

Bogdan State

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Education

- Oct 2007 – Jul 2008 **London School of Economics** – General Course (Junior Year Abroad):
- taking intro. finance for credit, auditing accounting, statistics.
- Sep 2005 – May 2009 **Amherst College**, Amherst, Mass., U.S. – Bachelor of Arts:
- Current Grade Point Average 4.0 (maximum), no grade lower than a full A, took five courses instead of the requisite four during most terms;
 - majors: History (U.S.), American Studies, Economics (undeclared);
 - minors: German, Sociology, Media Studies.
- Jul 2006 – Aug 2006 **Middlebury College**, Middlebury, Vt. , U.S. – German Language Summer School
- completed with 4.0 GPA (maximum) at highest fluency level for UG students;
 - passed German *Mittelstufe* with highest mark.
- Sep 2000 – Jul 2004 **“Mihai Viteazul” National College**, Ploiesti, Romania:
- highschool classes emphasized comp.sci., maths and natural sciences;
 - 4-year average 9.68 (out of 10 maximum), equivalent to top 5% of class;
 - various awards at county-level contests in physics, comp.sci. and biology.

Publications

- Jan 2008 **Immigrant Integration: An Exploratory Study**
- report from the Åland Islands Peace Institute, no. 2-2007;
 - can be downloaded at: www.peace.ax/images/stories/pdf/Report_2-2007.pdf

Professional Experience

- May 2007 – Sep 2007 **Åland Islands Peace Institute**, Mariehamn, Finland – Research Intern
- conducted survey (55 respondents) to investigate immigrant integration in the Åland Islands;
 - responsible for project in its entirety (literature review, survey design, sampling, data collection, statistical analysis, write-up).
- Nov 2005 – May 2007 **Amherst College**, Amherst, MA, U.S. – Research Assistant
- worked with three professors, on historical, sociological and literary topics;
 - position involved doing summaries of extensive readings in specialty areas (i.e. Women in the 18th Century or Shakespeare and Globalization);
 - perfected network-distributed system for the research team to keep track of references used in a project.
- Jan 2006 – May 2006 **Amherst College Pride Alliance**, Amherst, MA, U.S. – Treasurer
- managed club budget totaling approx. \$5000;
 - similar duties as Treasurer for the LSE LGBT Society (currently).
- Jan 2003 – Dec 2004 **Social Education Association**, Ploiesti, Romania – Project Manager
- lead efforts to establish this high-school debate NGO;
 - coordinated various projects, including an international debate tournament;
 - raised around £5000 for the organization from local companies.

Standardized Testing

- SAT Verbal 800, Math 780 (both scores in top percentile of all test takers)
- SAT II Math IIC (incl. calculus) 800, Physics 760, Writing 740
- TOEFL CBT 300 (maximum)

Romanian *Bacalaureat* • A-Level Equivalent Exam;
• five-subject average: 9.32 (out of 10 max.), Math:8.90, Economics: 9.80, Romanian 10.00 (oral), 9.00 (written), Comp.Sci 8.30.

Mittelstufe German test (level C1): 108.25 / 120 maximum; grade 1 – very good

Hard Skills

Foreign Languages Romanian (native), English (fluent), German (proficient); Spanish (upper-intermediate), Italian (intermediate), Swedish (intermediate);

Programming • twelve-year experience, including graph theory and OOP;
• ability to pick up virtually any programming language;
• knowledgeable in VBA (scripting language for MS Office macros);

Databases • expert Access and Excel user, intermediate knowledge of SQL queries;

Statistics • good knowledge of descriptive statistics, experience with linear regressions;
• intermediate STATA user;

Extra-Curricular Activities and Volunteering

From Oct 2006 **LSE Finnish Society**, London, UK: Events Officer – responsible for event logistics

Mar 2006 **Camp Premier**, Chalmette, Louisiana, USA: member of volunteer Hurricane Katrina clean-up team for Spring Break. Fundraised \$400 for the event.

Sep 2005 – May 2007 **Amherst College Pride Alliance**: volunteered in the organization of various on-campus LGBT-themed events.

Aug 2004 **Carpathian Adventure**, Parang Mountains, Romania
• almost continuous 30-hour trek through a rainstorm, followed by 60 km biking.

Sep 2000 – Jun 2005 **Highschool Debate**, Ploiesti, Romania
• developed public speaking, research and teamwork abilities;
• won various team- and individual distinctions, including regional and national champion, best speaker nationally (all in 2004), vice champion in international tournament (Ljubljana, Slovenia, 2003, attended by teams from 33 countries);
– served as trainer, adjudicator and convenor for various debate events.

Hobbies

As previous sections hint, I love learning languages. I also enjoy traveling, listening to indie, world and classical music and strategy computer games.