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CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL

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Nationality

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- Romanian

Languages

- **fluent:** Hungarian, Romanian, English
- **working:** German, Biblical Hebrew
- **in-depth:** New Testament Greek

EDUCATION

1978-1982

B.A., Adventist Theological
Seminary, Bucharest, Romania

- Thesis: *An Exegetical and Theological Evaluation of John Calvin's Doctrine of Predestination*

1990-1994

Adventist Theological Institute of
Higher Education, Bucharest,
Romania

- Calvin's Predestination Revisited

1994-1996

M.A., Newbold College, UK,
Andrews University Extension,
USA

- Comprehensive Examination

1999-2004

Ph.D., Systematic Theology,
Aberdeen University, Scotland,
UK

- Dissertation: *An Exploration of the Rise and Development of Seventh-day Adventist Spirituality: With Special Reference to the Charismatic Guidance of Ellen G. White, 1844-1915*
- Supervisor: Dr. Iain R. Torrance

MEMBERSHIPS

2006 – present

- Biblical Research Committee (BRC) of the INTER-EUROPEAN DIVISION, BERN, SWITZERLAND
- As a member of BRC, I meet with the other members of BRC and we work on publishing projects, evaluating scholars' chapters written for different books. And, also, as a member, I get assignments to do research and to write chapters for books.

2010-2015

- Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality, USA

WORK EXPERIENCE

1982-1992

Pastor, Cluj Conference, South-
Transylvania Conference,
Romania

Ministerial Ordination: March 25, 1989

- Assistant pastor in the following churches: Miercurea Nirajului, Sarateni, Chibed, Magherani
- Senior pastor in Tg.Murs B, Campenita, Porumbeni, Curteni, Chinari, Sintioana de Mures, Sancaiu de Mures, Culpiu

1992-1994

Youth Leader & Sabbath School Superintendent of the South-Transylvania Conference, Romania

- Member of the South-Transylvania Conference Committee in charge of the following Departments: Youth and Sabbath School
- Training sessions of Youth Leaders

1996-Present

Teaching ministry

Professor, Adventus University [AU], Romania;

Adjunct Professor of Andrews University, US, at Extension Site, Romania

- Undergraduate-level Subjects and Modules taught: Doctrine of God, Doctrine of Christ, Ecclesiology, Eschatology, NT Greek [three modules], Gospels, Epistles, Luke-Acts
- Graduate-level Disciplines [MA in Religion, Andrews University, US]: CHIS 629 - History of Christian Spirituality; THST 619 - Principles and Methods of Theology

2019

Guest lecturer, University of River Plate, Argentina

- PhD Intensive courses called: Principles and Methods of Theology

2016

Guest lecturer, Adventist Theological College, Pécel, Hungary

- Intensive courses of Christology: The Incarnate Nature of Christ and Sin

2008

Guest lecturer, Facolta Avventista di Teologia di Firenze, Villa Aurora, Italy

- Intensive courses in Christian and Adventist Spirituality

2006

Guest lecturer, Adventist
Theological Seminary, Chisinau,
Republic of Moldavia

Administration

President of Adventus
University's Senate (elected in
January 2015 to the present)
Head of Research, AU (from
2010-2019)
Head of Department, AU (2005-
2010)
Editor In-Chief of the theological
journal of AU, *Theorhema* (from
2010-2020)
Chair of the Standards and
Ethical Commission (2005-2013)

- Intensive courses: The Doctrine of God
- **Research interests:** SDA Spirituality, Christian Spirituality, Methodological Issues and theological principles in the Academic Study of Spirituality
- Available to teach subjects pertaining to Systematic Theology, New Testament Greek Language

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

2025

- “What Do Expressions Like “Spirit of God” and “Spirit of Christ” Mean? in Clinton Wahlen and John Peckham, eds., *Exploring the Trinity: Questions and Answers* (Silver Spring, MD: Biblical Research Institute, 2025), 57-63.

2024

- Book Review: Hasel, Frank M., *Love Is ! A Journey of Grief, Grace and Gratitude*. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2024. *TheoRhēma* (2024) 19/1:109-111.

2023

- “Child Marriage” in Ekkehardt Mueller and Elias Brasil de Souza, eds., *Biblical Research Institute: Studies in Biblical Ethics*, vol. 3, *Family: With Contemporary Issues on Marriage and Parenting* (Silver Spring, MD: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 2023), 149-170.
- “Ethical Challenges in Marriage: Chronic Illnesses and Finances” in Ekkehardt Mueller and Elias Brasil de Souza, eds.,

	<i>Biblical Research Institute: Studies in Biblical Ethics</i>, vol. 3, <i>Family: With Contemporary Issues on Marriage and Parenting</i> (Silver Spring, MD: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 2023), 229-254. • “No Desire, No Pleasure: The Phenomenon of Sexless Marriages” Co-authored: Marcos de Benedicto and Zoltán Szallós-Farkas, in Ekkehardt Mueller and Elias Brasil de Souza, eds., <i>Biblical Research Institute: Studies in Biblical Ethics</i>, vol. 3, <i>Family: With Contemporary Issues on Marriage and Parenting</i> (Silver Spring, MD: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 2023), 205-228.
2022	• <i>From Doing Theology to Being a Theologian: Principles and Methods of Theology</i>. Cernica: Editura Universitatii Adventus, 2022. (book, 207 pages) • “Ethical Issues in Marriage: Sex Avoidance”, <i>TheoRhēma</i> (2022) 17/1:83-100.
2021	• Book Review: Hasel, Frank M., ed. <i>Biblical Hermeneutics: An Adventist Approach</i>. <i>Biblical Research Institute Studies in Hermeneutics</i> 3. Silver Spring, MD: Biblical Research Institute/Review & Herald Academic, 2020, <i>TheoRhēma</i> (2021) 16/2:157-165. • “Ethical Issues in Marriage: Different Approaches To Parenting”, <i>TheoRhēma</i> (2021) 16/1:89-108. • “Krisztus halálának páratlan volta” (The Uniqueness of Christ’s Sacrificial Death), a presentation at the International Missional Conference, Zenta, Serbia, January 25, 2021. • “Az adventista identitás véglegesítése: a szombattal való elpecsételés” (The Permanentization of the Adventist Identity: The Sealing with the Sabbath), paper presented at the International Danube Bible Conference, Budapest, Hungary, February 27, 2021.
2020	• “Doctrina biblică despre duhul sfânt (III)”

2019

- (“The Biblical Doctrine about the Holy Spirit” part III), *Curierul Adventist* (2020 iulie/July)
- “Doctrina biblică despre duhul sfânt (II)”, (“The Biblical Doctrine about the Holy Spirit” part II) *Curierul Adventist* (2020 iunie/June)
- “Doctrina biblică despre duhul sfânt (I)”, (“The Biblical Doctrine about the Holy Spirit” part I) *Curierul Adventist*, (2020 mai/May)
- “A Szentlélekről szóló bibliai tantétel (III)”, (“The Biblical Doctrine about the Holy Spirit” part III) *Adventszemle* (iulie/július/July)
- “A Szentlélekről szóló bibliai tantétel (II)”, (“The Biblical Doctrine about the Holy Spirit” part II) *Adventszemle* (iunie/június/June)
- “A Szentlélekről szóló bibliai tantétel (I)”, (“The Biblical Doctrine about the Holy Spirit” part I) *Adventszemle* (mai/május/May)

2018

- “A szombat eszkatológiai dimenziója a szinoptikus evangéliumokban” (“The Eschatological Dimensions of the Seventh-day Sabbath in the Synoptic Gospels), *Adventista Szemle* (2019) 12/1:21-37.
- „The Eschatological Dimension of the Seventh-day Sabbath in the Synoptic Gospels”, *Theorhema* (2019) 14/2:47-73.
- *Dumnezeu, Scriptura și Biserica* (God, the Scriptures, and the Church), second edition. Cernica: Editura Universitatii Adventus, 2019 (book, 377 pages).
- “Military Service and Just War: An Historical Overview” in *Adventists and Military Service: Biblical, Historical, and Ethical Perspectives*, eds. Frank M. Hasel, Barna Magyarosi and Stefan Höschele. Madrid: Safeliz, 2019, pp. 87-116.
- *Ti kinek mondtok engem? Jézus Krisztus, Ielkiség és üdvösség* (Who Do You Say I Am? Jesus Christ, Spirituality, and Salvation), Kolozsvár: Egyetemi Műhely Kiadó, 2019 (book, 211 pages).
- “Bazele spirito-profetice ale perfecționismului etic” (The Spirit of Prophecy Basis of Ethical Perfectionism) *TheoRhēma* (2018) 13/2:95-110.
- “Teologia urmașilor lui Milian Lauritz Andreassen” (The Theology of Milian Lauritz

2017

Andreasen's Followers) *TheoRhēma* (2018) 13/1:55-66.

- "Krisztus emberi természetének páratlan volta" (The Uniqueness of Christ's Human Nature), *Adventista Szemle* (2018) 11/1:17-23.
- "Az adventista népi krisztustan eredete" (The Origin of Seventh-day Adventist Folk Christology), *Adventista Szemle* (2018) 11/1:59-64.

2016

- "Hristologia biblică și cea a lui Ellen G. White în interpretarea lui M. L. Andreasen" (Biblical and Ellen G. White's Christology in M. L. Andreasen's Interpretation) *TheoRhēma* (2017) 12/2:77-90.
- "Aspectul controversat al hristologiei lui Ellen G. White" (The Controversial Aspects of Ellen G. White's Christology) *TheoRhēma* (2017) 12/1:69-89.

2015

- "Hristologia întrupării în Scriptură și în scrierile lui Ellen White" (Incarnational Christology in the Scripture and the Writings of Ellen G. White) *TheoRhēma* (2016) 11/2:55-78.
- "Doctrina filozofică a lui Dumnezeu" ("The Philosophical Doctrine of God") *TheoRhēma* (2016) 11/1:75-100.

2014

- "Spirituality of Human Sexuality: A Theological and Anthropological Perspective", in Ekkehardt Mueller and Elias Brasil de Souza, eds., *Biblical Research Institute Studies in Biblical Ethics*, vol. 1, *Marriage: Biblical and Theological Aspects* (Silver Springs, MD: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 2015), 123-141.
- "Doctrina Trinității în perioada patristică: părinții bisericești și conciliul de la Niceea – partea II" ("The Doctrine of the Trinity in the Church Fathers and the Council of Nicaea – part two") *Theorhema* (2015) 10/2:35-49.
- "Doctrina Trinității în perioada patristică – partea I" ("The Doctrine of the Trinity in the Church Fathers – part one") *Theorhema* (2015) 10/1:93-100.

2013

- “Doctrina biblică despre Dumnezeu: O analiză exegetică și teologică a datelor” (“The Biblical Doctrine of God: An Exegetical and Theological Analysis of Data”) *Theorhema* (2014) 9/2:67-84.
- “A Spirituality of Freedom: The Historical Roots of the Commitment to Globalised Religious Liberty in Seventh-day Adventism” *Jurnalul Libertății de Conștiință* (2014): 485-499.
- “O analiză descriptivă a conceptului de teologie” (An Analytical Description of the Concept of Theology”) *Theorhema* (2014) 9/1:75-96.

2012

- *Dumnezeu, Scriptura și Biserica* (God, the Scripture and the Church), Bucharest: Editura Universitară, 2013 (book, 377 pages).
- “Serviciul militar și războiul drept – O abordare diacronică” (Military Service and the Just War: A Diachronic Approach”) *Theorhema* (2013) 8/2:105-139.
- „Dragostea Trinitariană în spiritualitatea sexuală a omului binitar din *Cântări cîntărilor*” (“Trinitarian Love in the Marital Sexual Spirituality of the Binitarian Man of the *Song of Songs*”), in *Theorhema* (2013) 8/1:85-95.
- “Spirituality and/of a Theologian-Teacher in Postmodernism”, in *Al aire del Espíritu: Festschrift al Dr. Roberto Badenas*. Universidad Adventista del Plata, 2013:219-232.
- “Spirituality and Human Sexuality: A Theological and Anthropological Perspective” *Journal of Asia Adventist Seminary* 15.1 (2012):1-21.
- “Religious Freedom and Cultural Bondage: Marital Ethos among Gabor Roma People” in *Libertate și credință între actualitate și necesitate* (Freedom and Faith between Actuality and Necessity), București: Editura Universitară, 2012, pp. 38-50.
- “Perspectiva trinitariană a spiritualității conjugale paradigmatică a sexualității” (“The Trinitarian Perspective of the Paradigmatic Nature of the Spirituality of

2011

- Marital Sexuality”) *Theorhema* (2012) 7/2:72-84.
- “Bazele teologice și antropologice ale spiritualității sexualității umane” („Theological and Anthropological Foundations of Human Sexual Spirituality”) *Theorhema* (2012) 7/1:79-102.
 - “Didactical-Idealist Hermeneutic of Apocalyptic/Sanctuary Visionary Accounts” (2011) 6/2:123-153.
 - “Arranged Marriages of Minors: A Descriptive Account and Issues Involved” *Theorhema* (2011) 6/1:137-153.
 - “Scientific Claims of Theological Knowledge” in *Naucno Razumevanje Jezika Religije*. Belgrade: Teoloski Institut, 2011, pp. 11-30. This is a chapter in the above-mentioned book, which had been presented as a paper at the FIRST INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE, Belgrade, Serbia (April 3, 2009) hosted by the Belgrade Adventist Theological Seminary.

2010

- “O analiză sistematică a relației dintre Text și Realitate: cu evaluarea implicațiilor asupra doctrinei despre Scriptură și Spiritul Profetic a unei spiritualizări a relației Text – Realitate” (“A Systematic Analysis of the Relationship between Text and Reality, with the Evaluation of the Implications of Spiritualising the Relationship Text-Reality for the Doctrine of Scripture and Spirit of Prophecy”) *Theorhema* (2010) 5/2:50-71.
- *A Search for God: Understanding Apocalyptic Spirituality*, Bucuresti: Editura Universitara, 2010 (345 pp).
- *Curs de limba greaca a Noului Testament (Greek Grammar of the New Testament)*, Bucuresti: Editura Universitara, 2010 (157 pp).
- “The Doctrinal Matrix of SDA Spirituality”, *Theorhema* (2010) 5/1:62-100.
- “SDA Spirituality and Biblical Interpretation”, *Theorhema* (2009) 4/2:2-39.
- “Teaching Theology and Spirituality in

2009

2008

- Tertiary Educational Contexts”, European Theology Teachers Conference, Zaoksky, Russia (May 27-31, 2009)
- “Arranged Children Marriages: Issues and Guidelines”, Biblical Research Committee, Spring Meeting, Zaoksky, Russia, June 1, 2009.
- “Prophetess and Remnant Spirituality”, *Theorhema* (2009) 4/1:2-38.
- “From Personal and Private to Communal and Public Spirituality”, *Theorhema* (2008) 3/2: 3-45.
- “SDA Spirituality and the Quest for Ecclesiastical Identity: the Role of Doctrines”, *Theorhema* (2008) 3/1:2-48.

2007

- “SDA Spirituality and the Quest for Ecclesiastical Identity: the Role of Hermeneutic”, *Theorhema* (2007) 2/2:2-49.
- “SDA Spirituality and the Quest for Ecclesiastical Identity: the Role of Cultural Context”, *Theorhema* (2007) 2/1:16-41.

2006

- “Metodologia studiului spiritualitatii adventiste” [“Methodological Considerations of the Study of Adventist Spirituality”], *Theorhema* (2006) 1/1:5-26.

2005

- *The Rise and Development of Seventh-day Adventist Spirituality*, [book], 2005.
- *Curs de introducere in Noul Testament* [Introduction to the New Testament], 2005.
- “Seventh-day Adventist Publishing and Apocalyptic Spirituality”, *TheoLogica*, (Jan. 2005):65-104.
- “An Interdisciplinary Study of Teenage Sexual Behaviour and Attitude”, *TheoLogica*, (Feb. 2005): 73-104.
- “Spiritualitatea sexualității umane” (“The Spirituality of Human Sexuality”), *Caiete teologice*, vol. 2, 2005, pp. 35-56.

2002

- “Ellen White’s Use of Martin Luther’s Thought in Shaping Seventh-day Adventist Spirituality”, *TheoLogica*, (2002):103-120.

1999

- “Predestinatia”, (“Predestination”), *TheoLogica*, (1999):3-51.

1998

- “Concepte corelate in Prima Epistola catre Corinteni” (“Correlated Concepts in the First Epistle to the Corinthians”), *TheoLogica*, (1998):3-19.

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