

Paul E. Michelson Curriculum Vitae



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I. EDUCATION

Ph.D. in History, Indiana University, Bloomington IN (1975) Studied with Barbara & Charles Jelavich; William Cohen; Norman J. G. Pounds; Robert F. Byrnes; Denis Sinor

M. A. in History, Indiana University, Bloomington IN (1969) Studied with Barbara & Charles Jelavich; Gretchen Buehler; Robert Campbell, Linda Degh; Alan Pollard

B. A. in History, Emporia State University, Emporia KS (1967) Studied with Glenn E. Torrey; Samuel Dicks; Keith Denniston

II. EMPLOYMENT

Huntington University, Huntington, Indiana
Distinguished Professor of History Emeritus, 2015-present
Distinguished Professor of History, 1992-2015
Assistant to Professor of History, 1974-1992
The American School of București, București, Romania
Social Studies instructor, 1972-1973
Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana
Associate Instructor in History, 1969-1970

III. HONORS/AWARDS

National Merit Scholar, 1963

Kappa Mu Epsilon Honor Society [Mathematics], 1964

Pi Gamma Mu Honor Society [Social Sciences], 1965

Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges, 1966

Undergraduate Honors Degree, 1967

Huntington University Distinctive Professor, 1976

Alpha Chi National College Honor Scholarship Society, Honoris Causa, 1978

Outstanding Young Men of America, 1980

Huntington University, First Faculty Lecturer, 1981

Institutul de Istorie A. D. Xenopol, Iași, Romania, Honorary Member, 1991

Huntington University Distinguished Professor, 1992

Institutul de Istorie N. Iorga, București, Romania, Honorary Member, 1992

Society for Romanian Studies Citation for Service, 1993

Huntington University Centennial Medallion, 1997

Huntington University Centennial Faculty Lecturer, 1997-1998

CHOICE Outstanding Academic Book Award, 1998

Romanian Academy Nicolae Bălcescu Prize for History, 2000

CHOICE Outstanding Academic Book Award, 2000

Scientific Council, Institutul de Istorie A. D. Xenopol, Iași, Romania, 2001

Distinguished Service Award, Alpha Chi National Honor Society, 2001

Huntington University Faculty Lecturer, 2009

Huntington University Faculty Lecturer, 2013 (in collaboration)

Institutul de Istorie George Barițiu, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, Honorary Member, 2020

Romanian Academy, Honorary Member

IV. FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS

National Merit Scholar, major in History with minors in Mathematics, Sociology, English, and Philosophy, Emporia State University KS (1963-1967)

Graduate Fellow in History, Indiana University, Bloomington IN (1967-1971) Richard M. Weaver Fellow (1968-1969)

Ford Foundation Foreign Area Fellowship Program Fellow (1970-1971)

Fulbright-Hays Fellow for Romania (1971-1972)

International Research & Exchanges Board Fellow for Romania (1971-1972)

IREX Dissertation Fellow, Indiana University, (1973-1974)

Research Associate, University of Illinois Summer Laboratory on Russia and East Europe, Champaign-Urbana IL (1976)

Participant, University of Delaware Seminar on Austrian Economics, Newark DE (1976)

Participant, VPI-Liberty Fund Seminar on Liberty, Ethics, and Economics, Blacksburg VA (1977)

Visiting Fellow, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar on Nationalism, University of Virginia, Charlottesville VA (1978)

Participant, Wabash College-Liberty Fund Seminar on History and Economics, Wabash IN (1979)

Participant, Wabash College-Liberty Fund Seminar on History and Economics, Wabash IN (1980)

Participant, Claremont College-Liberty Fund Seminar on Political Philosophy, Claremont CA (1981)

Research Associate, University of Illinois Summer Laboratory on Russia and East Europe, Champaign-Urbana IL (1982)

Organizer and participant, American Council of Learned Societies Summer Seminar on Romanian Studies, University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana IL (1982),

Fulbright-Hays Senior Research Fellow for Romania (1982-1983)

IREX Fellow for Romania (1982-1983)

Participant, Lilly Foundation Summer Workshop on the Liberal Arts, Colorado Springs CO (1985)

Research Associate, University of Illinois Summer Laboratory on Russia and East Europe, Champaign-Urbana IL(1988)

Visiting Fellow, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar on Ottoman History, Princeton University, Princeton NJ (1989)

Fulbright-Hays Senior Research Fellow for Romania (1989-1990)

Participant, Faculty Development Seminar, St. Petersburg, Riga, and Moscow, Council for International Educational Exchange, New York NY (1992)

Research Associate, University of Illinois Summer Laboratory on Russia and East Europe, Champaign-Urbana, Illinois (1993)

Visiting Fellow, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute on Venice, the Jews, and Italian Culture, Venice, Italy (2006)

V. CURRENT PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

The Conference on Faith and History

The International Adam Smith Society

The Society for Romanian Studies

The South East European Studies Association

The C. S. Lewis and Kindred Spirits Society for Central and Eastern Europe

VI. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

The Society for Romanian Studies

President, 2006-2009

National Board member, 1976-2015

Secretary, 1977-2006; 2010-2015

Editor of the SRS NEWSLETTER, 1978-2006

National Meeting Program Chairman, 1980, 1981, 1994

First International Congress of Romanian Studies, Paris, France 1986, Program Committee

Second International Congress of Romanian Studies, Iași, Romania 1993, Program Chair

Third International Congress of Romanian Studies, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, 1997, Program Chair

Fourth International Congress of Romanian Studies, Suceava, Romania, 2001, Program Chair

Fifth International Congress of Romanian Studies, Constanța, Romania, 2007, Program Chair

SRS Website editor, 1995-2010

The Conference on Faith and History

Secretary, 2004-2014

Newsletter Editor, 1996-2004

SRS Web site creator and editor, 1995-2014

South East European Studies Association

Program Committee, 1977 Conference/Symposium

Program Committee, 1981 Conference/Symposium

Romanian Area Editor, 1979-1985

Guest Editor for *Balkanistica*, Vol. 7 (1981-1982)

Member of National Board, 1991-2014

Secretary of the National Board, 1995-1996

Secretary pro-tem, 1996-1998

Alpha Chi National Honor Scholarship Society

Region V [Midwest] Vice-President, 1978-1980

Region V [Midwest] President, 1980-1982

Region V [Midwest] Secretary-Treasurer, 1986-1998

National Council member, 1986-1998

Member of the Editorial Board, Alpha Chi Alumni Recorder, 1995-1998

Alpha Chi Distinguished Service Award, 2001

Member of 75th Anniversary Publications Committee, 1996-1997

Creator of the AX National Web site, 1996

Region V Vice-President, 2008-2010

Region V Secretary-Treasurer, 2010-2014

National Council member, 2010-2014

The C. S. Lewis and Kindred Spirits Society of Central and Eastern Europe Founding Member, 2018 Member of the Board, 2018-present Newsletter Editor, 2021-present

VII. EDITORIAL BOARDS

Revue des Études Sud-East Européennes [București, Romania]

Editorial Board, 1990-present

Institutul de Istorie A. D. Xenopol [Iași, Romania]

Research Associate, 1991-present

Member of the Scientific Council, *Anuarul Institutului de Istorie*, 2001-present

Institutul de Istorie N. Iorga [București, Romania]

Editorial Board, Historical Journal, 2006-present

Editorial Board, Revista Istorică, 2006-present

Editorial Board, *Studii și Materiale de Îstorie Contemporană*, 2006present

Institutul de Istorie G. Bariț [Cluj-Napoca, Romania]

Editorial Board, Anuarul Institutului de Istorie, 2006-present

Center for Transylvanian Studies [Cluj-Napoca]

Editorial Board, Transylvanian Review, 2006-present

Revista Arhivelor [București, Romania]

Editorial Board, 2007-present

East and Europolis [Cluj-Napoca, Romania]

Editorial Board, 2008-present

Interstitio [Chisinău, Moldova]

Editorial Board, 2009-present

Analele Universității Ovidius. Seria Istorie [Constanța, Romania]

Advisory Board, 2009-present

Archiva Moldaviae [Iași, Romania]

Editorial Board, 2010-present

The International Journal of Cross-Cultural Studies and Environmental

Communication [Constanta, Romania]

Editorial Board, 2012-present

Acta Moldaviae Meriodionalis [Vaslui, Romania]

Board of Consultants, 2018-present

Revista Română de Istorie a Secolului XX, 2023-present

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITES

Encyclopaedia Britannica,

Consultant for the EB Romanian Concise Edition, the EB Romanian Student Edition, and the Enciclopedia Universală Britannica.

Christian College Coalition Russian Initiative

Strategy Council, 1992-1995

Christian Scholar's Review

Juror for the Christian Scholar's Award, 1994-1997

American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies

Field Expediter for the Dynamic Inventory of Soviet and East

European Studies in the United States, 1979-1983

Lecturer for the AAASS Public Education Project, 1991

International Research and Exchanges Board

Library Special Projects Selection Committee, 1993-1995

Foreign Service Institute, Washington DC

Visiting Lecturer, 1988-1989;

Winter Quarter, 1989-1990;

Winter Quarter, 1990-1991;

Summer Quarter, 2002;

Summer Quarter 2003

Indiana University Department of History

Graduate Student Member of Departmental Executive Committee, 1969-1970

IX. RESEARCH

Extended Research Experiences:

- N. Iorga Institute of History of the Romanian Academy of Social and Political Sciences, București, Romania, Visiting Researcher (1971-1973, 1982-1983, 1989-1990)
- A. D. Xenopol Institute of History of the Romanian Academy of Social and Political Sciences, Iași, Romania, Visiting Researcher (1971-1973, 1982-1983, 1989-1990)
- The Institute of History and Archaeology of the Romanian Academy of Social and Political Sciences, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, Visiting Researcher (1971-1973, 1982-1983, 1989-1990)
- Arhivele Statului, București and Iași, Romania (1971-1973, 1982-1983, 1989-1990)

Biblioteca Academiei Română, București, Iași, and Cluj-Napoca, Romania (1971-1973, 1982-1983, 1989-1990)

Biblioteca de Stat, St. Georges branch, București, Romania (1971-1973)

British Public Record Office, London, UK (1971)

British Museum, London UK (1971, 1986)

Institutes of History of the Romanian Academy of Social and Political Sciences, București, Cluj-Napoca, and Iași, Romania (1982-1983)

Institutes of History of the Romanian Academy of Social and Political Sciences, București, Cluj-Napoca, and Iași, Romania (1989-1990)

Archivio di Stato, Venice, Italy (2006)

The Marion E. Wade Center, Wheaton College, Wheaton IL, (2018, 2019)

The Angus Library Archives, Regent's Park College, Oxford (2022)

The Southern Baptist Library and Arhives, Nashville TN (2022)

X. Areas of Expertise/Research Interests

19th-21th Century Political Development in Eastern Europe, especially Romania and the Balkans

Historiography, particularly the historiography of Romania

Totalitarian Societies, Soviet Systems, Russia, and the former Soviet Union Development of Post-Totalitarian Societies

The History of Venice; History of Jews in Venice

The Life and Works of C. S. Lewis, J. R. R. Tolkien, W. H. Lewis, and other Inklings and kindred spirits

History of Christianity, especially Evangelicals in Interwar Romania

XI. OTHER ACTIVITIES

Church of the United Brethren in Christ
Delegate to General Conference, 1993, 1997, 2001, 2005
Member of the General Board, 1993-2005
Member of the Executive Leadership Team, 1993-2005
Delegate to US National Conference, 2005, 2017
Huntington Habitat for Humanity
La Fontaine Arts Council, Huntington IN, founding member Huntington County Historical Society