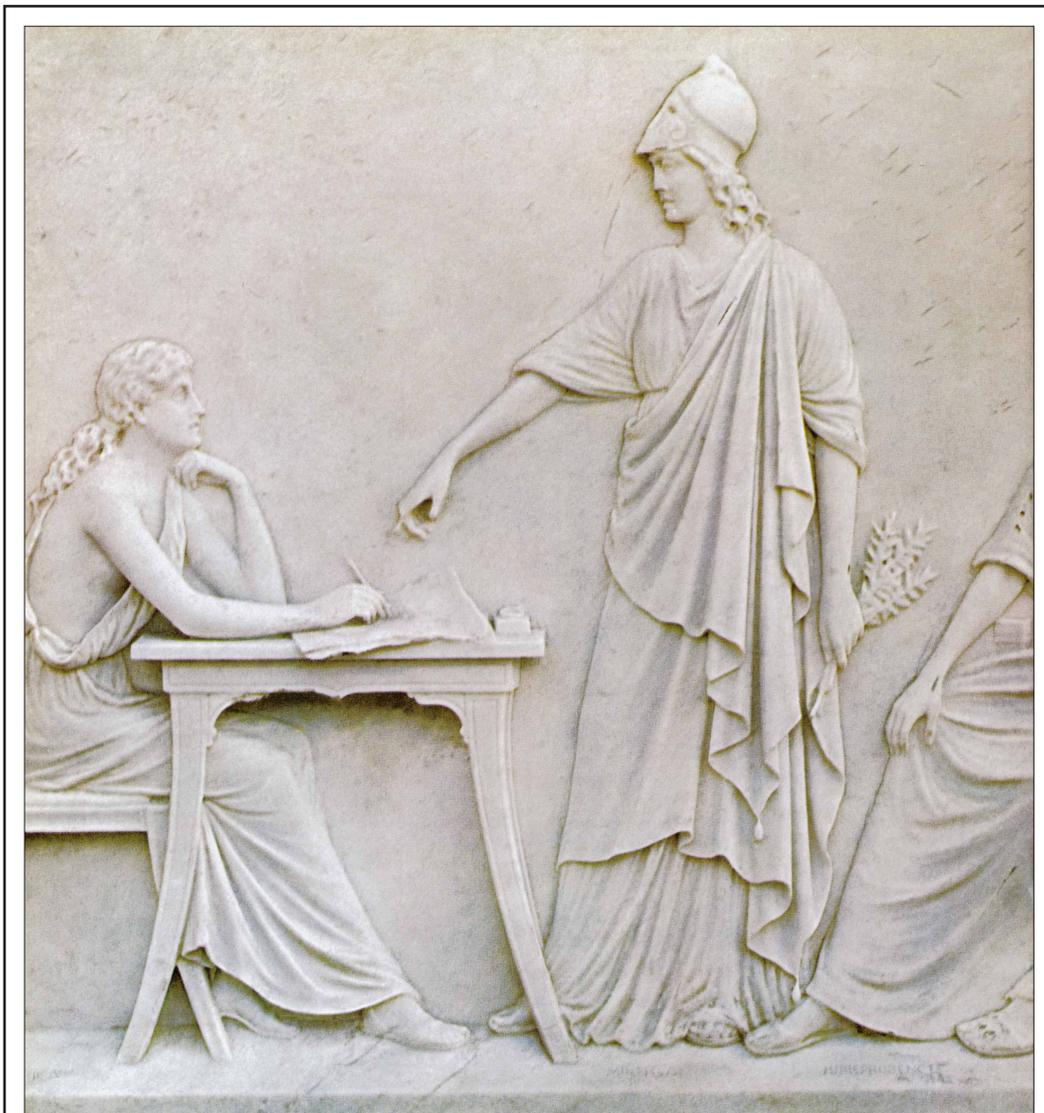


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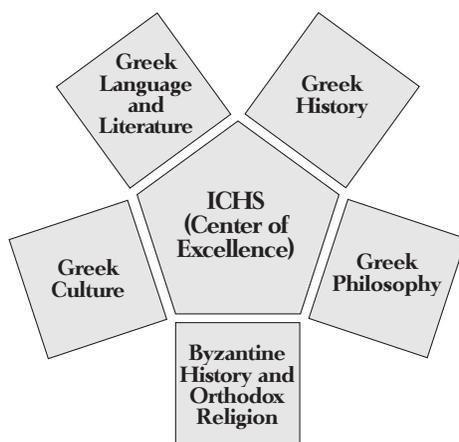
Minerva (Athena) dictating the Constitution to Young America. Frieze from the U.S. Capitol.

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AFGLC Mission Statement

The fundamental mission of the AFGLC (*American Foundation for Greek Language and Culture*) is to assist in the preservation and enhancement of Greek Culture and Language in the United States through our institutions of higher learning. The Foundation was established by a group of concerned Greeks and Philhellenes across America, whose role is to make available to the present as well as secure for the future the historic and cultural role of the Hellenic tradition and language. We strongly believe that we can most effectively accomplish this by the establishment of “*INTERDISCIPLINARY CENTERS OF HELLENIC STUDIES*” (ICHS) at various academic institutions on a regular basis across the United States. Each of the ICHS will typically consist of five endowed professors in the following areas:



The foundation is situated as a nonprofit organization with its headquarters in the State of Florida. Its scope and patronage are envisioned as national and international with particular emphasis on the bonds that exist between Greece and the United States.

AFGLC welcomes people who share with us the conviction that the revival of interest in the Greek Language and the preservation of the Hellenic heritage are of great importance, given the role that both played in the formation of the values and ideas of our beautiful country. It will be a time to rejoice and celebrate when the students in our colleges and universities have once again the opportunity to study the wealth of meanings that have given our western civilization its solid conceptual foundations in philosophy, in language, the arts and the sciences.

We must not forget what the famous philosopher Alfred North Whitehead said: “That all philosophy is but a series of footnotes of Plato” or Sir Henry Summer Maine’s significant remark “except for the blind forces of nature nothing moves on this earth that is not Greek in its origin.”

***“If we do not succeed in the rejuvenation and enhancement of
Hellenism in the Americas, History will not forgive us.”***

–AFGLC

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AIMS & OBJECTIVES

1. To assist in establishing and enhancing the offering of studies in the Greek language and fields of Greek literature, history, philosophy, art, society and culture at academic institutions.
2. To assist in the establishment of curricula in the Greek language and related fields, especially literature, leading to a baccalaureate degree.
3. To encourage and assist academic institutions in establishing graduate programs in the aforementioned areas of Greek studies.
4. To work with other organizations in the United States whose goals and objectives are to promote and enhance the teaching of the Greek language, Greek literature and Greek culture at academic institutions.
5. To assist academic institutions in the collection of research material and various data pertaining to Greek culture and studies in general.
6. To assist in the creation of archives of Greek American families and organizations who have played important roles in the history of America.
7. To assist in establishing and organizing (a) visiting lecture programs involving prominent scholars in Greek culture and civilization, and (b) exchange programs of prominent scholars in Greek studies between academic institutions in Greece and the United States.
8. To organize seminars, symposia and conferences for the promotion of the aims and objectives of AFGLC.
9. To assist in the publishing of scholarly works on Greek civilization and culture and all the other related fields.
10. To engage in projects and programs involving the aforementioned fields as the Trustees and Directors deem appropriate.

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1. Να βοηθήσει στη δημιουργία και ενίσχυση πανεπιστημιακών μαθημάτων που έχουν ως αντικείμενό τους την ελληνική γλώσσα, λογοτεχνία, ιστορία, φιλοσοφία, τέχνη, καθώς επίσης και την ελληνική κοινωνία και πολιτισμό.
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4. Να έχει συνεργασία με άλλους οργανισμούς στις Ηνωμένες Πολιτείες που σκοπός τους είναι η προώθηση και η επέκταση της διδασκαλίας της ελληνικής γλώσσας, λογοτεχνίας και πολιτισμού σε ακαδημαϊκά ιδρύματα.
5. Να βοηθήσει τα ακαδημαϊκά ιδρύματα στη συλλογή ερευνητικού υλικού καθώς και κάθε είδους πληροφορίας που αφορά τον ελληνικό πολιτισμό και την ελληνική εμπειρία γενικά.
6. Να βοηθήσει στη δημιουργία αρχείων των ελληνοαμερικανικών οικογενειών και των οργανώσεων που έχουν διαδραματίσει σημαντικό ρόλο στην ιστορία των Ηνωμένων Πολιτειών.
7. Να δημιουργήσει α) προγράμματα διαλέξεων από διακεκριμένους επισκέπτες-επιστήμονες που μελετούν τις διάφορες πτυχές του ελληνικού πολιτισμού και της ελληνικής κοινωνίας, και β) προγράμματα ανταλλαγών ανάμεσα στα ανώτατα εκπαιδευτικά ιδρύματα της Ελλάδας και των Ηνωμένων Πολιτειών σε επίπεδο διακεκριμένων ερευνητών του Ελληνισμού.
8. Να οργανώνει σεμινάρια, συμπόσια και συνέδρια για την προώθηση των σκοπών του ΑΙΕΓΠ.
9. Να εκδίδει μελέτες για τον ελληνικό πολιτισμό ή άλλα σχετικά αντικείμενα.
10. Να αναλάβει την υλοποίηση σχεδίων και προγραμμάτων που αφορούν τους προαναφερθέντες στόχους, κατά την κρίση της Διοικήσεως του Ιδρύματος.

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– *Henry Miller*



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PROGRAM

Friday, March 7, 2008
University of South Florida / CWY 109

8:15 am - 9:15 am Registration, Continental Breakfast & Social Hour

9:15 am - 10:30 am

Invocation

Reverend Dr. Stanley Harakas

*Dean Emeritus and Archbishop Iakovos Professor of
Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology*

**Welcome, Recognition of Dignitaries and Overview
of Program**

Dr. John U. Balis

*Emeritus Professor of Pathology and Cell Biology
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Dr. James F. Strange

*Distinguished University Professor and Executive
Director of Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies,
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL*

“Greetings from the University of South Florida”

Dr. Ralph Wilcox

Provost, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

“Support of AFGLC - ICHS Mission”

Dr. John Skvoretz

*Dean, College of Arts and Sciences,
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL*

Coffee Break

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

**THEME 1 - Philanthropy through the Ages:
Lectures with a Panel Discussion**

Moderator: Reverend Dr. Stanley Harakas

Dean Emeritus and Archbishop Iakovos Professor of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

“Introduction” (15 minutes)

Reverend Dr. Stanley Harakas

**Annual AFGLC-ICHS Lecture on Hellenism:
“Philanthropy in the Greek World”**

Reverend Dr. Demetrios J. Constantelos

(30 minutes)

*Distinguished Professor Emeritus, The Richard
Stockton College of New Jersey, Pomona, NJ*

**“Commentary: “Philanthropy in Interdisciplinary
Curricula”**

Dr. James F. Strange (15 minutes)

*Distinguished University Professor and Executive
Director of Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies,
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL*

Panel Discussion followed by General Discussion

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

**THEME 2 - The Impact of Hellenic Thought in the
Creation of American Democracy**

Moderator: Dr. Christos Evangelioi

Professor of Philosophy, Towson University, Towson, MD

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“Introduction” (10 minutes)

Dr. Christos Evangeliou

General Discussion (15 minutes)

Coffee Break (15 minutes)

“Greek Philosophy and the Founding of America”

Dr. Michael T. Gibbons (30 minutes)

Associate Professor of Government & International Affairs, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

2:15 pm - 3:30 pm

THEME 3 - Vignettes from Hellenic Diaspora through the Ages

Moderator: Dr Demetrios Halkias

*Emeritus Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, University of South Florida
VP and Treasurer of AFGLC/IFGLC, Tampa, FL*

“Syros, a cultural beacon in the 19th Century”

Mr. John Krinos (15 minutes)

*Computer Engineering Sciences
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“Historical Vignettes from Tampa” (15 minutes)

Dr. Bill Manikas

*Professor of History, St. Petersburg College
St. Petersburg, FL*

“Hellenic Diaspora: The Greek-American Experience” (20 minutes)

Dr. Marios Stephanides

*Professor of Sociology, University of Tampa
Tampa, FL*

General Discussion

Coffee Break (15 minutes)

3:45 pm - 5:00 pm

THEME 4 - The AFGLC Agenda: Work in Progress and Plans for the Future: A Panel Discussion

Moderator: Dr. William Yotis

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General Discussion

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Friday Evening Educational Event and Reception

7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Embassy Suites at University of South Florida / 3705 Spectrum Blvd, Tampa, FL 33612

Moderator: Dr. John U. Balis

*Emeritus Professor of Pathology and Cell Biology, University of South Florida
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Dr. Joanna Hills, Ph.D. in Nursing, sings the American and Greek National Anthems

Dr. James Strange introduces the Keynote Speaker.

Keynote Speaker

Dr. John P. Anton

*Distinguished Professor of Greek Philosophy and Culture
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL*

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Reverend Dr. Stanley Harakas introduces the Honoree:

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Reception

Saturday – March 8, 200

University of South Florida / CWY 109

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“Welcome; Overview of Program and Publication of the Conference”

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*Professor, Director Unmanned Systems,
Computer Science and Engineering
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL*

10:15 am -12:00 pm

SESSION 1 – Educational Commitment to Principles of Hellenic Paedeia

Moderator: Dr. Tom Papademetriou

*Executive Director, of Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies
The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, Pomona, NJ*

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“Platonic Paideia: Education for Leadership”

Dr. Christos Evangeliou

Professor of Philosophy, Towson University, Towson, MD

Coffee Break

“Education and the Art of Teaching: The Apprenticeship in Ideals in Plato’s Socrates”

Dr. Lucio Angelo Privitello, PhD.

*Philosophy and Religion Department
Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, Pomona, NJ*

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

SESSION 2 – Hellenism and Language / Culture

Moderator: Dr. Maria Esformes

*Associate Professor of World Language Education
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL*

“The Universal Hellenic Mother Tongue: Zolotas’s Unified Speeches as a Global Logion”

Mr. Theodoros Katerinakis

Ph.D. program Graduate Student, Department of Culture and Communication, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA

“Greek words and male names in the Georgian Life of George the Athonite (XI century)”

Dr. Eka Tchkoïdze

*Post Doctoral Fellow, Program in Hellenic Studies
Scheide Caldwell House, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ*

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

SESSION 3 – Hellenism and Sciences

Moderator: Dr. Elias Stefanakos

*Professor and Director, Clean Energy Research Center
College of Engineering, University of South Florida
Tampa, FL*

“Overview”

Dr. Kimon Valavanis

*Professor, Director Unmanned Systems,
Computer Science and Engineering
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL*

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

AFGLC – ICHS Issues and Prospects

Moderator: Dr. Karen M. Weidenheim

*Professor of Pathology, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Chief, Division of Neuropathology; and
Director, Neuropathology, Residency Program
Bronx, NY*

Participants includes leaders from AFGLC and ICHS

“Aristotle’s Account of Akrasia and Its Contemporary Incarnations”

Mr. Michael Funke

*Ph.D. Program
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL*

Panel Discussion Followed by General Discussion

“Eco-Agritourism as a means to preserve culture and the Environment”

Ms. Nikki Rose

Professional Chef, Writer and Noted Responsible Travel Practitioner, Founder of Crete’s Culinary Sanctuaries, an acclaimed eco-agritourism program

“Bridging Arta with Beijing: The Master builders Kazantzakis and Kalomiris”

Dr. Maria Hnaraki, Ph.D.

*Director of Greek Studies
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Panel Discussion Followed by General Discussion

Coffee Break

“Early Greek Accounts of Travel Exploration”

Mr. Philip Kaplan

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University of North Florida, Jacksonville, FL*

“Update on the Antikythera Mechanism”

Dr. Ulysses J. Balis

Associate Professor of Pathology and Director of Clinical Pathology Informatics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Panel Discussion Followed by General Discussion

Coffee Break

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The Antikythera Mechanism



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The logo of the AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR GREEK LANGUAGE AND CULTURE, AFGLC, is taken from a scene on a cup (found at Vulci in Etruria and currently in the British Museum) painted by the Athenian painter Douris around 480 BC. It shows a school scene where a master unrolls a scroll with an epic verse on it. The verse is in the style of Homer, but does not come from either the *Iliad* or *Odyssey*.

Μοῖσα μοι
ἀμ>φι Σκάμανδρον
ἔύρων ἄρχομαι
ἀείψιδεν

Muse,
I begin to sing for myself
of fair-flowing Scamander

The design that partially borders the front and back pages of the program was taken from the Elgin Marbles Wing of the British Museum, and illustrates the majestic Meander of the Parthenon frieze. This Hellenic design with its characteristic blue and gold compound undulations was reserved for the most august Athenian state structures. As a variant of the classical Greek key, the meander reflects the continuity of the Hellenic Universe, through the undulating representation of waves and their interplay into the atmosphere.

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