Fear (St. Martin’s Press, 2004)  
The Separation of Church and State (Beacon Press, 2004)  
So Help Me God: The Founding Fathers and the First Great Battle Over Church and State  
(Harcourt, 2007)

*Research Assistant, Transylvania Archives Project, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, June 2005 –  
September 2005*

- Received training in archival and preservation sciences
- Catalogued inter-war period correspondence between government agencies and religious  
leaders in the United Kingdom, United States, and Romania
- Assisted in collecting historical documents and artifacts from local schools and churches

*Electronic Communications Assistant, Dēmos, August 2000 – July 2003*

- Developed on-line organizing tools for voting rights activists
- Compiled quantitative research data on voting rights legislation
- Assisted outreach to print, broadcast, and electronic media outlets

*Research Assistant, Anthropology Department, Reed College, August 1998 – May 1999*

- Read and reviewed new publications for faculty research projects
- Assisted in developing course bibliographies
- Contributed to the development of curricula and course syllabi

*Programs Specialist, Unitarian Universalist Association, 1997 – 1998*

- Researched and wrote curricula for high school age youth
- Developed programs for use in congregational settings
- Consulted with local youth outreach organizations

## **VOLUNTEER, LEADERSHIP, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPERIENCE**

*English Language Instructor, Kalot Foundation (Miercurea Ciuc, Romania). April 2009 – June 2010*

*Member, Search Committee, Ralph Waldo Emerson Unitarian Universalist Association Chair of Divinity, Harvard Divinity School. September 2006 – April 2008.*

*Member, General Assembly Planning Committee, Unitarian Universalist Association. September 1998 – August 2005 (Secretary September 2000 – September 2001; Vice-Chair September 2001 – 2003). Supervised and administered annual business meeting with 5,000 participants.*

*Member, Master of Divinity Curriculum Student Review Board, Harvard Divinity School. September 2004 – May 2005. Reviewed and commented on proposed changes to the Master of Divinity curriculum*

*Chair, Multiculturalism and Academia Symposium Task Force, Reed College. April 1998 – September 1999. Selected speakers for lecture series on the intellectual foundations of multiculturalism*

## **SPECIAL SKILLS**

Beyond advanced level spoken and written Hungarian  
Advanced proficiency in spoken and written Romanian  
Reading proficiency in French

*References available on request*