



Celebrating our 12th Commencement Ceremony

After two years of missed commencement ceremonies due to the restrictions caused by Covid-19, Hellenic American University had the great pleasure to hold its Commencement Ceremony on Thursday, June 30, 2022, at Megaron Concert Hall, Athens. After two years of stressful and challenging situations that tested human limits, the graduating students of the Class of 2020, 2021, 2022 were joined by friends, family and distinguished guests, as well as members of the Hellenic American University Board of Trustees and its faculty, staff and executive officers in celebrating the ending of an academic journey and the beginning of a brilliant career. As our University's President Leonidas Phoebeus Koskos highlighted at the beginning of his address to graduates "...commencement is not just a ritual. It is a lifetime experience and an initiation, a transition from one world to another."

Around 160 alumni/ae and roughly 1,400 guests attended the spectacular ceremony. Our warm wishes to all our graduates who received their degrees on that unique day, and our special ones to: Undergraduate valedictorian, Anna-Evangelia Rombotis (BSPSy '22), Undergraduate salutatorian Rami Alexios Ampou-Chantitzi (BAELL '22), Graduate valedictorian Despoina Danai Topalidi (MAAL '22) and Graduate salutatorian Angeliki Provata (MAAL '22). The graduate valedictory address was given by Despoina Danai Topalidi and Anna-Evangelia Rombotis delivered the undergraduate valedictory. Both speeches were emotionally loaded, touched graduates and echoed in the hearts of all ceremony attendants.

It is the University's custom at Commencement to confer honorary degrees to individuals who have distinguished themselves through

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

An Exciting Start to the New Academic Year

As the summer draws to a close, many of you may have begun thinking about new projects you want to begin this fall, whether it's to learn a new skill or update the ones you now have, or to take on volunteer work or start a new creative project. After all, it's not surprising that after 16 to 20 years of schooling, many of us associate the start of the academic year with new directions in our long path of lifelong learning.

For Hellenic American University as well, the new academic year begins with several exciting initiatives, including three international conferences and the launch of a new master's degree program, the M.S. in Stress and Health Management.

International Conferences

All three conferences offer opportunities for professional development, networking, and personal enrichment. Alumni of our language-related degree programs may be especially interested in the upcoming 3rd International Europe in Discourse Conference, which is organized by the University and will take place at its Athens campus September 23-25, 2022. The theme of this year's Conference is Tracing Identity through Values, History and Borders. We are looking forward to a strong contingent of presenters from across Europe, having received more than 70 abstracts from 27 countries. Among the confirmed speakers are Michel Foucher, Evanthis Hatzivassiliou, Michail Krzyżanowski, Leopoldo Nuti, George Prevelakis and Soti Triantafyllou. Hellenic American University alumni are welcomed to attend the conference without a fee.

The other conference the University has organized this fall is the 1st Terra (in) Cognita International Conference. The theme of this year's conference focuses on Dialogues between Greek Culture and Modern American Art and brings together faculty, researchers, early-career scholars, students, and artists to explore associations between modern American art and iconic aspects of Greek culture. The conference will be held at our Athens campus November 10-13, 2022. Alumni are welcome to attend the conference free of charge and are eligible to serve as volunteers.

We are pleased to be hosting the 63rd Annual European Branch of the American Counseling Association (EB-ACA) Conference at our Athens campus on October 21 - 22, 2022 and online. This year's conference theme is "Moving through together: Addressing a changing world." The conference agenda will give you an overview of the diverse range of topics that will be explored.

Alumni Success stories



Arthur Antonopoulos, MSPsy '22

Alumnus Arthur Antonopoulos, MSPsy '22, has much to say about Hellenic American University's Master of Science in Psychology (MSPsy) program, what led him there and the personal and professional benefits gained having completed the program.

Before completing the MSPsy, Arthur attended Monash University in Melbourne, Australia, where he was born and raised. There, he obtained a B.A. in History and Politics with a Minor in Philosophy and Language, an Honors degree in Literature and an MSc. in Political Science focused on Greek-Turkish relations and US influences.

In Australia, Arthur was a Master of Ceremonies for wedding receptions and other events before moving to Greece where he began working as an ESL teacher. He then worked for ING as a certified asset fund manager for three years, before deciding to freelance, providing seminars on behavior and language within a business context to various companies, as well as an ESL instructor. In 2009, he joined the Hellenic American Union working as an Oral Examiner. To add to his diverse background, Arthur is also a Scrum Master (SM) and NLP practitioner. As he explained, an SM facilitates large teams, usually Coders, by ensuring that a structured framework is followed. "It's all about getting different people from different fields to collaborate on common goals. Psychology students are highly favored when it comes to an SM mindset as they learn not to get easily distracted." He also explained that "NLP, or Neural Linguistic Programming is a language centered approach to solving cognitive/behavioral based problems through understanding the filters you use and your non-verbal communication among other things."

So, what exactly led him to pursue an MSPsy in Clinical Psychology? "Working with people requires you understand the mechanics behind cognitive thought processes. There are many mentors/tutors/seminar providers who have decided to undertake 'Life Coach' roles in our society, but without the necessary skills and mindset. I work with people in both a professional setting (law firms, doctors, business) and on a personal level (tutoring, mentoring) and have seen that often, people struggle to communicate their messages effectively not because they don't want to but because they don't 'listen' carefully to messages." With his primary focus on upper management style teams, Arthur felt it was important to acquire a strong grounding in psychology from professors

who were "learned enough to pass on their experience", a main reason why he chose to study at Hellenic American University (HAUniv).

He explained that after extensive research, he knew HAUniv was where he wanted to study. "Having spoken with various institutions, I found the team at HAUniv more in tune with my needs and more approachable. The program was more relevant to today's lifestyle needs as it addressed contemporary concerns within the community" and the fact that it was CBT based (cognitive based theory) meant he "would get a lot of practical experience" which upon graduating he felt he did. The faculty also contributed greatly to this experience as it is "made up of psychologists who have real-world skills. They do not only teach their subjects, but also apply it in their everyday lives." It was this "genuineness", that inspired him to "apply myself to my studies and invest in the courses and the people there."

Having only recently graduated, he has been able to reflect on his time spent at HAUniv and in the program. It gave him "access to people who share a like-minded approach to life which has allowed me to self-reflect and grow. It has given me the confidence to understand and respect my limits both as a psychotherapist, but more importantly as a person." From a professional aspect, Arthur says he gained the "skills which are imperative in today's busy job market" such as learning to actively listen which is "a unique tool in itself, and an asset to have in every setting." Furthermore, "understanding yourself, your limits, and your wants, helps you better realize what you want to do in the real world." Skills he feels are "not to be underestimated and take a lot of personal work in order to develop", something he says came about as a result of the program and that he will "always be thankful for."

Currently, Arthur is writing his second novel in the Trilogy series "Franchise of Secrets", having already published "Dark Athens" with much success. He began writing his first novel inspired by the city of Athens which is a "treasure trove of mysteries, architectural wonders, arcane symbolism, and steeped in history." His interest in the city on a deeper level was the result of noticing a specific symbol in the streets, on governmental buildings, insignia, and throughout Athens' monuments. This aroused his attention, and he began researching the city more, which resulted in his writing this crime fiction novel "based on historical descriptions of many lesser-known parts of Athens, blended with true accounts of how the symbol came to discreetly dominate our lives today."

He told us a bit about the second book in the series, "Dark Salonica", which will follow on from "Dark Athens" and will focus on Greece's second largest city, Thessaloniki. "It delves into the city's rich history as Ariadne (the protagonist) continues her quest in understanding her past, while trying to stay alive as she attempts to uncover another secret lost in time – Hercules' club." In the meantime, he is preparing the publication of his second book "Why I Died", which he says focuses on "the lessons I have learned so far in life, and how my attending the MSPsy encouraged me to see personal events from a different perspective." He will continue to write, and says he will combine his writing "with the psychotherapeutic opportunities that have resulted since graduating from the MSPsy."

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achievements in the arts or sciences, education, public service or philanthropy. This year, the University awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree to one of the motion picture industry's most celebrated and successful executives, Sidney Ganis, and an Honorary Doctorate Degree to the renowned researcher and scientific communicator, Dario Boschiero.

In his highly moving address to the members of the graduating classes, University President Leonidas Phoebeus Koskos made a promise that the University in its entirety will "stand next to you and to the best of our ability support you in your path" and that "supporting you, we continue re-founding and reshaping our young institution."

After the close of the ceremony, a reception followed where graduates celebrated this milestone with their professors, loved ones, and friends.

Hats off to all graduates! The future belongs to you!

**Warm Appreciation and Special Credits to: Dr. Monica (Ermioni) Karachaliou, the person in charge of the event's wonderful organization.



GREAT NEWS

Two recent international graduates of the MBA program have been sponsored by their employer for the United States H-1B lottery in March 2022. The two alumni, Syed Imthiyas and Naveed Mohammed Khan, both of whom came to the University's Nashua campus with a promising background in IT, were sponsored by the Houston-based firm CloudEnd Platform. They will be working as DevOps engineers on cloud-based platform solutions.

CAREER FAIR 2022

On Friday, June 3, 2022, the University's 2022 Career Fair took place. After two years of serious restrictions due to Covid-19, this year's event was held at Hellenic American College's premises, which allowed for in-person interaction and networking after countless days of remote contact. A few days before Career Fair 2022, students and alumni of Hellenic American University had the chance to participate in the Career Fair Preparation Workshop organized by the Career Development Office and learn how to write an effective CV, develop a strong LinkedIn profile and how to make a good first impression in an interview. During the workshop, students and alumni got insight as to what to expect, and were able to better prepare themselves for a successful interview on Career Fair day, skills that are of utmost importance in today's job market, whatever the field, whatever the job offer.

Sixteen companies and organizations participated in the Fair, bringing students a step closer to translation agencies, human resources, ground handling, information technology providers and language schools. The numbers speak for themselves, as 132 pre-booked interviews were scheduled and 152 actual interviews between students and company representatives took place, some of whom had second interviews and successfully received job offers. The Fair ended with a Keynote Speech by Toyota Hellas representatives, Ms. Maria Olga Kalogeropoulou, Head of HR and Mr. Kimonas Konstantelos, Junior HR Business Partner. Admittedly, it was an interactive presentation that engaged participants in interesting discussions about Toyota Hellas and the skills of the future.

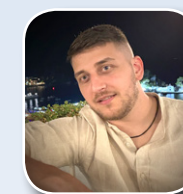
Our appreciation to the companies that participated in the event:

Toyota HELLAS, Randstand, P3, Skywalker, Bee Space, Chrysikaki Center of Foreign Languages, Manpower, Hellenic American Union, TM Serve, Interpretit, Lalisi, Atos, BeWise, ITML, LEXIS, Goldair Handling

The 2022 Career Fair was organized by the Director of the Career Development Office (CDO). All graduates have unlimited, life-long access to the services of the CDO and are always welcome and encouraged to get in touch with it and participate in all events.

Antonis Kavvadias (BSI '21 & current MSI student):

"I am ambitious and determined. I love challenges and constantly set goals so that I have something to strive for. I do not like to settle and am always looking for opportunities to do better and achieve great things. Therefore, I participated in the Career Fair 2022 where I had the opportunity to have an interview with Atos company. I received a job offer as an IT Systems Engineer and in this way, I managed to make a career shift towards my passion for the IT field!"



Do not forget to **stay tuned** for any future events and workshops. You may contact the Career Development Office at 2103680939 or careers@hauniv.edu to schedule a personalized appointment for CV/LinkedIn preparation, career opportunities and more.

Dr. Meletios Niros & Ms. Thomina Voziki



This issue's Faculty Spotlight gave us the chance to find out more about not one, but two of our faculty members, Dr. Meletios Niros and Ms. Thomina Voziki.

Dr. Niros holds a BSc. in Business Administration, an MSc. in Marketing and Communication, and a PhD in international Marketing from the University of Piraeus and has over 18 years' experience working with Greek, Portuguese and German companies in Marketing and Consulting and as an instructor at Greek Universities. Currently, he is an FTE in B2B Marketing directorate at OTE-COSMOT Group of Companies (member of T-koms Europe) and an adjunct faculty member in the MBA and MSSM programs at HAUniv. His future plans include publishing in the most prestigious international journals, and to try and develop a digital consulting firm.

Ms. Voziki's studies began in the field of primary education. Wanting something in the field of business, she then completed her MA in Technology Education & Digital Systems at the University of Piraeus. Her first job was at OTEAcademy where she mainly designed, organized and facilitated soft business skills training courses, and did project management and L&D programs for Cosmote among other big clients. Three years later, she joined her current employer, Krataion Consulting, where she offers business consulting in Customer & Employee Experience and in Design Thinking to multinational and large local companies. She is also an active Gold Tier facilitator for the global Google initiative #IamRemarkable, empowering underrepresented groups to speak openly about their accomplishments -personal and professional- thereby breaking modesty norms and glass ceilings. She recently joined HAUniv Business Department, and her future plan is to maximize the value she provides to her clients, and students as well.

Having received excellent reviews from those who attended their courses, we wanted to learn more about them and what led to their popularity among students. See what they shared with us.

What drove you to teach? How do you foster student engagement?

M.N.: The greatest drive for me was the craving I had to deliver some of the best knowledge to students, and do so in a way that helps them develop their future career and gain appreciation and respect. To foster student engagement, I use state of the art digital tools as well as mini case studies from the most prominent businesses.

T.V.: Teaching has always been a part of me. I am passionate about being in a class, having an engaging dialogue with participants. I love building around this notion and exploring others' perceptions. I try to listen to students' needs and create something relevant. "Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I may remember. Involve me and I learn." I try to implement this in everything I do. I believe in experiential learning and in the collective intelligence of students. I want what they do, not to be forced by me but to emerge from their personal needs and experiences.

What were some of your best and/or most challenging moments in a HAUniv class?

M.N.: My best moments included the respect and recognition I received by Alumni during the commencement ceremony in June. It was also a great pleasure to meet other HAUniv colleagues in person.

T.V.: Many memories come to mind. I loved the activity we did to get to know each other which instantly brought us closer, and funny moments in the brainstorming and prototyping sessions where we had various prototypes such as a wine-tasting class, well-designed applications improving students' daily lives, health kits for homeless women and many more! I can't leave out one of my student's poster presentation at the Annual Student Conference!

What skills should an instructor possess?

M.N.: I would definitely choose Aristotle's persuasion principles which also guide my own life- Logos, Ethos and Pathos. As instructors and as personalities, we need to stress strong arguments (logos) and be passionate in what we do (pathos) as well as reliable and credible, demonstrating strong ethics (such as sincerity – ethos).

T.V.: Active listening, Empathy, Modesty. The first gives you a deep understanding of students' needs, how they interact with each other, and what challenges they might face during the course. Empathy allows you to step into their shoes, remember life as a student, and stand by them to support them in this journey. I remind myself that I am there to introduce them to something new and useful for their next steps. Finally, modesty-not presenting yourself as an authority figure- helps bring your expertise to a topic and be open at the same time to learn from others.

Are there any misconceptions in your field?

M.N.: The greatest misconception in Strategy and Marketing is that businesses make decisions based on false perceptions, not using facts and market data. I always stress this to my students and urge them to take advantage of market research.

T.V.: The biggest challenge is finding the right challenge to solve! Many believe DT is a business methodology, but looking more closely, you understand that this applies to anything- even a complex social challenge. Another misconception is that DT works only as a toolbox with concrete steps, but truth is, it brings a different kind of mindset- one that is creative, optimistic, ready to test and learn, and keeps you alert.

Any advice on what our students/alumni should be doing to future-proof their skillset?

M.N.: So, going back to misconceptions, students and alumni need to develop their analytical skills and make decisions based on the market itself. Further skills that we struggle to pass over during the lectures include teamwork, empathy and communication.

T.V.: Be curious about the things happening around you. Ask yourself why something happens, how you can learn more about it, and if you're reading between the lines. They should seek help and use any means available to overcome a challenge. It's not about using the methodology the same way each time, but being agile enough to make the right choices on each occasion.

Counseling Center Corner

This issue is dedicated to the HAUniv Counseling Center and highlights of all recent developments and news about our Psychology Division!

Dr. Alessandra Sax, Associate Professor and Director of the Hellenic American University's Psychology Programs, led a day-long workshop on Trauma and the Expressive Arts at the Spring 2022 Learning Institute organized by the European Branch of the American Counseling Association (EB-ACA). Dr. Sax spoke as a guest professor at the Institute, which was held for the first time this year in hybrid mode at Edinburgh, Scotland and online, May 13-14, 2022. In her workshop, Dr. Sax explored the ways in which the creative and expressive arts can be used in therapy with children, adolescents and adults, as a means for self-expression and self-discovery.

EB-ACA is a partnership of counseling professionals who share a commitment to developing a deeper understanding of the counseling profession and fostering public confidence and trust in its practice. The Learning Institute is among the most important events the Association organizes during the year. The Psychology Department & Counseling Center will be hosting the 63rd EB-ACA Conference at our very own Hellenic American College/ University in October of 2022.

Dr. Sax stated, "During the last three years, many wonderful creative developments, educational and clinical training opportunities, have been at the forefront of our students' experiences at HAUniv: New courses (Holistic Approaches to Wellness and The Expressive Arts, Psychosexual Therapy, Qualitative Research, Psycho-traumatology and Mindfulness), new



faculty- Dr. Theodoros Tsirigotis, Mr. George Lagios, Mr. Eric Gutgarts and Mr. Patrick Karantinos, an online counseling platform, an Expressive Arts Lab, psycho-educational groups (Functional Analytic Psychotherapy with MSPsy interns Vasiliki Lekka & Eleni Moka), (Attachment Styles in Romantic Relationships with MSPsy interns Mary Koronaoui & Dimitri Tressos), (Deception: Non-verbal Communication, Reading the Self through Others with intern Arthur Antonopoulos), professional workshops (Inside My Brain, Business Identity and Personal Branding by Mr. George Lagios), lectures- (Suicide Prevention by Dr. Alessandra Sax), (Working with Attachment & Relational Trauma by Dr. Theodoros Tsirigotis), clinical training- (EMDR with TACT Hellas with Dr. Papanikolopoulou) and the Hellenic Association of Counseling Conference (presenters-both Dr. Sax & Dr. Agorastou, and MSPsy student participation), are all just a few of the many highlights that have taken place over the last several years in the Psychology Division/Counseling Center." Both Dr. Maria Agorastou (Counseling Center Coordinator) and Dr. Sax are thrilled that the Counseling Center was the recipient of the President's Good Steward Award in June of 2022.

Dr. Agorastou participated in the Mental health kick-off event organized by the Finnish National Agency for Erasmus+ Youth in Action with the participation of 14 countries in Helsinki on June 6-10, 2022. She opened the event with a keynote presentation aiming at putting the framework around how COVID affected youth across the world and how the concept of wellbeing is

defined in the aftermath of the pandemic. The event aimed at drawing an action plan for participating EU countries on the priorities of youth and mental health issues in the post Covid era: 1) raising awareness, normalising the concept of mental health and promoting it as a positive resource, 2) mental health literacy and competences of youth workers and 3) youth participation and peer-to-peer. The task force of the kick-off event will be meeting regularly to refine the national and European action plan and to engage in monitoring implementation activities.

Dr. Sax and Dr. Agorastou co-presented in February of 2022, at the 63rd International Conference of the Hellenic Counselling Association, with a paper titled: The relationship between childhood sibling attachment and sibling social support as an emotional regulation tool. The conference's theme was on the Sibling Bond and its importance on the psychotherapeutic process as a means of better understanding a client's experience. Since the sibling bond is unique and dynamic and yet rarely explored in clinical practice, the conference was an opportunity for mental health practitioners to exchange information and insights.

You may contact the Counseling Center at +30 210 3680970 or counselingcenter@hauniv.edu

Meet the Alumni Association Board Executive Committee

One June 28, 2022, during the rehearsal for Commencement Day, graduates met our Alumni Association Board Executive Committee, got to know of the Board's actions, alumni benefits and how they can become active graduates and contribute to our community!

Curious to learn more about the Board? Just scan and have a look at their CVs!

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Student Achievement Day



The 2022 Student Achievement Day was held at the theater of our Athens campus on June 1, 2022. More than seventy attendees were present, and this Achievement Day was admittedly one of the most lively, on-site university events in the post-COVID era. The event started with the Research Conference, where students and faculty attended the presentations of five undergraduate and five graduate students, from the BSBA, BSE, BSPsy, MSPsy, and MSI programs. The ceremony was also the occasion for the University to recognize student achievement and leadership through its own series of awards.

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The M.S. in Stress and Health Management

We are excited about the launch this fall of our new graduate program in stress management. Designed by Dr. George Chrousos, one of the world's leading experts in the biology and medicine of stress, this interdisciplinary program draws on courses in the life sciences and psychology to help students build a strong understanding of the stress system and its role in health and disease. We are especially pleased with the exceptional team of research scientists and expert practitioners in clinical psychology, nutrition, psychotherapy, and management who will teach in the program. Many of the faculty have served as senior health policy analysts, scientific advisors to governments, and executive officers in hospitals, businesses, and foundations. The program is designed to be offered to degree-seeking students in Athens and as a certificate option in Nashua.

The Interim Report and the 2022 Alumni Employment Survey

This fall also marks yet another milestone in our institution's ongoing process of accreditation with the submission of our Interim (Fifth-Year) Report to the New England Commission on Higher Education. In this report, which all NECHE-accredited colleges and university prepare halfway through their 10-year accreditation period, the University is asked to reflect on progress since the last comprehensive review and to project areas of focus for the next five years. One important section of the report has to do with educational effectiveness. Here the University describes (and substantiates with evidence) what students gain as a result of their education and provides measures of student success and achievement.

Among the most critical indicators of educational outcomes, of course, is alumni employment. As you may know, we conduct a survey of our graduates every two years to find out, for example, how many are working and in what positions and fields and how many are pursuing graduate studies or are self-employed. From the 2020 survey, we had job information for 84% of our alumni; of these, 77% were employed and an additional 16% were self-employed either as freelancers or in their own businesses. However, we were not always able to learn in what positions alumni were working in, where they were working, or whether they were working in a field relevant to their degree.

This fall, you will receive an invitation to take part in the 2022 online employment survey. I ask that you take a few minutes' time to complete the form. The information you provide, which is kept strictly confidential, gives us valuable feedback on how well we are educating students for successful professional life and is very much appreciated.

While your student days at Hellenic American University may be over, I trust that you continue to pursue and gain knowledge and skills for your professional and personal life. So, with that in mind, let me express my best wishes for a productive and creative new academic year.

Leonidas Phoebeus Koskos, Esq.
President

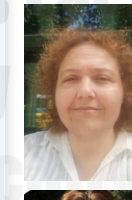
Administrative Update



University's Executive Vice-President and CFO, **Dr. Leonidas Tzonis**, was invited by the Evros Chamber of Commerce for a three-day event on February 18–20, 2022 in Alexandroupoli, during which he and 30 prominent businesspersons and educators evaluated the proposals of young entrepreneurs and served as mentors for nine potential start-up firms. On April 29, 2022, in a special ceremony held at Warsaw University, Dr. Tzonis was given the title of **honorary professor at the Warsaw University of Business**. He also participated as a moderator at the Thessaloniki Future Thinking Dialogues 2022: "Education Interoperability: Connecting the dots" which the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce organized on June 27–28, 2022, in a hybrid format. The event highlighted a deluge of creative ideas, discussions, initiatives and best practices, concerning the future of learning and work environments. As the event's organizers mentioned "emphasis was given on the development of innovation, new technologies and entrepreneurship in educational institutions, to bridge theory with practice. Taking into consideration the ongoing changes in education, the forum's dialogues revolved around inclusion, digital transformation, skills development and future skills needs, contributing to the building of stronger ties between academia and industry."



Dr. Didoe Prevedourou, Director of Innovation in ICT, has been appointed Managing Director of π -NET Emerging Networks & Applications, a recently established Competence Center with 22 partners-shareholders representing businesses, research organizations, and public and private higher and lifelong education institutions, among them, Hellenic American College. The creation of π -NET as a Competence Center has been approved by the General Secretariat for Research and Innovation of Greece, which is also funding 60% of the first 18 months of π -NET's operations. Hellenic American College will collaborate with π -NET in funded R & I projects, up-skilling and reskilling training programs, and the provision of business consulting and entrepreneurship support services through the College's **B-Cube** initiative.



Dr. Kalliopi Koundouri, Ms. Barbara Kondilis, and **Dr. Anastasios Kountouris**, all adjunct faculty members at Hellenic American University, had a recent publication in the *International Journal for research in Social Science And Humanities* of a paper they co-authored with Charalampos Magoulas on "Tagging, 'aesthetic terrorism', and related issues in Athens, Greece". The article, which is free to access [online](#), draws on research in social sciences, applied linguistics, aesthetics, and public health to examine the interrelations between tagging graffiti, vandalism, and aspects of "aesthetic terrorism".

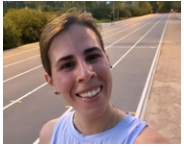


Dr. Ermioni (Monica) Karachaliou, Director of Student Affairs & International Programs, was part of the Working Group at the Forum on Education Abroad (Spring 2022) to revise the Guidelines for Good Business Partnerships in Education Abroad for the 2022 edition. The group worked effectively to update the Standards for Good Practice for general study abroad missions and goals, ethics, equity, diversity and inclusion in terms of administrative framework, student learning and development. She was also invited to become a member of the Executive Board of the "The Journal of Applied Knowledge: Global Perspectives of Contemporary Leadership," at Post University. The journal will publish its first issue in Fall 2022 and will provide a great opportunity to foster international relationships between universities. Finally, following successful participation in the 18th Annual Conference in Chicago, she is a member of the Forum on Education Abroad's 19th Annual Conference Committee which will take place in Seattle 22–24 March 2023. The Conference Committee works closely with the Forum staff in creating the Call for Proposals and reviewing session proposals to shape the content of the conference.



"Ode to a lost Emoji", a poem written by **Mr. Rodger Martin**, Nashua Campus Adjunct Faculty, was selected by the New Hampshire Racial Unity Team as the winning poem in its 2022 poetry/art competition on the theme of "Equity." As of now, seven of his poems have been translated into both Mandarin and classical Chinese poetry by Calligrapher Zi Chuan of Jiangsu, China, as part of an anthology on classical Chinese poetry and how a poem changes from English, to Mandarin, to a classical poem (Estimated publication time: end of 2023).

Alumni News



Katerina Saich (MACI '14, MBA '19), currently Creative Account Manager at www.sleed.com, an

e-business and digital marketing agency, delivered a mock Conference on Digital Marketing to the students of the Master of Arts in Conference Interpreting program in April 2022. During the Master Class, students were invited to provide Remote Simultaneous Interpreting services in the field of e-business, digital marketing and consumer behavior.



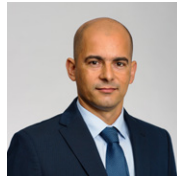
Petrina Achyriati (MAT '18), got her degree in 2018, but eventually chose to pursue another career. She came to

realize that her passion is to help people build the life of their dreams by working on themselves and so, she decided to become a professional Life Coach for which she is currently being trained at University of Athens. As she shares with us "Although I don't work as a translator, my Master of Arts in Translation degree has proven to be extremely valuable for the field I've chosen. Very good knowledge of a foreign language is essential since bibliography is foreign, potential clients may come from all over the world and most importantly, the better someone understands and uses language the better they communicate. I look forward to completing my professional training and getting to work." Anyone interested in this process, can contact her on [Facebook](#).



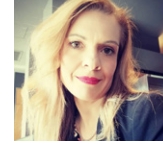
Dr. Agnes Katsianos (PhDAL '18) had her article entitled "Teacher research: Giving students roles to help develop

their identities" published in the monthly magazine [ELT News/June 2022](#). As she underlines in the introductory lines of her article, "Throughout my long career I have been committed to two fundamental goals: the professional development of my teachers and using the learning environment as a space to develop identities. In this article, I would like to show how these goals can be addressed within the context of teachers striving to give meaningful roles to their students. These roles relate to Peer Teaching and Peer Noticing."



During the last couple of years, **Vasileios Anastopoulos** (MSIT '11) has been working as a researcher at the NATO Cooperative

Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (CCDCOE, based in Estonia) a multinational and interdisciplinary cyber defence hub that does research, training and exercises in four core areas: technology, strategy, operations and law. Recently, he had some work published, which is available online following the links: [Using Social Network Analysis for Cyber Threat Intelligence Automated/Autonomous Incident Response](#) (co Author: Davide Giovannelli).



On July 7, 2022, **Vasiliki Lismani** (MAAL-TESOL '21), was one of the presenters at the ELT Excellence Awards

ceremony, which honors the best practices in Greek ELT. As she proudly mentions "I am truly honored that the organizers entrusted me, along with Mr. Jake Delatolas-Saveris, to present the awards ceremony for the 2nd consecutive year."



Despite her young age and having just graduated from the BAELL program, **Antonia Tatiana Fragkopoulou** (BAELL

'22) has already started a promising career as English language teacher. She has been working part-time for a private school, teaching English to children and adolescents. Recently, she was informed that as of the following school year, she will be taking on more responsibility and therefore more working hours. As she highlights "I have to say, this makes me feel very honored, as I have just graduated from Hellenic American University and am only 23 years old. Also, all my students passed the examination for their English Language Certificates, and I could not have been happier! I cannot wait to see what the future holds for me. I have also applied for a Master's Degree at Hellenic American University, starting September 2022 and...I can't wait!"

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