



BULLETIN 2014

Καλώς ορίσατε!

Welcome to the first electronic version of the *MGSA Bulletin*. This Bulletin takes the form of a short newsletter, which the MGSA has decided to distribute via electronic means. Further information about the MGSA's goals, activities, programs, and faculty can be found on [the website](#).

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MGSA Goals and Activities

The Modern Greek Studies Association was founded in 1968 by a group of intellectuals and scholars (Americans and Greeks in America), to showcase the merits of the modern Greek tradition and contemporary Greek culture. It has evolved since then to an American-based, non-profit academic organization, dedicated to the promotion of Modern Greek Studies in the United States and Canada and conversant internationally on all issues, historical and contemporary, which pertain to Greek matters.

Interdisciplinary in orientation, the MGSA seeks to stimulate the discovery and diffusion of knowledge about the language, literature, arts, history, politics, economy, and society of modern Greece, Cyprus, and the Greek diaspora. Its membership, which currently exceeds three hundred, consists primarily of teachers, students, and professional scholars, many of whom reside in various parts of the world, including Greece. Membership also includes and is open to many other individuals who are actively concerned with Greek history and culture, even if they are not necessarily academics.

The MGSA defines its scope broadly to include not only post-independence Greece but also the period of Ottoman rule and the later Byzantine Empire, as well as those aspects of early Byzantine, Hellenistic, and Classical times that have a bearing on the modern period. The impetus is not to reinforce the continuity thesis but to show how multifaceted Greek history and culture are.

It is this same investment in the broad range and multifaceted character of Greek history and culture that underlies the MGSA's commitment to an interdisciplinary approach to all things Greek. This includes an explicit commitment to engage questions emerging from Greek diaspora conditions and the Greek-American experience.

The MGSA's activities since its foundation have been and continue to be extensive. The Association convenes a biennial Symposium, which has steadily grown in size, reputation, scholarly range, and international participation. The first Symposium took place at Princeton University in 1969. Recent Symposia have also featured an Awards Ceremony at which the various MGSA Prizes are presented (such as the Edmund Keeley Book Prize, the Elizabeth Constantinides Memorial Translation Prize, etc.). The MGSA's publication activities include the most reputable periodical in the field, the *Journal of Modern Greek Studies*, published by The Johns Hopkins University Press, a Bulletin distributed electronically to its membership, and over the years, a number of significant volumes on Greek history and literature. The MGSA also serves as an information and communications center for all persons seriously interested in the study of modern Greece and Cyprus through its website information and the listserv, MGSA-L.

If you are not already a member, please consider supporting the MGSA with your membership dues and/or a voluntary contribution. You can register online. We thank you for your support.

Membership

Support

Symposium 24

The MGSA's 24th biennial Symposium will be held 15-18 October 2015 in Atlanta, Georgia. Louis Ruprecht, Director of the Center for Hellenic Studies and William M. Suttles Chair of Religious Studies at Georgia State University, will host the event and serve as Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee. For more information and regular updates on the Fall 2015 Symposium, please visit the [MGSA website](#) where a new webpage dedicated to the Symposium will soon appear. The submission of abstracts, panel proposals, and proposals for special sessions will be handled electronically as well.

Hosting an MGSA Symposium is an ideal way to shine the spotlight on newer Modern Greek Studies Programs or to call attention to the continued growth of older, more established Programs in the United States and Canada. Anyone interested in hosting a Symposium in future years may consult the current MGSA President, Neovi Karakatsanis (nkarakat@iusb.edu), or mgsa.org@gmail.com. He or she will then be sent guidelines and further information explaining the MGSA's goal of delivering cost-effective Symposia of the highest academic standards.

Symposium 23

The MGSA held its very successful [23rd Symposium](#) at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, from 14-16 November 2013. This Symposium was hosted by Franklin Hess (Indiana University), Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee, and Artemis Leontis (University of Michigan), who served as Chair of the Program Committee. The Symposium's program can be [consulted here](#). Program highlights included the truly interdisciplinary work presented by junior scholars, the keynote address delivered by Yanis Varoufakis before more than 250 attendees, and the evening dedicated to "Greece in Writing," which brought together young creative writers and senior scholars. The MGSA is indebted to the organizers, the speakers, the attendees, and the many sponsors who made this Symposium possible.



"Exarcheia Speaking" (much circulated image among Greek internet users, 2014)

MGSA Fund for Innovative Initiatives

The Fund for Innovative Initiatives in Modern Greek Studies

provides monetary support to institutions of higher learning and other professional organizations to support conferences, workshops, and other related activities that promote Modern Greek Studies (including studies of the Greek diaspora). Granted on a competitive basis, up to five grants will be awarded annually, each for a maximum award of \$500.

Biannual submission deadlines: October 1 and April 1

MGSA Greek Language Pedagogy Workshop

The fall 2014 Greek Language Pedagogy Workshop will be held at Yale University, dates TBA. Organizers: George Syrimis, local host, and Elsa Amanatidou, Chair of the MGSA Undergraduate Studies Committee. The workshop theme will be Content Based Instruction (CBI).

Modern Greek Studies Programs:

Update or Add
a Program →

Ball State University Muncie, Indiana	McGill University Montreal, Quebec	University of Illinois at Chicago Chicago, Illinois
Boston College Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts	Michigan State University East Lansing, Michigan	University of Maryland College Park, Maryland
Boston University Boston, Massachusetts	New York University New York, New York	University of Michigan Ann Arbor, Michigan
Brown University Providence, Rhode Island	Ohio State University Columbus, Ohio	University of Minnesota Minneapolis, Minnesota
Colorado College Colorado Springs, CO	Portland State University ☺ Portland, OR	University of Missouri–St. Louis St. Louis, Missouri
Columbia University New York, New York	Princeton University Princeton, New Jersey	Université de Montréal Montréal, Quebec
Cornell University Ithaca, New York	Queens College/CUNY Flushing, New York	University of New Brunswick Frederickton, New Brunswick, Canada
Dartmouth College Hanover, New Hampshire	Rutgers University New Brunswick, New Jersey	University of New Hampshire Durham, New Hampshire
Dawson College Westmount, Quebec	San Francisco State University San Francisco, California	University of Pennsylvania ☺ Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Dickinson College Carlisle, PA	Simon Fraser University Burnaby, B.C., Canada	University of South Alabama Mobile, Alabama
Drexel University Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Stanford University ☺ Stanford, CA	University of South Florida Tampa, Florida
Georgetown University Washington, DC	Stony Brook University ☺ Stony Brook, NY	University of Texas at Austin Austin, Texas
Georgia State University ☺ Atlanta, Georgia	Temple University Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	University of Washington Seattle, WA
Harvard University Cambridge, Massachusetts	University of Arizona Tucson, Arizona	University of Wisconsin ☺ Madison, Wisconsin
Hellenic College Brookline, Massachusetts	University of California Santa Barbara ☺ Santa Barbara, CA	Virginia Tech ☺ Blacksburg, VA
Indiana University, Bloomington Bloomington, Indiana	University of California San Diego San Diego, CA	Wayne State University Detroit, Michigan
Kent State University Kent, Ohio	University of Florida Gainesville, Florida	Yale University New Haven, Connecticut
Kenyon College Gambier, Ohio	University of Houston Houston, Texas	York University Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Loyola Marymount University Los Angeles, California	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Urbana, Illinois	

Modern Greek Studies Programs

The MGSA regularly updates its directory of [Modern Greek Studies Programs](#) in the United States and Canada. In February 2014, it launched its most recent campaign to solicit accurate program information from all known North American program directors and administrators. If you have not yet had a chance to list your program or to update your program's profile, please contact us at mgsa.org@gmail.com and we can help you with the process. If you are working to establish a new program or know of such an effort, please do not hesitate to seek the MGSA's advice. Updates of and additions to faculty and graduate student profiles are always welcome as well. Currently the MGSA's program directory lists more than 50 programs.

The program listings in the MGSA directory provide detailed information on the following: the individual program's college or university affiliation and geographical location; contact persons and teaching personnel; departmental websites, email addresses and telephone numbers; lists of faculty teaching Modern Greek language, literary and cultural studies, anthropology, history, political science, and/or courses in other fields related to Modern Greek Studies (often with approximate enrollment numbers); regularly taught graduate courses (and/or names of graduate students); study abroad options; program resources, achievements, and challenges; recent initiatives in curriculum development, collaborative projects, and outreach efforts; initiatives focused on increasing educational and research support, etc.

In the current crisis of the Humanities and of modern language instruction in general, many programs have seen their personnel numbers and student enrollment numbers decline. However, many have also successfully warded off the most threatening challenges by seeking new, cross-disciplinary collaborations across departments, campuses, and even across state and national borders.

Whether you are an aspiring graduate student, faculty, or an administrator or potential donor seeking information about the offerings and qualities of different Programs, we recommend that you look carefully at the MGSA Directories pages on Programs, Faculty, and Graduate Students. We strive to keep these pages up to date, with the help of our members.

JMGS: A Call for Special Issues

The [Journal of Modern Greek Studies](#) is a peer-reviewed journal published twice a year as a service to MGSA members, who are encouraged to submit their work. The co-editors, Professors Artemis Leontis and Neni Panourgia, are inviting scholars in the field to submit proposals for interdisciplinary special issues. Applicants are welcome to propose a topic accompanied by an abstract, which will frame its subject, explain its importance, name the coordinator of the special topic, and give directions and deadlines for submissions. If the topic is approved, the applicant(s) will solicit papers and act as guest editor. The JMGS editors will oversee the double blind review process, as per the Journal's submission procedures.

For more information, go to [The Johns Hopkins University Press](#).

Accessing the Past 45 Years of the MGSA

The MGSA published its first, hard-copy Bulletin in June 1969. Several universities in the United States and Canada have included more than four decades worth of hard-copy issues of the Bulletin in their collections (1969-2012, ISSN 0047-7702, call no. PA 1001.B84). With the 2014 launch of the electronic edition of the Bulletin, the MGSA website will devote a special section to storing current and older electronic copies. The Minutes of the MGSA Executive Board Meetings and Business Meetings from 2013 on will be made available in a password-protected location of the MGSA website, accessible to all current members.

The programs of the MGSA [Symposia](#) of the past four decades are easily accessible via the MGSA's homepage.

The MGSA archives reside at the Princeton University Library. They are accessible to researchers who make arrangements with the Department of Rare Books and Special Collections. Some boxes, however, remain closed until a certain time limit has expired. For more information, please consult the Princeton University library catalog under "Modern Greek Studies Association archives" and especially the "finding aid."



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Of Interest

This section of the Bulletin is yours: please submit a short essay or statement on any topic related to Modern Greek Studies to mgsa.org.

After a brief review by the MGSA's Publications Committee, your essay may appear in the next electronic Bulletin. Creative pieces written by graduate students are particularly welcome.

The MGSA is now on [Twitter](#) and soon Facebook.



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