American Foundation for Greek Language and Culture

Fourteenth Annual Educational Forum/Conference

“Hellenism and the University: Approaches for Promoting Hellenic Studies in American Universities”

Sponsored by: Margo & George D. Behrakis

February 27 - 28, 2009

University of South Florida / Tampa, Florida
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:

- Greek Language and Literature
- Greek History
- Greek Culture
- Greek Philosophy
- Byzantine History and Orthodox Religion

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

“AFGLC FORUM/CONFERENCE 2009”
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.

ΑΜΕΡΙΚΑΝΙΚΟ ΙΔΡΥΜΑ ΓΙΑ ΤΗΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΓΛΩΣΣΑ ΚΑΙ ΤΟΝ ΠΟΛΙΤΙΣΜΟ
(ΑΙΕΓΠΙ)

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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.

2. Να δημιουργήσει προγράμματα σπουδών για την ελληνική γλώσσα και σχετικούς τομείς, με ιδιαίτερη έμφαση στη λογοτεχνία, που να οδηγούν στην απόκτηση πτυχίου.

3. Να ενθαρρύνει και να συνδράμει τα ακαδημαϊκά ιδρύματα στη δημιουργία μεταπτυχιακών προγραμμάτων στους τομείς που αναφέρονται παραπάνω.

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 σύλληψη 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 ΑΙΕΓΠΙ.

9. Να εκδώσει 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.

“AFGLC FORUM/CONFERENCE 2009”
The Forum and Conference on “Hellenism and the University” focuses on the preservation and promotion of Hellenic Studies in American Universities and will be held in Tampa, FL, on the USF Campus. The Conference is organized by the American Foundation for Greek Language and Culture (AFGLC), in partnership with the Interdisciplinary Centers for Hellenic Studies (ICHS) at USF and the Richard Stockton College of NJ (RSCNJ). The conference aims at bringing together Academics, Scholars, and interested individuals to address primarily the following objectives: (a) To include Hellenic Studies in academic curricula; (b) To organize a Workshop on the Creation, operation and funding of AFGLC chapters with ICHS in Academic Institutions; and (c) To present scholarly papers on the Hellenic Heritage.

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“Today, as of old, Greece is of the utmost importance to every man who is seeking to find himself. And perhaps I should add that no people in the world are as much in need of what Greece has to offer as the American people . . . Economically it may seem unimportant, but spiritually Greece is still the mother of all nations, the fountain-head of wisdom and inspiration.”

– Henry Miller
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“AFGLC-ICHSS EDUCATIONAL FORUM/CONFERENCE 2009”
“Hellenism and the University”
February 27-28, 2009
PROGRAM

Friday, February 27, 2009
University of South Florida / Marshall Center, Room 2708

8:30 am - 9:15 am  Registration, Continental Breakfast & Social Hour

9:15 am - 10:00 am  Invocation

Reverend Dr. Stanley Harakas
“Former Dean, and Archbishop Iakovos Professor of Orthodox Theology Emeritus, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology.”

Welcome, Recognition of Dignitaries and Overview of Program

Dr. John U. Balis (10 minutes)
President of AFGLC/IPGLC
Emeritus Professor of Pathology and Cell Biology
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Dr. James F. Strange (10 minutes)
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. Judy L. Genshaft (10 minutes)
President, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Dr. Ralph Wilcox (10 minutes)
Provost, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Dean Eric Eisenberg (10 minutes)
College of Arts and Science
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Coffee Break

10:15 am - 11:45 am  Theme 1 - Hellenic Culture in Promoting Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Origins of Science, Philosophy and Humanities (Part 1)

Moderator: Dr. James F. Strange
Distinguished University Professor and Executive Director of Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

“From Poetry to Philosophy: the Beginning of Science”
Dr. Joanne Waugh (20 minutes)
Angelos Langadas Professor of Greek Culture
Director of Graduate Studies and Associate Chair
Department of Philosophy
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

“Greek and Roman Warships: a New Typology”
Dr. William Murray (20 minutes)
Mary and Gus Stathis Professor of Greek History
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

General Discussion (15 minutes)

Coffee Break (15 minutes)

“Herodotus and the Wonders of the World”
Dr. Ippokratis Kantzios (20 minutes)
Peter and Sophia Kourmolis
Associate Professor of Greek Language and Literature
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

11:45 am - 1:15 pm

THEME 2 - Modern Age Relevance of Educational Models from Ancient Greece and Byzantium: Lectures followed by Panel Discussion

Moderator: Dr. Michael T. Gibbons
Associate Professor of Government and International Affairs
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

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“Introduction” (15 minutes)
Dr. Michael T. Gibbons

“The Synthesis of Greek Identity: Orthodox Christian and Hellenic”
Dr. Christos Evangelion (20 minutes)
Professor of Philosophy, Towson University
Towson, MD

“Greek, Knowledge, Arabic Practice: Farming Handbooks and the Transmission of Knowledge in the Early Medieval Levant”
Dr. Michael Decker (20 minutes)
Nick Maroulos Assistant Professor of Byzantine History and Orthodox Christianity
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

“Presenting to Western Classicists the Value of Medieval & Modern Greek”
Dr. Roderick Saxey (20 minutes)
Post-graduate Scholar in Byzantine Studies
at Ohio State University
Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

General Discussion (15 minutes)

Coffee Break  (15 minutes)

1:15 pm - 2:15 pm  Lunch

2:15 pm - 5:00 pm

Annual AFGLC-ICHS Lecture on Hellenism: The Challenge of ‘Hellenism’ in our Times”
Dr. John P. Anton (50 minutes)
Distinguished Professor of Greek Philosophy and Culture.
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

General Discussion (15 minutes)
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

THEME 3 - Exposure of Students to Greek Language and Culture in Preparation for Future ICHS Programs

Moderator: Dr. Marios Stephanides
Professor of Sociology, University of Tampa
Tampa, FL

“Introduction”
Dr. Marios Stephanides (15 minutes)

“Overview of an Evolving Charter School with focus on Greek Language and Culture”
Dr. Peter Yiannos (20 minutes)
President of the AFGLC Tri-State Center
Wilmington, DE

“Technology-Based Modern Greek Language Instruction:
An Interdisciplinary Approach”
Dr. Vassiliki Rapti (20 minutes)
Preceptor in Modern Greek Studies Program
Department of the Classics, Harvard University
Boston, MA

General Discussion (15 minutes)

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

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

Moderator: Dr. William Yotis
Professor Emeritus, Loyola University of Chicago
Clinical Professor of Microbiology and Immunology
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

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Panel Participants:

Dr. Peter Yiannos (10 minutes)
President of the AFGLC - Tri-State Center
Wilmington, DE

Dr. Manolis Bechrakis (10 minutes)
President of IFGLC Center of Greece
Professor Emeritus, University of Patra.
Athens, Greece

Ms. Kalliope Halkias, MPH (10 minutes)
President of AFGLC Tampa Bay Center, Tampa, FL

Dr. Byron Palls (10 minutes)
VP and Editor of Newsletter, AFGLC/IFGLC, Tampa, FL

Mrs. Ourania Stephanides (10 minutes)
Secretary of AFGLC/IFGLC, Tampa, FL

Dr. Ulysses J. Balis (10 minutes)
Director of AFGLC Website
Associate Professor of Pathology and Director of Informatics.
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

General Discussion As time permits (10 minutes)

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
President of AFGLC / IFGLC
Emeritus Professor of Pathology and Cell Biology.
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Invocation
Reverend Dr. Stanley S. Harakas
"Former Dean, and Archbishop Iakovos Professor of Orthodox Theology
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Dr. Joanna Hills, Ph.D. in Nursing, sings the American and Greek National Anthems

Keynote Lecture on “Hellenism and Orthodox Christianity"
By Reverend Dr. Stanley S. Harakas
"Former Dean, and Archbishop Iakovos Professor of Orthodox Theology
Emeritus, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology."

Honoree of AFGLC/ Forum/Conference 2009:
Mr. George D. Behrakis will be named “Honorary President” of the American & International Foundation for Greek Language and Culture.

RECEPTION
Greek Folk Dances by the Hellenic Society of University of South Florida

Saturday – February 28, 2009
University of South Florida / Marshall Center, Room 2708

8:30 am - 9:30 am Registration, Continental Breakfast & Social Hour
9:30 am - 10:00 am

“Welcome and Recognition of Dignitaries; Overview of the Program and Publication of Proceedings”

Dr. Tom Papademetriou (10 minutes)
Executive Director of ICHS at the Richard Stockton
College of New Jersey, Pomona, NJ

Dr. Kimon Valavanis (10 minutes)
AFGLC Publication Program
Professor and Chair
School of Engineering & Computer Science
University of Denver, Denver, CO

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10:00 am - 11:00 am

**THEME 5 - Hellenic Culture in Promoting Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Origins of Science, Philosophy and Humanities (Part 2)**

Moderator: Dr. Tom Papademetriou  
Executive Director of ICHS at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, Pomona, NJ

"Interdisciplinary Educational Approaches to Hellenism"  
**Dr. Diane Touliatos** (20 minutes)  
Director, The Center for the Humanities  
Professor of Musicology  
University of Missouri Curator’s Professor  
University of Missouri-St. Louis  
St. Louis, MO

"Update on the Antikythera Mechanism"  
**Dr. Ulysses J. Balis** (20 minutes)  
Director of AFGLC Website  
Associate Professor of Pathology and Director of Informatics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

**General Discussion** (15 minutes)

11:15 am - 12:30 pm

**THEME 6 - Defining “Inter-disciplinary”: Theory and Practice**

"The AFGLC-ICHS model: A short history"  
**Dr. John U. Balis** (15 minutes)  
President of AFGLC/IFGLC  
Emeritus Professor of Pathology and Cell Biology  
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

"AFGLC-ICHS Relationship: Possibilities and Challenges"  
**Dr. James F. Strange** (15 minutes)  
Distinguished University Professor and Executive Director of Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm  
Lunch

1:30 pm - 3:15 pm

**THEME 7 - Forming & Strengthening the ICHS: A WORKSHOP (Part 1)**

This workshop will focus on the process of creating, operating, funding AFGLC chapters with ICHS in Academic Institutions. Each of the Breakout groups will discuss their topic and generate a report that reflects the collective wisdom of the group. All reports will be presented and discussed later during the afternoon session (see below).

**Breakout Groups:**

1. Creating and Governing AFGLC & ICHS  
   Led by **Dr. Tom Papademetriou**  
   Executive Director of ICHS at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, Pomona, NJ

2. Working with Administrators & Faculty  
   Led by **Dr. James F. Strange**  
   Distinguished University Professor & Executive Director of Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

3. Developing University Support and Motivating the Community  
   Led by:  
   **Mr. Kostas Miliotis**;  
   **Mr. George Markakos**  
   President of Pan Hellenic Federation of Florida and

4. Defining & Refining «Interdisciplinary»  
   Led by **Dr. Santo Nicosia**  
   Distinguished University Professor and Chair Department of Pathology and Cell Biology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

5. Planning and Funding in a Crisis Economy  
   Led by **Mr. Nick Karakas**  
   President of the AFGLC ~Missouri Center  
   Chairman, Greek Chair Advisory Committee, University of Missouri, St. Louis, MO

**Coffee Break (15 minutes)**
3:15 pm - 5:00 pm

**THEME 8 - Forming & Strengthening the ICHS: A WORKSHOP (Part 2)**

Reports from the Working Groups

**Moderator:** Dr. Karen M. Weidenheim  
Professor of Pathology, Albert Einstein College of Medicine  
Chief, Division of Neuropathology; and Director, Neuropathology Residency Program, Bronx, NY

5:00 pm - 5:50 pm

**Summary, Concluding Remarks and Special Acknowledgments:**

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

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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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