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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- theory, methodology and history of folkloristics
- tradition / folklore archives in Europe
- computational / digital folkloristics
- digital humanities, media archeology
- witchcraft and incantations
- folk beliefs and folk religiosity
- religion and nationalism
- Protestant Home Mission between the two WWs in Transylvania
- representation of folk culture in newspapers between the two WWs in Transylvania

PUBLICATIONS

Full list of publications: [MTMT](#)

EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

September 2019 –

Research Fellow: MTA–ELTE Momentum Historical Folkloristics Research Group

2013–2020

PhD degree, Hungarian and Comparative Folkloristics PhD Program

Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary (PhD degree, summa cum laude)

September 2018 – August 2019

Hungarian Doctoral Fellow: Wirth Institute for Austrian and Central European Studies,
University of Alberta

March 2017 – August 2018

Junior Research Fellow (full-time position): *Vernacular religion on the boundary of Eastern and Western Christianity: continuity, changes and interactions* (ERC project № 324214)
Institute of Ethnology, Research Centre for the Humanities, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, Hungary

September 2013 – February 2017

Junior Research Fellow (part-time position): *Vernacular religion on the boundary of Eastern and Western Christianity: continuity, changes and interactions* (ERC project № 324214)
University of Pécs, Pécs, Hungary

July 2013 – October 2013

Museologist, Intercisa Museum, Dunaújváros, Hungary

2011–2014 Expert in Religious Studies (MA), specialized in Religion in the Modern World, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary

2010–2013 Ethnologist and Folklorist (MA), specialized in Folkloristics
Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary

2006–2010 Philologist in Hungarian Studies (BA) with Ethnography minor and Philosophy minor,
Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS ABROAD

2018 Visiting Scholar, Religious Studies, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Hungarian Eötvös State Scholarship (5 months)

2017 Visiting Scholar, Collegium Hungaricum Wien, Vienna, Austria (3 months)

2016 Utrecht Network Young Researcher's Grant, Study of Religions, University College Cork, Cork, Ireland (1 month)

2014 Campus Hungary Short Time Study Trip at the Department of Folklore, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland (1 month)

2014 Campus Hungary Short Time Study Trip at Harris Manchester College Library, Oxford, England (1 week)

2010 Exchange Student, CEEPUS research scholarship at the Hungarian Department of Ethnography and Anthropology, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania (6 months)

2008 Exchange Student, ERASMUS scholarship at the Hungarian Department of Ethnography and Anthropology, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania (6 months)

SCHOLARSHIPS IN HUNGARY

2018–2019 Excellence Award for PhD candidates – Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Humanities

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2016–2017 Excellence Award for PhD candidates – Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Humanities

2012–2013 Student Excellence Award – Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Humanities

2012–2013 Scholarship of the Republic of Hungary

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

At Eötvös Loránd University:

2019– Substitute Assistant Professor (BA/MA seminars at the Folklore Department (ELTE))

2016–2018 Computational Folkloristics (BA/MA seminar)

2014–2016 Ritual, religion and mentality. Hungarian folk belief and folk religion (BA lecture)

2013–2015 Historical Folkloristics (MA seminar)

At University of Pécs:

2013–2017 Textual Folkloristics / Introduction to Folkloristics (BA lecture)

FURTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2017 Conference Assistant, *Present and Past. Contemporary and historical perspectives in the anthropological study of religious life. A three-day international conference*, Hungarian Academy of Science, Budapest
- 2016 Proofreader, *Incantatio*, Issue no. 6.
- 2013–2016 Organizer, proposal writer, Interdisciplinary summer research camps in Transylvania
- 2011– Co-founder, editor: *Etnoszkóp*

ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENT, GRANTS

- 2019 Lancashire Promise Award, CSDH/SCHN AGM
- 2011 1st place, XXX. National Scientific Students' Associations Conference (OTDK) Eger, Section of Humanities: Folkloristics

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

- 2019– Canadian Society for Digital Humanities
- 2015– SIEF (International Society for Ethnology and Folklore) Working Group on Archives
- 2015– Folklore Fellows
- 2014– Magyar Néprajzi Társaság [Hungarian Ethnographical Society]

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Hungarian	mother tongue
English	intermediate
German	intermediate