

To the Ambassador of Hungary to the United States,

I had the privilege and honor of spending a semester at the University of Debrecen in 2004 as a Fulbright Senior Lecturer. The opportunity to teach and study in Hungary is one of the highlights of my career.

The students in the Department of American Studies were well prepared and enthusiastic. They provided interesting connections between the subjects we explored in my American Folklore and American Religious Traditions seminars and Hungarian culture. My colleagues at the University Debrecen were all excellent, and provided many thoughtful and challenging discussions. I am particularly grateful to the program provided by Dr. Huba Brückner, Executive Director of the Fulbright Commission in Hungary, and the enthusiasm and support provided by Professor Dr. Zoltán Abádi-Nagy.

My experiences in Hungary have influenced my approaches to teaching and scholarship, and now to administration. As the Department Head of Languages and Literature at Ferris State University, I had the opportunity to reciprocate my Fulbright experience and hosted Olga Bársony from the University of Debrecen on our campus at Governors State University.

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