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CURRENT POSITION

2020- Assistant Professor, Department of History & Program in International Studies, University of Montréal

PAST APPOINTMENTS

2019-2020 Invited Faculty Member & Fulbright Scholar, Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest
2018-2019 Faculty Lecturer, Department of History & Classical Studies, McGill University
2017-2018 Mary Seeger O'Boyle Post-Doctoral Fellow, Seeger Center for Hellenic Studies, Princeton University
2017 Lecturer, Russian, East European, & Eurasian Center, University of Illinois
2015-2016 Instructor, Department of Slavic & East European Languages & Cultures, Indiana University
2013-2015 Associate Instructor, Department of History, Indiana University
2011 Invited Lecturer, Department of American Studies, Faculty of Foreign Languages, University of Bucharest, Romania

EDUCATION

2016 Ph. D., Modern (West) & East European History, Indiana University
2006 Diplôme pré-doctoral (Pre-doctoral diploma), History, École normale supérieure—Paris
2006 Diplôme des études approfondies avec mention bien (M.A. equivalent with high honors), History & Romanian Studies, Institut national des langues et civilisations orientales—Paris
2004 B.A. History with distinction & French Studies, University of Illinois
2003 Diplôme du programme international avec mention (International Program Diploma with honors), l'Institut d'études politiques—Paris

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

2025- International Fellow, Laboratory for Political & Institutional Theory & the History of Ideas, University of Athens
2023- Team Leader/Researcher, Transnational Histories of Corruption (European Research Council-Funded Project), New Europe College (Institute for Advanced Study), Bucharest
2022- Researcher, Jean Monnet Centre Montréal, University of Montréal & McGill University
2022- Member, Working Group on Gender in Romanian Studies, Society for Romanian Studies & Indiana University
2021 Member, Mediterranean Histories of/in the Mediterranean: Early-Modern to Modern Times, Seeger Center for Hellenic Studies/Athens Center for Research & Hellenic Studies, Princeton University
2020- Research Fellow, Centre d'études et de recherches internationales, University of Montréal
2019- Affiliate Researcher, Reflections on the Political & Social History of the 18th & 19th Centuries, New Europe College (Institute for Advanced Study), Bucharest
2016-2017 Research Associate, Russian, East European, & Eurasian Center; University of Illinois
2009 Visiting Research Student, Department of History, University of Michigan

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

Unintended Nations: France's Empire of Civilization, Southeast Europe, & the Post-Napoleonic World, McGill-Queen's University Press, 2025.

Featured by "New Books Network" with Miranda Melcher, September 2025; Read Québec Book Fair, December 2025; Seeger Center for Hellenic Studies Director's Bookshelf, December 2025

Monographs in progress (funded projects)

Empirical Plunder: France's Scientific Expeditions, (In)Formal Empire, & the Making of Peripheries (Archival research in progress, funding from the Social Science & Humanities Research Council of Canada).

Discourses and Practices of Slavery & Race at the Edges of Europe & its Empires (Preliminary research in progress, exploratory funding from the University of Montréal).

Edited Volumes (co-editor)

Conceptualizing Corruption: Between Old Regimes & New Orders in East-Central-South Europe (1750s-1850s), co-edited with Silvia Marton. Anticipated submission to Bloomsbury Press, December 2025.

Phanariot Afterlives: Historicizing Corruption in South-East-Central Europe, co-edited with Silvia Marton, Andrei Sorescu, anticipated submission, fall 2026.

Journal Articles

"What Did Romanianess Mean to Ion? Moving Beyond Methodological Nationalism through Keith Hitchin's Pedagogy," *Journal of Romanian Studies*, 6:2(2024): 217-237.

"'And Mama Studied with Me': Elementary Education, Modernization, Gendered Curricula, & the Reconfiguration of the Public & Private in the Danubian Principalities & Greek lands, 1810s-1840s," *East European Politics & Societies*, 31:1 (2023): 239-263.

"How to Make Friends & Influence People: Elementary Education, French 'Influence,' & the Balkans, 1815-40s" *Modern Intellectual History*, 15:3 (Nov., 2018): 621-649.

Romanian Translation: "Cum să-ți faci prieteni și să 'influență' franceză și Balcanii, anii 1815-1830" *Revista Iсторică*, 32:4-6 (2021): 373-398.

"Audience Matters: 'Civilization-Speak,' Educational Discourses, & Balkan Nationalism, 1815-40," *European History Quarterly*, 48:4 (Fall, 2018): 658-685.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

"Greek Brothers & Phanariot Foes: Ion Eliade-Rădulescu, Anti-Phanariotism, & the Legacies of Grecophone Culture in the Danubian Lands," in *Phanariot Corruption*. Silvia Marton, Andrei-Dan Sorescu, & Alex R. Tipei (eds.), in progress.

"Introduction" (co-authored with Silvia Marton) in *Conceptualizing Corruption: Between Old Regimes & New Orders in East-Central-South Europe (1750s-1850s)*. Silvia Marton & Alex R. Tipei (eds.). Anticipated submission to Bloomsbury Press, December 2025.

"Critique & Construct: Good Governance, Corruption, & Modernity across the Transition to Greek Independence," in Silvia Marton & Alex R. Tipei (eds.). Anticipated submission to Bloomsbury Press, December 2025.

"Accusations of Tyranny & the Foreign Financing of Infrastructure in the Early Greek State: Mobilizing the Imperial Past in Pursuit of French Informal Empire," in *What Binds Must Also Separate: Infrastructural Development, Corruption, Xenophobia, & Colonial Anxieties in Nineteenth-Century South-Eastern Europe*, Silvia Marton & Andrei-Dan Sorescu (eds.), Central European University Press, forthcoming.

"A Corrupt Governor? Kapodistrias's Assassination in the Francophone Press," in *New Dimensions of 1821*, Christine

Philliou & Katerina Lagos (eds.), Bloomsbury Press, accepted.

“Korais’s Greece & Napoleon’s Empire: The Egyptian Campaign, Race Science, & the Europeanization of an Idea,” in *From the Napoleonic Age to the Age of Empires: Empire after the Emperor*, Thomas Dodman & Aurélien Lignereux (eds.), (Palgrave, 2023).

Conference Proceedings

“Care & the Politics of Sentiment,” *The Workshop (Proceedings of the Indiana Center for Eighteenth-Century Studies)* 4 (June, 2016): 70-72.

“Civilization & the Xenos,” *The Workshop (Proceedings of the Indiana Center for Eighteenth-Century Studies)* 3 (June, 2015): 41-42.

Book Reviews

J. Hobbs, Gender, Emotion, & the Origins of the Democracy in July Monarchy France: The Liberal Crucible, *H-France Review*, forthcoming.

C. Ardeleanu, The European Commission of the Danube, 1856-1948, *Journal of Modern Greek Studies*, 43:1 (May, 2025).

T. Zervas, Formal & Informal Education during the Rise of Greek Nationalism: Learning to Be Greek, *Journal of Modern Greek Studies*, 37:1 (May, 2019).

E. Davidova, Balkan Transitions to Modernity & Nation-States. Through the Eyes of Three Generations of Merchants (1780s-1890s), *Journal of Modern Greek Studies*, 34:1 (May, 2016):177-178.

Selected Academic Translations (French to English)

Guillaume Garner, “Cameralist Theoretical Writings on Manufacturing & Administrative Practice in the German Principalities: Conflict & Coherence,” in *Cameralism in Practice*, Marten Seppel & Keith Tribe (eds.), (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018).

Boris Nogues, “The Failure of the Elite Universities in Early modern France (16th-18th Centuries),” in *The Elite University—Roles & Models*, Ditlev Tamm (ed.), Scientia Danica, series H, Humanistica, 8, vol 15 (2017): 174-199.

Rita Hofstetter, “Building an ‘International Code for Public Education’: Behind the Scenes at the International Bureau of Education (1925-1946),” *Prospects: Quarterly Review of Comparative Education*, 45:1 (2015):31-48.

Rita Hofstetter, Alexandre Fontaine, Solenn Huitric, & Emmanuelle Picard, “Mapping the Discipline: History of Education,” *Paedagogica Historica: International Journal of the History of Education*, 50:6 (2014): 871-880.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & PRIZES

Research, Training, & Publication Grants—Individual

2025 Scholarly Book Award, “Unintended Nations: France’s Empire of Civilization, Southeast Europe, and the Post-Napoleonic World,” Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (\$8,000 CAD)

2021-2024 “At the Edge of Soft Power: Saint-Simonian Visions of Development in Southeastern Europe & Latin America,” Insight Development Grant, Social Science & Humanities Research Council of Canada (\$48,544 CAD)

2021 “Southeast European Public Figures & the Solidification of Europe’s Geographic, Cultural, & Racial Frontiers,” Exploration Grant, Université de Montréal (\$3000 CAD)

2011 Title VIII Fellowship, Russian & East European Institute, Indiana University (\$5000)

2010 Title VIII Fellowship, Russian & East European Institute, Indiana University (Declined)

2010 Mellon Professional Development Grant, Institute for European Studies, Indiana University (\$5000)

2004 East European Language Training Grant, American Council of Learned Societies (\$3500)

Research & Community-Building Grants—Collaborative

2023-2028 “Transnational Histories of “Corruption” in Central-South-East Europe (1750-1850),” Team Leader (Silvia Marton, Principal Investigator), European Research Council, Advanced Grant, New Europe College/Institute for Advanced Study, Bucharest (host institution) (€2,400,000)

2023-2027 “Aux confins de la mondialisation : la gouvernance mondiale et ses limites,” Co-Researcher (Vincent Pouliot, Principal Investigator), Fonds de recherche Québec-Société et Culture, Research Team Grant, McGill University (host institution) (\$387,573 CAD)

Fellowships

2019-2020 U.S. Fulbright Scholar, CIES/U.S.-Romanian Fulbright Commission, Bucharest, Romania

2014-2015 Doris G. Quinn Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Doris G. Quinn Foundation/Indiana University

2014 Frederick W. & Mildred C. Stoler Research Fellowship, Department of History, Indiana University

2010-2011 East European Studies (Dissertation Research) Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies

2008-2013 Jacob K. Javits Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education

2008 Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship (summer), U.S. Department of Education

2007-2008 Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship (academic year), U.S. Department of Education

2006-2007 U.S. Fulbright Student Fellow, IIE/U.S.-Romanian Fulbright Commission, Bucharest, Romania

Prizes, Awards, & Honors

2017 John O. Iatrides Best Dissertation Prize, Modern Greek Studies Association

2015 Susan O’Kell Teaching Award for Best Graduate Instructor, Department of History, Indiana University

2009 Daniel Armstrong Memorial Paper Award, Russian & East European Institute, Indiana University

2007 Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition, United States Congress

2004 Phi Alpha Theta: National History Honors Society

Travel Grants & Institutional Awards

2015 College of Arts & Sciences, Graduate Travel Grant, Indiana University

2015 Russian & East European Institute/Mellon Graduate Travel Grant, Indiana University (spring)

2015 Institute for European Studies/Mellon Endowment Graduate Travel Grant, Indiana University

2015 Russian & East European Institute/Mellon Graduate Travel Grant, Indiana University (fall)

2014 Institute for European Studies/Mellon Endowment Graduate Travel Grant, Indiana University

2014 Russian & East European Institute/Mellon Graduate Travel Grant, Indiana University

2013 Davis Travel Grant, Association for Slavic, East European & Eurasian Studies

2013 CAHI Graduate Travel Award, College Arts & Humanities Institute, Indiana University

2013 Russian & East European Institute/Mellon Graduate Travel Grant, Indiana University

PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

2025 “Unintended Nations: France’s Empire of Civilization, Southeast Europe, & the World,” Institute for European, Russian, & Eurasian Studies, George Washington University, Washington D.C.

2025 “Greece as an Unintended Nation,” Department of Hellenic Studies, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada

2025 “What’s an Unintended Nation?” Concordia University, Department of History, Montréal, Canada

2022 “Greece by Way of Cairo & the Caribbean: The Egyptian Campaign, Debates over Slavery, & the Europeanization of Greekness,” Reflections on the Political & Social History of the 18th & 19th Centuries, New Europe College (Institute for Advanced Study), Bucharest, Romania

2021 “Greece, Napoleonic France, & Europe: the Role of Race Science & Global Politics in Locating Modern Greece,” European History Workshop, Indiana University, Department of History, Bloomington, IN

2021 “Korais’s Greece & Napoleon’s Mediterranean: The Egyptian Campaign, Race Science, & the Europeanization

of an Idea,” Mediterranean Histories of/in the Mediterranean: Early-Modern to Modern Times, Seeger Center for Hellenic Studies/Athens Center for Research & Hellenic Studies, Princeton University

2019 “Universal Visions & National Ambitions: Reconfiguring Civilization in Early Nineteenth-Century Southeastern Europe,” Reflections on the Political & Social History of the 18th & 19th Centuries, New Europe College, Bucharest, Romania

2018 “Relations of Gratitude? Nineteenth-Century French Philanthropy, Elementary Education, & Hellenophone Southeastern Europe,” Modern Greek Studies Program Speaker Series, Brown University, Providence, RI

2017 “‘Civilization-Speak,’ Balkan Leaders & French Philanthropist in Early Nineteenth-Century Southeastern Europe,” Seeger Center for Hellenic Studies, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

2016 “The Global Balkans & the Nineteenth Century,” New Directions in East European History Series, Department of History, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

2014 “Greeks into Europeans: Elementary Education during the Era of Greek Independence,” Hellenic Studies Salon, Institute for European Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

2014 “European Civilization & the Accidental Nation-State,” Department of Hellenic Studies, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada

2014 “Schools & the Accidental Nation-State: Education Reform in Early Nineteenth-Century France, Greece, & Romania,” European History Workshop, Department of History, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

Invited Workshops

2024 “From Tyranny to Corruption: Shifting Cross-Continental Discourses in the Age of Greek Independence,” Conceptualizing Corruption: The “Old Regime” & the New Order in East-Central-South Europe (1750-1850), University of Bucharest/ New Europe College (Institute for Advanced Study), Bucharest, Romania

2023 “Civilization or Corruption?: Representing Modernizing Projects of the Early Greek State in the Francophone Press,” Colonial Anxieties, Corruption Scandals & Modernization in Nineteenth-Century Infrastructure Development Workshop, University of Bucharest/ New Europe College (Institute for Advanced Study), Bucharest, Romania

2023 “Soft Power, Liberal Politics, & Philanthropy: The Case of Greece in the Nineteenth Century,” The Gray Book of Globalization: On the Frontiers of Global Governance, Mondialisation sous Tension Annual Conference, Centre d’études et recherches internationales, University of Montréal, Montréal, Canada

2021 “Civilization & Nation: Rhetorical Strategies of Independence after the Greek War,” New Dimensions of 1821, Center for European Studies & the Institute for Southeast European Studies at the University of California Berkeley & the Hellenic Studies Program at Sacramento State

Invited Comments & Roundtables

2022 “Călin Cotoi’s Inventing the Social in Romania,” New Book Roundtable, Society for Romanian Studies, Timișoara, Romania

2021 “1821: Universalist & Ethnolinguistic Nationalism in Modern Greece,” 1821 in 2021: A Special Issue of the *Journal of Modern Greek Studies*, Modern Greek Studies Association, online event

2015 “Comment: The Politics of Caring” Eighteenth-Century Studies Annual Workshop, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

2014 “Comment: Civilization & the Other,” Eighteenth-Century Studies Annual Workshop, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

Selected Conference Papers & Presentations

* denotes panel organizer/co-organizer

2025 “Unintended Nations Book Panel,” Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies, Washington, D.C.*

2025 "An America in Europe? Franco-British Competition & the Global Context of an Independent Greece," North American Conference on British Studies, Montréal, Canada

2025 "Models & Enemies: Perceptions of 'Greeks' in the Danubian Principalities after 1821," International Council for Central & East European Studies Congress, London, England

2025 "Round Table I & II: Transnational Histories of Corruption," Society for Romanian Studies, Cluj, Romania*

2025 "Book Launch: Unintended Nations," Society for Romanian Studies, Cluj, Romania*

2023 "The Greek War of Independence, Europe's Political & Racial Frontiers, & the Limits of Formal French Empire," French Colonial Historical Society, Fort-de-France, Martinique, France

2022 "What did Romanianess Mean to Ion?: Thinking about Keith Hitchin's Impact on My Research & the Field," Society for Romanian Studies, Timișoara, Romania*

2022 "Greece by Way of Cairo & the Caribbean: Napoleon's Egyptian Campaign, Debates over Slavery, & the Europeanization of Greekness," Society for French Historical Studies, Charlotte, NC*

2021 "French Civilization & the Development of Balkan National Identities, 1800-1850," Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies, New Orleans.

2019 "Discipline & Discipline: Foucault, Prison Education, & Historical Scholarship," Society for French Historical Studies, Indianapolis, IN*

2018 "'Mama Read with Me': International Politics, Family Networks, & Female Education in Wallachia & Moldova, 1815-60," Society for Romanian Studies, Bucharest, Romania

2017 "The Science of Philanthropy: Giving, Religion, & Transculturation in the Early Nineteenth-Century Balkans & France," Modern Greek Studies Association, Stockton, NJ

2016 "Why Teach in Prison?," Crossroads: The Future of Graduate History Education, Madison, NJ

2016 "Home Schooling: Boys, Mothers, & Elementary Education in the Early Nineteenth Century," Romanian Studies Conference, Bloomington, IN

2016 "A New Kind of Conquest: French Liberals, Soft Power, & Post-Napoleonic Europe," Society for French Historical Studies, Nashville, TN

2016 "A Different Kind of Debt: France, Greece, & Civilization," American Historical Association, Atlanta, GA

2015 "An Insertion of the Public Sphere in the Private: Elementary Education & the Family in the Early Greek State," Modern Greek Studies Association, Atlanta, GA

2015 "Romanian Unification & Europe: Marcovici's Civilization," Society for Romanian Studies, Bucharest, Romania*

2015 "Rethinking Romania: Transnational Southeastern Europe," Romanian Studies Conference, Bloomington, IN

2015 "Europe's Borderland: 'French Influence' & the Balkans," American Historical Association, New York, NY*

2014 "Between Culture & Politics: Identity, the Balkan Enlightenment, & the Greek War of Independence," Byzantine Studies Association of North America, Vancouver, Canada

2014 "Politics in the Guise of Good Deeds: Philanthropic Organizations, the Liberal Opposition, & the 1838 Law on the Insane," The Western Society for French History, San Antonio, TX*

2014 "Patriotic Mothers & Fit Sons: Elementary Education in the Early Greek State," Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Toronto, Canada*

2014 "From Civilization to Nation: Lancastrian Schools in the Balkans before & after the Greek State," American Historical Association, Washington, D.C.

2013 "On the Edge of Civilization: Lancastrian Schools & the Transition from an Orthodox Commonwealth to Balkan Nationalism," Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies, Boston, MA*

2013 "Lancastrian Schools before & after the Greek State," Modern Greek Studies Association, Bloomington, IN*

2009 "Spies & Greengrocers: Symbolic Uses of Securitate Files," Romanian Studies International Graduates Student Conference, Bloomington, IN

2007 "Identity in Exile: Romanian Writers in Paris, 1947-89," Society for Romanian Studies, Constanța, Romania

MEDIA & OUTREACH

Opinion Pieces

“Why All Humanists Should Go to Prison,” *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, September 30, 2016, print & online.

General Audience/Community Talks

- 2024 “Histoire transnationale, histoire transatlantique,” Department of History, University of Montréal
- 2024 “Table ronde sur la guerre en Ukraine, deux ans plus tard,” Centre d’études et de recherches internationales, University of Montréal
- 2022 “Table ronde sur la guerre en Ukraine, un mois plus tard,” Centre d’études et de recherches internationales, University of Montréal
- 2022 “La nationalisation des terres impériales au XIXe siècle : la construction d’une identité ukrainienne dans son contexte régional,” Histoire/Actu series, Department of History, University of Montréal
- 2016 “A Tale of Two Debts: Modern Greece & Europe,” Elmhurst Public Library, Elmhurst, IL
- 2015 “Imperial & Culinary Crossroads: A Brief History of Romania,” Elmhurst Public Library, Elmhurst, IL

Expert Commentary & Media Appearances

Interviewed by Virginie Soffer for “Des livres pour mieux comprendre le conflit russe-ukrainien,” *UdeMNouvelles*, March 24, 2022

Interviewed by Annabelle Caillou for “‘Kiev’ ou ‘Kyiv’? Les médias prennent position” by Annabelle Caillou in *Le Devoir* March 3, 2022

Interviewed by Samara Freemark on background for “Prison history assignment yields surprise, passion for research,” *AMPreports*, Minnesota Public Radio, September 2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Courses

- “L’Europe transnationale & le monde au XIXe siècle,” Department of History, University of Montréal
- “Provincialiser l’Ouest: Science, histoire, politique et eurocentrisme,” Program in International Studies, University of Montréal, Department of History & Classical Studies, McGill University
- “Lectures dirigées,” various topics, Department of History, University of Montréal
- “L’histoire de la mondialisation: la montée d’ordre libéral,” Program in International Studies, University of Montréal
- “Méthodes en études internationales,” Program in International Studies, University of Montréal
- “Introduction to Global Studies & History,” Department of Political Science, University of Bucharest
- “Introduction to the Professional Study of History,” Indiana Women’s Prison

Undergraduate Courses

- “Esclavage, race et nation en Europe du Sud-Est au XIXe,” Department of History, University of Montréal
- “Histoire et historiographie,” Department of History, University of Montréal
- “Nous sommes tous Grecs. Philhellénisme et la guerre d’indépendance grecque,” Department of History, University of Montréal
- “Médias, consommation et diplomatie culturelle pendant la Guerre Froide,” Department of History, University of Montréal, Department of American Studies, University of Bucharest
- “Les hommes nouveaux? L’Europe de l’Est depuis 1800.” Department of History, University of Montréal; Department of History & Classical Studies, McGill University
- “Lectures dirigées,” various topics, Department of History, University of Montréal
- “Revolutionary & Napoleonic Europe: Universal Visions, Particular Realities,” Department of History & Classical Studies, McGill University
- “Science & Technology in the French Empire (19th & 20th Centuries),” Department of History & Classical Studies,

McGill University

“France, 1789-1914: Political Failure or Laboratory?,” Department of History & Classical Studies, McGill University

“World Civilization II, 1500-present” (team-taught, team-leader), Prison Teaching Initiative at Princeton University

“Introduction to Eastern European Studies,” Russian, East European, & Eurasian Center, University of Illinois

Language Courses

“Elementary Romanian I & II,” Department of Slavic & East European Languages & Cultures, Indiana University

“Intermediate Romanian I & II,” Department of Slavic & East European Languages & Cultures, Indiana University

Professional Trainings & Events

2023 “Enjeux politiques et économiques de l’Europe,” Institut de la diplomatie québécoise (inservice for members of the Quebec diplomatic corps)

2021 “So You Think You Want to Be a Professor?,” Walter Center for Career Advancement, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

2021 “Methods in International Studies”, Program in International Studies, University of Montréal

2020 Applying for a Fulbright/Applying to Graduate School in the US, US-Romanian Fulbright Commission, Bucharest, Romania

2019 “Applying for Academic Jobs,” Academic Career Series, Career Planning Service, McGill University

2015 Pedagogical Consultant, School of Global & International Studies, Indiana University

LANGUAGES

English: Native speaker

French: Near native

Romanian: Near native

Modern Greek: Advanced

Spanish: Advanced (comprehension)

Polish: Intermediate (written comprehension)

Italian: Written comprehension