

# PROFESSOR MIHAELA ROBILA NAMED A FELLOW OF THE AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

## *Acknowledged as International Authority on Immigrant Families*

In 2011, eleven psychologists were elected as Fellows of the Division of International Psychology, based on their “unusual and outstanding contributions to international psychology.” Six of these were elected as new Fellows of APA, and five current APA fellows were elected by the Division. APA fellows represent about 5% of all APA members. According to APA, “Fellow status requires that a person’s work has had a national impact on the field of psychology beyond a local, state, or regional level. A high level of competence or steady and continuing contributions are not sufficient to warrant Fellow status. National impact must be demonstrated.” The three-person D52 fellows committee for 2011 is **Kurt F. Geisinger, Senel Poyrazli, Harold Takooshian** (Chair).



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Mihaela Robila completed her BA in Bucharest in 1997, PhD in Syracuse in 2002, and two postdocs in 2002-2003 at Tufts University and Tulane Medical School. In fewer than 10 years, she has emerged with an award-winning career as a multilingual teacher, researcher, and international authority on the increasingly important topic of immigrant families.

Her work with immigrant families is outstanding at several turns: (a) her two pioneering volumes on “Families in Eastern Europe” (2004) and “Eastern European Immigrant Families” (2009); (b) 22 oft-cited publications on this topic, 15 of these in refereed journals; (c) 60+ research presentations, many of these at global conferences; (d) service as a reviewer for 12 journals and on the editorial board of three others; (e) grant reviewer for several groups, including NSF and NIH; (f) 12 research/teaching grants, including major funding from the U.S. State Department and the Spencer Foundation.

Dr. Robila is now sought out as a consultant on immigration at the highest level, by United Nations and U.S. government policy-makers. Her rare combination of clinical training and expertise on the psychology of immigration promises to have an increasing and positive impact on data-based immigration policies.