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## EDUCATION

- 2004-2010 **University of Birmingham**  
**Centre for Byzantine, Ottoman and Modern Greek Studies**  
**PhD in Byzantine Studies**  
Thesis: *'Socio-economic Conditions in 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Century Thessalonike: A New Approach'*  
Supervisors: Dr. Rhoads Murphey (Reader in Ottoman Studies),  
Dr. Archie Dunn (Teaching Fellow in Byzantine Archeology)  
Examiners: Dr. Ruth Macrides (University of Birmingham),  
Professor Jonathan Harris (Royal Holloway, University of London)
- 2002-2003 **University of Birmingham**  
**Centre for Byzantine, Ottoman and Modern Greek Studies**  
**MA in Byzantine Studies (awarded with Distinction)**  
Dissertation: *'Life, Economy and Monetary Affairs in the Byzantine Empire after the Fourth Crusade: The Case of the State of Epiros'*
- 1996-2001 **National Kapodistrian University of Athens**  
**Department of History and Archaeology**  
**BA in Archaeology and History of Art**  
Dissertation: *'Constantine Parthenis and the Religious Themes in his Paintings'*

## AWARDS & GRANTS

- 2004-2008 **Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation**  
Scholarship awarded for my PhD studies
- 2005-2006 **Institute of Archaeology and Antiquity, University of Birmingham**  
Grant awarded for my PhD research
- 2004-2005 **A. G. Leventis Foundation**  
Grant awarded for my PhD research
- 2002-2003 **Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation**  
Scholarship awarded for my MA studies

## PUBLICATIONS

- 2012-2013 **-'The Thessalonian discourse (c.1380-c.1430): a synecdoche for developments**

in **Late Byzantine society**', in *Αφιέρωμα στη Θεσσαλονίκη για τα 100 χρόνια από την απελευθέρωσή της*, *BYZANTIAKA* 30 (2012-2013), 243-265.

2013 - **'A Mechanism of Securing Private Property in 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Century Thessalonica'**, in *Social Assistance and Solidarity in Europe from 13<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> Centuries*, *Atti della "Quarantattresima Settimana di Studi"* (22-26 April 2012), ed. F. Ammannati, Fondazione Istituto Internazionale di Storia Economica "F. Datini", (Firenze 2013), 493-508.

- *Forthcoming*

2020 - Organiser of the Special Issue titled **"Language and Symbols" in Cadernos do LEPAARQ – Textos de Antropologia, Arqueologia e Patrimônio of the Federal University of Pelotas, Brazil, to be published in 2020, second semester.**

-**'Language Iconicity of the Mother Goddess in Linear B and archaic Greek inscriptional corpora'** in *Language and Symbols*, ed. Maria Mertzani & Athanasia Stavrou, *Cadernos do LEPAARQ – Textos de Antropologia, Arqueologia e Patrimônio of the Federal University of Pelotas (Brazil, 2020)*

-**Participation in the research project GREEK GAIA-INDIGENOUS MOTHER EARTH**, which is part of the major project "PESQ 517 -LANGUAGE SYMBOLISM (in Portuguese: SIMBOLISMO DA LINGUAGEM), conducted by the Education Department of the Federal University of Rio Grande (FURG) and in collaboration with the Department of History and Anthropology of the Institute of Human Sciences (IHS), of the Federal University of Pelotas (UFPEL), during the academic year 2019-2020.

The outcomes will be disseminated in peer reviewed international journals such as: *Journal of Linguistics*, *Journal of Metaphor and Symbol*, and *Anthropological Linguistics*; as well as national, like the journal *Cadernos do LEPAARQ*, of the Laboratory of Teaching and Research in Anthropology and Archaeology - UFPEL

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

### ▪ ONASSIS FOUNDATION TEACHING FELLOW

2017-2019 **Boğaziçi University (Istanbul, Turkey)**  
<https://hist.boun.edu.tr/>

### ▪ INSTRUCTOR IN MEDIEVAL GREEK

2018-2019 **Boğaziçi University (Istanbul, Turkey)**  
<http://byzantinestudies.boun.edu.tr/index.php?page=events&id=36>

### ▪ ACADEMIC ASSOCIATE

2015-2017 **Centre for Cultural Heritage (Nicosia, Cyprus)**  
<http://www.heritage.org.cy/web/>

### ▪ INSTRUCTOR IN MEDIEVAL GREEK

Aug. 2015 **University of Birmingham**  
Aug. 2014 **Centre for Byzantine, Ottoman and Modern Greek Studies**  
Aug. 2012 **Byzantine Greek Summer School**

Levels 1, 2 and 3

<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/activity/bomgs/events/summerschool/index.aspx>

May- July 2013 **University of Birmingham**  
**Centre for Byzantine, Ottoman and Modern Greek Studies**  
Course in Byzantine Greek to postgraduates students

#### ▪ RESEARCH ASSISTANT IN PALAEOGRAPHY

Oct. 2011- **University of Birmingham**

Oct. 2013 **Institute for Textual Scholarship and Electronic Editing**  
**(The International Greek New Testament Project)**  
Transcription of the Gospel of John

Jun.- **National Bank Cultural Foundation**

Oct. 1999 **Centre for History and Palaeography**  
Description, reading and transcription of Byzantine manuscripts

#### ▪ RESEARCH ASSISTANT IN NUMISMATICS

2004-2005 **University of Birmingham**

**The Barber Institute of Fine Arts**

Work on the coin collection of the Barber Institute of Fine Arts:  
identification of 900 Byzantine coins

#### ▪ RESEARCH ASSISTANT IN ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH

Aug. 2001 **Greek Ministry of Culture**

**12<sup>th</sup> Ephorate of Prehistoric and Classical Antiquities**

Participation in rescue excavation in the city of Arta

#### ▪ GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT

Oct.- **Historical Studies Department (University of Birmingham)**

Dec. 2008 Seminar '*Medieval Societies*'

#### ▪ TUTOR IN NUMISMATICS

Jun. 2003 **University of Birmingham**

**The Barber Institute of Fine Arts**

**Educational Programme on Roman and Byzantine coinage**

*'Family Open Day, Art, Music and Everyday Life'*

### PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES

3-6 June 2019 **7th SENALLP/1ºCIELLE/1ºSINPOL at the Federal University of Rio Grande**  
**'Thematic Symposium 24 - Trans-indigenous and the Teaching of Languages'**  
Paper: '*Connecting Ancient Greek myths with indigenous ones. The case of Mother Gaia*'

9-12 July 2012 **International Medieval Congress (Leeds)**  
**Session: 'Approaching the Byzantine Family, II: Families in Action'**

Paper: *'The local aristocratic family of Late Byzantine Thessalonike in a socio-economic context'*

- 20-26 Apr. 2012 **Istituto Internazionale di Storia Economica 'F.Datini'**  
**'Social assistance and solidarity in Europe from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> century'**  
Paper: *'Mechanisms of securing private property in 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> century Thessalonike'*
- 29 May 2010 **University of Birmingham**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Postgraduate Colloquium of the Centre for Byzantine, Ottoman and Modern Greek Studies**  
Paper: *'Donations of private property to Athonite monasteries in 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> century Thessalonike'*
- 31 May 2008 **University of Birmingham**  
**9<sup>th</sup> Postgraduate Colloquium of the Centre for Byzantine, Ottoman and Modern Greek Studies**  
Paper: *'Manuel II Palaeologus's advisory discourse in Thessalonica (1383): failings and inconsistencies'*
- 13-16 Apr. 2007 **University of Birmingham**  
**40<sup>th</sup> Spring Symposium of Byzantine Studies**  
**'Byzantine History as Literature'**  
Paper: *'Literary sources as a corroborating material on issues of economic history'*
- Mar. 2003 **University of Birmingham**  
**37<sup>th</sup> Spring Symposium of Byzantine Studies**  
**'Eat, drink and be merry'**  
Poster presentation: *'The Control System of Silver Stamps in Byzantium: The Imperial Series'*

## ADMINISTRATIVE & MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

- May 2008 & May 2009 **Organiser** of the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Postgraduate Colloquium of the Centre for Byzantine, Ottoman and Modern Greek Studies
- Mar. 2003 **Participation in the organisation** of the 37<sup>th</sup> Spring Symposium of Byzantine Studies *'Eat, drink and be merry'*

## LANGUAGES

**Greek:** Ancient, Medieval and Modern

**Latin**

**English:** *Proficiency* (University of Cambridge)

**German:** *Mittelstufe* (Goethe Institut)

**Italian:** *Celi 3* (University of Perugia)

**French:** Reading knowledge