

Lucia Grauzľová's undergraduate and graduate studies were undertaken at Comenius University in Bratislava, where she was awarded her PhD in 2009 - the country's first doctorate in the field of Canadian literature. By that time she was already an active member of the staff at the university's Department of English and American Studies.

As a teacher, Lucia Grauzľová is notable for the wide range of courses she has offered, at both undergraduate and graduate levels. In addition to those devoted strictly to Canadian literature, she has dealt with such topics as Canadian history and culture, contemporary Canadian social and cultural issues, Black culture in Canada, Canadian nationalism and post-nationalism, and the Canadian North and its myths and legends. In connection with her teaching, she has supervised dozens of theses on Canadian topics, two of which have received the Rector's Award for an Outstanding MA Thesis. The courses she offered reflected her research interests, which have also included the reception of Canada and Canadian literature in Slovakia. She has presented papers arising from her research at conferences in Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Canada. In addition, for several years she was the driving force behind a series of Student Conferences on the Americas held at Comenius University, with international participation and a strong Canadian component.

Lucia Grauzľová's contributions to the activities of the Central European Association for Canadian Studies have been considerable. She has taken part in all three of its major projects - the Diaspora Project (2007-2010), the first translation research project, Canada in Eight Tongues (2010-2012), and the second such project, Canada Consumed (2016-2018). As country representative for Slovakia, she was a member of the CEACS Advisory Board from 2009 to 2018 and served as an auditor for the association. She organized the 6th triennial international conference of the CEACS in Bratislava in 2012 and edited its proceedings, which were published the following year as *Variations on Community: The Canadian Space / Variations sur la Communauté: l'espace canadien*.

In view of her manifold activities in promoting Canadian Studies in Slovakia and her extensive contribution to the work of the CEACS, the Central European Association for Canadian Studies takes great pleasure in awarding its Certificate of Merit to Lucia Grauzľová.

