

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2019 PhD (summa cum laude) Literary and cultural studies (Hungarian and comparative folklore), Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE) Budapest

Professional experience

Research

Themes and scientific areas: early modern history of mentalities and historical anthropology (witchcraft, magic and healing); contemporary vernacular religion (esotericism, alternative spiritualities, New Age phenomena, new religious movements, native-faith and ethno-paganism); folk narrative research (belief narratives, charms); medical anthropology (medical systems, complementary and alternative medicine)

Research activities

2020–2022 MSCA Individual Fellow at the Dept of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana in her research project *Wise Women: Beliefs and Networks of Female Spiritual Figures in Central European Vernacular Religion* (agreement No. 898740), mentored by Prof. Mirjam Mencej.

2019–2023 research fellow in the *Popular Religion, Folk Belief, Mentalities in the 16–21th centuries: Digital Databases and Encyclopaedic Syntheses* (NKFI Nr. 132535) project

at the Institute of Ethnology, Research Centre for the Humanities, Budapest (HU), PI
Prof. Éva Pócs

2013–2018 researcher in the ERC grant of Prof. Éva Pócs (agreement No. 324214) titled *Vernacular religion on the boundary of Eastern and Western Christianity: continuity, changes and interactions* at the Institute of Ethnology, Research Centre for the Humanities, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest (HU)

2009–2013 assistant researcher in the *Popular Religion, Folk Belief and Religious Folklore between the 16th and 21th century* (OTKA Nr. 71288) research project, Dept. of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, University of Pécs (HU)

2005–2007 assistant researcher in the *Folk Belief, Popular Religion, Mentalities: Manuscripts and printed sources from the 16–18th centuries* (OTKA Nr. 46472) research project at the Institute of Ethnology, HAS

2001–2011 assistant researcher in the *Motive Index and Catalogues of Hungarian Folk Narratives* (OTKA Nr. 22023) research project at the Institute of Ethnology, HAS

1995–2003 assistant researcher in the *Effects, Conflicts and Changes of Early Modern Mentalities* research project at the Institute of Ethnology, HAS

Academic teaching

2012–2014 assistant lecturer and researcher at the Department of Estonian and Comparative Folklore, University of Tartu (UT) Estonia, within the frames of the *Centre of Excellence in Cultural Theory* project of the European Union's Regional Development Fund.

Courses:

2012/13 Autumn Semester *Witches, Healers, Magicians: Vernacular magic and healing in early modern Europe* (combined lecture and seminar course)

2012/13 Spring Semester *Healthcare, Healers and Healing: vernacular practices in New Age settings* (combined lecture and seminar course)

2013/14 Spring Semester *Pagan Practices – Practicing Pagans: Approaches towards neo-paganism* (combined lecture and seminar course)

2014/15 Autumn Semester *Witches, Healers, Magicians: vernacular magic and healing in early modern Europe* (combined lecture and seminar course)

2009 (Oct-Nov) invited guest lecturer Dept. of Estonian and Comparative Folklore at UT. Lectures on the system of Hungarian folk belief and on the typology of Hungarian belief narratives.

2005–2008 assistant lecturer at Dept. of European Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Dept. of Modern Literature, UP. Courses on Hungarian folk medicine, Hungarian and European folk belief, Hungarian and European calendar customs.

2001–2003 assistant lecturer at Dept. of European Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Dept. of Communication and Media Studies, UP. MA courses on early modern and contemporary witchcraft in Europe and Hungary (with Péter Tóth G.)

Grants / stipends

Apr–July 2013 teaching grant at the Dept. of Estonian and Comparative Folklore at UT funded by the DoRa Programme *Improving the quality of higher education by supporting the employment of international teaching staff* funded by the Foundation Archimedes, the European Social Fund, and the Estonian Ministry of Culture

Jun–Jul 2000 research grant at the Dept. of Austrian History at the University of Vienna funded by Aktion Österreich-Ungarn (AÖK)

March–July 1997 TEMPUS Mobility undergraduate grant, Department of European Ethnology at Humboldt University, Berlin (Germany)

Academic Membership

From 2019 on leader of the Anthropology of Religion Working Group of the Hungarian Cultural Anthropological Society

From 2019 on member of public body of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

From 2015 on member of the Belief Narrative Network of the International Society of Folk Narrative Research

Organization of international conferences / symposiums

2013 *Vernacular Expressions and Analytic Categories*. The 3rd international conference of Young Folklorists. Tartu, 14-15 May 2013 (organizer/coordinator)

2008 Stanford–Budapest Summer Institute on Vision, Collegium Budapest, July 2008 (assistant)

Outreach activities

2014–2019 teaching folklore and folk dancing, coordinating 3 art education projects in the Elementary School and Art School at Siklós (Hungary)

1998–2019 10 appearances in national and local TV broadcasts, 5 open talks at cultural festivals, two open talks on the European Researchers' Nights (in 2016 and 2017), regular contribution to the events of the Experience Workshop – The Experience Centred Math/Art Movement

Editorial Experience

2012–2014 Copy-editor of the *Journal of Ethnology and Folkloristics (JEF)*, a peer reviewed journal and a joint publication of the University of Tartu, the Estonian National Museum and the Estonian Literary Museum.