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EMPLOYMENT

Professor of Law and Society, Ramapo College of New Jersey, 2021 - present
Associate Professor of Law and Society, Ramapo College of New Jersey, 2015 - 2021
Assistant Professor of Law and Society, Ramapo College of New Jersey, 2010 - 2015
Instructor and teaching assistant, New York University, 2004 - 2009
Consultant, The Ford Foundation, New York, 2004 - 2006
Fellow, Global Public Service Law Project, New York University School of Law, 2002 - 2004
Program Associate, The Ford Foundation, New York, 2000 - 2002
Program Associate, The September 11th Fund, New York, Oct.-Dec. 2001
Consultant, The Center for Reproductive Rights, New York, 1999 - 2000

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Law and Society, New York University, 2010
S.J.D. (Doctor of Juridical Sciences), Comparative Constitutional Law, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, 2000
LL.M. (Master of Laws), Comparative Constitutional Law, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, 1996
Licențiat în Științe Juridice (Licentiate in Law), University of Bucharest, Romania, 1995

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Books

Between the Memory and Post-Memory of Communism in Romania: Fluid Memories. Routledge, 2025 (co-edited, with Monica Ciobanu).

Subminarea comunismului în România: Drept și proprietate privată (1945-1965). Iași: Polirom, 2025 (trans. Miruna Andriescu).

Subverting Communism in Romania: Law and Private Property, 1945-1965. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books/Rowman & Littlefield, 2019.

Reviewed by Emanuela Grama (Carnegie Mellon University), *Journal of Romanian Studies* 4(2): 237-239, 2022.

Constitutionalism in Transition: Africa and Eastern Europe. Warsaw, Poland: Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, 2003 (edited).

Editor

Journal of Romanian Studies

Edited book series

Law and Society in Eastern Europe and Eurasia (with Kaja Gadowska and Alexei Trochev), CEU Press.

Journal special issue

Law, History, and Justice, special issue of *Journal of Romanian Studies*, Vol. 2, No. 2, 2020 (with Monica Ciobanu).

Peer-reviewed articles

Law as Mnemonic Infrastructure: Archival Legal Discourses and Memory Battles in Romania. *Journal of Law, Culture and the Humanities*, 2024, <https://doi.org/10.1177/17438721241245616>.

Legitimation Crisis, Memory, and United States Exceptionalism: Lessons from Post-Communist Eastern Europe. *Memory Studies*, 14(6): 1285-1300, 2021 (with Monica Ciobanu).

Litigating Identity in Fascist and Post-Fascist Romania (1940-1945). *Special Issue: Law, History, and Justice*, Mihaela Șerban and Monica Ciobanu (Eds.), *Journal of Romanian Studies*, Vol. 2, No. 2, 2020. <https://doi.org/10.3828/jrns.2020.2.2.04>.

Stemming the Tide of Illiberalism? Legal Mobilization and Adversarial Legalism in Central and Eastern Europe. *Special Issue: Legal Change in Post-Communist States: Courts, Police and Public Administration*, Peter Solomon and Kaja Gadowska (Eds.), *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, 51(3), 177-188, 2018.

Reprinted in *Legal Change in Post-Communist States. Progress, Reversions, Explanations* (2019). Kaja Gadowska and Peter H. Solomon, Jr. (Eds.). Stuttgart: Ibidem-Verlag.

Regime Change and Property Rights Consciousness in Post-Communist Romania. *Law & Social Inquiry*, 43(3), 732-763, 2018. DOI: 10.1111/lsi.12286

The Exceptionalism of Housing: Ideology and Politics in Early Communism in Romania (1945-1965). *Europe-Asia Studies*, 67(3), 443-467, 2015.

The Loss of Property Rights and the Construction of Legal Consciousness in Early Socialist Romania (1950-1965). *Law & Society Review*, 48(4), 773-805, 2014.

Law from Below: Women's Human Rights and Social Movements in New York City. *Law & Society Review*, 44(1), 101-128, 2010 (with Sally Merry, Peggy Levitt, and Diana H. Yoon).

Surviving Property: Resistance against Urban Housing Nationalization during the Transition to Communism (Romania, 1950-1965). *Special Issue: Interdisciplinary Legal Studies: The Next Generation, Studies in Law, Politics, and Society*, Austin Sarat (Ed.), 51, 29-66, 2010.

'Bringing Coals to Newcastle'? Human Rights Discourses and Social Change in New York City. *Global Networks*, 9(4), 507-528, 2009 (with Diana H. Yoon).

The Romanian Constitutional Court: Law, Politics and Judicial Activism. *Romanian Journal of Society and Politics*, 1(1), 2001.

Journal articles

Law, History, and Justice in Romania: New Directions in Law and Society Research. *Special Issue: Law, History, and Justice*, Mihaela Șerban and Monica Ciobanu (Eds.), *Journal of Romanian Studies*, Vol. 2, No. 2, 2020 (with Monica Ciobanu). <https://doi.org/10.3828/jrns.2020.2.2.01>.

Aspects of Women's Rights in Poland and Romania. *International Studies: Interdisciplinary Political and Cultural Journal*, 4(2): 159-172, 2002 (with Mindy Jane Roseman).

Facing the Past-The Romanian Lustration Law. *Journal of East European Law*, 7(3-4), 2000.

Book chapters

Sociolegal Evaluation of Legal Change in Post-Communist States (coordinator), in Ulrike Schultz, Hakan Hayden, and Peter Scharff (Eds.), *Elgar International Encyclopedia of Sociology of Law*, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2026.

The Communist Public Sphere: A Sociolegal Analysis. In Manuela Ungureanu (Ed.), *Rethinking the Historiography of the Soviet Bloc: The Totalitarianism Paradigm and Institutional Practices under Communism*, Berghahn Books, 2026.

Romania. In Zsuzsa Csergo, Paula M. Pickering, and Jennie Schulze (Eds.), *Central and East European Politics: Changes and Challenges*, 6th ed., Bloomsbury Academic, 2026 (with Monica Ciobanu).

Law, Property Rights, and the Construction of Memory Regimes in Romania. In Monica Ciobanu and Mihaela Șerban (Eds.), *Between the Memory and Post-Memory of Communism in Romania: Fluid Memories*, Routledge, 2025.

Introduction: Memories of Romanian Communism: Thirty-Five Years Later and Beyond (with Monica Ciobanu). In Monica Ciobanu and Mihaela Șerban (Eds.), *Between the Memory and Post-Memory of Communism in Romania: Fluid Memories*, Routledge, 2025.

Are We There Yet? Romania's Semi-Peripheral Rule of Law. In Lavinia Stan and Diane Vancea (Eds.), *Post-Communist Progress and Stagnation at 35: The Case of Romania*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2024, pp. 83-106, https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-55750-7_5.

Law and Liberation: Legal Consciousness and Legal Mobilization in Post-Communist Europe. In Steve Boutcher, Corey Shdaimah, and Michael Yarbrough (Eds.), *The Research Handbook on Law, Movements, and Social Change*, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2023, pp. 102-117.

Rule of Law Indicators as a Technology of Power in Romania. In Sally Engle Merry, Kevin Davis, & Benedict Kingsbury (Eds.), *The Quiet Power of Indicators: Measuring Development, Corruption, and the Rule of Law* (pp. 199-221). New York: Cambridge University Press, 2015.

Gender and Grantmaking: A Framework. In Malgorzata Druciarek & Aleksandra Nizynska (Eds.), *Inspirator Partnerski*. Institute for Public Affairs, Warsaw, Poland, pp.54-63 (in Polish), 2012.

Romanian Administrative Legal System and 1996-1997 Developments. In Denis Galligan, & Daniel Smilov (Eds.), *Administrative Law in Central and Eastern Europe*. Budapest: Central European University Press, 1999.

Decisions of the Romanian Constitutional Court as a Source of Law. In The Center for the Study of Constitutionalism (Ed.), *Konstitutsionnoe Pravosudie v Postcommunisticheskikh Stranah* [*Judicial Review in Post-Communist Countries*]. Moscow (in Russian), 1999.

Book reviews

The Politics of Bureaucratic Corruption in Post-Transitional Eastern Europe, by M. Zaloznaya. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, 2017. *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*, 48(1), 112-113, 2019.

East European Faces of Law and Society: Values and Practices, by W.B. Simmons (Ed.). Leiden, Boston, MA: Brill Nijhoff, 2014. *Review of Central and East European Law*, 41(1), 37-47, 2016.

Europe's Constitutional Mosaic, by N. Walker, J. Shaw, & S. Tierney (Eds.), Oxford and Portland, Oregon: Hart Publishing, 2011. *Law and Politics Book Review*, 23(2), 54-57, 2013.

<http://www.lpbr.net/2013/02/europes-constitutional-mosaic.html>

Property in the Margins, by A.J. van der Walt, Portland, OR: Hart Publishing, 2009. *Law and Politics Book Review*, 19(10), 802-805, 2009. <http://www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/lpbr/reviews/>

Blogs

Publishing Law and Society Research from Outside North America: Reflections from an Eastern European Perspective. Law & Society Review Blog, 2017.

<https://lawandsocietyreview.blogspot.com/2017/11/publishing-law-and-society-research.html>

Works in progress or under review

“Trials and Collective Memory: Narratives, Time, and Punishment”

Law and Memory Regimes: Democratizing Collective Memory

Law, Justice, and Society in Romania

HONORS

Fred and Florence Thomases Faculty Award for significant and ongoing contributions to the development of the College, Ramapo College of New Jersey, 2023

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

Publication grant, Ramapo College Foundation, 2024 (\$750)

Title VIII Summer Research Laboratory Associate, Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center and the Slavic Reference Service, University of Illinois, 2024

Travel grant, Ramapo College Foundation, 2022 (\$750)

Ramapo College Sabbatical Leave, Fall 2019

Faculty Development Funding, Ramapo College of New Jersey, 2019 (\$5,000)

Field Research grant, "Legal culture and the rule of law in the context of post-9/11 terrorism trials," 2017-2018, Ramapo College Foundation (\$1,000)

"Year of Europe" travel grant, Ramapo College of New Jersey, 2018 (\$1,700)

Faculty Development Funding, Ramapo College of New Jersey, 2015 (\$5,000)

Faculty Development Funding, Ramapo College of New Jersey, 2013 (\$4,500)

Summer Research Grant, Ramapo College of New Jersey, 2012 (\$5,000)

Field Research, Ramapo College Foundation, 2011 (\$1,000)

American Council of Learned Societies, Dissertation Writing Fellowship, 2009-2010 (\$18,000)

New York University, Graduate School of Arts and Science, Dean's Dissertation Fellowship, 2009-2010 (\$22,000)

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Award, Number 0752404, 2008-2009 (\$8,900)

Henry M. McCracken Fellowship, New York University, 2003-2008

Law and Society Association Travel Grant for participation in the Law and Society Graduate Student Workshop, 2006

Central European University Scholarship, 1995-1999

Open Society Institute Scholarship, Visiting Researcher at Washington College of Law, American University, 1997-1998 (\$11,000)

Central European University Scholarship, Visiting Researcher at Cornell University Law School, 1996 (\$4,000)

Soros Foundation—Romania Scholarship, Duke University Law School & Université Libre de Bruxelles Summer School, Brussels, Belgium, 1993

Academic Scholarship, University of Bucharest, 1991-1995

First prize, National Competition in Romanian Language and Literature, 1989

INVITED TALKS

"Drept și societate în România postcomunistă," Universitatea Ștefan cel Mare, Suceava, Romania, March 10, 2023.

“Memory and Transitional Justice: Lessons from Post-Communist Eastern Europe,” Tuesday Reflections Series, SUNY Plattsburgh, March 29, 2022 (with Monica Ciobanu).

“Law, Democracy and Society in Times of Illiberalism,” Montclair State University, New Jersey, May 11, 2021.

“Subverting Communism in Romania: Law and Private Property, 1945-1965,” *Cultural Institutions of the Soviet Bloc* Symposium, University of British Columbia at Okanagan, March 13, 2020.

“Making Them Count: The Role of International Framework Indicators in Driving Accountability,” an SDG16 Data Initiative workshop held as part of the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data OGP Summit Side Event, organized by Saferworld, the TAP Network and UNDP, Paris, December 6, 2016.

“Plus ça Change? Changes in Legal Culture in Central and Eastern Europe post-1989,” invited paper for *Legal Mobilization in Germany & the European Union*, York University (Canada), DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Research Workshop, Canadian Centre for German & European Studies (CCGES), February 13, 2015.

“Gender Equality and Grantmakers: A Framework,” Institute for Public Affairs Seminar on Third Sector Partnership, Warsaw, Poland, May 27-30, 2012.

CONFERENCES

Papers presented

“Law and Mnemonic Revisionism in Romania: The Ursu Case,” Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, Washington DC, November 20-23, 2025.

“Law and the Collective Memory of Communism in Romania: The Ursu Trial,” Law, Culture and Humanities Conference, Georgetown University, June 16-18, 2025.

“Law and the Collective Memory of Communism in Romania: The Ursu Trial,” The Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Conference, Columbia University, May 22-24, 2025.

“Law and the Collective Memory of Communism in Romania: The Ursu Trial,” A Mnemonic Turn and the Future of Democratic Politics Conference, The New School for Social Research, New York, April 24-25, 2025.

“Law and the Collective Memory of Communism in Romania: The Ursu Trial,” North East Slavic, East European and Eurasian Conference, New York University, April 5, 2025.

“Legal hyper-positivism and its consequences,” Summer Research Laboratory, Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center, The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, July 18, 2024.

“Law and the Collective Memory of Communism: The Ursu Trial in Romania,” Law and Society Annual Conference, Denver, June 6-9, 2024.

“Law as Mnemonic Infrastructure: Archival Legal Discourses and Memory Battles in Romania,” North East Slavic, East European and Eurasian Conference, New York University, April 6, 2024.

“Property Confiscation in 20th Century Romania and Hungary: A Comparative Perspective,” Roundtable, The Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, October 20, 2023.

“Law as a Technology of Memory: Archival Legal Discourses and Memory Battles in Romania,” Law and Society Association Annual Conference, San Juan, June 1-4, 2023.

“Law as a Technology of Memory: Archival Legal Discourses and Memory Battles in Romania,” The Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Conference, Columbia University, May 18-20, 2023.

“The Socialist Public Sphere: A Sociolegal Analysis,” SSHRC Workshop on the Cultural Institutions of the Soviet Bloc: A Reassessment of the Totalitarian Paradigm, University of British Columbia-Okanagan, March 2-3, 2023.

“Compromised Memory: Archival Legal Discourses and Memory Battles in Romania,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Virtual Conference, October 13-14, 2022.

“Law and the Construction of Memory Regimes: The Case of Property Rights in Romania,” Law and Society Association Annual Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, July 13-16, 2022.

“Law and the Construction of Memory Regimes: The Case of Property Rights in Romania,” Society for Romanian Studies Conference, Timișoara, Romania, June 15-17, 2022.

“Law and the Construction of Memory Regimes: The Case of Property Rights in Romania,” The Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Conference, Columbia University, May 4-7, 2022.

“Archival Legal Discourses and the Construction of Truth Regimes in Romania,” Methodologies of Working in Cold War Archives. Facts, Values, and Archival Ecologies. Vera and Donald Blinken Open Society Archives, Budapest, Hungary, October 14-16, 2021.

<https://www.osaarchivum.org/events/methodologies-of-working-in-cold-war-archives/abstracts>

“Law and Liberation: Legal Consciousness and Legal Mobilization in Post-Communist Europe,” Law and Society Association Annual Conference, Chicago/Virtual, May 26-30, 2021.

“Legitimation Crisis, Memory, and United States Exceptionalism: Lessons from Post-Communist Eastern Europe” (with Monica Ciobanu), Suspended Present: Downloading the Past and Gaming the Future in a Time of Pandemic Conference, The New School for Social Research, April 21-23, 2021.

“Property Rights, Identity and Citizenship during Periods of Transition in Romania,” Law and Society Association Annual Conference, Washington DC, May 29-June 2, 2019.

“Is the Rule of Law Standing Its Ground? American Rule of Law Culture in the Context of Immigration and Terrorism Trials” (with Francesca Laguardia), Law and Society Association Annual Conference, Washington DC, May 29-June 2, 2019.

“Legal Constructions of Identity during Authoritarianism in Romania (1940-1945),” Society for Romanian Studies Conference, Bucharest, June 25-29, 2018.

“Legal Culture and the Rule of Law in the Context of Post-9/11 Terrorism Trials,” Law and Society Association Annual Conference, Toronto, June 6-10, 2018.

“Legal Constructions of Identity during Authoritarianism in Romania (1940-1945),” The Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Conference, Columbia University, May 3-5, 2018.

“Regulation through Litigation in Central and Eastern Europe,” Mid-Atlantic Law and Society Conference, New York, October 10, 2015.

“Courts and the Construction of Ethnic Identities during Authoritarianism in Romania (1940-1945),” Law and Society Association Annual Conference, Seattle, May 27-31, 2015.

“Regime Change and the Legal Culture of Property in Communist and Post-Communist Romania,” Mid-Atlantic Law and Society Conference, Philadelphia, October 18, 2014.

“The Rise of Eurolegalism in Eastern Europe? An Ambiguous Story,” Law and Society Association Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN, May 29-June 1, 2014.

“The Rise of Eurolegalism in Eastern Europe? An Ambiguous Story,” New England Political Science Association Annual Conference, Woodstock, Vermont, April 24-26, 2014.

“Property Rights Consciousness in Communist and Post-Communist Romania,” presented at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, May 30-June 2, 2013.

“Housing Nationalization Petitions and the Creation of Socialist Legal Consciousness in Romania (1945-1965),” *COMPLAINTS: Cultures of Grievance in Eastern Europe and Eurasia*, Princeton University, March 8-9, 2013, <http://culturesofgrievance.wordpress.com/>

“A Distorted Mirror: Rule of Law Indicators in Romania,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Hawaii, June 4-9, 2012.

“A Distorted Mirror: Rule of Law Indicators in Romania,” New England Political Science Association Annual Conference, Portsmouth New Hampshire, April 27-29, 2012.

“A Distorted Mirror: Rule of Law Indicators in Romania,” Indicators as a Global Technology of Governance Workshop, NYU Institute for International Law and Justice, New York, April 17, 2012.

“Reshaping Global Governance: Measuring the Rule of Law in Central and Eastern Europe,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, May 31-June 5, 2011.

“Reshaping Global Governance: Measuring the Rule of Law in Central and Eastern Europe,” Indicators as a Global Technology of Governance Workshop, NYU Institute for International Law and Justice, New York, September 15, 2010.

“Law between Citizens and the State: Inertia, Resistance and Ambivalence in Communist Property Practices (Romania, 1945-1965),” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, May 27-30, 2010.

“Surviving Property: Resistance to Urban Housing Nationalization during the Transition to Communism (Romania, 1950-1965),” American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies Annual Conference, Boston, November 2009.

“Resistance to Urban Housing Nationalization during the Transition to Communism (Romania, 1950-1965),” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Denver, May 28-31, 2009.

“Surviving Property: Property Ideologies and Rights Consciousness during the Transition from Communism to Capitalism (Romania, 1944-1950),” Northeast Law and Society Conference, Amherst College, January 2008.

“Property in Transition: 1945 - 1960,” Graduate Student Conference, Institute for Law and Society, New York University, New York, May 2008.

"Bringing Coals to Newcastle? Human Rights Discourses and Social Change in New York City," paper written with Diana H. Yoon and presented by Diana H. Yoon at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, May 29-June 1, 2008.

"'Bringing Coals to Newcastle'? Human Rights Discourses and Social Change in New York City" (with Diana H. Yoon), Localization of Global Discourses on Women's Rights in Comparative Perspective workshop, Wellesley College, 2006.

"Decisions of the Romanian Constitutional Court as a Source of Law," Judicial Review in Post-Communist Countries Conference, The Center for the Study of Constitutionalism, Moscow, April 23-27, 1999.

Discussant, chair, panels organized (select)

Book discussant, *Justice and Restitution in Post-Nazi Romania: Rebuilding Jewish Lives and Communities, 1944-1950* (Cambridge University Press, 2024), by Ștefan Cristian Ionescu, Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, Washington DC, November 20-23, 2025.

Co-organizer, Mid-Atlantic Law and Society Association Conference, October 4, 2025.

Chair and presenter, *Novel Approaches to Teaching Law and Society at the Undergraduate Level*, Mid-Atlantic Law and Society Conference, Ramapo College of New Jersey, October 4, 2025.

Discussant, *Speaking Truth to Power during the Cold War. Strategies from Within Science and Law*, Institute for Advanced Study & Blinken OSA Archivum (CEU, Budapest), May 23, 2025.

Chair and discussant, *Memory, Identity and Power in Eastern Europe and Eurasia*, Law and Society Annual Conference, Denver, June 6-9, 2024.

Discussant, *Rule of Law and Rule by Law and Legal Systems in Eurasia*, Law and Society Annual Conference, Denver, June 6-9, 2024.

Presenter, *Balancing Research, Service and Teaching in Law & Society: Perspectives from a Variety of Institutions* panel, The Law and Society Association Annual Conference, San Juan, June 1-4, 2023.

Presenter, "Teaching Judicial Power and Reproductive Rights Post-Dobbs," Consortium of Undergraduate Law and Justice Programs, May 2, 2023.

https://youtu.be/r6ABOfyYpM4?si=gIAts6wwktjKWU_O

Presenter, *Growing Your Academic Career* panel, Consortium for Undergraduate Legal Studies, Law and Society Association Annual Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, July 13-16, 2022.

Chair, *Governance, Law and Disorder in Europe and Eurasia* panel, Law and Society Association Annual Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, July 13-16, 2022.

Panel organizer, *Law and Society in Romania*, Law and Society Association Annual Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, July 13-16, 2022.

Presenter, Roundtable *Romanian Studies through Interdisciplinary Lenses*, Society for Romanian Studies Conference, Timișoara, Romania, June 15-17, 2022.

Chair, discussant, and panel organizer *Dilemmas of Truth Telling in Post-Communism: Individual Biographies, Ethnic Minorities, and Religious Denominations*, Society for Romanian Studies Conference, Timișoara, Romania, June 15-17, 2022.

Discussant, New Directions in Law and Society Virtual Graduate Student and Junior Scholar Workshop, The Center for Justice, Law, and Societies at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, October 8-9, 2021.

Chair and discussant for the panel *Everyday Legality and Legal Consciousness in Times of Crisis*, Law and Society Association Annual Conference, Chicago/Virtual, May 26-30, 2021.

Chair and roundtable organizer, “Legality, Legitimacy and Identity in Pre-Communist, Communist, and Post-Communist Romania,” The Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Conference, New York, May 5-7, 2021.

Discussant for the panel *Cold War Archives: Sources, Silences, Interpretations, and Ethics*, The Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies Annual Conference, November 6, 2020.

Roundtable participant, *Methodological Cross-Fertilization and Unconventional Approaches: The Global Significance of Romanian Studies*, The Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies Annual Conference, November 7, 2020.

Discussant for the panel *Courts, Bureaucracy, and Politics in Eastern Europe, Eurasia, and Turkey*, Law and Society Association Annual Conference, Washington DC, May 29-June 2, 2019.

Chair and discussant for the panel *Identity, Participation, Contestation, and Representation*, Society for Romanian Studies Conference, Bucharest, June 25-29, 2018.

Chair and discussant for the panel *Transitional Justice in Moldova*, Society for Romanian Studies Conference, Bucharest, June 25-29, 2018.

Participant, Teaching Café, Law and Society Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, June 2-5, 2016.

Chair and panel organizer, “Contemporary Issues in Law and Society in Central and Eastern Europe, Balkans, Russia and Eurasia,” Law and Society Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, June 2-5, 2016.

Pedagogy panel co-organizer and presenter, Mid-Atlantic Law and Society Conference, New York, October 10, 2015.

Co-organizer, Mid-Atlantic Law and Society Conference, New York, October 10, 2015.

Discussant for “Measuring what Children Learn: OECD, US and India” by Angelina Fisher, *Indicators and the Technology of Governance Conference*, Institute for International Law and Justice, New York University, July 6-7, 2015.

Panel organizer, *Law, Politics and Transitional Justice in Central and Eastern Europe, Balkans, Russia and Eurasia*, Law and Society Association Annual Conference, Seattle, May 27-31, 2015.

Panel organizer, *Law and Society in Eastern Europe: Courts and Justice in Transition*, Law and Society Association Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN, May 29-June 1, 2014.

Chair and Discussant, *The Impacts of Institutional Design*, New England Political Science Association Annual Conference, Woodstock, Vermont, April 24-26, 2014.

Panel organizer and discussant, *Law, Politics and Society in Central and Eastern Europe and Post-Soviet Countries*, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, May 30-June 2, 2013.

Discussant for “Sensoria Animalis? Tracing the Sensory Capacities of Non-Human Animals in the Law,” by Jennifer Hamilton, at the Northeast Law and Society Conference, Amherst College, January 11-12, 2013.

Participant, Early Career Workshop, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, May 31-June 5, 2011.

Discussant, “Adversarial Legalism: Portable beyond Western Europe?” European Union Centre of Excellence Conference Adversarial Legalism à l’Européen, York University (Canada), Toronto, April 28-9, 2011 (invited).

Participant, Graduate Student Workshop, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, July 6-9, 2006.

CAMPUS TALKS, PANELS, AND EVENTS (SELECT)

Co-organizer and speaker, “The Trump Presidency: The First 100 Days,” Ramapo College Teach-In, April 22, 2025.

Co-organizer and speaker, “The Rule of Law and Rights,” Ramapo College Teach-In, March 27, 2025.

Moderator and organizer, *Human Rights Law at 75: Promises and Challenges*, Ramapo College of New Jersey, December 4, 2023.

Presenter, “Transitional Justice after Genocide,” Gross Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies *Open Classroom Series*, Ramapo College of New Jersey, November 29, 2023.

Presenter, “Beginning Our Discussion: Israel, Gaza, and the West Bank,” Ramapo College of New Jersey, October 17, 2023.

Organizer and presenter, “Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization: Impact and Implications,” October 26, 2022.

Discussant (invited), “The Jewish Heroes of Warsaw: The Afterlife of the Revolt,” by Avinoam Patt, Gross Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Ramapo College of New Jersey, April 25, 2022. Video recording available at: <https://www.ramapo.edu/holocaust/gross-center-lecture-series/#s2>

Moderator and organizer, “The Russian Invasion of Ukraine” panels, Ramapo College, March 1, 8, 2022.

Presenter (with Monica Ciobanu), “Memory and Transitional Justice: Lessons from Post-Communist Eastern Europe,” Ramapo College Global Talks Series, November 19, 2021. <https://www.ramapo.edu/international/event/rgt-memory-and-transitional-justice-lessons-from-post-communist-eastern-europe/>

Discussant (invited), “Legal Sabotage: Ernst Fraenkel in Hitler's Germany,” by Douglas Morris, Gross Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Ramapo College of New Jersey, March 4, 2021. Video recording available at: <https://www.ramapo.edu/holocaust/program-videos/#s1>

Organizer and moderator, “An Interdisciplinary Reflection on Ruth Bader Ginsburg,” October 29, 2020.

Book talk, “Subverting Communism in Romania: Law and Private Property 1945-1965,” November 13, 2019.

Participant, “MeToo One Year Later and Greater: A Conversation About Sexual Harassment in the Workplace,” March 27, 2019.

Presenter, School of Social Science and Human Services, “Litigating Identity in Fascist and Post-Fascist Romania, 1940-1945,” March 2019.

Speaker, Ramapo College Teach-in, November 2017.

President’s dinner presentation, “The Loss of Property Rights and the Construction of Socialist Legal Consciousness,” November 5, 2015.

Organizer and presenter, “Free Speech/Hate Speech,” April 2015.

Open forum organizer, “Women and Gender Studies Event: Open Forum on Sexual Assault and Relationship Violence,” November 12, 2014.

Invited faculty participant, “Sexist Laws,” March 13, 2014.

Co-organizer and participant, “Diversity in Teaching” workshop (with Shaziela Ishak), April 2, 2014.

Moderator, “The Panel That Has No Name: A Discussion of the Status of Women and Gender Studies,” November 21, 2013.

Co-organizer, “Democracy and Diversity” (with the American Democracy Project), April 4, 2013.

Panelist, “International Women’s Rights,” Spring 2012.

Co-organizer and moderator, “Citizens United and the Lost Republic,” a talk by Lawrence Lessig, Harvard University, September 2011.

MASS MEDIA

Politica la Iași. Drept și societate (host Lucian Dîrdală). Iași TV Life, August 15, 2025, <https://tinyurl.com/mwzcbeku>

Interview, “Trump is ready to target immigrants. How will these sanctuary cities react?,” by Ricardo Kaulessar, January 16, 2025, <https://www.northjersey.com/story/news/new-jersey/2025/01/16/us-sanctuary-cities-trump-ready-target-immigrants/77053099007/>

Participant (via Skype), Noaptea Americană (American Night), TVR1, November 8-9, 2016.

COURSES TAUGHT

Ramapo College of New Jersey (2010-present)

Global Legal Order

Law and Society

Introduction to Law and Justice

Social Issues

Human Rights

Law and Culture

Transitional Justice

Law, Power, Inequality

Sociolegal Research and Writing

Ethics in a Global Age

Directed Readings/Senior Seminar

Thesis Supervision/Senior Thesis

Moot Court

Constitutional Liberties

Criminal Law

Constitutional Law

Law and Development

Law and Globalization

Global Reproductive Justice

New York University

Law and Society, Teaching Assistant (Prof. Christine Harrington), Spring 2009

Law and Society, Instructor, Fall 2008

Law and Social Change in Transitional Societies, Instructor, Spring 2006

American Constitution, Teaching Assistant (Prof. Peter Rajsingh), Fall 2005

Law and Human Rights in Transition, Preceptor (Prof. Jo Dixon), Fall 2004

New York University School of Law

Global Public Service Lawyering: Theory and Practice, Co-instructor, Central European University Summer School, Budapest, Hungary, Summer 2004

Global Public Service Lawyering: Theory and Practice, Teaching Fellow (Prof. Frank Upham, Holly Maguigan), 2002-2004

Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

Advanced Constitutional Theory, Teaching Assistant (Prof. András Sajó), 1998-1999

Universitatea București, Faculty of Political Science

Doctoral advisory committee member

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE

Ramapo College of New Jersey

Middle States Commission on Higher Education Self-Study Group, 2025-2027

Faculty Handbook Taskforce, 2020-2023, 2025-

All-College Tenure Committee, 2023-2025 (Chair, 2024-2025)

Faculty Assembly Executive Committee, 2020-2022, 2024-2025

Thomases Awards Committee, 2024-2025

All-College Career Development Committee, 2024
 Provost Search Committee, Fall 2022
 Faculty Assembly Parliamentarian, 2020-2022, 2024-2026
 Convener, Human Rights Minor, 2021-present
 All-College Promotions Committee (chair 2018), 2017-2018
 Convener, Law and Society Convening Group, 2015-2019, Spring 2021
 Pre-law adviser, 2017-present
 Director, Office of Fellowships and Scholarships, 2015-2016
 Founding co-editor, *Ramapo Journal of Law and Society*, www.ramapo.edu/law-journal, 2012-present
 Creator and moderator of the Law and Society, Ramapo College of New Jersey Facebook group (current membership 113)
 Faculty adviser, Golden Key International Honor Society, 2012-2015
 Faculty Service Task Force, 2014-2015
 Various college-wide service: Institutional Review Board, Women and Gender Studies Group, Human Rights and Genocide Studies Minor, Judicial Review Board, Diversity Action Committee, Honors Advisory Board, Faculty Resource Center, Study Abroad Committee, School of Social Science and Human Services Curriculum Committee, General Education Committee, Middle States Reaccreditation Self-Study Group, School of Social Science and Human Services Reappointment and Tenure Committees, EOF Faculty Mentor Program, COPLAC mentorship, School of Human Science and Human Services Scholarship Committee, Faculty Assembly Governance Committee, 2010-present

Law and Society Association

Chair, Law and Society Association Student Prizes Committee, 2019
 Member, Law and Society Association Student Prizes Committee, 2018
 Editorial Advisory Board Member, *Law & Society Review*, 2014-2019
 Founding co-organizer, Collaborative Research Network 20, Law and Society in Central and Eastern Europe, Balkans, Russia and Eurasia, 2013-2018
 Creator and moderator of the Law & Society in Eastern Europe Facebook group (current membership 500)

Society for Romanian Studies

Society for Romanian Studies Triennial Conference Organizing Committee, Program Committee Chair (2024-2025)
 Society for Romanian Studies Board Member, 2020-2025

Law, Memory, and Justice Working Group Organizer (with Monica Ciobanu), 2022–present
Society for Romanian Studies Nominating Committee (chair), 2021
Society for Romanian Studies Nominating Committee, 2018

Member of the *Law and Society Association*, the *Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies*, *Society for Romanian Studies*, *Association for the Study of Nationalities*, *Memory Studies Association*, *Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities*

External reviewer for the National Science Foundation, Fulbright Commission (Romania), Croatian Science Foundation, National Science Centre (Poland)

Reviewer for the *Law & Society Review*, *Review of Central and Eastern European Law*, *Romanian Journal of Society and Politics*, *Law and Social Inquiry*, *Political and Legal Anthropology Review*, *Hague Journal on the Rule of Law*, *Journal of Law and Courts*, *Central Asian Affairs*, *Law & Policy*, *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities*, *Business Ethics*, *the Environment & Responsibility*, *Urban Geography*, *Journal of Contemporary Central and Eastern Europe*, Oxford University Press, University of California Press

Alternate member, Selection committee, *Fostering Excellence in Research on State-Church-Body Politics*, “Lucian Blaga” University, Sibiu, Romania (2025)

External tenure and promotion evaluator (John Jay College of Criminal Justice, 2019)

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Outstanding Faculty Contributions to the Advancement of Civic Engagement, Ramapo College, 2017, 2022

Office of Specialized Services Student Recognition, 2020

Beta Kappa Sigma Black and Latina Sorority Inc. Award of Excellence, Ramapo College, 2012

LANGUAGES

Romanian: native

English: fluent

French: fluent reading, functional speaking, basic writing

Spanish: functional reading, speaking, writing (intermediate level)

Hungarian, Russian and Serbian: beginner