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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:

2008-2015 Graduate psychology courses taught at the Center for Psychological Studies at NSU: History and Systems of Psychology, Cognitive/Affective bases of Behavior, Human Growth and Development, Advanced Professional Development.
2004-2008 Undergraduate psychology courses taught at Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences 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 Undergraduate psychology courses taught at Ramapo College of New Jersey: Cognitive Psychology, Social Psychology.

Research Experience:

2004-present **Statistical consultant** for the 9/11 Memory Consortium, New York, NY
Inter-rater reliability analyses for the 3-year longitudinal survey study of the memories of 9/11 (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
1995-2004 **Research Assistant**, Cognitive Science Lab, New School University, NY.
Experimental design, gathered and analyzed data, and wrote various research papers (see *Publications*)
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:

Funded grants

- 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)

Submitted (Not funded)

- March 2011 Research proposal submitted to the 2012 QOL-PFRDG competition (with Co-PIs Kristie Brandt, Barry Nierenberg, PhD, Maria Espinola): *Trafficking Trauma and Mental Health among Sexually Trafficked Women in South Florida*
- March 2010 Research proposal submitted to the 2010 PFRDG competition (with Co-PIs Charles Golden, PhD, Mindy Ma, PhD, Ben Bachus, Matt Young): "*Text messaging and cell phone conversations during simulated driving*"
- March 2009 Research proposal submitted to the 2010 PFRDG competition (with Co-PI Jackie Hammelman): "*Psychological effects of incoming hurricanes on college students*"

Publications:

Hirst, W., Phelps, E, Meksin, Valdy, C.L., Johnson, M., Mitchell, K., Buckner, R., Budson, A., Gabrielli, J., Lustig, C., Lyle, K., Ochsner, K.N., Schacter, D., Simons, J., Cuc, A., Olsson, A. (2015). A ten-year follow-up of a study of memory for the attack of September 11, 2001: Flashbulb memories and memories for flashbulb events. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*, 144, 3, 604-623.

Cuc, A., Sobell, L. C., Ruiz, J., Voluse, A., & Sobell, M.B. (2014). Autobiographical narratives can be used with confidence to collect information about ex-smokers' reasons for quitting smoking. *Substance Use and Misuse*, 49, 1326-1331.

Hirst, W., Cuc, A., & Wohl, D. (2012). Of Sins and Virtues: Memory and Collective Identity. In Dorte Bernsten (Ed.) *Theoretical Perspectives on Autobiographical Memory*. Cambridge University Press, UK.

Hirst, W., Phelps, E., Buckner, R.L., Budson, A.E., Cuc, A., Gabrielli, J., Johnson, M., Lustig, C., Lyle, K., Mitchell, K., Ochsner, K.N., Schacter, D., Simons, J., Valdy, C.L. (2009). 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*, 138, 161-176.

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. (2002). "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:

"Neuropsychologists preferences for DSM-5 versus ICD-10, NINDS, or other diagnostic criteria" (with David Rogers, Brittney Evans, Chad Roberts and Wiley Mittenberg), poster presented at the 34th Annual Conference of the National Academy of Neuropsychology, Fajardo, Puerto Rico, November 2014.

"The effect of child-rearing practices on the emergence of autobiographical memory" (with Hillary Cagle), poster presented at the 22nd APS convention Boston, May 2010

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

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

"Emotional Constants in Long-Term Relationships," poster presented at the 11th AABSS conference, Las Vegas, February 2008

‘How to tell the truth about the past,’ talk delivered as part of the Faculty series at Farquhar College, April 2008

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

“Memory, Holocaust and National Identity,” talk delivered as part of the Faculty Series at Farquhar College, February 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.

Honors and Awards:

2001 Dean’s Fellowship, at Eugene Lang College, for outstanding teaching record