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**EDUCATION**

Harvard University, Department of the Classics, 1992-1999

MA, September 1994

Ph.D., March 1999

Oxford University, Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages and Literatures

Visiting fellow, Winter-Spring 1997

University of Athens,

BA in Classics, Byzantine Philology, and Modern Greek Literature, Class Valedictorian,  
1987-1991

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD /SELECTED MAJOR FELLOWSHIPS**

Harvard University

George Seferis Professor of Modern Greek Studies and Professor of Comparative  
Literature (2007-)

Member of the Standing Committee on Medieval Studies (2007-)

Member of the Steering Committee, Department of Folklore and Mythology (2004-)

Member of the Freshman Seminars Committee (2014-)

Faculty Associate, The Weatherhead Center for International Affairs (2007-)

Faculty Associate, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies (2007-)

Director of the Modern Greek Studies Program (2001-2012)

The Ohio State University

Assistant Professor of Byzantine Literature (1998-2000)

Humboldt-Forschungsstipendium für erfahrene Wissenschaftler (2011; declined)

Fellow, Dumbarton Oaks, Program in Byzantine Studies (spring 2009)

Summer Fellow, Dumbarton Oaks, Program in Byzantine Studies (2006)

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Postclassical Greek literature and culture; cultural politics; critical theory; comparative  
poetics; cognitive and historical anthropology; ritual theory; oral literature; the  
Enlightenment.

**PUBLICATIONS (only books are included)**

**Books**

1. *C.P.Cavafy: The Economics of Metonymy*, 271 pp., Urbana and Chicago, 2009.  
1a. Greek edition of no 1 (under preparation).

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2. *Amphoteroglossia: A Poetics of the Twelfth-Century Medieval Greek Novel*, 361 pp. Cambridge, Mass., 2005.
3. *Towards a Ritual Poetics*, co-author (with D. Yatromanolakis), 119 pp. Athens, 2003.
  - 3a. Greek edition of no. 3: *Πρὸς μία τελετουργικὴ ποιητικὴ*. With a Preface by Marcel Detienne and a new Introduction, (trans. E. Skouras), 191 pp. Athens, 2005.
  - 3b. Italian edition of no 3: *Verso una poetica rituale*. With a preface by Marcel Detienne (trans. Ch. Rizeelli Martelli). 144 pp. Lecce, 2014.
  - 3c. Chinese edition of no 3 (under preparation).
4. *Imagination and Logos: Essays on C.P. Cavafy*, editor, 287 pp. Cambridge, Mass., 2010.
5. *Greek Ritual Poetics*, co-editor, 491 pp. Cambridge, Mass., 2004.
6. *Medieval Greek Storytelling: Fictionality and Narrative in Byzantium* (editor; Wiesbaden, 2014).
7. Second English edition of Margaret Alexiou's *The Ritual Lament in Greek Tradition*, Revised and with a new Bibliography by P. Roilos and D. Yatromanolakis (1st edition: Cambridge University Press, 1974), 293 pp. Lanham, MD. and Oxford, 2002.
8. Greek edition of Margaret Alexiou's *The Ritual Lament in Greek Tradition*, Revised, translated, and with a new Bibliography by P. Roilos and D. Yatromanolakis (*Ὁ τελετουργικὸς θρῆνος στὴν ἐλληνικὴ παράδοση*), 453 pp. Athens, 2002.

### **Book projects in progress**

1. *Neomedieval Metacapitalism* (monograph).
2. *Abducting Athena: The Nazis and the Greeks* (monograph).
3. *Byzantine Imaginaries: A Cognitive Anthropology of Medieval Greek Phantasia* (monograph).
4. *Cultural Politics: From Locke to Cavell* (edited volume; co-editor).
5. Edition and Translation of the commentary on Hermogenes' *Περὶ Ἰδεῶν* (2<sup>nd</sup> c. CE), by the Byzantine rhetorician Ioannes Sikeliotēs (12<sup>th</sup> c.). With Introductory chapters and commentary.

### **Academic service/activities (selection)**

Member of the ACLA organizing committee, Department of Comparative Literature (2015-2016)  
Member of the Board of Freshman Advisers, 2013-

Member of Harvard Yard Senior Common Room, 2013-  
Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Member of the Committee on graduate grants and on dissertation completion grants (2014-)  
Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Member of the Committee on summer travel grants for undergraduates (2015-)  
Founder and co-chair, Research Seminar *Cultural Politics: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*, The Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard  
Founder and co-editor of the book publication Series *Cultural Politics, Socioaesthetics, Beginnings* (in collaboration with Harvard University Press)  
Founder and co-editor of the book publication Series, *Harvard Early Modern and Modern Greek Library* (in collaboration with Harvard University Press)  
Director of the Modern Greek Studies Program (2001-2012)  
Chair of the Seminar on Modern Greek Literature and Culture, Harvard Mahindra Humanities Center (2002-)  
Member of the Provostial Fund Committee (2007-2012)  
Member of Harvard's Poetry i-site Project Committee (2008-2009)  
Member of the Admissions Committee, Dept. of Comparative Literature  
Member of the Graduate Studies Committee, Dept. of the Classics  
Member of the Exams Committee, Dept. of Comparative Literature  
Member of the Prize Committee, Dept. of Comparative Literature  
Member of the Committee on Comparative Oral Literatures, Department of Comparative Literature  
Member of the Committee on Undergraduate Studies, Medieval Studies Committee (2014-)  
Member of the Committee on academic events, Medieval Studies Committee (2014-2015)  
Member of the Eliot House Senior Common Room (2005-2007)  
Graduate student advising (many students in Classics and Comparative Literature)  
General and special exams examiner (many students in the Classics and in Comparative Literature)  
Ph.D. Prospectus Examiner (many students Classics, Comparative Literature, Dept. of the Study of Religion)  
Co-organizer of the International Conference *Ritual in Greece: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*, April 27-28, 2001  
Organizer of the First Biennial International Conference in Modern Greek Studies, *Desire, Intertext, and Fragmentation in C.P. Cavafy*, December 7-8, 2007  
Organizer of the Second Biennial International Conference in Modern Greek Studies, *Byzantine and Early Modern Greek Fictional Writing*, December 4-5, 2009  
Member of the Search Committee, University Fellow in Byzantine Philology (2011)  
Member of the Search Committee, University Fellow in Byzantine Philology (2014)  
Member of the Search Committee, Tenure-track Assistant or Associate Professor in Byzantine Philology (2015-2016)  
Co-Chair, Search Committee of the Notopoulos Fellowship (2008)  
Chair, Search Committee for the Preceptor position in Modern Greek (2008)  
Academic advisor, Harvard Hellenic Society  
Academic advisor, Graduate Student International Conference, The Kokkalis Program on Southeastern Europe, J. F. Kennedy School of Government  
Academic advisor and co-organizer of the Graduate Student International Conference in Modern Greek Studies, April 9, 2005, Harvard  
Organization of the annual Nicholas Christopher Memorial Lecture in Modern Greek Studies (2002-2010)

**External academic/professional activities (basic selection)**

European Cultural Center of Delphi, Member of the Advisory Board (2014-)  
Chair, External International Review Committee, School of Philology, Aristotelian  
University of Thessalonike, 2013  
Member, Scholarly Organizing Committee on the Cavafy Year (Hellenic Ministry of  
Culture; 2013-2014).  
Chair, Committee on the Hellenic Studies Programs around the world (Hellenic Ministry  
of Culture, 2014)  
Member, Selection Committee on the Directorship of the Greek National Library  
(Hellenic Ministry of Education; 2013)  
Independent Referee, British Academy (2012)  
Referee, National Humanities Center  
Referee, several promotion and tenure cases at European and American Universities  
Member of the Editorial Board, *Dumbarton Oaks Medieval Library* (2008-2011)  
Member of the Editorial Board of *The International Journal of Humanistic Studies*  
(*Quaderno Internacional de estudios humanisticos*)

**INTERVIEWS/PUBLICATIONS ON MY WORK (selection)**

1. Newspaper *To Vima*, December 1, 2002
2. Newspaper *Ethnos*, November 18, 2002
3. To *Vima Literary Supplement*, February 9, 2003
4. Newspaper *I Kathimerini*, April 27, 2008
5. Main Interview in the monthly issue of GK, *Kathimerini*, December 2010.
6. Interview/Profile: *Vima Men*, May 2013
7. Interviews/Profiles: *Vima FM*, July and August 2013
8. Interview/Profile, *O Anagnostis*, August 2013.
9. Interview/Profile, *Mega Channel*, July 2014
10. *Centerpiece*, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Spring 2015.
11. Interview/Profile, *Vima FM*, September 2015.

**CONFERENCES – INVITED LECTURES**

Over 60 invited lectures and conference papers at major Universities and academic institutions around the world.