

Dr. Lucia Cherciu



Dr. Lucia Cherciu is the 2021 Dutchess County Poet Laureate. She was born in Romania and came to the United States as a graduate student in 1995. She received her Ph.D. in English from Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a dissertation on women and laughter, titled “Ludicrous ‘Scribbling Women’: The Politics of Laughter and Nineteenth-Century American Women Writers.” She is a Professor of English at SUNY / Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie, NY. She is the author of five books of poetry: *Train Ride to Bucharest* (Sheep Meadow Press, 2017), which received the Eugene Paul Nassar Poetry Prize, *Edible Flowers* (Main Street Rag, 2016), *Lalele din Paradis / Tulips in Paradise* (Editura Eikon, 2017), *Altoiul Râsului / Grafted Laughter* (Editura Brumar, 2010), and *Lepădarea de Limbă / The Abandonment of Language* (Editura Vinea, 2009). She writes both in English and in Romanian but does not translate her own work. Her poetry was nominated three times for a Pushcart Prize and twice for Best of the Net. Her work appeared in “Antioch Review,” “Connecticut Review,” “Connotation Press,” “Cortland Review,” “Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and the Environment,” “Paterson Literary Review,” “Poetry East,” and in many Romanian literary magazines, such as “Timpul,” “Hyperion,” “Contrapunct,” and “Astra.” Her first novel, *I Didn’t Send You There*, is currently on submission. Her web page is <http://luciacherciu.webs.com>.