



Bulletin 2017

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

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.

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SYMPOSIUM 25 AND MGSA PRIZES

The MGSA's 25th biennial Symposium will be held at Stockton University, located near Atlantic City in Galloway, New Jersey, on November 2-5, 2017 (Th. pm through Su. am). David Roessel, Professor of Greek, and Tom Papademetriou, Professor of History and Director of the [Pappas Center for Hellenic Studies](#) at Stockton University, will host the event and co-chair the Local Arrangements Committee. The January 2017 deadlines for electronic submissions of abstracts, panel proposals, and proposals for special sessions have now passed. The Program Committee will send out notifications of acceptances and rejections by March 31, 2017, but notices about special sessions will only be sent out on May 1. A preliminary program will be posted by late summer 2017.

The Symposium keynote address, entitled "Globalization and the Return to the National: Perspectives on Greece's Ongoing Crisis," will be delivered by Anna Triandafyllidou. Dr Triandafyllidou is Professor at the Global Governance Programme (GGP) of the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies (RSCAS), European University Institute. From 2004 through 2012, Professor Triandafyllidou was a Senior Fellow

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at the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP) in Athens, where she headed a successful migration research team. She is also the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies*.

The closest major airport to Galloway, NJ, is Philadelphia airport. The Local Arrangements Committee will be providing a shuttle bus service from Philadelphia airport to the historic [Stockton Seaview Hotel](#), where the Symposium will take place and where the LAC has held rooms at very reasonable rates (\$109/night).

Also, at the time of the Symposium, the MGSA announces the winners of its various prize competitions (for books, dissertations, translations, and graduate student essays). All prizes have an April 1, 2017 submission deadline, except for the graduate student essay prize, which has a July 31 deadline.

For more information and regular updates, please visit the [MGSA Symposium 25 website](#). Please save the dates of November 2-5, 2017 and join us for another symposium of the highest academic standards.

MGSA GREEK LANGUAGE PEDAGOGY WORKSHOP

The MGSA Greek Language Pedagogy Workshop is a biennial event offering a working weekend on university-level Greek language instruction focused on a select topic or approach to language pedagogy. The MGSA's Undergraduate Studies Committee determines the subject and presenters of each workshop, which is free and open to the public. Past topics have included the instrumentalist aspects of language, the alignment of Greek instruction with national and European standards, skills-building, and Content Based Instruction (CBI), an approach that integrates academic subject matter within the context of second or foreign-language instruction. The workshop format fosters intellectual exchange on the theoretical underpinnings of second-language acquisition and critical literacies and allows time and space to address issues related to sound pedagogical classroom practices. Faculty members with expertise in teaching Modern Greek language and culture are invited to present innovative projects pertaining to emerging technologies and recent developments in the field of pedagogy and to relate these to their own teaching practice. All participants spend time working through guided activities directly related to the topics presented.

The 7th biennial Greek Language Pedagogy Workshop was held at Brown University on November 4-5, 2016. Co-sponsored by the MGSA and the Modern Greek Program and Center for Language Studies at Brown University, the workshop explored current research and perspectives on foreign-language literacies, including digital literacies, within the framework of humanistic learning. The workshop further offered examples and recommendations for best classroom practices, with a focus on Modern Greek language instruction at the tertiary level and study abroad programs in Greece and Cyprus. Elsa Amanatidou served as local host, and the MGSA's Undergraduate Studies Committee coordinated a one-and-a-half-day program.

The 2016 workshop focused on the development of foreign language literacy and the articulation of a unified literacy-driven curriculum. Rick Kern, Professor and Director of the UC Berkeley Language Center and author of *Language, Literacy, and Technology* (CUP, 2015), offered the Friday evening keynote address, entitled "Teaching Languages and Literacies for Communicative Competence and Beyond: Toward a Relational Pedagogy."

The Saturday sessions comprised workshop presentations by members of the 2016 and prior Steering Committees of the Greek Language Pedagogy Workshop (Elsa Amanatiou, Frank Hess, Artemis Leontis, Despina Margomenou, and Vassiliki Rapti). A roundtable discussion presented by Dimitris Antoniou, Themis Aravossitas, Maria Hadjipolycarpou, and Nikolas Kakkoufa featured pedagogical initiatives at their institutions. See also <https://www.brown.edu/academics/modern-greek/literacy-workshop/>.

The workshop is open to anyone engaged in language pedagogy as an instructor/researcher with a commitment to (Modern Greek) language/literature/ culture instruction at the tertiary level, to those developing the undergraduate curriculum of Modern Greek Studies and/or directing a Modern Greek program or a Study Abroad program. Do place the 2018 workshop on your schedule (topic TBA) and take advantage of its

offerings. Make this and future workshops an occasion for learning (and sharing) through practice. If you have a pedagogy or curriculum question or wish to incorporate Greek in other classroom modules and want to learn how to do this better in the company of others, please talk to the prior workshop host(s) to see how your concerns can be addressed in this or subsequent workshops. If you are interested in hosting a Pedagogy Workshop, please contact the Chair of the MGSA Undergraduate Studies Committee. The organizer's home institution receives a \$1,000 grant from the MGSA to defray the costs of hosting.



Thessaloniki in the snow, January 2017

MGSA / MLA

In fall 2016, the MGSA received news that its allied organization's status with the Modern Language Association had been renewed for seven years. Membership growth, diversity and participation in the MLA's annual conventions are some of the criteria that the MLA uses when reviewing allied organizations. The effort to see the MGSA through the review process was spearheaded by Adam Goldwyn (Dept. of English, North Dakota State University), who deserves our warmest thanks. Our appreciation goes also to the organizers and the panelists of the two 2017 MGSA/MLA sessions, which were held in Philadelphia on January 5 and 7, respectively:

“Twists and Turns in Contemporary Greece: Literature, Culture, and Identity”

Presiding: Lissi Athanasiou-Krikelis, New York Institute of Technology, Manhattan

1. “Children’s Literature and the Aesthetics of Fiction in Eugenios Trivizas’s Picture Books,” Lissi Athanasiou-Krikelis
2. “Humor and Greekness in Eugenios Trivizas’s *Οι πειρατές της καμινάδας*,” Annika Demosthenous, University of Western Australia
3. “Angst in Contemporary Greek Fiction,” Gerasimus Katsan, Queens College, City University of New York.

“Comparative Approaches to Modern Greek Literature”

Presiding: Maria Hadjipolycarpou, Columbia University

1. “Writing the Modern in Greek and American Literary Naturalism,” Myrto Drizou, Valdosta State University
2. “Greek Islands in the Transatlantic Imagination,” Maria Hadjipolycarpou
3. “Literary Networks of Mediterranean Radicalism: Modern Greek Poetry in Turkish Translation,” Kenan Behzat Sharpe, University of California, Santa Cruz
4. “A Literature of Lost and Found: Rebuilding a Lost Commons in Greece and Turkey,” William Stroebel, University of Michigan.

For more information on how to organize future panels, please contact Adam Goldwyn at adam.goldwyn@ndsu.edu.

MGSA FUND FOR INNOVATIVE INITIATIVES

The criteria for funding from the MGSA Fund for Innovative Initiatives have recently been revised. Updated information can be found on the [Initiatives webpage](#). For applicants, the most important changes entail: 1) capping the total number of awards at 5 per academic year; and 2) limiting the number of awards that any given institution can receive to 1 every 3 years.

The MGSA’s Fund for Innovative Initiatives recently extended sponsorship to Yiorgos Anagnostou and Martha Klironomos, who will be co-editing a new online journal in Greek American and Greek Transnational Studies, entitled *Ergon: A Journal of Greek American Transnational Studies*. *Ergon* will explore and promote the arts, culture, and scholarship of Greek America. As an online journal, it will showcase the creative work of writers, artists, and poets, and will also feature new scholarship that engages with Greek worlds in the context of transnational and diaspora affiliations. The co-editors call *Ergon* “a decisively interventionist project,” and they intend to focus on Greek America’s artistic achievement and to chart its cultural heterogeneity. Their new journal aims to re-center Greek America as a cultural field that speaks to the realities of an increasingly interconnected world.

MODERN GREEK STUDIES PROGRAMS

The MGSA regularly updates its web directory of Modern Greek Studies Programs in the United States and Canada. In February 2017, 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.

WESTERN CONSORTIUM FOR HELLENIC STUDIES

In order to foster collaboration among Hellenic and Greek Studies programs in the western regions of North America, representatives from a number of institutions founded the Western Consortium for Hellenic Studies (WCHS) in 2012. The members of the WCHS have now announced the third Graduate Student Conference, to be hosted on March 9-11, 2017, by the Hellenic Studies Program at the California State University, Sacramento. Participating graduate students will present their work and receive feedback from fellow students and faculty in a congenial atmosphere, meet and interact with others working in their field, and hopefully create bonds that will help them in their future careers. Participation is open to all graduate students in North America.

The WCHS will continue its efforts to create institutional linkages that will strengthen Hellenic Studies in North America.

(contributed by Evdoxios Doxiadis, Simon Fraser University, and Katerina Lagos, California State University, Sacramento)

JMGS: FROM THE EDITORS

The editors of the Journal of Modern Greek Studies, the biannual flagship journal of the MGSA, together with Johns Hopkins University Press, the journal's publisher, encourage institutional members—particularly institutions of higher learning and foundations in Greece—to renew their JMGS or Project Muse subscriptions. Institutional subscriptions cost very little and allow research and teaching staff at universities and foundations to access articles in the JMGS online.

Given the high academic and truly international standing of the Journal, the editors encourage senior scholars from around the world to consider the JMGS as the venue of choice for the publication of their work and to recommend articles in the JMGS to their advanced undergraduate and doctoral students.

In line with the Journal's mission, the editors encourage submissions devoted to all aspects of scholarship on Greeks, Greek, and the Greek world from the early modern period to the present. They particularly welcome new work in Transnational Studies, including Greek American Studies. Topics of interest are: transnational archives; reverse migrations;

the impact upon and interaction of Greeks with adoptive societies; attitudes to non-Greek immigrants in Greece; technologies, communication, and identity; diasporic communities and their counterparts in Greece (who speaks for Greek/Australians/Canadians/ Americans?); demographics and the newest wave of migrations; self-conscious development of digital, cultural, and other expressive forms of ethnic identity; heritage practices; heritage management; the co-opting of diasporic identity politics by the media; and transnational political affiliations and international politics.

The May 2017 issue of the JMGS has now gone to press. It features a special section on domestic work in times of crisis, guest-edited by Iordanis Psimmenos:

Introduction: Unveiling Domestic Work in Times of Crisis

Iordanis Psimmenos

Family Strategies, Work, and Welfare Policies toward Waged Domestic Labor in Twentieth-Century Greece

Konstantina Bada and Pothiti Hantzaroula

The Social Setting of Female Migrant Domestic Workers

Iordanis Psimmenos

The Careers of Migrant Domestic Workers in Greece: Perceptions of Intra-Occupational Mobility and Status Differentiation in Times of Crisis

Daria Lazarescu and Yiorgos Kouzas

Migrant Domestic Workers: Family, Community, and Crisis

Nikos Xypolytas, Katerina Vassilikou, and Theodoros Fouskas

Domestic Work and Welfare Values of Migrant Women in Modern Greece: The Juncture of a Dual Process of Exclusion

Christoforos Skamnakis and Efrossini Malekaki

Ancestral Return Migration and Second-Generation Greeks in Italy

Andrea Pelliccia

Norms, Vulnerabilities, Paradoxes: Greeks and MTV

Yiorgos Anagnostou

History—Past—Memory—Space—Body—Image: Artists' Performative Interventions in the Refugee Houses on Alexandras Avenue, Athens

Eva Fotiadi

The British Intervention in Greece: The Battle of Athens, December 1944

Panagiotis Delis

Conversant with JMGS topics and other current issues, relevant interviews have appeared among the [e-JMGS Occasional Papers](#). Look for the most recent papers:

- “One bill fits all? Notes on the New LGBTQ/Same-Sex Legislation in Contemporary Greece,” by Nikolaos Papadogiannis
- William Hardy McNeill Memorial, by Ioanna Laliotou
- William Hardy McNeill Memorial, by John Iatrides
- “Merrill, Greece, Poetics: A Conversation between Stephen Yenser and Stathis Gourgouris”
- “SonorCities. Learning Culture through City Soundscapes—An Educational Tool,” review by Anna-Maria Sichani
- “Left Melancholy in the Greek Poetry Generation of the 2000s” by Vassilis Lambropoulos.

The e-JMGS Occasional Papers is an online, open-access supplement to the JMGS used by the editors to explore contemporary matters concerning Greece, Cyprus, and Greeks in the world today. It includes interviews, essays, position papers, field reports, and other materials gathered at the editors’ invitation.

(contributed by Artemis Leontis, JMGS Editor for the Arts and Humanities, Thomas Gallant, JMGS Editor for the Social Sciences, and Neni Panourgiá, former Editor, e-JMGS Occasional Papers)

MGSA FACTS, ANNIVERSARY, AND CALL FOR PHOTOGRAPHS

The MGSA will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in May 2018. To help memory serve, we list here the names of the association’s 13 Presidents and 3 Executive Directors, in addition to its 2 most recent boards. Please contact us if you have MGSA-related photographs to share: we hope to add more pictures to the MGSA’s photo archive.

MGSA Presidents

- 1968-69 Executive Committee chaired by Edmund Keeley
- 1970 Edmund Keeley
- 1971-73 Edmund Keeley
- 1974-76 John A. Petropulos (deceased; 1929-1999)
- 1977-79 A. Lily Macrakis

- 1980-82 Edmund Keeley
- 1983-85 Peter Bien
- 1986-88 P. Nikiforos Diamandouros
- 1988-90 Van Coufoudakis
- 1991-92 Michael Herzfeld
- 1993-95 Adamantia Pollis (deceased; 1923-2015)
- 1995-97 John Chioles
- 1997-99 Van Coufoudakis
- 2000-02 Peter Bien
- 2003-05 Thomas Gallant
- 2006-08 Stathis Gourgouris
- 2009-11 Stathis Gourgouris
- 2011-14 Gonda Van Steen
- 2014-17 Neovi Karakatsanis

MGSA Executive Directors

- 1980-2004 John Iatrides
- 2004-2014 S. Victor Papacosma
- 2014- Gonda Van Steen

MGSA Executive Board 2011-2014

Officers: Gonda Van Steen, President; Artemis Leontis, Vice-President; Despina Margomenou, Secretary; and Neovi Karakatsanis, Treasurer
Members: Elsa Amanatidou, Sakis Gekas, Eugenia Georges, Peter Jeffreys, Kostis Kornetis, Neni Panourgiá, Stratis Papaioannou succeeded by Kostis Kourelis, Effie Rentzou, and Maria Hadjipolycarpou (graduate student representative).

MGSA Executive Board 2014-2017

Officers: Neovi Karakatsanis, President; Yiorgos Anagnostou, Vice-President, Gerasimus Katsan, Secretary; and Kostis Kourelis, Treasurer
Members: Tassos Anastassiadis, Karen Emmerich, Sakis Gekas, Franklin Hess, Kostis Kornetis succeeded by Eugenia Georges, Kostis Kourelis, Katerina Lagos, Artemis Leontis, Susan Buck Sutton, and Christopher Grafos (graduate student representative).

MGSA ELECTIONS

By June 1, 2017, the MGSA will complete its first round of electronic elections. All current MGSA members are asked to cast their ballot to elect the Executive Board of fall 2017 through fall 2020. This board will organize the fall 2019 MGSA Symposium, which will be hosted by the Hellenic Studies Program at California State University, Sacramento. Please watch your email for the ballot to be distributed by April 15, along with voting instructions. Paper ballots will still be accepted and must be returned to the Executive Director by June 1.

FAQs

The MGSA and JHUP have now created a “Frequently Asked Questions” page, which should address the bulk of your questions. [Check it out.](#)

These questions and answers will prove particularly useful when you renew your MGSA membership, access the *Journal of Modern Greek Studies* online, participate in our upcoming electronic voting cycle, and register for our next Symposium (November 2-5, 2017, Stockton University, NJ).



Executive Board downtime, Sacramento, CA, February 25, 2017

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In Memoriam	Aristide Caratzas	(1947-2016)
	Edward Malefakis	(1932-2016)
	William H. McNeill	(1917-2016)
	Monteagle Stearns	(1924-2016)
	Rev. Demetrios Constantelos	(1927-2017)