## Milan Kovacovic (b. 1942) – 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, 1947-52.
Secondary schooling in Paris, France, 1952-56; and Chicago, U.S.A. (in four different schools, 1956-60).
Credits from the following post-secondary institutions, 1964-68:
San Francisco State University
University of California-Berkeley Extension
University of Maryland Extension (Würzburg and Frankfurt, West Germany)
U.S. Armed Forces Institute, Madison, Wisconsin (by correspondence)
San Mateo Community College, San Mateo, California.
B.A. in French, California State University East Bay, 1969.
M.A. in French, California State University East Bay, 1971.

Doctorate of Arts in French Studies, Claremont Graduate University, 1971-74 (Overseas component of Claremont doctoral program undertaken at universities of Nice and Paris-Sorbonne, 1972-73).

#### **Selected Recognitions**

Publishers Weekly Staff Pick of Ma's Dictionary as "Best Read of the Year," 2011.
Ma's Dictionary selected by the Library of Congress for its permanent collection, 2011.
Publishing contract for Logé Nourri (French version of Ma's Dictionary), Éditions Seghers, Paris, France, 1990.
Minnesota State Arts Board literary awards, 1986, 1988, 1993.
Arrowhead Regional Arts Council literary awards, 1992, 2000.
Lake Superior Contemporary Writers award, 1987.

French Government national merit all-expense scholarship, Lycée de Saint-Germain-en-Laye (Public residential high school in suburban Paris, 1952-56).
NDEA Title IV Fellowship, Claremont Graduate University, 1971-74.
Wolfenden Fellowship, Claremont Graduate University, 1971-74.
National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship, Summer 1979.
College of Liberal Arts Teaching Award, University of Minnesota Duluth, 2000.
"Friends of Milan Kovacovic" Study-abroad scholarship endowed by former students, 2010----.
University of Minnesota Duluth Student Awards: Outstanding Faculty Award, 2013.

## **Teaching Experience**

Teaching Assistant, California State University East Bay, January 1970 – June 1971. Teaching Intern, Pomona College, Fall semester 1973. Lecturer, Scripps College, Spring semester 1974. Assistant/Associate Professor, University of Minnesota Duluth, 1974-present (Department Head, 1981-82). Visiting Associate Professor, Carleton College, 1980-81 (on leave from UMD).

### **Other Employment Experience**

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, 1961-62.
(Full-time 1962-65 and 1967-68; Weekends and Summers 1968-71; Summers 1973 and 1974).

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