



PERSONAL INFORMATION

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WORK EXPERIENCE

10/2014–Present **Research Assistant**
Department of Public Health, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca (Romania)

11/2011–10/2014 **Research Technician**
Center for Health Policy and Public Health, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca (Romania)

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

06/2016 **Global mHealth Research Training Institute**
National Institutes of Health, Fogarty International Center, Bethesda, Maryland, SUA

10/2014–Present **PhD in Political Sciences**
Faculty of Political, Administrative and Communication Sciences, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca (Romania)

08/2012–12/2012 **Educational Scholarship**
University of Iowa College of Public Health, Iowa City, IA (United States)
The scholarship was offered through the Fogarty International Center's Non-Communicable Diseases Research Training Program in Romania

10/2011–07/2013 **MA in Research Design and Data Analysis in Social Sciences**
Faculty of Political, Administrative and Communication Sciences, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca (Romania)

10/2008–07/2011 **BA in Communication and Public Relations**
Faculty of Political, Administrative and Communication Sciences, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca (Romania)

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Romanian

Other language(s)	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
French	B1	B2	A2	A2	A2

Levels: A1/A2: Basic user - B1/B2: Independent user - C1/C2: Proficient user
[Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#)

Job-related skills Scientific writing, project proposal writing, research design, and data analysis in public health and social sciences

Computer skills Microsoft Office, SPSS, Amos, Data Miner, OpenEpi, Epi Info, STATA

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Research Projects**
- 2015-2018 - Training staff in the use of the arts for the benefit of patients with long-term conditions (TABLO)
Funder: European Commission
Role in the project: Research Assistant
- 2014-2019 – Smoking cessation in Romanian families using pregnancy as a window of opportunity
Funder: U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH)
Role in the project: Research Assistant
- 2013-2016 – Postnatal smoking relapse, its associated risk factors, and a proactive sustainable preventive intervention.
Funder: Unitatea Executivă pentru Finanțarea Învățământului Superior, a Cercetării, Dezvoltării și Inovării (UEFISCDI)
Role in the project: Intern
- 2014-2015 - Association between Health Literacy, Glycemic Control, Treatment Adherence and Self- Care Behaviors in a sample of Type II Diabetes patients in Cluj-Napoca, Romania (AHEAD).
Funder: Fogarty International Center, National Institutes of Health (NIH)
Role in the project : Co-investigator
- 2014-2015 – Understanding the impact and context of family burden and stigma on caregivers of people with mental illness: A mixed-method approach to map a cross-country intervention in Romania and Moldova.
Funder: Fogarty International Center, National Institutes of Health (NIH)
Role in the project: Research Assistant
- 2013-2014 – A social marketing intervention designed to prevent smoking uptake among Romanian adolescents: A pilot study in Cluj-Napoca, Romania (SMART).
Funder: Fogarty International Center, National Institutes of Health (NIH)
Role in the project : Principal investigator
- 2013 – Survey of attitudes and experiences related to the use of electronic cigarettes, water pipes, and tobacco smoking among university students from Hungary, Republic of Moldova, and Romania (E-CIGARETTES).
Funder: Fogarty International Center and National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health (NIH)
Role in the project: Co-Investigator
- 2012-2015 – Promovarea sănătății mamei și a copilului în România – o evaluare integrată a determinanților evoluției sarcinilor și rezultatelor nașterilor (MAIA).
Funder: Unitatea Executivă pentru Finanțarea Învățământului Superior, a Cercetării, Dezvoltării și Inovării (UEFISCDI)
Role in the project: Research Technician

2010-2011 –Children’s exposure to environmental tobacco smoke in Romania – a Pilot study in Cluj- Napoca (ETS-KIDS)

Funder: Fogarty International Center and National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Role in the project: Intern

2009-2011 – Accesul populației din mediul rural la informații despre sănătate (ACCES)

Funder: Ministerul Educației și Cercetării din România

Role in the project: Intern

Research Articles

Oana M. Pop, Alexandra Brînzaniuc, Emanuela O. Șirlincan, Cătălin O. Baba, Răzvan M. Cherecheș. 2013. Assessing health literacy in rural settings: A pilot study in rural areas of Cluj County, Romania. *Global Health Promotion* 20:35-43

Meghea CI, Brinzaniuc A, Miha D, Iuhas CI, Stamatian F, Caracostea G, Sidor A, Alexa PM, Branza C, **Pop OM**, Chereches RM. A Couples Intervention to Prevent Postnatal Smoking Relapse: PRISM study design. *Contemporary Clinical Trials*. 2015. 41:273-279.

Conference Proceedings

2013 – **Pop O.M.**, Brînzaniuc A., Suci A.M., Cherecheș R.M. Gender differences in attitudes towards smoking among Romanian adolescent: the role of smoking status. Supplement of the *European Journal of Public Health*, 23(1)

2013 - Brînzaniuc A, **Pop O.M.**, Rus I.A., Cherecheș R.M., Wallis. Prevalence and determinants of prenatal depression symptoms in a Romanian sample of pregnant women: a comparative analysis across socioeconomic groups. Supplement of the *European Journal of Public Health* 23(1).

2012 - Pop O.M., Brînzaniuc A., Rus I.A., Baciu B., Cherecheș R.M. Predictors of smoking intentions among adolescents: a comparative analysis between never, current, and experimental smokers. Supplement of the *European Journal of Public Health*, 22 (2): 221

2012 - Negura D.N., Brînzaniuc A., Suci A.M., **Pop O.M.**, Vladut C., Cherecheș R.M., Wallis A.B. Maternal lifestyles and risk factors for adverse pregnancy outcomes: a pilot study in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, Supplement of the *European Journal of Public Health*, 22 (2): 279

2011 Brînzaniuc A., Cherecheș R.M., Rus I.A., Suci A.M., Dușe I.A., **Pop O.M.** Are teens safe at home from second-hand tobacco smoke exposure? Evidence from Eastern Europe, Supplement of the *European Journal of Public Health*, 21(1):154

Conference Presentations

2015 - **Oana M. Blaga** & Gabriel Badescu. SRNT Europe 16th Annual Conference. 10-12 September, Maastricht, the Netherlands. School anti-tobacco policies and smoking experimentation in secondary schools students: Evidence from Romania - poster presentation

2015 - **Rylee Kerper**, Oana M. Blaga, Elena Bozdog. National Conference of Talking Tobacco Use in Vulnerable Populations, 5-6 October, Bethesda, Maryland, the United States of America. The relationship of depressive symptoms and SHS exposure in a sample of Romanian adolescents - poster presentation

2015 – **Oana M. Pop**, Elena M. Bozdog, Alexandra Brînzaniuc, Livia Vasilescu. 1st International Conference on Non-Communicable Diseases, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. A school-based, social marketing intervention to prevent smoking uptake in adolescents. Results from a quasi-experimental study – oral presentation.

2015 – Maisara Abdelrazig, **Oana M. Pop**, Melinda Penzes, Angela Cazacu-Stratu, Robert Urban, Christopher Squier, Kristie Foley. 16th World Conference on Tobacco Control or Health. 17-21 March 2015, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Experimentation with electronic cigarettes in young adults from three Eastern European countries.

2014 - **Oana M. Pop**, Angela Cazacu-Stratu, Melinda Pénzes, Paula M. Alexa. 142nd Annual Meeting and Exposition of the American Public Health Association: New Orleans, USA, Young people's health beliefs and safety concerns regarding the use of electronic cigarettes: Evidence from Eastern Europe – poster presentation

2014 - Brînzaniuc A., Bozdog E.M., Alexa P.M., **Pop O.M.**, Cherecheş R.M. SRNT Europe 15th Annual Meeting Smoking behavior in families with young children: a qualitative exploration of the social determinants of children's exposure in urban and rural settings in Romania – poster presentation

2014 - **Oana M. Pop**, Melinda Pénzes, Róbert Urbán, Angela Cazacu-Stratu, Kristie L. Foley. 5th SRNT-Europe Annual Meeting: Santiago de Compostela, Spain, A cross-country assessment of young adults' intentions to use e-cigarettes: Evidence from Eastern Europe - poster presentation

2014 – **Oana M. Pop**, Elena M. Bozdog, Alexandra Brînzaniuc. 2nd European Social Marketing Conference: Rotterdam, The Netherlands, A school-based, social marketing intervention to prevent smoking uptake in adolescents: The use of forum theater techniques in building tobacco refusal skills and diminishing competition for remaining smoke-free – oral presentation

2013 - **Pop O.M.**, Brînzaniuc A., Suciuc A.M., Cherecheş R.M. 6th European Public Health Conference, Brussels, Belgium. Gender differences in attitudes towards smoking among Romanian adolescent: the role of smoking status – poster presentation

2013 - Brînzaniuc A., **Pop O.M.**, Rus I.A., Cherecheş R.M., Wallis A.B. Brînzaniuc A., Pop O.M., Rus I.A., Cherecheş R.M., Wallis A.B. Prevalence and determinants of prenatal depression symptoms in a Romanian sample of pregnant women: a comparative analysis across socioeconomic groups – oral presentation

2013 - Brînzaniuc A., **Pop O.M.**, Cherecheş R.M., Marton-Vasarhelyi O., Baba C., Coman M.A. American Public Health Association 140th Annual Meeting & Exposition, Boston, Best practices in improving access to reliable health information in rural areas: A pilot study in Cluj County, Romania – round table presentation

2012 – **Pop O.M.**, Brînzaniuc A., Baciu B., Suciuc A.M., Cherecheş R.M. American Public Health Association 140th Annual Meeting & Exposition, San Francisco, CA, Improving the life of current and future generations: Exploring risk and protective factors for smoking experimentation among Romanian adolescents – poster presentation

2012 - **Pop O.M.**, Brînzaniuc A., Rus I.A., Baciu B., Cherecheş R.M. European Public Health Association – All inclusive public health, Portomaso, St. Jullian's, Malta, Predictors of smoking intentions among adolescents: a comparative analysis between never, current, and experimental smokers – poster presentation

2012 - Negura D.N., Brînzaniuc A., Suciuc A.M., **Pop O.M.**, Vladut C., Cherecheş R.M., Wallis A.B. European Public Health Association – All inclusive public health, Portomaso, St. Jullian's, Malta, Maternal lifestyles and risk factors for adverse pregnancy outcomes: a pilot study in Cluj-Napoca, Romania – poster presentation

2012 – Marton-Vasarhelyi O., **Pop O.M.**, Brînzaniuc A., Cherecheş R.M. TEMPUS – Public Health and Social Services: Education and Practice, Tbilisi, Georgia, The role of local libraries in improving access to health-related information in rural settings: evidence from Cluj-Napoca, Romania – oral presentation

2011 – **Pop O.M.**, Brînzaniuc A., Şirlincan O., Baba O. 12th International Congress for Medical students and Young Health Professionals, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, Assessing health literacy in rural settings: a pilot study in rural areas of Cluj county, Romania – oral presentation

2011 – Flannery K., Brînzaniuc A., **Pop O.M.** 2011 Global Health Conference – Advancing health equity in the 21st Century, Montreal, Canada, Initial evaluation of health literacy in rural Romania – poster presentation

Professional Affiliation

2011-2014 Member of the European Public Health Association (EUPHA)

2014 – Member of the European Social Marketing Association (ESMA)

2014 – 2018 Member of the COST Action IS1405 - Building Intrapartum Research Through Health - an interdisciplinary whole system approach to understanding and contextualizing physiological labour and birth (BIRTH)

2013-2014 – Member of the COST Action IS0907 - Childbirth Cultures, Concerns, and Consequences: Creating a dynamic EU framework for optimal maternity care

2012-2013 Member of the American Public Health Association

Reviewer Activity

2014 – Reviewer for the Global Health Promotion Journal

2014 – Abstract Reviewer for the Public Health Education and Health Promotion section of the 142nd Conference of the American Public Health Association

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