

# Milan Kovacovic (mkovacov@d.umn.edu) one-page Abbreviated Résumé

Author of *Ma's Dictionary: Straddling the Social Class Divide*  
A Memoir. Illustrated, 338 pp, Greysolon Press, 2011 (www.greysolonpress.com)

## Education

Rural one-room primary schooling in Normandy, France, with the same great teacher throughout, 1947-52.

Secondary schooling in Paris, France, 1952-56; and Chicago, USA (in four different schools, 1956-60).

College credits from the following institutions, 1964-68:

**San Francisco State U.**      **U.C. Berkeley Extension**      **Monterey Peninsula Community College, CA**

**U. of Maryland Extension** (Würzburg and Frankfurt, West Germany)

**U.S. Armed Forces Institute, Madison, WI** (by correspondence)      **San Mateo Community College, CA**

**B.A.** 1969, **M.A.** 1971 in French Studies, **California State University East Bay** (Oakland/San Francisco).

**Graduate studies** in Political Science at **Université de Paris-Sorbonne**, 1972.

**Maitrise** in Interdisciplinary Studies (Sociology, Literature, Linguistics), **Université de Nice**, France, 1973.

**Doctorate of Arts** in French Studies, **Claremont Graduate University**, Claremont, CA (Los Angeles) 1971-74.

(Overseas component of D.A. program undertaken at universities of Nice and Paris-Sorbonne, 1972-73).

## Selected Recognitions

**Teaching/Education:** French Government all-expense national scholarship, Lycée de Saint-Germain-en-Laye  
(Public residential secondary school in suburban Paris), 1952-56.

Doctorate of Arts Fellowship, Claremont Graduate University, 1971-74.

Wolfenden Fellowship, Claremont Graduate University, 1971-74.

National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship, 1979.

College of Liberal Arts Teaching Award, University of Minnesota Duluth, 2000.

"Friends of Milan Kovacovic" study-abroad scholarship endowed by former students, UMD, 2010 ----.

UMD Student Association: Outstanding Faculty Award, 2013; nominated for Outstanding Advisor Award, 2016.

French Teacher of the Year Award, Minnesota Chapter, American Association of Teachers of French, 2017.

Nominated for UMD College of Liberal Arts Lifetime Achievement Award, 2013, 2018.

**Writing:** *Ma's Dictionary* selected by the Library of Congress for its permanent collection, 2011.

*Publishers Weekly* Staff Pick of *Ma's Dictionary* as "Best Read of the Year," 2011.

Publishing contract for *Une Éducation Singulière* (Fr. "version" of *Ma's Dictionary*), Éditions Seghers, Paris, 1990.

Minnesota State Arts Board literary awards, 1986, 1988, 1993; Lake Superior Contemporary Writers award, 1987.

Minnesota Arrowhead Regional Arts Council literary awards, 1992, 2000.

Lead article: "Perdre sa vie à la gagner..." , 17 pp., in *Contemporary French Civilization*, 1980.

**Book-Related Activities 1984-Present:** Innumerable readings/discussions of different sections from the 22 chapters of *Ma's Dictionary* and *Une Éducation Singulière*, as guest speaker in schools and in the following university courses: Creative writing, French and American literature, sociology, anthropology, education, history, linguistics, women's studies, psychology, cultural studies. Also in academic conferences, book clubs, writing workshops, community venues. Publication of eight chapters from work-in-progress. Recipient of many scholarly reviews, letters from readers, media interviews, comments from audience members. Prologue/Synopsis: [www.greysolonpress.com](http://www.greysolonpress.com)

## Teaching Experience

Graduate Teaching Assistant, California State University East Bay, January 1970 – June 1971.

Teaching Intern, Pomona College, Claremont, California, Fall semester 1973 (Component of D.A. program).

Part-Time Lecturer, Scripps College, Claremont, California, Spring semester 1974 (Component of D.A. program).

Assistant/Associate Professor, University of Minnesota Duluth, 1974-2018 (Department Head, 1981-82).

Visiting Associate Professor, Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota, 1980-81 (on leave from UMD).

## Other Employment Experience (featured in *Ma's Dictionary*)

Helper (half-time), 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Linoleum and Dinette Store, Cicero, Illinois, 1957-58.

Custodian (half-time), Ollswang's Department Store, Elmhurst, Illinois, 1958-60.

Metal Refinisher (full-time), Ace Metal Refinishers, Chicago, Illinois, 1960-61.

Baggage and Freight Handler (full-time), Trans World Airlines, San Francisco International Airport, 1961-62.

Passenger Service Agent, Trans World Airlines, San Francisco International Airport:

Full-time 1962-65 and 1967-68; Weekends and Summers 1968-71; Summers 1973 and 1974.

Conscript, U.S. Army, 1965-67.