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DEGREES EARNED

2007. PhD in French Studies, Rice University. Dissertation: "Poietics of Autobiography and Poietics of Mind: Cognitive processes and the construction of the self."

2001. MA in Linguistics. Université de la Sorbonne-Paris III (France). Mémoire: "La Théorie du Centrage. Présentation et Application."

2000. BA in French Literature and Romanian Literature. University of Iasi (Romania, 2000). Final thesis: "Les chaînes de référence dans *Moderato Cantabile* de M. Duras."

BOOK

2008. Autobiographic Blends and Familiar Metaphors in Modern French Literature, Peter Lang, in press.

ARTICLES

2006. "Rita: exode vers des terres sèches," creative essay, *LittéRéalité*. A Journal of creative and critical writing, Vol. XVIII, No. 1, Printemps/Été, 89-91, York University, Canada.

2005. "La colonisation: compromis, tension et conséquences. L'extériorité, une notion polysémique," *Dialogues et Cultures*, No. 50, 483-487, FIPF, Belgium.

2004. "Les mots et les couleurs en mouvement. Analyse du tableau *Les fenêtres simultanées sur la ville* de Robert Delaunay et du poème *Les fenêtres* de Guillaume Apollinaire," *Paroles Gelées*, Vol. 21, Spring, 14-22, UCLA French Studies.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2007. "Autobiographie et utopie. Espaces discontinus et contingents dans *W ou le souvenir d'enfance* de Georges Perec," 20th and 21st Century French and Francophone Studies International Colloquium, session "History and Memory, the Occupation and the Holocaust," College Station, TX.

2006. "Going up and down and from utopia to dystopia. Athletic mental processes in Georges Perec's *W or The Memory of Childhood*," Linguistic Approaches to Literature panel, MLA, Philadelphia.

2006. "Time is more than a thief: time is an executioner. The conceptual trajectory of memory in Georges Perec's *W or The Memory of Childhood*," Trajectory of Memory:

Intergenerational Representations of the Holocaust in History and the Arts, Bowling Green University, OH.

2005. "La structure discursive dans le pacte autobiographique. *Les Mots* de Jean-Paul Sartre," Twentieth Century Literature Conference, University of Louisville, KY.

2004. "La colonisation: compromis, tension et conséquences," Congrès mondial des professeurs de français (American Association of Teachers of French), Atlanta.

2004. "Proust: Voyage au bout de la conscience", Twentieth Century Literature Conference: "When is postmodernism ?," University of Louisville, KY.

2003. "Les mots et les couleurs en mouvement. R. Delaunay et G. Apollinaire," Interdisciplinary Conference: "Caméra ou Stylo – a problematique dialogue ?," UCLA.

2003. "L'aventure du langage: les fonctions de l'écriture chez Hubert Aquin et Georges Perec," 12th Annual GSO Colloquium, Indiana University.

2003. "La Théorie du Centrage et la cohérence discursive en français," 12th Annual GSO Colloquium, Indiana University.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2008. Elementary French and Intermediate French Reading and Composition.

2007. Elementary French. Language and Culture I, Fall Semester, 2 sections, Sam Houston State University.

2006. Rice University Teaching Workshop Series Certificate.

2004. Elementary French. Language and Culture, I, Spring Semester, Rice University.

2003. Elementary French. Language and Culture, II, Spring Semester and Fall Semester, Rice University.

2002. Elementary French. Language and Culture, I, Fall Semester, Rice University.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2007. Summer Scholarship to Alliance Française de Paris, offered by the American Association of Teachers of French.

2006-2007. Lodieska Stockbridge Vaughn award in recognition of outstanding performance and promise (Rice University).

2006 (-2001). Graduate Research Award (stipend and tuition waiver), Department of French Studies, Rice University.

2006, 2005, 2004, and 2002. Graduate Summer Research Funding, Department of French Studies, Rice University.

2006, 2005, 2004, and 2003. Conference and travel expenses partially covered by the department.

2003. French Consulate Award, offered by French Consulate in Houston.

2000. Summer Scholarship to Liège University, Department of French, Institut Supérieur des Langues Vivantes, Belgium, offered by Romanian Government.

2000. Erasmus Scholarship offered by The European Community, October 1999 – February 2000, Sorbonne-Paris III, France.