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EDUCATION

- 2005-present Brown University, **PhD** graduate student in Sociology, ABD –GPA 4.0 – Expected May 2010
Comprehensive Exams: (1) Quantitative Methods (Focus: Longitudinal & Survival Analysis);
(2) Social Inequality & Children/Youth (Focus: Poverty, Race/Ethnicity & Health)
(3) Education & Migration (Focus: Education Effects on International Migration)
Dissertation: *Becoming an Adult in America: What Does It Mean and How It Has Changed in the Past 20 Years? Effects on Mental Health & Economic Success.*
- 2002-2005 University of New Hampshire, **MS** in Family Studies, - GPA 4.0
Child Advocacy Specialization
- 1995-1999 University of Bucharest, **BS** in Sociology - GPA 3.98
- 1991-1995 “Spiru Haret” Academy, Math-Physics Specialization

AREAS OF INTEREST

Social Demography, Transition to Adulthood, Social Inequality, Children’s Welfare, Health Disparities, Race /Ethnicity, Education
Quantitative Methods

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2008-2009 **Research assistant**
S4 (Spatial Structures in Social Sciences Lab), Providence RI

Assisted Professor John Logan on two projects as follows: (1) 1880 Census Maps Project (my work consisted of spatial analysis and map making using GIS), (2) Disparities among Schools Project (my work consisted of data management, running standard regression models, cluster analysis, as well as doing literature review for a collaborative paper based on this work).
- Summer 2008 **Research assistant**
Brown University at the Population Studies and Training Center, Providence RI

Assisted Professor Michael White on a project examining individual and contextual factors affecting Italy’s low fertility (work consisted of doing survival analysis, multilevel modeling, data management, as well as experimenting with some cutting age methods for contextual analysis).
- 2006- 2008 **Research assistant**
Brown University at the Population Studies and Training Center, Providence RI

Assisted Professor Dennis Hogan on a project examining the impact of state policies on the transition to adulthood (my work consisted of data management of large U.S. datasets, running models using event history methods, doing latent class analysis, as well as collaborating on papers presented at professional meetings).

Summer 2006

Research assistant

Brown University at the Population Studies and Training Center, Providence RI

Assisted Professor Susan Short on a project examining children's time use with China using China Health and Nutrition Survey (CHNS) dataset (my work consisted of data management, running standard regression models using STATA and SAS, as well as later writing a paper based on this work.

2003-2004

Research assistant

University of New Hampshire Survey Center, Durham, NH

Performed different data analysis tasks using SPSS and Harvard Graphics for the *Granite State Poll*, an ongoing political and social issues poll done by the UNH Survey Center.

Coordinated the project "Alcohol Consumption on NH campuses"

Performed parts of the data analysis for the following projects: "NH Lakes Environmental Survey", "Timberland Employee Satisfaction Survey" (an international survey), "NH Childcare Market Rate Survey" and "NH Housing Finance Authority Annual Survey."

2002- 2003

Research Assistant

Family Studies Department, University of New Hampshire

Assisted Dr. Kerry Kazura in the "Family Connection Project: A Collaborative Approach to Supporting Families with Incarcerated Parents."

January-May 2002

Child Advocacy Intern

Department of Health and Human Services, Concord, NH

Research activities, secondary analyses on Census data and other data sets for Dr. Margaret Copeland, the Administrator of the NH Child Development Bureau.

Intern

Child Study and Development Center, UNH

Created developmental profiles of children.

Performed participant and non-participant observations of children.

Designed and coordinated activities for children.

1995-2002

Survey / interview operator & data analyst

Romanian Institute for Public Opinion Poll, Bucharest, Romania

Participated in one presidential elections poll and numerous other research projects; Performed numerous interviews, coordinated focus-groups, coded data and created summary statistics tables.

1995

Researcher/ interviewer

Foundation for Civil Society Development, Bucharest, Romania

Collaborated in a project that was part of PHARE program for the development of non-governmental organizations (ONG) and the Romanian ONG directory set-up. My activities included finding the "ghost" ONG's, contacting and interviewing individuals from the existing ONG's leadership, establishing a history of several ONG's and obtaining all possible information about the structure and activity of these ONG's.

October 1996-
November 1997

Survey operator

Sociology Institute of the Romanian Academy, Bucharest, Romania

Collaborated on the longitudinal research project "Mass-media effect on the voting behavior of the electorate in Romania", in the areas of Valea Jiului (Rovinari) and Sibiu (Ocna Sibiului, Jina, Sibiu) respectively.

June-August 1997

Observer

Foundation for an Open Society, Bucharest, Romania

The purpose of the observation was to evaluate how children were affected by the introduction of a new kindergarten program, in the cities of Cluj-Napoca, Botosani and Satu-Mare.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2004-2005

Teaching Assistant

Sociology Department, University of New Hampshire

Assisted Dr. Catherine Moran in teaching two statistics classes SOC502.04 (50 students) and SOC502.05 (49 students). My activities included helping students during my office hours, grading the exams, proctoring exams, and teaching a few classes.

September 2001-
May 2002

Teaching Assistant

Family Studies Department, University of New Hampshire

Assisted Dr. Soyeon Park in teaching FS 525 Human Development (80 students) and FS 623 Developmental Perspectives on Infancy and Early Childhood (50 students). My activities included helping with the preparation of courses, grading the exams, proctoring exams, responding to students' questions and teaching a few classes while the professor was out of town.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

July-August 2007

Underwent competitive selection process in order to participate in a special ISPSR course at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor called "Longitudinal Analysis of Historical Demographic Data." This course provided intensive training (courses daily from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm) in advanced event history methods using STATA, and data management using Access/SQL (for the construction of time-varying covariates and contextual variables for individuals, families and households). My final project resulted in a paper presented at Population Association of America.

July 2007

Underwent competitive selection process to participate in the National Longitudinal Surveys (NLS) Users Workshop (Columbus, Ohio). This workshop combined classroom presentations with hands-on opportunities to extract and analyze data, introduced users to the structure and content of NLS (some of the largest longitudinal surveys in the U.S.), offered strategies for cleaning and managing the data, as well as discussed the idiosyncrasies, discrepancies, and complexities that challenge NLS users.

June 2007

Underwent competitive selection process in order to participate in the GIS Institute, offered by the Spatial Structures in Social Sciences at Brown University. Through a mix of lectures, exercises, and faculty guided discussions the GIS institute provided a two-week broad based multi-disciplinary introduction to exploratory and advanced spatial analysis and spatial data visualization, as well as to managing, handling, and representing geographic data.

February-April 1999

Underwent competitive selection process in order to participate in the course "Community Facilitation" at *The Institute for Social Science and Reform*. During this course I acquired practical and theoretical abilities in mediating conflicts, interviewing people, coordinating focus-groups and working in a team environment. I received a Diploma of Community Facilitator by doing a development project in a rural community as my final exam.

August 1998

Underwent competitive selection process to participate in a summer program on the topic *Nationalism and Ethnicity* in Sighisoara, Romania. This school was sponsored by the Foundation for an Open Society.

October 1998

Underwent competitive selection process to take part in the international summer school *Memory-Communication-Identity*, a collaboration between the Group of Cultural Anthropology and Oral History "Third Europe" and the Foundation for an Open Society.

PUBLICATIONS

Minca, Elisabeta & Hongwei Xu. "Children's Time Use in China." Pp. 299-334 in *Applied Demography in the 21st Century*, edited by Steve H. Murdock & David A. Swanson. Springer, Netherlands 2007.

PAPERS/ POSTERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES (Also papers in progress)

Minca, Elisabeta & Hongwei Xu. "Children's Time Use in China." Poster presented at the Applied Demographic Conference, San Antonio, TX, November 2006.

Elisabeta Minca, Francesco Scalone, & Telesforo Ramirez-Garcia. "Age at Last Birth and Longevity: A Study In Six Historical German Villiages." Poster presented at the Thirty-Second Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL, November 2007.

Elisabeta Minca, Francesco Scalone, & Telesforo Ramirez-Garcia. "The Relationship between Late Childbearing and Post-Reproductive Longevity: The Case of Nineteenth Century Germany." Paper presented at the 2008 Meeting of the Population Association of America, New Orleans

Kevin Leicht, Elisabeta Minca & Dennis Hogan. "State Investments in Successful Transitions to Adulthood." Paper presented at the 2008 Meeting of the Population Association of America, New Orleans.

Elisabeta Minca. "Patterns of Romanian emigration: is there a brain drain?" Paper presented at the European Population Conference, Barcelona, Spain, July 11, 2008.

Elisabeta Minca. "Romanian Brain Drain: Who is Leaving and from Where?" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Boston MA, Jul 31, 2008.

John Logan, Elisabeta Minca, & Sinem Adar. "The Geography of School Performance: Why Minority Children Attend Worse Schools?" Paper presented at the Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, MD, 2009.

Elisabeta Minca & Dennis Hogan. "The Transition to Adulthood of Two Cohorts: Over Time Success or Decline?" Paper presented at the 2009 Meeting of the Population Association of America, Detroit, MI.

Kevin Leicht, Elisabeta Minca & Dennis Hogan. "State Investments in Successful Transitions to Adulthood (revised paper)." Paper to be presented at the 2009 XXVI IUSSP International Population Conference, Marrakech, Morocco, September-October 2009.

AWARDS

Brown University Dissertation Fellowship Award 2009

Social Science History Association 2007 SSHA-Rockefeller Graduate Student Travel Award

Merit Scholarship Award- given to the top 5% of university students- University of Bucharest 1999

Merit Scholarship Award- given to the top 5% of university students- University of Bucharest 1998

Merit Scholarship Award- given to the top 5% of university students- University of Bucharest 1997

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Population Association of America
American Sociological Association

REFERENCES

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