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EDUCATION:

University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA.
M.A. in Applied Linguistics, June 2001.
Specialization in computer-assisted language instruction and
foreign language pedagogy.

National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece.
B.A. in German Language and Literature, October 1993.
Magna cum laude
Thesis: *Mutter Courage und ihre Kinder*.

CURRENT FACULTY POSITION:

Head of Modern Greek
Master Lecturer in Modern Greek
September 2022-

Visiting Lecturer in Modern Greek
National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
Summer 2022, Summer 2024, Summer 2025

Senior Lecturer in Modern Greek (Boston University)

September 2015-2022

Lecturer in Modern Greek (Boston University)

September 2010 to 2015

Visiting Lecturer in Modern Greek

DERE College—American College of Greece, Athens, Greece
Summer 2013-2021

ADMINISTRATIVE

EXPERIENCE:

Head of Modern Greek Language Program

Responsible for curriculum oversight and development, recruitment and training of part-time lecturers, providing them with syllabi and teaching materials. Coordinating student placement in appropriate language levels, and collaborating with CAS advising in determining native-level proficiency.

Study in Greece

Ambassador/Partner of **Study in Greece** in the U.S.
Spring 2022-2023

Examiner of the Certification in Greek Language/Ellinomatheia
Roslindale, May 2019-

External Reviewer Hellenic College Holy Cross (2015)

Conduction of review of Modern Greek academic
Program

Co-Director Boston University Philhellenes Summer Study
2013- 2019

HELPIS Charitable Social Network, Board Member

ACTFL(American Council on Teaching of Foreign Languages)
2021 Convention Proposal Reviewer in Modern Greek

Director Boston University Summer Program
2020-Development of curriculum, excursions, and
management of program for annual summer study in Athens

Visiting Lecturer, DEREE College, Athens
Summer 2013-2020

Leading Faculty

Additional leading faculty of the Spring program at Emmanuel
College, “In the steps of Thucydides.”
Spring 2018

Chaperon Boston University School of Hospitality
Culinary and hospitality trip to Greece, March 2011

**TEACHING
EXPERIENCE:**

Greek:

*Beginning Modern Greek I, II (CG 111, CG
112) Continuing Modern Greek
Review and Progress in Modern Greek
Intermediate Modern Greek I, II (CG 211,
212) The Modern Greek Short Story (CG 350)
The Modern Greek Novel (CG 356)
Modern Greek Culture and Film
(CG357) Cavafy and History (CG 359)
(CG 101) Beginning Modern Greek Language, Culture and Literature*

German:

First and second Semester German (LG 111, LG 112)
Third and fourth Semester German (LG 211, LG 212)
Intensive Beginning German
High School German, grades 9 to 12
Elementary School German, grades 3 to 6

RESEARCH:

Approaches to Teaching the Works of C. P. Cavafy
Teaching essay on: Cavafy and History: An Interdisciplinary Approach
with Loren J. Samons
The Modern Language Association of America, NY 2025

Research FLAG AI grant, 2023

Boston University -Digital Learning and Innovation Center
Using ChatGPT in teaching and learning Modern Greek

**Associate in Hellenic Studies,
Center for Hellenic Studies, Harvard University, 2019**
In the projects of

1. “Cavafy, Diglossia and History”
2. “Cavafy and the Corona-Virus: A Voice for the Age of Pandemics”

June 2019-January 2021

CURRICULUM

DEVELOPMENT I: NEW COURSES DESIGNED

The Modern German Cinema Experience

University of Massachusetts, Boston

Modern Greek Culture and Film (CG 357)

Boston University

Cavafy and History (CG 359)

New Course developed with L. J. Samons for Boston University

Modern Greek Language, Culture & Literature (CG101)

Boston University

CURRICULUM

DEVELOPMENT I: COURSES REVISED at Boston University

Created new syllabi (with new readings, assignments and assessments) and developed and applied technology assisted units:

Beginning Modern Greek I (CG111 and CG112)

Intermediate Modern Greek I (CG 211 and CG212)

Advanced Modern Greek and Literature

The Greek Short Story (CG 350)

The Greek Novel (CG 356)

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT II: Courses Created at Boston University
Modern Greek Culture and Film (CG 357)
Cavafy and History (CG 359: with L. J. Samons)

**PROFESIONAL
DEVELOPMENT:**

NYU, Global Liberal Studies

Presenter: *Challenges and Marvels of Literary Translation*
with Prof. Vilelmini Sosoni and Dr. Vassilis Manoussakis
October 27, 2025

MIT Global Languages, Symposium 2025

Mapping the Future, Language and Intercultural Education in the Age of disruptive Education
May 2-3, 2025

Ionian University, Foreign Languages, Translation and Interpreting
English Writers Workshop
Corfu, July 2025

MIT Global Languages, Symposium 2025

Mapping the Future, Language and Intercultural Education in the Age of disruptive Education
May 2-3, 2025

Onassis Education

AI- Education Festival
Athens, July, 4-6, 2024

Maliotis Cultural Center-Modern Greek Conference, May28-June 2, 2024

Presenter Title: Empowering Learning Through AI

NeMLA Conference

Marriott Copley Place, Boston, March 7-10, 2024
Presenter Title: “Fostering Active learning in Foreign Language Classrooms Through ChatGPT-mediated activities”

Camtasia Short Course-Mini Grant on creating instructional videos

Boston University, 2020

New England Modern Language Association, Boston, MA, March 5-8, 2020

MIT mini-seminar “Sapphic Tales Re-Making Sappho through Comparative Media”, Fall 2019

MGSA Symposium in Sacramento, CA, November 7-10, 2019

NECTFL Conference

Marriott Copley Place, Boston, March 27-30, 2014

Teaching with Technology festival, Boston University, October 2019

ACTFL, OPI (Oral Proficiency Interview)

Workshop at Boston University, February 2014

BALC (Boston Area Language Consortium)

Mini-conference at Boston University, November 4, 2013

ADVISORY

DUTIES:

Advisor at the Advisory Committee Board of Maliotis Cultural Center 2022-2024

Advisor of Boston University Philhellenes (BUPh), September 2012 to present

Advisor of BU Hellenic Association, September 2006 - June 2012

NHSA (National Hellenic Student Association) Convention
Boston University, Fall 2011 (mentoring at this student event).

DISTINCTIONS:

Award in Greek Culture from EXALEIPTRON women's organization in Athens

Co-Founder of the Boston University Philhellenes Project
(2012)

Co-Director of the BUPh Summer Study in Greece at DERECCollege—American College of Greece

Gynaika, featured in the supplement to *Ethnikos Kyrikas* devoted to prominent women in the Greek community

FUNDRAISING/ OUTREACH and EVENTS:

**EVENT ORGANIZER AT BOSTON
UNIVERSITY:**

Zorba the Greek

Movie screening

Department of Classical Studies, (4/2/2007)

Echoes of the Hellenic Musical Heritage

A concert featuring the Greek Music Ensemble

Tsai Performance Center, (9/22/2010)

From Ancient to Modern Greek: Myths and Realities about Languages

Presentation by Prof. Panayiota Gounari (Dept. of Applied Linguistics, UMass Boston)

Department of Classical Studies, (4/28/2011)

Manos and Mikis

A concert in tribute to Manos Hadjidakis and Mikis Theodorakis

Featuring the Greek Music Ensemble

Tsai Performance Center, (10/27/2011)

A Writer's Odyssey

A lecture by award-winning author and journalist Nicholas Gage

Department of Classical Studies, (3/30/2012)

Help Greek Children in Need

A fundraising event to benefit SOS Children's Villages and the

Ark of the World in Greece

(4/26/2012 and 4/27/2012)

Plato's Apology of Socrates Now

By Yannis Simonides and the Hellenic Theater of New York

GSU Conference Auditorium, Dec. 5, 2012

Greek Music through the Ages

A fundraising concert event to benefit the BUPh Summer Study in Greece

Featuring the Greek Music Ensemble

TSAI Performance Center, April 8, 2013

The Golden Greek—The Harry Agganis Story

A film screening and fundraising event to benefit the BUPh

Summer Study in Greece

TSAI Performance Center, October 9th 2013

Lectures in Modern Philhellenism

Lectures in honor of the National Day of Greece
Organized in concert with the Greek Consulate in Boston
2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

Visit of Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Terens Quick
October 2017, January 2019

Lalaounis fundraising event: Hellenic Beauty: Ancient and Modern
November 8, 2018

Board member-Treasurer, Circle of Hellenic Academicians
2018-

Master of Ceremonies at the Dinner Gala of the Federation
Of Hellenic-American Societies of New England
Greek Independence Day, March 25 2019

**Event/Meeting at BU with Greek Reporter and former Vice
Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Terens Quick**, Spring 2019

Meeting at BU with Minister of Tourism Mr. Haris Theoharis, Fall
2019

Participation at the Conference of University of Yiannena,
International Summer University, May 2, 2020

**Organizer for Study in Greece and Vice Minister of Education, Mr Apostolos
Dimitropopoulos** two days visit to Boston.
Spring 2022

Event at Boston University
Inspiring Greek Women Writers and the Importance of their Translation
Photonics Center, October 28, 2022

Event at Boston University
Hosting the 11th Biennial MGSA Pedagogy workshop
The Future of Greek Language & Culture
New Challenges and Opportunities
Computing and Data Science Building, 17th floor, October 25, 2025

MEDIA:

“Η φωνή του Καβάφη στην εποχή του κορωνοϊού”
Article in ***Kathimerini***, Feb. 16, 2021
<https://www.kathimerini.gr/society/561265972/k-polychronioy-i-foni-toy-kavafi-stin-epochi-toy-koronoiy/>

“Cavafy and the Corona-Virus- A Voice for the Age of Pandemics”,
Article in ***The National Herald***, Jan 9,2021

https://www.thenationalherald.com/archive_guest_columnists/article_hro/cavafy_and_the_corona_virus_a_voice_for_the_age_of_pandemics-1541362?fbclid=IwAR3nJny4G9T59_2cdhrQSMXpBONYHizFm1gonxlhzznGzD_7ZM598f0uFWg

Open TV Greece, at The Morning Show, Fall 2019

“A Unique Program of Hellenism and Philhellenism in Boston,”
article in *The National Herald*, October 2017

“Ilias Lalaounis BU Philhellenes fundraising event,” **Greek TV, Boston** -Interview

“BU Philhellenes and the Summer Study in Greece,” interview for an article in ***BU Today*** about the BU Philhellenes Project and the Summer Study in Greece, November 24, 2014.

“BU Philhellenes to Host First Greek Night,” interview for an article in ***The Daily Free Press*** about the BU Philhellenes Project, the Summer Study in Greece and the Greek Night event on November 12, 2014.

<http://dailyfreepress.com/2014/11/12/bu-philhellenes-to-hostfirst-greek-night-to-promote-greek-culture-athens-summer-studyprogram/>

“Greek Night and the Boston University Philhellenes,” radio interview for **WTBU radio**, November 11, 2014.

“Philhellenism,” interview on **Grecian Echoes** radio program (hosts Ted Demetriades and Stamatis Astra), **WNTN 1550**, Boston, to discuss Philhellenism on the occasion of the National Day of Greece and BU Philhellenes Summer Study in Athens, March 25, 2014.

“Greek Studies at Boston University,” interview for **Greek Television (ERT)** with Katerina Thanasoula, scheduled to air 2011.

“Teaching Greek,” interview on **Greek 4 Kids radio program** (host: Kleanthi Mavrogiannaki) WNTN 1550, Boston, to discuss Greek Language and Bilingualism, November 2011

**PREVIOUS
UNIVERSITY POSITIONS:**

Lecturer in Modern Greek (part-time)
Department of Classical Studies
Boston University, September 2006 to 2010

Lecturer in German (part-time)
Department of Modern Languages & Comparative Literature
Boston University, September 2003 to 2010

Lecturer in Modern Greek and German (part-time)
Department of Modern Languages
Northeastern University, Spring 2008 to 2012.

Lecturer in German (part-time)
Department of Modern Languages
University of Massachusetts, Boston, Summer 2007 to 2010.

Lecturer in German (part-time)
Department of German, Russian and Asian Languages and
Literatures, **Tufts University**, September 1999 to June 2000.

OTHER TEACHING POSITIONS:

Longy School of Music, Cambridge, MA
Lecturer in German, September 2007 to June 2008

Goethe Institut, Boston, MA
Lecturer in German (part-time)
September 1999 to June 2000 and September 2006 to June 2007.

German Saturday School, Boston, MA
German Teacher, September 1997 to June 2006. Substitute 2023-

The Waldorf High School, Lexington, MA
German Teacher, September 2000 to June 2003.
Designed and implemented lesson plans for German Language
and Literature (Grades 9 to 12).
Served as an advisor of students and co-sponsor of 11th grade.
Prepared students for the SAT II German Test and the
nationwide German High School Test administered through the
American Association of Teachers of German (AATG)

Boston Language Institute, Boston, MA
German and Greek Instructor, Sept. 1998 to September 2006.

Cambridge Center of Adult Education, Cambridge, MA
German Instructor, September 1998 to September 2001.

Inlingual and Global Mind, Boston, MA
German Language Translator and Interpreter
September 1997 to September 2000.

Plato Private Elementary School, Athens, Greece
Full-time German Instructor, September 1993 to June 1996.
Taught German to grades 3 to 6.

N. Vlachos Language Institute, Athens, Greece
German Instructor, September 1994 to June 1995.

Cararigas Language Institute, Athens, Greece
German Instructor, September 1993 to June 1994.

Durdurekas Language Institute, Athens, Greece
German Instructor, September 1993 to June 1996.

PUBLICATION: Principal author of the CD entitled *German* that includes 15 German lessons published by the Transparent Language, Inc., NH (1999).

**PROFESSIONAL
MEMBERSHIPS:**

Modern Greek Studies Association
American Association of Teachers of German (AATG).

AWARDS: University of Massachusetts Scholarship (2000).

Award in Greek Culture from EXALEIPTRON women's Organization in Athens

LANGUAGES: Native proficiency in ***German*** and ***Greek***; near-native proficiency in ***English***