



NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2024

The Center for Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies

Greeting from Director by Gerasimus Katsan

This Spring semester we mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Center, and we are delighted to be celebrating this wonderful event with a Gala on May 17 to honor the vision of Harry Psomiades, the founder of the Center, to memorialize the Center's history, and to highlight the Center's continuing mission to promote the study of Hellenic language and culture. Moreover, we will be honoring the dedication and support over these many years of our advisory board and the community itself. In this anniversary year, we are also pleased that the Center was able to assist in gathering together alumni from near and far, with the goal of creating a new Alumni Association that will serve the needs and interests of former students and bring them in closer contact and cooperation with the Center's activities. We were honored as well this semester to re-instate the Themis Brown Memorial Lecture, which had been dormant because of the pandemic. Finally, as always, we look forward to honoring our majors/minor and dedicated students for their hard work and academic efforts at our Annual Awards Ceremony on May 23.

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The Center for Byzantine and
Modern Greek Studies of
Queens College



Save the date
50th Anniversary
Gala

Friday, May 17, 2024

Terrace on the Park

52-11 111th St, Queens, NY 11368
Flushing Meadows Corona Park

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MODERN GREEK STUDIES
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50th Anniversary Gala

May 17th, 2024

THE CENTER FOR BYZANTINE AND MODERN
GREEK STUDIES OF QUEENS COLLEGE

cordially invites you to our

50th
Anniversary Gala

HONORING

Christopher Stratakis, Esq

Former Chairman of the Advisory Board

Harry J. Psomiades Memorial Award

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024

Terrace on the Park

52-11 111th Street, Flushing Meadows Park

COCKTAILS @ 7:00 P.M | DINNER @ 8:00 P.M

All proceeds will benefit our Educational Programs

LIVE MUSIC | \$150 per guest

RSVP: via e-mail at qc.byzantine.center@gmail.com

or call Maria Athanasopoulou at (516) 860-2171

The Byzantine Center's 46th Annual Certificate of Achievements Awards Ceremony

The specific purposes of the Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies are to initiate, support, and coordinate the teaching of Byzantine and Modern Greek subjects at Queens College, to promote Byzantine and Neo-Hellenic scholarship, and to relate academic research and teaching to the needs and interests of the Greek community of Queens and beyond. In support of the above goals, the Center provides library support for the Byzantine and Modern Greek collection of the College; organizes conferences, lectures, exhibits, and seminars; Also, every year offers scholarships to students.

The **46th Annual Certificate of Achievements Awards Ceremony** will be held on **May 23, 2024, at 6:00 pm at Queens Hall, Queens College.**

We are pleased to announce that the **keynote Speaker** will be **the President of Queens College, Mr. Frank Wu**

Scholarships

Scholarships for student achievement in the field of Modern Greek Studies

The Center for Byzantine & Modern Greek Studies is pleased to announce that the Center will award as previously a certain number of scholarships for student achievement in the field of Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies. The scholarships will be awarded at the **Center's 46th Annual Certificate of Achievements Awards on Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 6:00 pm** at Queens Hall of Queens College. To be eligible to apply, you must be a Greek major or a Greek minor or have taken or are taking at least **two** courses offered by the Center. For information, call the Center at 718-997-4520 or come and visit us at Jefferson Hall, Room 302.

Spring 2024 Events

Glenti from Greek & Cypriot Alumni of Queens College



Greek / Cypriot Alumni & Friends of Queens College

GLENTE!

IN SUPPORT OF THE CENTER FOR BYZANTINE & MODERN GREEK STUDIES
CO-SPONSORED BY IKAROS HELLENIC ORTHODOX CLUB

FREE ADMISSION

Live Music
Mezedes, Wine & Refreshments
will be served

Kefalos Society of America
20-41 Steinway St, Astoria, NY 11105
Friday, March 15, 2024 at 7:00pm

Please RSVP by March 10th to
qc.byzantine.center@gmail.com



To read more about the event follow the link [here](#)

Spring 2024 Events

Themis Brown Memorial Lecture



Themis Brown Memorial Lecture
sponsored by
the Center for Byzantine & Modern Greek Studies
of Queens College

Being diasporic animates multiple affiliations. It involves connections with immigrant history, the historical homeland, the new home as well as other diasporas. This talk explores how Greek Melbourne places its cultural identifications in relation to the cultural and political fabric of its city as well as Greece and Australia, drawing examples from Greek Australian poetry, murals, photography, painting, institutional practices as well as cultural and political activism. What issues does it raise for Greek diasporic production in global cities such as New York City?



“Greek Melbourne” Calling! New Cartographies of Diasporic Belonging

by
Prof. Yiorgos Anagnostou

**Thursday, March 7, 2024
7:00 p.m**

**Archdiocesan Hellenic Cultural Center
Nikos Andriotis Room
27-09 Crescent Street, Astoria NY**



Yiorgos Anagnostou is the Miltiadis Marinakis Professor of Modern Greek language and culture at The Ohio State University. His research interests include diaspora and American ethnic studies, with a focus on Greek America. His published research covers a broad range of subjects, including film, documentary, ethnography, folklore, literature, history, sociology, and public humanities. He is the author of *Contours of White Ethnicity: Popular Ethnography and the Making of Usable Pasts in Greek America* (Ohio University Press, 2009 [Greek translation from Nisos, 2021]) and is a co-editor of *Redirecting Ethnic Singularity: Italian Americans and Greek Americans in Conversation* (Fordham University Press, 2022). Since 2017 he is the editor of the online journal *Ergon: Greek/American Arts and Letters* (<http://ergon.scienceline.com/>)

For more information, contact Prof. Maria Athanasopoulou by e-mail
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refreshments
will be served



[To read more about the event follow the links here & here](#)

GREEK CLUB IKAROS

Ikaros Hellenic Club has been an integral part of Queens College since the 1970s. It has served as a place of community for Greek, Cypriot, and the entire Queens College Student Body.

Executive Board Members 2023- 2024:

President – Georgia Liotopoulos

Vice President – Vicki Tegeridis

Treasurer – Giannis Moromalos

Secretary – Despina Boudouris



Greek Parade 2024

Upcoming Events:

May 9th
Greek Easter Event

May 10th
Laterna Bouzoukia Night



Where to find Ikaros
Hellenic Orthodox Club:

Student Union Room 219
Follow on Instagram:
[@ikaroshellenicqc](https://www.instagram.com/ikaroshellenicqc)

The Center for Byzantine & Modern Greek Studies

Courses Schedule Fall 2024

Modern Greek Literature in Translation

41W-01 (41507) MW 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. QH 320 M. Vlahakis (In Person)

41W-02 (41802) MW 1:45 – 2:55 p.m. QH 350 F M. Vlahakis (In Person)

Surveys modern Greek literature (in translation) from the middle of the nineteenth century to the present. The authors and their works are examined not only for their individual stylistic and thematic elements but also within the context of European literary and cultural movements. Writing intensive. Pathways: LIT

Elementary Modern Greek I

GRKMD 111-01 (42109) MW 10:05 – 11: 55 a.m. QH245G I. Glava (In Person)

GRKMD 111-02 (41959) TTh 10:05 – 11:55 a.m. QH 322 I. Glava (In Person)

Designed to establish correct pronunciation, to teach the elements of grammar, to enable students to understand written and spoken Greek, to become familiar with cultural aspects of modern Greece, and especially to establish a good basic vocabulary. For pure beginners: contact Chair if you have background in Modern Greek or are a heritage learner. Pathways: LANG

Intermediate Modern Greek II

GRKMD 204 (42348) TTh 3:10- 4:30 p.m. M. Athanasopoulou (Online-Synch)

A continuation of GRKMD 203 with grammar review, conversation, composition, and readings in literary and cultural materials. Selections from prose and poetry. Combined with GRKMD 223. Contact Dept. Chair for placement/enrollment. Pathways: Lang/WCGI

Modern Greek Conversation

GRKMD 223 (42174) TTh 3:10 – 4:30 p.m. M. Athanasopoulou (Online-Synch)

Intended for students who have an elementary knowledge of Greek and wish to improve their ability to converse. Recommended especially for students in GRKMD 203 or 204 who come from homes where Greek is not spoken. Combined with GRKMD 204. Contact Dept. Chair for placement/enrollment. Pathways: Lang/WCGI

Studies in Modern Greek Literature: The Novel/Forms of Fiction

GRKMD 335 (41474) TTh 1:40 – 2:55 p.m. QH 250 G. Katsan (In Person)

Studies the development of the form of the novel in Greece, including texts ranging from the nineteenth century to the present. The discussion will entail the aesthetic features of individual works and relate them to larger literary movements and social, cultural, and historical contexts. The language of the course will be English, including class discussion, readings, and writing assignments. Cross-listed with CMLIT 336. Pathways: LIT

PLEASE see or write to Dr. Gerasimus Katsan regarding placement and/or overriding prerequisites:
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Why study Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies?

The Major in Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies is a program for students interested in obtaining an understanding of Byzantine Civilizations and Modern Greek Language and Culture. The Center's interdisciplinary BA is unique in that it offers students the opportunity to study the range of Greek history from medieval to modern times. While the Center is invigorated by numerous students of Greek ancestry and its location in the largest Greek American community in the United States, the program welcomes students from all walks of life and backgrounds.

Career Options

Graduates with a major in Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies have the ability to analyze, critique, and research language, literature, history, and culture. They are well-prepared to enter the fields of education (at all levels), archive and information management, library cataloging, languages and translation, cultural heritage, journalism, media, and art (including museum curatorship).

Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies should be of special interest to those students who have either a cultural or professional interest in the Greek experience, and to those seeking to understand a culture and a civilization other than their own. Because the Program draws from several disciplines, it offers insights into the unity of knowledge. The Program is also an excellent choice as a second major and provides the background for graduate work in Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies, among other disciplines.



Study Program Information

The Center's program in Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies offers a structured body of courses drawn from the Division of Arts and Sciences and the Division of Social Sciences, leading to a BA in Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies. It is designed to provide a detailed knowledge of the Greek people's history, language and literature, institutions, customs, and culture. Program offerings are divided into four categories:

Byzantine Studies

The Program offers courses and seminars on The History of the Byzantine Empire, Byzantine Culture and Civilization, and Byzantine Art.

Modern Greek Studies

The Program offers courses and seminars on Modern Greek Culture and Civilization, The History of Southeastern Europe, Modern Greek History, The Formation of the Modern Greek State, The Economy of Greece, The Politics of Greece and Cyprus, and Middle Eastern Politics.

Modern Greek Literature and Culture

The Program offers courses and seminars on the Modern Greek Language, Modern Greek Literature, and Greek Cinema.

Greek American Studies

The Program offers courses, seminars, and workshops on Ethnic Groups in New York and the Greek American Community.

Gifts and Donations

The Center for Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies is a community supported entity. Please support the Byzantine Center for its impact as an essential part of World Heritage. We humbly accept donations of any size: any and all assistance is appreciated.

Thank you for your Ongoing Support

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