



The 1st Terra (in) Cognita International Conference: Dialogues between Greek Culture and Modern American Art came to a successful close

It is with great pleasure that we announce that the *1st Terra (in) Cognita International Conference: Dialogues between Greek Culture and Modern American Art*, organized by Hellenic American University and supported by Terra Foundation for American Art, concluded successfully.

In previous issues of Connect, we had the chance to read all details behind the \$25K funding success story of this much anticipated event, which came to a highly successful close on November 13, 2022.

The 4-day conference brought together 40 scholars and artists from the US, Greece, and elsewhere in Europe to present their research and discuss cross-cultural influences in art, architecture, theater, cinema, literature, music, and dance.

The conference's keynote address was delivered by Dr. Sozita Goudouna, professor, curator, and founder and director of "Greece in USA," a non-profit organization that promotes

knowledge of contemporary and ancient Greek culture. Dr. Goudouna discussed the organization's work and its role in helping Greek artists gain a voice in the U.S.

The conference featured 12 thematic panels, led by renowned scholars and artists such as Marie Koutsomallis-Moreau, Head of Collections of the Basil and Elise Goulondris Foundation; Dr. Thodoris Koutsogiannis, Chief Curator of the Hellenic Parliament Art Collection; Dr. Katherine Schwab, Professor of Art History in Fairfield University; and Nicholas Alexiou, Professor of Sociology at CUNY Queens College. The program of conference events included James Lane's video exhibition "Re-Reverie", a concert by the L' Anima String Quartet dedicated to the memory of Theodore Antoniou, and a presentation by Dr. Nina Papathanasopoulou, which explored the role of Greek myth in Martha Graham's work, and which was accompanied by a restaging of excerpts of the choreographer's work.

In the photo: Dancers M. Papakostantinou, M. Katsimpraki, N. Kalogeropoulou and M. Tsikmanli during "Martha Graham Interprets Greek Myths", by Classics Professor Dr. Nina Papathanasopoulou. Graham technique composition by Penny Diamantopoulou @1st Terra (in) Cognita International Conference
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Starting off 2023 on a note of guarded optimism

Dear alumni and alumnae,

We are at the midpoint of an academic year that began with promise and optimism, despite the uncertainty of this new post-COVID era. Although challenges remain, we can point to a record of achievements in recent months that justified this optimism and at the same witness the institution's growing visibility and significance.

We reached another milestone in our accreditation history with the submission of our 5th Year Interim Report to the New England Commission of Higher Education and the visit of a peer evaluation team to Athens October 31-November 3, and to Nashua on November 14. In their remarks during the exit interview, the team commended the University community for their commitment to the institution and for the hard work that faculty and staff have made in fostering the quality and educational effectiveness of our program. The provost, Dr. Kaniklidou, the Chair of the Board of Trustees Aris Candris, and I will meet with the commission in Nashua on April 20, 2023, to update them on development at the University and for their final review, which we expect to be positive. The evaluation process for the University's reaccreditation is scheduled for 2027.

The Fall term was marked by three important conferences at the University's Athens campus. In September, the third Europe in Discourse conference brought together scholars, analysts, historians and communication experts from 27 countries in Europe, the Middle East, and the Americas to explore the conference theme: "Tracing Identity through Values, History and Borders." A month later, the University hosted the 63rd Annual Conference of the European Branch of the American Counseling Association, which was organized by our Psychology Division. Among the conference presenters were faculty members Drs. Alessandra Sax and Maria Agorastou, as well as Arthur Antonopoulos, MSPsy '22. Finally, in

Alumni Success stories



Elena Cami (BAELL '16)

Bright, personable and hardworking, our alumna Elena Cami, has much to say about the years spent at our University and the ones that followed.

During her undergraduate studies in the Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Literature (BAELL) program, Elena was found to be a stellar student, also earning an internship with Libra Group in Winter 2016. An outgoing and passionate student, participating in several activities and societies, she definitely left her footprint. To name just some, Elena served as a Treasurer of the Hellenic American University Student Council, Founding Member of the Hellenic American University Arts and Letters Club and Member of the Theatrical Group of the Hellenic American University.

Following her Bachelor's degree from Hellenic American University, she attended the University of Royal Holloway in London, where she completed her Master degree -with distinction- in Screenwriting for Film and TV in 2020.

Reflecting on her time in the BAELL program, Elena shares: "Being that the English language is so widely spoken, I knew that this degree would bring me a greater amount of employment opportunities than studying any other language. Literature has been my passion ever since I was a little girl, so I would have been happy studying that in any language." In her own words, she only sees benefits having attended the BAELL program stating "the program made me more knowledgeable in every subject that I studied whether it was poetry, theater or biology. It taught me presentation skills, people skills, how to use language efficiently, how to write well, how to be more creative and how to 'sell' myself to future employers. In a nutshell, strengths and benefits is what I almost exclusively got from attending the program."

Looking back, Elena feels that her decision to attend the BAELL program was all worth it as it helped her in her career in various ways. "Apart from the points I made above, it gave me the opportunity to attend the Libra Group Internship, Program and trained me to succeed in it. Thanks to Hellenic American University and this internship I am now pursuing a career I had not thought possible in my wildest dreams." During the Libra Group Internship Program, she worked as a Marketing Intern at Grace Hotels, London. Among her duties, she was responsible for organizing all aspects of weekly web conference meetings for a geographically dispersed intern group, optimizing website content and contributing to accurate preparation of internal monthly publication, using MS Publisher, proofreading thoroughly and editing as required.

In the years that followed, Elena continued gaining work experience working as a Database Operations Assistant at Ascential PLC, Cannes Lions Festival, London, Assessment Administrator at Institute of Directors, London, Assessment Manager-Diploma at Institute of Directors, London and Content Management Specialist at TikTok-Bytedance, London. More recently, she worked as an Academic Sales Consultant at McGrawHill, London, a global pioneer in educational content, assessment, training, and platform innovation. Another milestone in Elena's life, as she counted a number of successes and achievements. Listing her top duties and accomplishments, she managed existing and targeted customers across the South of England, whilst adopting a consultative selling approach, understanding the key challenges faced by academics and suggesting the most appropriate product solution for their course/module/unit of study, and she managed to increase sales in her region by 30% by bringing in new business and promoting one of the newest digital products on the market.

Currently, and following her experience to date, Elena has decided to focus on what she has found to be her true passion. In her words: "My past job opportunities have offered me the chance to be financially independent so that I can pursue my passion in what I studied. I am currently focusing on my writing, creating a portfolio so that I can find an agent and work exclusively as a screenwriter."

It is easy to recognize Elena's flair for learning and ongoing pursuit of new challenges to undertake. She represents the passionate spirit we seek in our graduates and her ambitious mind and skillset are some of her weapons for an even brighter future.

It seems that, for her, sky is the limit.

Keep it up, Elena!

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In their text for the conference's opening remarks, members of the Organizing Committee Drs. Panayotis Kalozoumis and Ermioni Karachaliou pointed out that: "the 1st Terra (in) Cognita International Conference experience shows that success is not a matter of size and resources. A small and relatively young university such as Hellenic American University can thrive through hard work and a commitment to excellence."

For the organizing committee and the University's executive leadership alike, the dialog and interaction that took place during the four days of the conference shed light on the terra incognita between the two cultures and opened the door to similar endeavors in the future. As University President Leonidas Phoebus Koskos noted, "Our role as an American university in Greece goes beyond offering academic programs. Enhancing cultural bonds between the U.S. and Greece is also part of our mission. The grant for organizing the conference was not awarded to Hellenic American University by chance."

The organizing committee is eager to capitalize on the knowledge capital and potential for academic collaboration that emerged during the conference and has already begun planning a second conference.



B-CUBE

B-CUBE'S NEW SERIES OF HOW-TO WORKSHOPS LAUNCHED DECEMBER 12

Hellenic American University's B-Cube initiative launched a new series of free workshops on the latest HOW-TO tactics. Drawing on insights from science and technology to business and the humanities, these events are designed to help participants grow as successful professionals and motivated individuals. The first workshop in the series of HOW-TO events was entitled "How to frame roles, skills and competences of a top-performing sales force" and took place on December 12, 2022, at our Athens campus. Successfully managing a B2B sales force requires a clear organizational strategic focus that aligns marketing and sales. Workshop participants were able to develop a competency framework for B2B sales jobs roles.

HOW-TO events are led by market experts and faculty members with diverse backgrounds. They're geared to young innovators and aspiring business individuals who wish to broaden and strengthen their skills and professional profile to succeed in demanding, competitive work environments.

B-Cube is an initiative developed by Hellenic American University that offers physical, networking, and mentoring resources for innovation and entrepreneurship.

University's alumni/ae are always welcome and encouraged to join all events organized by Hellenic American University and to propose their own according to their interests and expertise!

SPOILER

A second B-CUBE workshop on skills and competences of leading in different cultures is coming!

The workshop will be co-led by Pete Tsois, Director of Business Programs at Hellenic American University and George Stroumboulis, CEO of IDEOLI Group and will be free of charge.

Check your mailbox, social media and www.haec.gr and www.hauniv.edu for more details!

Dr. Sokratis Sofianopoulos & Mr. Spyros Christopoulos



In a world where the IT sector is rapidly growing, this issue's Faculty Spotlight turns to two of our faculty members in the field of Informatics,

Dr. Sokratis Sofianopoulos and Mr. Spyros Christopoulos.

Dr. Sokratis Sofianopoulos graduated from the Computer Science Department of the University of Ioannina in 2002 and holds an MSc in Distributed & Multimedia Information Systems from Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh. He received his PhD in Language Modelling for Machine Translation Systems and Multi-objective Optimization using genetic algorithms from the National Technical University of Athens in 2010. In 2005, he joined the Institute for Language and Speech Processing of Athena Research and Innovation Center. His research interests include natural language processing, with emphasis on machine translation, machine learning and evolutionary algorithms. Since 2017, he has been an adjunct faculty member at Hellenic American University (HAUniv), teaching undergraduate and graduate courses on machine learning, deep learning, databases and object-oriented programming.

Mr. Spyros Christopoulos holds a Bachelor's in Business Administration from the American College of Greece and an MSc in Information Technology from Hellenic American University as well as a variety of Cisco Certifications (CCNA R&S, CCNA Security, CCNA CyberOps, DevNet Associate, CCNP R&S). Counting more than 18 years of experience in the IT field, he currently serves as an IT manager of the Hellenic American Union and HAUniv, performing all necessary decisions, operations, planning and coordination that will assure advancement to the new IT era, through Digital Transformation. He is an awarded Cisco Network Academy Instructor Trainer (Instructor Excellence Expert) and teaches Cisco Networking Academy courses at the Hellenic American Education Center. He is also an adjunct faculty member at HAUniv, where he teaches courses related to the Networking and IT field.

We were really interested to learn more not only about the field of expertise of these two instructors but also their personal insights. Read what they shared with us.

What drove you to teach and how do you foster student engagement?

S.S. I started teaching because I believe it is important to share our knowledge and experience in any field with the younger generation. My goal is to create a collaborative

learning environment where students feel motivated and excited to learn through group activities and discussions. Course assignments and projects provide opportunities for the students to apply what they have learned in real-world examples and case studies. Such activities not only provide students with knowledge, but also encourage them to delve deeper into these areas.

S.C. I've always wanted to pass on the knowledge and experience that I have gained the past 18 years to students and help them become the future IT professionals. To foster student engagement, it is important to create a positive and interactive learning environment, where students feel comfortable asking questions and participating in class discussions. This can be achieved by setting clear expectations and goals, providing opportunities for group work and collaboration, and incorporating a variety of teaching methods and materials to cater to different learning styles. Finally, creating a positive relationship with students helps to increase their engagement.

What were some of your most challenging moments in a HAUniv class?

S.S. One of the most challenging moments was during the pandemic, when new students were not engaged in the material during the online courses. To overcome this challenge, I tried to find ways to make the material more interactive, and I also made sure to find the time to speak with each student individually to understand their needs and to find out what was preventing them from engaging in the class. It is important to remember that, as a teacher, flexibility and patience are key, as every class and every student is unique, and what works for one class may not work for another.

S.C. Teaching is very challenging since you need to manage a diverse group of students with different backgrounds and learning styles, create engaging and effective lesson plans, and deal with student needs. Additionally, the use of technology in the classroom and the need to adapt to different teaching methods, such as remote or online instruction, can also be a challenge. Nothing compares, though, with the happiness I feel seeing my students becoming successful professionals in the IT field and becoming the best in their area of expertise.

What skills should an instructor possess?

S.S. An instructor should possess a deep understanding and knowledge of the subject, as well as the ability to effectively present concepts in an accessible way to students.

Being able to adapt to the different student needs and create an inclusive learning environment is also important. Lastly, you should always be willing to continuously learn, keeping up with the latest developments in your field.

S.C. An instructor should possess a variety of skills to be effective in the classroom. First, having deep understanding of their subject, being able to communicate that knowledge clearly and effectively to students by being familiar with a variety of teaching methods and able to adapt the teaching style to suit the needs of different students. Lastly, as instructors we need to be committed to improving our own teaching, by seeking feedback, attending professional development opportunities and staying up-to-date with the latest research and best practices in the field of education.

Any misconceptions in your field?

S.S. One major misconception in the general field of machine learning and AI is that these technologies can completely replace human decision-making and judgment. While they can automate certain tasks, they are not infallible and still require human oversight and interpretation. Additionally, many think that these technologies are only for experts, but there are a lot of tools available that can make them accessible for people with completely different backgrounds.

S.C. One common misconception is that the field is only about programming or coding. While programming is an important aspect of IT, the field is much broader and encompasses a wide range of areas such as data analytics, network and systems administration, cybersecurity, and user experience design. Another misconception is that IT is a solitary field, where professionals work alone. However, IT professionals often work in teams and collaborate with other professionals from different fields like business, design, and management. Yet another, is that IT is only for certain types of people, such as those who are good at math or have a certain aptitude for technology. However, IT is a field that welcomes people from all backgrounds and disciplines, and anyone can be successful in it if they are willing to put in the time and effort to learn the skills needed.

What should our students—and alumni—be doing to future-proof their skill set? Any advice?

S.S. Students and alumni should read research papers, attend conferences, and participate in online learning opportunities to stay up-to-date on the latest developments and trends in the field. Working on a personal project is also a great way to learn new technologies and tools that will help a person become more adaptable in the future.

S.C. They should stay current with the latest technologies and trends by attending conferences, workshops, or online courses to learn about new technologies and developments and develop a strong foundation in programming by taking classes in programming languages such as Python, Java, or C++ and working on programming projects. Additionally, developing problem-solving, critical thinking and soft skills such as communication, teamwork, and project management and network with professionals are essential for success in IT.

University Welcomed Mental Health Professionals from Europe and the US for the 63rd EB-ACA Conference

Hellenic American University proudly hosted a much-anticipated event, which was discussed in our previous issue of

Connect: the 63rd Annual Conference of the European Branch of the American Counseling Association (EB-ACA), which took place on October 21-22, 2022.

The hybrid event, which brought together academics and mental health professionals from around the world, was held at the University's Athens campus and coordinated on-site by Dr. Alessandra Sax, Associate Professor of Psychology at Hellenic American University and Director of the Psychology programs and the Counseling Center.

The theme of this year's conference was "Moving through Together: Addressing a Changing World".



The two-day event featured 40 talks, poster presentations, and panel discussions that explored international counseling and social justice issues in a wide range of counseling disciplines. The conference's keynote address, delivered by Drs. Joshua Kreimeyer and Carol M. Smith, explored training for trauma counseling in the context of the war in Ukraine.

The University's faculty, staff, and alumni were well-represented at the conference. Dr. Sax was joined by adjunct faculty member and

coordinator of the University Counseling Center, Dr. Maria Agorastou, in a roundtable session where they presented case studies of using creative art and

mindfulness in treating trauma. Aikaterini Aranitou (MSPsy '23) presented her research on mental resilience during military service in an award-winning poster presentation, and Arthur Antonopoulos (MSPsy '22) delivered a talk on deciphering deception signals.

In the words of Dr. Sax, the 63rd EB-ACA Conference was an unqualified success: "The fruitful exchange and positive collaboration at the conference," she says, "helped strengthen existing ties between Greece, Hellenic American University/Hellenic American College with the EB-ACA organization."

Remember to stay connected and check your mailbox and www.hauniv.edu & www.haec.gr websites to stay tuned for upcoming events. Looking forward to seeing you in our future events!



Excellence Hub for Future Cities and Regions in Southeast Europe

We are happy to announce that Hellenic American College, will be working with 20 European partners in a new Horizon Europe project to create an "Excellence Hub for Future Cities and Regions in Southeast Europe." The project started in January 2023 and Hellenic American College had the pleasure of hosting its kick-off meeting. You can find more about the project here <https://www.haec.gr/en/research/informatics-engineering#funding>

International University of Applied Sciences

We are excited to announce that Hellenic American University is partnering the International University of Applied Sciences (IU) in the new Study Abroad Alliance program, offering international students opportunities to study in Greece. Through this program, students in the fields of Informatics and Business will be able to begin their studies online with IU in their home countries and finish their degree on campus at Hellenic American University (Athens campus, Greece). IU, the largest university in Germany with its main campus in Erfurt, brings together more than 200 bachelor's and master's programs under one roof, which are offered in German or English.

**Congratulations Dr. Monica Karachaliou and Dr. Panayotis Kalozoumis for your contribution. New projects on the way!

Hellenic American University to co-organize the 2023 Olympia Summer Academy

Hellenic American University is proud to be hosting the 2023 Olympia Summer Academy at its Athens campus on July 11-14. The 2023 Olympia Summer Academy is co-organized by the Navarino Network, a public policy initiative based in Thessaloniki, Hellenic American University, the European International Studies Association, and the Institute of International Relations.

For the last 20 years, the Olympia Summer Academy has been offering an annual series of specialized courses in politics and international studies for university students from all over the world. The program is geared to undergraduate and graduate students with an excellent command of English and an academic interest in international relations. Senior high school students and young professionals are also considered for admission. For further details, fees and information on how to apply visit the academy's [official website](#).

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November, the Terra (in) Cognita 1st International Conference, organized by Hellenic American University and supported by Terra Foundation for American Art, welcomed 40 scholars and artists from the US, Greece, and elsewhere in Europe to explore the dialogue between Greek culture and modern American art.

All three attracted a large and internationally diverse audience. I hope that some of you took advantage of the free alumni registration offer to attend one or more of these events. I hope, too, that you will attend some of the events we will be offering this year.

The program of events for 2023 got off to an auspicious start with the inaugural lecture of the new Hellenic American University's Distinguished Lecture Series this January. This new series brings to the Athens Campus leading thinkers, researchers, and public figures from a broad spectrum of disciplines to share their insights and perspectives not only on their work but also on issues of broader social importance. The first lecture, which was held on January 31, was delivered by Dr. Costas Synolakis, President of Athens College, entitled "Planetary Health: The Hidden Threat."

In other developments, we have launched a new graduate certificate program in "Drug Manufacturing and Sales" that may be of interest to graduates of our business programs or the M.S. in Sales Management. The 4-course program has been set up by one of our trustees and a member of the Board's development committee, Mr. Nik Renieris. More information is available on the University and College websites.

Finally, I note that this year's Alumni Employment Survey is drawing to a close, but you still have time to take the online survey if you have not done so yet. I urge you to do so. The feedback you and your fellow graduates provide helps us to assess the professional outcomes of our graduates and in turn to improve the quality and effectiveness of the education we offer. You can find the survey, which should take 5 minutes at most to complete, [here](#). A very high percentage—more than 90%—of the alumni/ae whose current employment status we have been able to confirm so far are working, many of them in their field of study or a related one.

My best wishes to you and your families for a joyous, creative, and fruitful new year.

Leonidas Phoebus Koskos, Esq.
President

Administrative Update



Panagiotis (Pete) Tsolis was recently announced as the new Director of our Business Programs for the Master of Business Administration and the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration programs. Among other interesting actions he undertook in Fall, he joined a panel discussion on "Getting the most out of affiliate marketing – how operators and affiliates can collaborate to maximize profits, and solutions payment related issues" during the 2nd Annual Gaming & Affiliate Marketing Event on September 15–16 at Electra Palace, Athens.



On November 5, 2022, **Cameron Bell**, adjunct faculty member at Hellenic American University, delivered the plenary address at the World Economic Forum (WEF) Global Shapers Athens Retreat and joined expert panelists for a discussion on Eastern Mediterranean politics.

The conference drew delegates from over 15 countries and addressed a range of challenges to democratic governance. You can find out more about the event by visiting the link: <https://athensretreat2022.info/>



Dr. Dimitris Toliadis, Director of the M.A in Applied Linguistics program, Director of Arts & Sciences and Dean of Digital Learning and Education Innovation, visited our Nashua campus on December 6 to December 9, 2022, where he held four 3-hour workshops on digital learning and assessment. According to Dr. Toliadis's words: "This series of workshops has been an amazing experience. Our students are amazing, welcoming, intelligent and articulate. We have a lot to learn from them and we need to listen carefully."



Dr. Alessandra Sax, Associate Professor and Director of the Hellenic American University's Psychology Programs presented "Where Sea and Land Unite: The Acculturation Process" with short video by visual artist James M. Lane- "Speaking of Rope" (on Refugee Crisis in Greece) at the 3rd International Europe in Discourse Conference: Tracing Identity Through Values, History and Borders, which took place on September 23-25, 2022 and "Creation and Destruction: A Psychological Perspective on the Allochthon Project by James M. Lane" at the 1st Terra (in) Cognita International Conference Dialogues between Greek Culture and Modern American Art, which was organized at our Athens campus premises from November 10 to November 13, 2022.



On October 7, 2022, **Ifigeneia Roulia**, adjunct faculty member and graduate of the MAT and MACI programs, presented her paper entitled "Cultural tourism as a key player in sustainable tourism and the translator's role as an intercultural mediator" at the 2nd International Conference on Translation and the Language of Tourism (<https://lnkd.in/dyrWgUdC>), organized by Universidad de Córdoba.



On September 22, 2022, **Barbara Kondilis**, adjunct faculty member, delivered a talk on health literacy in Greece and the European Health Literacy Survey at a nurses training session on eHealth sponsored by Eli Lilly at the University of Athens. Also, Ms. Kondilis and Efrosini Kritikos, PhD student at Hellenic American University, co-organized a Health Literacy panel to address the very current issues of migrants/refugees and health literacy, oral health, smoking health education in afterschool programs, and femicide and legal trends. Ms. Kondilis is working collaboratively with a team to form a Health Literacy Association for Greece in the upcoming year. The Health Literacy team included public health specialist Elizabeth Ioannidi, Ph.D. (far left), legal counsel Nikos Argyriou (far right), Barbara Kondilis, and Hellenic American University PhD students Evangelia Dimitsanti and Efrosini Kritikos.



Dr. Panayotis Kalozoumis, Director of Research Institute & Informatics-Engineering Programs, coauthored a paper on "Topological edge states on the PT-symmetric Su-Schrieffer-Heeger model: An effective two-state description" which was published in Physical Review A. You can find the article here: [Phys. Rev. A 106, 023513 \(2022\) - Topological edge states of the \$\mathcal{PT}\$ -symmetric Su-Schrieffer-Heeger model: An effective two-state description \(aps.org\)](#)



Dr. Maria Agorastou, University Counseling Center Coordinator and Assistant Professor, was invited to kick start the Spring ID talks, a series of 5 online events, with the motto "Understanding Mental Health". The talks are offered as part of the Inclusion and Diversity campaign organized by the EU Commission and SALTO-YOUTH, a network of seven Resource Centers working on European priority areas within the youth field. Dr. Agorastou kicked off the ID series on February 15, 2023 online with a 90-min. workshop on the fundamentals of wellbeing and mental health. More information on all the events can be found here: [SALTO-YOUTH - ID Talks](#)

Alumni News



Vasilis Elaiotrivaris (BSBA '19), President of the Hellenic American University Alumni Association, gave an informative talk on "Vaccination progress in Greece" during the 10th Panhellenic Forum on AIDS, Hepatitis and Emerging Diseases, which took place at the Divani Caravel Hotel in Athens. Vasilis, who is Manager of Customer and Operations, Advisory at PwC, participated in the conference as a coordination member of "Eleftheria", the National Vaccination Campaign against Covid-19.



George Lagios (MSPsy '20) offered an event entitled "How to stand out as a mental health counselor" on Monday, November 28. During the event at our Athens campus, George Lagios, who is an adjunct instructor in the MS in Psychology as well, offered his insights on how participants could promote their professional selves and build a successful career as mental health counselors.



Arthur Antonopoulos (MSPsy '22) delivered an insightful talk on deciphering deception signals at the 63rd Annual Conference of the European Branch of the American Counseling Association (EB-ACA), which took place at our Athens campus on October 21-22, 2022. His talk was attended by mental health professionals from Europe and the US.



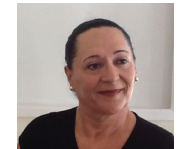
Gerasimos Gerolymatos (PMBA '09) is the Founder & CEO at Gerobo International, which received the award for the best innovative idea with drone technologies and applications on October 25, 2022 from the Hellenic Ministry of Environment and Energy. The company participated in the 'Prevention and Protection of Forests' category, where it presented its vision for the important role of an upgraded, innovative 'i-Forester' manager supported by cutting-edge drone technology. The purpose is to have full control of his forest and its condition but also to be able to give value and suggestions for its optimal utilization with the modern means provided to him when he is faced with fire, illegal logging, encroachment, garbage, natural disasters, alteration of flora etc.



Konstantina Alevisou (MAAL '18) happily shared with the alumni community that currently she is employed as an English Second language teacher at I. M. Panagiotopoulos School. As she proudly mentioned "It is a great step in my career as I have expanded my teaching skills and experience. I am thrilled that I apply the knowledge I gained during my MAAL studies and I am considering my next educational step."



Eirini Mavrommati (BAELL '13, MAT '14) has experienced career shifts and maintains a restless spirit after her graduation. After studying beauty and makeup "for personal fulfillment reasons"—as she indicates, getting certified as a beautician and makeup artist by the Greek state, and working for some of the most prominent Greek beauty brands and merchants, she has decided to return back to "where she truly belongs: Teaching English as a Foreign Language." After working at a small Foreign Languages School for an academic year, she has recently been accepted to join So Easy for an ESL Teacher position and she is thrilled about this!



Dr. Agnes Katsianos (PhD '18) area of investigation this year is focused on TEFL classroom emotions, "a topic a bit neglected in the literature", according to her own words. After a small but important survey which was conducted in her school seeking to explore how teachers and students incorporate and value the expression of emotions during lessons, she has recently written an article entitled "Engaging Emotions in Our Lesson" which is going to be published in the ELT News magazine soon.

Share Your Good News!

Have you found a new job or been given a promotion? Gotten an article published or run a marathon? Moved to a new town or city? We invite you to share your news and accomplishments with the rest of the alumni community. Just email us at alumninews@hauniv.edu a short note about what you've been up to recently. We'd be happy to share your news in a coming issue of the Alumni Newsletter.

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