

# Crossing the Ocean: Effective Strategies for Studying Romanian Language and Culture on the American Continent



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## Conference Schedule

<p>3:00 pm 3:30 pm</p>	<p><b>Opening remarks</b></p> <p><b>Kathleen Shanahan Lindner</b>, Executive Director of the Center for European Studies, UNC Chapel Hill.</p> <p><b>Dr. Ellen Welch</b>, Chair of the Department of Romance Studies, UNC Chapel Hill.</p> <p><b>“Teaching Romanian in the U.S. over the Decades.”</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Letitia Guran</b>, Department of Romance Studies, UNC Chapel Hill.</p> <p><b>Dr. Maria Bucur-Deckard</b>, John W. Hill Chair of East European History, Department of History, Indiana University Bloomington.</p> <p><b>Dr. Ileana Orlich</b>, President’s Professor of Romanian Studies and Comparative Literature, Arizona State University.</p>
<p>3:30 pm 3:45 pm</p>	<p>“A “Backward” Approach to Lessons in the Romanian Language Textbook.”</p> <p><b>Dr. Georgiana Galateanu</b>, Department of Slavic, East European &amp; Eurasian Languages &amp; Cultures, UCLA.</p>
<p>3:45 pm 4:00 pm</p>	<p>“Teaching Romanian at Columbia University: The Classic and the Hybrid.”</p> <p><b>Dr. Mona Momescu</b>, East Central European Center, Columbia University.</p>
<p>4:00 pm 4:15 pm</p>	<p>“Romanian Culture and Heritage Classes - Bridging Communities with the University Campus.”</p> <p><b>Dr. Ileana Marin</b> and <b>Dr. Otilia Baraboi</b>, Department of Slavic Languages &amp; Literatures, University of Washington.</p>
<p>4:15 pm 4:25 pm</p>	<p>Q&amp;A Session</p>

4:25 pm 4:40 pm	<p>“Teaching Romanian Language and Culture at Arizona State University: Take-aways from the Past Decade.”</p> <p><b>Dr. Julieta Paulesc</b>, School of International Letters and Cultures, Arizona State University.</p>
4:40 pm 4:55 pm	<p>“Deciphering Cultural Signs and Comparing Romance Languages: A Romanian Toolbox.”</p> <p><b>Dr. Crina Bud</b>, Linguistics and Language Studies Program, Glendon College, York University Toronto.</p>
4:55 pm 5:10 pm	<p>“‘How Can Anybody Speak Romanian?’ Paradoxes of Language Learning. Using Humor in Teaching Language.”</p> <p><b>Dr. Letitia Guran</b>, Department of Romance Studies, UNC Chapel Hill.</p>
5:10 pm 5:20 pm	Q&A Session
5:20 pm 6:00 pm	<p>“How Did Students Do It?” Roundtable about effective learning practices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Dr. Julia Elsky</b>, Loyola University, Chicago.</li> <li>- <b>Hannah Moreno</b>, Yale University.</li> <li>- <b>Andreea Ciobanu</b>, Yale University.</li> <li>- <b>Matt Wallace</b>, UNC Chapel Hill.</li> <li>- <b>Keith Wagner</b> and <b>Carolina Craus</b>, University of Texas at Austin.</li> <li>- <b>Ana Constantin</b>, University of Washington.</li> <li>- <b>Lorenzo D’Agostino</b>, UNC Chapel Hill.</li> </ul>
6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Q&A Session

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