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Education:

1998-2004 Ph.D., New School University, New York
1995-1998 M.A. in Psychology, New School University, New York
1990-1995 B.A. in Psychology, Babes-Bolyai University, Romania

Teaching experience:

2008-2009 Foundational courses taught at the Center for Psychological Studies
2004-2008 Psychology courses taught at Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences and Center for Psychological Studies at NSU: History and Theories of Psychology, Human Learning and Cognition, Social Psychology, Research Methods, Experimental Psychology, Research Practicum, Multi-Cultural Psychology, Senior Seminar.
2001-2003 Psychology courses taught at Ramapo College of New Jersey: Cognitive Psychology, Research Methods, Social Psychology
1999-2001 Psychology courses taught at Eugene Lang College, NY: Cognitive Science, The Human Mind

Research Experience:

2004-present **Statistical consultant** for the 9/11 Memory Consortium, New York
Inter-rater reliability analyses for the 3-year longitudinal survey study of the memories of 9/11 (see *Publications*)
1995-2004 **Research Assistant**, Cognitive Science Lab, New School University, NY.
I designed experiments, gathered and analyzed data, and wrote various research papers (see *Publications*)
1998-2000 **Statistical Consultant**, New York University, Ehrenkranz School of Social Work, NY
Data entry, data analysis and interpretation on a community-based project on stress management in families with foster children, qualitative research on open-ended interview data
1994-1995 **Research Assistant**, McDonnell Program for Psychology in Romania

Survey study on Romanians' recall of their Communist past
(see *Publications*)

1993-1994 **Research Assistant**, Doctors without Frontiers, Belgium
Survey work on Transylvanian Roma communities, questionnaire
design on in-group and out-group relationships

Research grants:

March 2009 Research proposal submitted to the 2010 PFRDG competition:
 “*Psychological effects of incoming hurricanes on college students*”
Research proposal submitted to the 2010 Quality of Life competition:
 “*Wisdom and autobiographical story telling: gender differences in the
elderly*”

2007 Dean's research grant for the proposal “*The effect of child-rearing practices
on the emergence of autobiographical memory*”

2006 Jacobs Foundation Young Investigator Grant (Zurich, Switzerland) to study:
 “*Collective amnesia of traumatic events and its relation to narratives of
national identity in Romania and the Republic of Moldova*”

2003 National Science Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (Grant # 0236764)

Publications:

Hirst, W., Phelps, E, Buckner, R.L., Budson, A.E., Cuc, A., Gabrielli, J., Johnson, M., Lustig, C., Lyle, K., Mitchell, K.L., Meksin, R. Ochsner, K.N., Schacter, D., Simons, J., Valdya, C.L. (in press). Long-term retention of the terrorist attack of September 11: Flashbulb memories, event memories, and the factors that influence their retention. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*

Cuc, A., Koppel, J., & Hirst, W. (2007). Silence is not golden: A case for socially-shared retrieval-induced forgetting. *Psychological Science*, 18, 727-733.

Cuc, A., Ozuru, Y., Manier, D., & Hirst, W. (2006). On the Formation of Collective Memories: The Role of a Dominant Narrator. *Memory and Cognition*, 34, 752-762.

Cuc, A. (2003). Collective amnesia of the Jewish Holocaust in Romania and Current narratives of national identity. *The New School Psychology Bulletin*, 1, 35-42.

Hirst, W., Manier, D. & Cuc, A. (2003). “The construction of collective memory” In B. Kokinov and W. Hirst, (Eds). *Constructive Memory*, New Bulgarian University, Sofia.

Cuc, A. & Hirst, W. (2001). “Implicit theories and context in personal recollection: Romanians' recall of their economic and political past.” *Applied Cognitive Psychology*, 15, 45-60.

Addresses to Professional Societies:

“Hurricane-related anxiety and school performance” (with Jackie Hammelman) poster accepted at the 117th APA convention Toronto, August 2009

“Jealousy experiences in the young and the elderly” (with George Butler and Vanessa Fernandez) poster accepted at the 21st APS convention San Francisco, May 2009

“The effect of child-rearing practices on the emergence of autobiographical memory” (with Jason Hutchings & Janessa Dominguez) poster accepted at the 21st APS convention San Francisco, May 2009

“Collective memory of traumatic events” talk delivered at the Darfur Crisis Colloquium, Nova Southeastern University, March 2007.

“Attitudes on alcohol consumption in youth across ethnic groups,” talk delivered at the 10th AABSS conference, Las Vegas, February 2007.

“On the transformation of collective memories in small groups: Conversational remembering within families”, talk delivered at 3rd Conference on Socio-Cultural Aspects of Memory, Campinas, Brazil, August 1999.

“Implicit learning of spatial contextual information”, talk delivered at the 2nd Conference of Cognitive Psychology, Sofia, Bulgaria, July 1997.

“Implicit theories and context in personal recollection: Romanians’ recall of their Communist past”, poster presented at the 104th APA Convention, Toronto, Canada, 1996.

“Psychology in Romania after 12 years of ideological interdiction”, talk delivered at the 10th European Forum of Professional Psychologists, Strasbourg, France, June 1993.

Honors and Awards:

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| 2000 | Dean’s Fellowship, at Eugene Lang College, for outstanding teaching record |
| 1995-1998 | New School Prize Fellowship, the highest award presented to entering students at the Graduate Faculty, based on distinguished academic record |