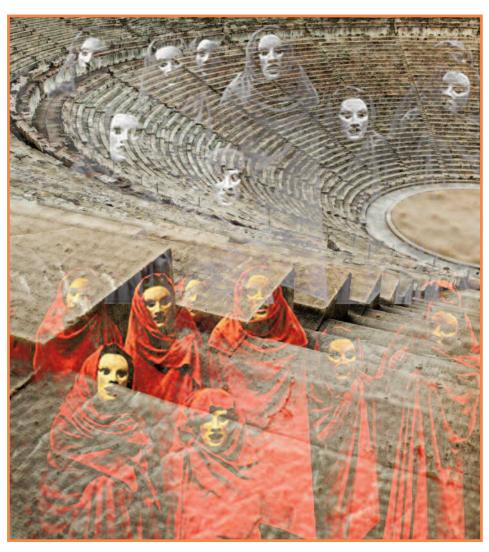
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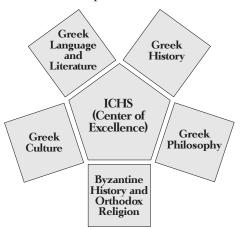
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AFGLC Mission Statement

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

AIMS & OBJECTIVES

- 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.
- 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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- 7. Να δημιουργήσει α) προγράμματα διαλέξεων από διακεκριμένους επισκέπτεςεπιστήμονες 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.
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- 10. Να αναλάβει την υλοποίηση σχεδίων και προγραμμάτων που αφορούν τους προαναφερθέντες στόχους, κατά την κρίση της Διοικήσεως του Ιδρύματος.

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Supported by: USF Philosophy Graduate Student Association, The USF Classics Society

Friday, February 24, 2012

University of South Florida / Marshall Center

8:30 am - 9:00 am Registration & Continental Breakfast (Plaza Room - MC 2708)

9:00 am - 9:15 am Introductory Remarks

Invocation

Rev. Fr. James Rousakis, Vicar of Western Florida for the Metropolis of Atlanta, Proistamenos Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church , Clearwater, FL

Welcome

Ulysses J. Balis, MD President AFGLC/IFGLC

Recognition of Dignitaries Joanne Waugh, Ph.D.

University of South Florida

Moderator: Tom Papademetriou, Ph.D.

The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

9:15am-10:45am Plaza Room (MC 2708)

Chair: Ava Chitwood, Ph.D..

9:15am - 9:35am

"Irirgaray, the Pre-Socratics, and Aeschylus' Oresteia"

Niki Kantzios, Ph.D.

University of South Florida

9:40am - 10:00am

"The Treacherous Suppliant in Euripidean Tragedy and Greek History"

Dana Munteanu, Ph.D. Ohio State University

10:05am - 10:25am

"The Euripidean Model of Tragic Illusion"

Scott Farrington, Ph.D. University of Miami

10:25am - 10:45am

Commentary/Discussion

9:15am-10:25am Manatee Room (MC 3705)

Undergraduate Panel

Chair: Michael Gibbons, Ph.D.

9:15am - 9:30am

"The Plague"

Christina Leccese

University of South Florida

9:40am - 10:00am

"No One Does Wrong Willingly"

Lauren Townsend

University of South Florida

10:05am - 10:25am

"History, Philosophy, Mathematics"

Daniel Ariew, B.A.

University of South Florida

10:25am - 10:45am

Commentary/Discussion

10:45am - 11:00am Coffee Break - Plaza Room (MC 2708)

Plaza Room (MC 2708) 11:00am -12:30pm 11:00am - 12:30pm Tarpon Room (MC 3704) Chair: William Murray, Ph.D. **Graduate Student Panel** University of South Florida Chair: David Garrison, Ph.D. University of South Florida 11:00am - 11:20am "Reflections: Tragedy and Political Crisis 11:00am - 11:20am in Phaedrus" "The Ecstasy of Comedy" Camila Arueta Osuna, Ph.D. Mark Castricone Entre Rios National University, Argentina University of South Florida 11:25am - 11:45am "The Politics of Attic Comedy: Aristophanes' 11:25am - 11:45am Birds and Political Discourse' "Thrasymachus and Class Consciousness" Jennifer Ingle, Ph.D. Ioe Benavides Clemson University SUNY-Stony Brook 11:50am - 12:10pm 11:50am - 12:10pm "Opening Doors in Greek Tragedy" "Phenomenological Interpretation of Heraclitus" Donato Loscalzo, Ph.D Anthony Fernandez University of Milan. University of South Florida 12:10pm - 12:30pm 12:10pm - 12:30pm Commentary/Discussion Commentary/Discussion

12:30pm - 1:30pm Lunch - Plaza Room (MC 2708)

1:30pm - 3:20pm Plaza Room (MC 2708) Chair: Bruce Silver, Ph.D.

1:35pm - 1:50pm

Performing Plato: Voices of Love and Poetry in the Lysis"

Andrea Capra , Ph.D.

University of Milan, Hellenic Studies Center, Harvard

1:55pm - 2:15pm

"Right Opinion and Knowledge in Meno 98b-100b"

Jeffery Turner, Ph.D. Bucknell University

2:20 pm - 2:40pm

"Plato's Plot? The Significane of 'Action' in Republic, Book1"

Lisa Wilkinson, Ph.D. Nebraska Wesleyan University

2:45pm - 3:05pm

"Crito: The Tragedy of Athens"

John Wolfe, Ph.D.

University of South Florida

3:05pm-3:20pm Commentary/Discussion

3:20pm- 3:35pm Coffee Break - Plaza Room (MC 2708)

3:40-pm - 5:00pm Chair: Ippokratis Kanztios, Ph.D. University of South Florida

3:40pm - 4:00pm

"An ancient/modern divide: Aristotle on the inferiority of history to poetry"
Thornton Lockwood Ph.D.
Boston University

4:05pm - 4:25pm

"The Emotivist View of Catharsis: What Can Tragedy Do for the Good?"

Eugene Fendt, Ph.D. University of Nebraska, Kearney

4:25pm-5:00pm

Questions and Discussions Announcements

Friday Evening Reception and Educational Event

Hillsborough Room, Marshall Center Room 2709

6:00pm - 8:00pm Chair: Joanne Waugh, Ph.D.

Special Recognition Ulysses J. Balis, MD

6:00pm - 7:00pm PLENARY SESSION

Dr. John U. Balis Memorial Lecture

Introduction: John Anton, Ph.D. University of South Florida

"Tragedy as a Mode of Inquiry"

Justina Gregory, Ph.D.

Sophia Smith Professor of Classical Languages and Literature, Smith College

7:00pm - 8:00pm **RECEPTION**

Saturday, February 25, 2012

St. Petersburg College - Tarpon Springs Campus

8:00am - 8:45am

Registration/Continental Breakfast Lyceum 156 (LY 156 Breezeway/Corridor)

8:45am - 10:00am

Welcome and Introductions

Provost Welcome

Conferlete Carney, Ph.D.

Invocation

Rev. Fr. James Rousakis

Introduction of Guests

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Program Overview, Support of AFGLC

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Special Awards

Byron Palls, Ph.D.

10:00am - 10:45am **Session I** Moderator: Mark Lulek, D.O.M.

10:00am - 10:20am

"Is Death Bad for You? Epicurus and Socrates on Death"

David Monroe, MA

10:25am - 10:45am

"Homeric Thought on Death and Existence in the Afterlife"

Brandy Stark, Ph.D.

10:50am - 11:00am Coffee Break (LY 156)

11:00am - 1:00pm **Session II**

Moderator: Mark Lulek, D.O.M.

11:05am - 11:25am

"Euripides Our Contemporary: Postmodernism in Ancient Drama"

Matthew Sims, Ph.D.

11:30am - 11:50am

"Euripides' Medea: From Ancient Times to Modern Day"

Kimberly Felos, M.A.

11:55am - 12:15pm

"Greek Tragedy in Dido and Aeneas: From Ancient to Contemporary Performance"

Marilyn Michael, Ph.D.

12:20pm - 12:45pm

Dr. Demetrios Halkias' Annual Lecture on Faith and Stewardship "Christian Faith in Cappadocia from Antiquity to the Ottoman Empire"

Tom Papademetriou, Ph.D.

12:50pm-1:00pm

AFGLC Scholarship Presentations

Kalliope Chagaris, MPH

1:00pm - 1:40pm Lunch (LY 156)

Levendia Dance Performance

1:45pm - 3:05pm **Session III**

International Scholars: Moderator, Mark Lulek, D.O.M.

1:45pm-2:15pm

The Antikythera Mechanism

Ulysses Balis, MD

2:20pm-2:40pm

"Socrates and the Death of Tragedy"

Christos Evangeliou, Ph.D.

2:45pm-3:05pm

Education and Idolatry in Sophocles' Antigone and Plato's Crito

Octavian Gabor, Ph.D.

3:10pm-3:20pm **Coffee Break** (LY156)

3:25pm - 3:45pm **Session IV ICHS Student Presentations:** Moderator, Mark Lulek, D.O.M.

3:25pm-3:30pm Introduction

3:30pm- 3:50pm

A Tragic Apology: The Lessons of Sophocles

David Garrison, USF Graduate Student

3:55pm - 4:15pm

A Raging Heart: Wrathful Achilles as an Aristotelian Beast

Kimberly Heil, USF Graduate Student

4:20pm-4:40pm

Socrates as a Historical Figure

Brian Dechambeau, USF Undergraduate Student

4:45pm-4:55pm **Coffee Break** (LY156)

5:00pm-5:45pm Closing Remarks

Saturday Evening Event

Spanos-Pappas Community Center 348 N. Pinellas Ave. · Tarpon Springs, FL

6:00pm-6:45pm Reception

7:00pm **Performance of "Stones From GOD"**

Performed by the St. Petersburg College Theater Department · Directed by Lisa Tricomi Written by Tom Papademetriou, Ph.D. and Pamela Hendrick

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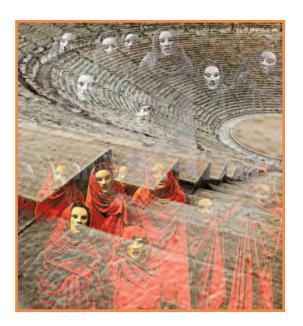
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Ancient Greek Theater



Ancient Greek theater originated about 600 BC in the city-state of Athens. In the ensuing 400 years (600-200 BC), tragedians such as Aeschylus (525-456 BC), Sophocles (496-406 BC), and Euripides (480-407), and comedy playwrights such as Aristophanes (456-386 BC) and Menander (342-291) produced plays that are still considered to be among the best of their kind. The theaters were built on the side of a hill and were quite large. Thus the ancient theater of Delphi could accommodate 5,000 spectators. Performances were held in a semi-circular space at the bottom of the hill. Typically, the plays included the actors and a chorus of about 50 people. The function of the chorus was to comment on the action of the actors. Two of the most well-known ancient Greek theaters are the Theater of Delphi and the Epidaurus Theater. The image on the front cover is an abstract depiction of an Ancient Greek Theater. What the ghost-like figures represent is left to the imagination of the viewer.



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*.

Μοίσα μοι ά<μ>φὶ Σκάμανδρον εύρων ἄρχομαι ἀεί(ν)δεν 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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