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EDUCATION:

2011 – **PhD in Political Science**, Department of Political Science, University of Indiana – Bloomington; Dissertation title: “Compromise and Representation – A Split History of Early Modernity.” *2013 American Political Science Association’s Leo Strauss Award for the best doctoral dissertation in the field of political philosophy.*

2005 – **M.A. in Political Science**, Department of Political Science, University of Missouri-Columbia

1997 – **B.A. in Philosophy** at Babes-Bolyai University, Department of Philosophy, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

1995 – **M.A. in Political Science** at l’Institute Européen des Hautes Etudes Internationales (*European Institute of High International Studies*), Nice, France

1992 – **M.D.** at University of Medicine and Pharmacy “Iuliu Hateganu”, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT:

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, **University of Houston**, 2014 – present.

Co-Director of Tocqueville Forum in American Ideas and Institutions, **University of Houston** 2014 – present.

Post-Doctoral Fellow & Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and Yale’s Center for the Study of Representative Institutions, **Yale University**, 2013 – 2014

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, **Tulane University**, 2011 – 2013

Administrative Positions:

Lecturer, Faculty of European Studies, **Babes-Bolyai University**, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, 1997 – 2000.

PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

- *Compromise and the American Founding – The Quest for the People’s Two Bodies*. Forthcoming with **Cambridge University Press**, 2019.
- *Foundations of American Political Thought: A Reader* – Advanced contract with **Cambridge University Press**.
- *Compromise – A Political and Philosophical History*, 2013, paperback edition, 2014, **Cambridge University Press**. **Choice’s Outstanding Academic Titles, 2013: Top 25 Books**: www.ala.org/acrl/choice/oat13.
 - o Chinese translation - 妥协 政治与哲学的历史 - **Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences Press**, 2016.
 - o Romanian translation – *Compromisul, o istorie politica si filozofica*, **Humanitas**, 2019.

Book Chapters:

- “The Role of Political and Self-representation in Compromise,”(2018) book chapter in Christian F. Rostbøll & Theresa Scavenius (eds.), *Compromise and Disagreement in Contemporary Political Theory* (**Routledge**)
- “Un histoire conceptuelle du compromis” (French), (2018) book chapter in Christian Thuderoz (ed.), *Politiques du compromis* (**Larcier**)
- “Compromise and the People’s Two Bodies” – forthcoming 2020, book chapter in Sandrine Baume and Stéphanie Novak (eds.), *Compromise and Democracy* (**Palgrave**).

Book Reviews:

- Review of Christopher Cochrane: *Left and Right: The Small World of Political Ideas*. (Montreal & Kingston, London, Chicago: McGill – Queen’s University Press, 2015) – in **Perspectives on Politics**, Sept. 2017, Vol.15/No.3.
- Review of Amy Gutmann and Dennis Thompson: *The Spirit of Compromise– Why Governing Demands It and Campaigning Undermines It*. (Princeton and Oxford: Princeton University Press, 2012) – in **American Political Theory**, Spring 2013
- *Grey Is (Not Always) Beautiful*, book review – Janos Kis, Politics as a Moral Problem, **Angelaki. The Journal of the Theoretical Humanities** – 15.3/2010
- Review of Aurelian Craiutu and Sheldon Gellar, *Conversations with Tocqueville* (Lexington Books), **Perspectives on Political Science**, Spring 2009

Refereed Articles *:

- *The People's Two Bodies: An Alternative Perspective on Populism and Elitism*, **Political Research Quarterly**, Vol. 71 (4): 842 – 853/2018.*
- *Lost in Translation: Centripetal Individualism and the Classical Concept of Descending Representation*, **European Journal of Political Theory** – 10:2/2011.*
- *The Dialectic of the Individual and the Paradox of French Absolutism*, **European Legacy** – 16:6/ 2011.*
- *Two histories of compromise*, **International Journal on Humanistic Ideology**, No.2, Winter 2008.*
- *Poelitics – Between the Fanatic and the Zombie*, **Studia Europaea**, (Winter 2004)
- *The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly – Rationality, Culture and Institutions in Comparative Politics*, **Studia Europaea**, 2/XLVI (2001).*
- *Europe Through the Looking Glass*, **Studia Europaea**, 1/XLVI (2001).*
- *Platonic Henology and Conceptual Crisis*, **Studia Europaea**, 1/XLIII (1998)
- *Before It Is Too Late/Avant que ca ne soit pas trop tard* (French), **Studia Europaea**, 1-2/XLII (1997).*

Interviews :

- KTRH- RadioNews - <https://ktrh.iheart.com/content/2018-08-31-if-you-think-politics-couldnt-get-nastier-youre-wrong-it-was/>
- TVR Moldova – 09.30.2018 - <http://m.wv.tvrmoldova.md/recomandari/politica-dusa-de-administratia-trump-discutata-astazi-la-emisiunea-conexiuni/>
- **Polypsych.org** – August 2017 : <https://polypsych.org/professor-alin-fumurescu-university-houston/>
- **EuropaChristiana** – August 2017 : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1HcmEUZZIMg>
- **Beijing News** – March 2017
- Dong Luo (《新京报书评周刊》) : 我们越来越不愿意妥协了，这让世界越来越糟糕 [http://wemedia.ifeng.com/11493709/wemedia.shtml , see also http://www.bjnews.com.cn/book/2017/03/25/437760.html , The Beijing News ,
- We are increasingly reluctant to compromise, which makes the world worse and worse”] , published on 《新京报书评周刊》2017年3月25日B06思想版 – B06 page, March 25, 2017, The Beijing News, Weekly Book Review
- Fenghuang Book Review : 政治妥协如何影响英法的历史进程 | 凤凰评论 [<https://www.weibo.com/ttarticle/p/show?id=2309614083668736934301> , title : How

- does political compromise affect the historical process of Britain and France? published on 2017-03-09
- **PressOne.ro** – <https://pressone.ro/alin-fumurescu-politolog-daca-s-ar-da-maine-o-lege-ca-toti-trebuie-sa-aveti-cont-de-facebook-jumatate-dintre-voi-nu-v-ati-face/>
 - **Radio France International** - <https://www.facebook.com/RFI.Romania.FM/videos/390966464787491/>
 - **Humanitas** – Bucharest - <https://www.facebook.com/LibrariaHumanitasDeLaCismigiu/videos/390468651737781/>
 - **Free Europe** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mzQg5lKHZ10>
 - **Europa Christiana** - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5_qyG_pflml
 - **Sinteza** - http://revistasinteza.ro/toata-lumea-e-speriata-de-polarizarea-care-se-petrece-in-prezent/?fbclid=IwAR3m-BWlsrQLkEyuaKcsnkOaJL1nDGi6P9mDJOlrr-3xpUvEWnDT_elhJM

Articles in Progress:

- “Parties without Partisanship? Bringing Back Compromise in Politics”
- “Rousseau and the American People’s Two Bodies” – with graduate student, Haimo Li

Opinion Editorials:

- Over a thousand political columns and analyses published in Romanian newspapers and journals, 1990 – present (“NU,” “Ziua,” “Ziarul de Cluj,” “Clujeanul,” “Evenimentul Zilei,” “Business Magazin,” “Money Express,” “Cotidianul,” “Dilema Veche”).

HONORS:

2013 – **APSA Leo Strauss Award** for Best Dissertation in the Field of Political Philosophy

2013 – **Choice Best Academic Titles published in 2013**

2002 – **J.G. Heinberg Award** – for excellence in Political Theory, University of Missouri – Columbia

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS:

2019 – Grant from the **Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University** for the **Tocqueville Forum on American Ideas and Institutions** (with Co-Director Jeremy Bailey)

2018 – Small Grant Award – University of Houston, Division of Research

2016 – New Faculty Grant – University of Houston, Division of Research

2015 – Small Grant Award – University of Houston, Division of Research

2015 – Grant from **Jack Miller Center** for the **Tocqueville Forum on American Ideas and Institutions** (with Co-Director Jeremy Bailey)

2014 – Fellowship from the **Earhart Foundation**

2011 – Fellow at **Jack Miller Center Summer Institute** (UCLA)

2004-2012 - Travel and research grants from UMC, IUB, and Tulane University to Chicago, Philadelphia (US), Montreal (Canada), Cluj-Napoca (Romania)

2000 – Research fellowship, **University of Sussex, Brighton** (Great Britain)

1999 – Research fellowship, **Université Libre de Bruxelles, Brussels** (Belgium)

1994 – 1995 - Fellowship from the **Open Society Foundation, Nice (France)**

INVITED TALKS:

- 2019: Invited **keynote speaker** – “*Political Culture, Identity Politics, and Political Compromise in Comparative Perspective*” – International Conference on Global Ethics of Compromise, **School of Advanced Studies in Social Sciences (EHESS), Paris, Sciences et Letters (PSL)**, March 7 – 8.
- 2018: Invited presenter – “*Compromise and the people’s two bodies*”, Colloquium “**How do compromise and democracy get along?**” organized by the **University of Lausanne and University of Venice**, Lausanne, April 26 – 27.
- 2018: Invited presenter - **Oases of Excellence Faculty Conference** (September 21), organized by **The Fund for Academic Renewal (FAR) and the American Council of Trustees and Alumni (ACTA)**, hosted by Arizona State University.
- 2017: Invited guest speaker – “*Political and Self-Representation in Medieval Times*”, Center for Thomistic Studies Colloquium Series, **St. Thomas University**, December 1st.
- 2017: Invited guest speaker - “*Democratic Challenges*”, **Houston Scholars Seminar Series**, Honors College, University of Houston, November 3.
- 2017: Invited **keynote speaker** - “*Populism v. Elitism: The Ambivalent Legacy of the Founding*”, **Texas A&M University**, College Station, April 21.
- 2015: Invited **keynote speaker** at the International Conference “**Compromise and Disagreement**” - *The Triad: Compromise, Political, and Self-Representation*” - organized by the **University of Copenhagen**, Copenhagen, Denmark (May 26 – 29)

- 2012: Invited guest speaker at the Symposium "*Politics in 2012: The year in review*" organized by the **Honors Society of Government and Politics, Tulane University** (April, 2013)

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY:

2019:

- "Partisanship and Populism: Forgotten Lessons," paper to be presented at **APSA** Annual Meeting, Washington D.C. (August 2019)
- "United We Stand? Identity Politics and the Politics of Compromise," paper presented at **SPSA** Annual Meeting, Austin, TX (January 16-19)

2018:

- "Populism v. Elitism: The Legacy of 'Popular Aristocracy'", paper presented at **SPSA** Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA (January 4 – 7)
- "The People's Two Bodies: The Forgotten Legacy of the Founding", paper presented at **WPSA** Annual Meeting, San Francisco (March 29 – 31)
- "Parties without Partisanship? Bringing Back Compromise in Politics", paper presented at **APSA** Annual Meeting, Boston (August 29 – September 2)
- Co-organizer of Steven B. Smith's (Yale University) visit at UH, February 23, as part of Tocqueville's Forum's Guest-Speakers Series.

2017:

- "The Puritans' Covenant, the Declaration of Independence, and the State Constitutions", paper presented at **SPSA** Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA (January 11-13)
- "Identity and Compromise in the Digital Era", paper presented at **WPSA** Annual Meeting, Vancouver, CA (April 13-15)
- "Among Us, the Saints: The Puritan Self and the Bi-Dimensional Covenant", paper presented at **APSA** Annual Meeting, San Francisco (August 31 – September 3)

2016:

- Co-Organizer of David Ciepley's (University of Denver) visit at UH, November 11, as part of Tocqueville's Forum's Guest-Speakers Series.
- Chair of the Panel "Liberalism and the Public Sphere," **SWPSA** Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV (March 23-26)
- Discussant of the Panel "On the Development of Democracy," **SWPSA** Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV (March 23-26)

- “*The Uncompromising Puritan Legacy*”, paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association (**MPSA**) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (April 7 – 10)
- Co-Organizer of Arthur Melzer’s (Michigan State University) visit at UH, January 25, as part of Tocqueville Forum’s Guest-Speakers series.
- Co-Organizer of the Tocqueville’s Forum Conference on American Political Thought, University of Houston

2015:

- Co-Organizer of Stephen Wirls’s (Rhodes College) visit at UH, September 18, as part of Tocqueville Forum’s Guest-Speakers series.
- Co-Organizer of Keith Whittington’s (Princeton University) visit at UH, November 6, as part of Tocqueville Forum’s Guest-Speakers series.

2014:

- Discussant at the Roundtable “*25 Years after the Berlin Wall: Successes and Failures in the Post-Communist World*”, organized by the **Center for Comparative and International Studies, University of Houston**.
- Attendant of the “*11th Annual Summit on Higher Education*”, **Jack Miller Center**, Chicago (October 30 – November 1, 2014)
- “*Toward a Neo-Medievalization? The Impact of the Digital Revolution on Political and Self-Representation*” – paper to be presented at the **APSA Annual National Conference** (Washington, DC, August 2014)
- Attendant of the conference “*Liberty, Domination, and Democracy: Rethinking Freedom in Commercial Society*,” **Yale Center for the Study of Representative Institutions** (April, 2014)
- Organizer of the conference “*Political Compromise: History, Theory and Practice*,” **The Yale Center for the Study of Representative Institutions** (January, 2014) with Steven B. Smith, Keith Wrightson and James Caudle (Yale University), Richard Boyd (Georgetown University), Fergus Bordewich (Independent Scholar), Russell Muirhead (Dartmouth College), Andrew Sabl (UCLA), Turkuler Isiskel (Columbia University), Martyn P. Thompson (Tulane University), and Nadia Urbinati (Columbia University).

2013:

- Invited to attend **APSA Award Ceremony**, hosted by 2013 Programs Chairs: Catherine Boone, University of Texas, Austin, and Archon Fung, Harvard University.

2012:

- Chair of the roundtable “*Contractarianism, Representation, and Compromise during the American Founding*” (with Michael Zuckert, Mark Hulliung, and Martyn P. Thompson), **APSA Annual Conference** (New Orleans, 2012) – cancelled due to hurricane Isaac.

- “*Contract and Compromise during the American Founding*” - paper presented at **MPSA Annual National Conference** (Chicago, 2012)

2011:

- “*Narratives of Representation and Compromise during the American Founding*” – paper presented at the **Annual US Intellectual History Conference** (CUNY, 2011)
- “*Representation – Old Lessons for (Post-)Modern Concerns*” – paper presented at **MPSA Annual National Conference** (Chicago, 2011)

2010:

- “*Rethinking Representative Democracy – Early Criticisms of Ascending Representation*” – paper presented at the Annual National Conference at **MPSA** (Chicago, 2010)
- Chair of the panel “Rousseau in Society”, Section “*Foundations of Political Theory: Pre- and Early Modern*” at the Annual National Conference at **MPSA** (Chicago, 2010)

2009:

- “*Compromise, Contract, and Representation – A Split History of Early Modernity*”, one of the eight papers selected through blind review to participate at **Princeton Graduate Conference in Political Theory**, (Princeton, 2009)
- “*The Crisis of the Representatives*”, paper presented at the international conference “Europe in Today’s World Crisis”, organized by **Babes-Bolyai University** and **The Faculty of European Studies**, (Cluj-Napoca, Romania, 2009)
- “*Lost in Translation – Centripetal Individualism and Descending Representation*”, one of the eight papers selected through blind review to participate at **Harvard Graduate Conference in Political Theory**, (Harvard, 2009)
- “*Compromise and Representation in early Modern England*”, paper presented at the Annual National Conference of **MPSA** (Chicago, 2009)
- Discussant at the section “Politics and Religion in Modern Political Theory”, the Annual National Conference of **MPSA** (Chicago, 2009)

2008:

- “*Debating the Logos*”, paper presented at the International Conference “Reason and Faith at the Beginning of the Third Millennium”, organized by **Babes-Bolyai University** in collaboration with **UNESCO-CEPES** and the Italian Cultural Institute of Bucharest (Cluj-Napoca, Romania, October 2008)
- Panel Chair at the *PSGA - Political Science Graduate Students Association - Conference*, the Political Philosophy Panel, (**Indiana University**, April, 2008)
- Panel Chair at the *Romanian Studies Graduate Student Conference*, Panel “Romania and the World” (**Indiana University**, March, 2008)

- *“Gilbert Burnet: Compromise and the Birth of the Social Contract”*, paper presented at the Annual National Conference of **MPSA** (Chicago, 2008)
- 2007:
- *“Politics of Truth and Politics of Compromise”*, paper presented at the International Conference “Living in Truth – A Conceptual Framework for a Wisdom Society and the European Construction”, organized by **Babes-Bolyai University** in collaboration with **UNESCO-CEPES** (Cluj-Napoca, Romania, September 2007)
- 2006:
- *“The Art of Compromise – With an East European Touch”*, paper presented at the Annual Meeting of **MPSA** (Chicago, 2006);
- 2005:
- *“Ethnopolitics in Eastern European Transitions: Transylvania’s Case”*, paper presented at the Annual Meeting of **APSA**, The Society for Romanian Studies (Washington, 2005);
 - *“Bioethics and Biomorality – Practical Consequences for a Hegelian Distinction”*, paper presented at the Annual Meeting of **APLS** (Washington, 2005);
- 2004:
- *“Plato’s Bioethics – A Caveat; The Dialectical Tension between Bioethics and Biomorality”*, paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Politics and Life Sciences (**APLS**), Chicago, September (2004);
- 2003:
- *“The Neuroendocrinology of the Pain-Pleasure Calculus”*, paper presented in the session of discussions “Biopolitics and the Concept of Human Nature”, at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Politics and the Life Sciences (**APLS**), Philadelphia, August (2003);
 - *“Biology and Political Philosophy”*, roundtable at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Politics and the Life Sciences (**APLS**), Philadelphia, August (2003);
 - *“Lego and Cultures: Why Did Chinese Tradition and Communism ‘Click’ Together?”*, poster presented in the section “Political Psychology and Public Opinion” at the Annual National Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association (**MPSA**), April (2003);
- 2002:
- *“Riding Two Horses at the Same Time: A Hegelian perspective on Bioethics”*, paper presented in the panel “Bioethics and Genetics” at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Politics and the Life Sciences (**APLS**), Montreal, August (2002);
 - *“A Dangerous Graal: The Quest for an Unifying Paradigm in Comparative Politics”*, poster in the section “New Directions in Comparative Politics”, at the Annual National Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association (**MPSA**), Chicago, (2002);

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

University of Houston (2014 - present), Assistant Professor

POLS 3340 – “Ancient and Medieval Political Thought”
POLS 3310 – “Introduction to Political Theory”
POLS 3341 – “Foundations of Modernity”
POLS 3343 – “Democratic Theory”
POLS 3349 – “Foundations of American Political Thought”
POLS 4347 – “Religion and Politics”
POLS 6343 – “Democratic Theory” (Graduate seminar)
POLS 6345 – “History of Political Thought” (Graduate seminar)
POLS 6399 – Master Thesis Coordinator
POLS 8399 – Doctoral Dissertation Advisor

Yale University (2013 – 2014), Post-Doctoral Associate

PLS 291 - “A Political and Philosophical History of Compromise”
PLS 311 - “We the People”

Tulane University (2011- 2013), Visiting Assistant Professor

POLST 4860 “American Political Thought”
POLST 3100 “Classical Political Thought in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam”
POLST 2600 “Political Thought in the West”

IUPUI – Indiana University – Purdue University at Indianapolis

Y 217 “Introduction to Comparative Politics”

Indiana University - Bloomington (2007-10), Lecturer

Y 381 “Classical Political Thought”
Y 382 “Modern Political Thought”
Y 383 “Foundations of American Political Thought”
Y 105 “Introduction to Political Theory”

Indiana University - Bloomington (2006-2011), Associate Instructor:

P 202 “Alternative Social Control”
P 202 “Law and Social Sciences”
Y 103 “Introduction to American Politics”
Y 379 “Ethics and Public Policy”

University of Missouri, Columbia (2000-2005), Research Assistant, Teaching Assistant:

“Ancient Political Thought”
“Modern Political Thought”
“American Political Thought”
“Introduction to Comparative Politics”

Babes-Bolyai University, Faculty of European Studies, Romania (1997-2000), Lecturer:

“The Philosophy of the European Union”
“Thinking the Union: Unity in Diversity”
“The Rationale behind the EU”

SERVICE, PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES:

Director of the Minor in Law, Values, and Politics (2018 – present)

Member of the Graduate Committee, UH Department of Political Science (2018 – present)

Member of the Undergraduate committee, UH Department of Political Science (2014 – 18)

Committee member in charge of organizing the Political Theory section for the Southwest Political Science Association (SWPSA) Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV (March 23-26, 2016)

Member of the Political Theory Workshop

Member of the Political Theory Reading Group

Master Thesis Advisor for Anna Marissa Schoen, Murad Gafarov (POLS 6399; POLS 7399)

Doctoral Dissertation Advisor for Anna Marisa Schoen (POLS 8399)

Coordinator of Ndifreke Ette Independent Study (POLS 6398)

Member of the Doctoral Committee for Ndifreke Ette

Honors Thesis Supervisor, Murad Gafarov (2017)

BA Thesis Supervisor, Jake Ho (2019)

Mentor for Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, Jonathan Ezemba (2019)

Member of the Political Theory Search Committee, UH Department of Political Science (2014)

Reviewer of manuscripts for: *Perspectives on Politics*, *European Journal of Political Theory*, *American Political Science Review*, *Constitutional Studies*, *American Political Thought*, *Palgrave*

Member of the Society for US Intellectual History (S-USIH)

Member of the American Political Science Association (APSA)

Member of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)

Member of the Southern Political Science Associations (SPSA)

Member of the Western Political Science Association (WPSA)

Member of the Southwest Political Science Association (SWPSA)

Regular **contributor** to several newspapers and journals (see Publications)

LANGUAGES:

Romanian (native), French (fluent), Italian (reading).

