

Greek Diaspora Fellowship Program

Advisory Council Biographies

Anastassios (Tassos) Anastassiadis

Tassos Anastassiadis is Associate professor of History and Phrixos Papachristidis chair in Modern Greek and Greek-Canadian studies at McGill University. He has also served as director of Studies for the early modern and modern periods at the École française d'Athènes (2016-2017, 2019-2020). His research tackles the questions of individual mobilities (missionaries, educators, archaeologists, policy experts) and institutional inertias trying to identify how Euro-Mediterranean interactions and transactions have contributed to the emergence of differentiated modernities in Greece and the Eastern Mediterranean during the long 19th c. Having studied in the USA (Middlebury College) and France (agrégation and doctorat d'histoire, EHESS and Sciences-Po Paris) and having researched and taught in Greece, France and now Canada, he is highly sensible to questions of mobility and nomadism both as objects of study as well as effects on universities and academic systems in general due to the globalization of the educational field.

Effie K. Basdra

Dr. Effie K. Basdra received her dental degree from the School of Dentistry of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece. She completed her graduate studies at Columbia University Dental School, N.Y., USA, and her Ph.D. and Habilitation-Priv.Do. at the University of Heidelberg Medical School, Germany. Her research focus is on cellular and molecular biomechanics in various cell types. She has published extensively and lectured worldwide on these subjects and she holds editorial board and reviewer positions in many international basic research journals. Currently, she is professor in the Department of Biological Chemistry at the University of Athens Medical School, and she leads the Cellular and Molecular Biomechanics Unit. She has been a member of the New York Academy of Sciences and her biography has been included in the *Who is Who in the World, 16th edition*, and *The World Who's Who of Women, 14th edition*. Other interests focus on issues of higher education, education in general, and the link between education and the labor market. She has participated in international conferences and committees on higher education.

From May 2013- 2016 Effie Basdra served as president of the board of the State Scholarship Foundation (IKY). IKY is the Hellenic foundation of scholarships and European educational programs, including Erasmus+.

Katherine Fleming (Ex Officio)

Katherine E. Fleming is the Alexander S. Onassis Professor of Hellenic Culture & Civilization in the Department of History and in the Onassis Program for Hellenic Studies at NYU. Her work is primarily concerned with the emergence of the Modern Greek state over the course of the late eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, and the particular role played in it by changing attitudes towards religious affiliation. At NYU, Fleming served as Associate Director and then Director of the Remarque Institute, as Director of the Center for Mediterranean & European Studies, and as Director of the A.S. Onassis Program for Hellenic Studies. She is currently Provost of the University.

From 2007-2011 Fleming was in residence at the École Normale Supérieure, in Paris, France, where she held an Associate Professor position in the Department of History. She currently sits on the Administrative Board of the Chancellerie des Universités de Paris. In Greece, Fleming served as President of the Board of the University of Piraeus (2012-2016) and is currently co-PI on a major oral history project supported by the Stavros Niarchos Foundation. She holds honorary doctorates from the University of Macedonia and Ionian University and was awarded Honorary Greek Citizenship by the Hellenic Republic in 2015.

Emmanuel Giannelis

Emmanuel Giannelis serves as Vice Provost for Research and Vice President for Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Research Policy. As Vice Provost for Research, reporting to the Provost, he leads the Research Division on the Ithaca campus. As Vice President for Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Research Policy, reporting to the President, he is responsible for technology transfer, intellectual property, and research policy across all Cornell campuses. The Office of the Vice Provost for Research (OVPR) enables and advances Cornell research priorities, including research activities of Cornell colleges, schools, and research centers, institutes, and laboratories. The office advocates for researchers within the university, working with external agencies, sponsors, and government representatives; supports specialized research facilities and services for researchers; provides campus-wide research administrative support services; and facilitates major interdisciplinary research initiatives. In his role as Vice President for Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Research Policy, Giannelis, along with Cornell's Center for Technology Licensing (CTL), champions entrepreneurship and technology commercialization, supporting researchers and entrepreneurs as they bring scientific discoveries, technological innovations, medical advances, and new products to the marketplace for societal benefit to foster economic development within New York State and across the nation and to further Cornell's land grant mission. Giannelis joined the Department of Materials Science and Engineering at Cornell in 1987, where he is currently the Walter R. Read

Professor of Engineering. He received a BS degree in chemistry from the University of Athens (Greece) in 1980 and a Ph.D. in chemistry from Michigan State University in 1985. His recent research focus is on design and application of nanomaterials for energy, biomedicine, and the environment. His research group is internationally recognized as one of the leading groups in nanocomposites. Giannelis is a member of the European Academy of Sciences, a fellow of the American Chemical Society, and a fellow of the Polymer Materials Science and Engineering Division of the American Chemical Society. He received the Cooperative Research Award from the American Chemical Society in 2014. He was awarded a Doctorat Honoris Causa (honorary Ph.D.) in July 2017 from the Institut National des Sciences Appliquées de Lyon, Université de Lyon.

Harris Pastides

Since 2008, University of South Carolina President Harris Pastides has led the university's flagship system of eight institutions in 20 geographic locations to higher achievements and unprecedented growth. During President Pastides' tenure, the university has seen its South Carolina Honors College named the best honors college in the nation and celebrated continual top national academic program rankings, including 56 current programs in undergraduate and graduate international business, public health, engineering, nursing and others. The university has also garnered record levels of research funding and surpassed a \$1 billion capital campaign goal under his leadership.

A steadfast advocate for a superior student experience, President Pastides encourages engagement beyond the classroom through leadership, service learning, international experiences, internships and undergraduate research. Under his leadership, innovative programs such as Palmetto College, On Your Time graduation, Gamecock Gateway, Gamecock Guarantee and the Gamecock Student Athletic Promise provide greater access, flexibility and affordability to South Carolinians seeking a higher education degree. In addition to establishing record-setting enrollment, more than 117,000 degrees have been awarded system-wide during his presidency.

In 2016, President Pastides became one of seven Fulbright alumni to receive the inaugural Global Changemaker Award, given in recognition of his ongoing commitment to transform society and humanity through his work. The son of Greek immigrants, President Pastides also received the prestigious 2017 Ellis Island Medal of Honor, which pays homage to the immigrant experience and the contributions made to our nation by immigrants and their children. In 2017, he also received the South Carolina Urban League Whitney M. Young Award for his trailblazing work to promote civil rights and equal opportunity.

Today, President Pastides serves on many local, state, national and international boards, including the U.S. Council on Competitiveness, the U.S. Fulbright Program

(chair), the University Research Associates (chair), the South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium (chair), and the South Carolina Institute of Medicine & Public Health (chair). He is a past chair of the NCAA Division I Board of Directors and currently serves as president of the Southeastern Conference.

Prior to being named the University of South Carolina's 28th president, he joined the university's faculty as dean of the Arnold School of Public Health in 1998 and was later appointed vice president for research and health sciences. Earlier in his career, President Pastides was a professor of epidemiology and chairman of the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. He received two master's degrees and a Ph.D. in epidemiology from Yale University. President Pastides and the first lady, Patricia Moore-Pastides, live on the university's historic Horseshoe.

Dimitri A. Sotiropoulos

Dimitri A. Sotiropoulos is professor of comparative politics at the department of political science and public administration, University of Athens, Greece, research associate of the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy Studies (ELIAMEP, Athens) and research associate of the Hellenic Observatory at the London School of Economics (LSE). He has studied at the Law School of the University of Athens, the LSE (M.Sc. 1986) and Yale University (M.A., M.Phil. and Ph.D. 1991). In 2009-2010 Dr. Sotiropoulos was visiting fellow, Southeast European Studies (SEESOX), St. Antony's College, Oxford and in fall 2016 a visiting fellow at the Sciences Po, Paris. He has also taught at the University of Crete and the Institute Juan March, Madrid, Spain.

His publications include: "Is Southeastern Europe Doomed to Instability?" co-edited with Thanos Veremis, London: Frank Cass, 2002; and "The State and Democracy in the New Southern Europe," co-edited with Richard Gunther and P. Nikiforos Diamandouros, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006 and "Greek Civil Society and the Economic Crisis," Athens: Potamos, 2017 (in Greek). He has served as editor-in-chief of the *Greek Political Science Review* and as director of the social science master's degree in south east European studies of the University of Athens (taught in English). In 2018-2019 he is visiting scholar at the Center for European Studies, Harvard University and Visiting Professor of International Affairs, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University.

Stamatis Vokos

At the California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo, Dr. Stamatis Vokos directs the STEM Teacher and Researcher (STAR) program, which places prospective STEM teachers in summer research experiences at more than two dozen national laboratories, research and development companies, and university labs. He also is part

of a systemic effort to transform how physics is taught in the US and abroad, most notably in Egypt.

Artemis A. Zenetou (Ex Officio)

Artemis A. Zenetou is the Executive Director of the Fulbright Foundation in Greece. She is the first Greek citizen, and first woman to head the Foundation since it was established in 1948. Zenetou was educated in both Greece and in the United States, receiving degrees in the history of art/business, management of non-profit organizations and museum studies. She spent almost 20 years in the United States where she has worked for several national and international organizations including: the World Bank, headquarters in Washington, D.C., where she established a pioneering art and cultural program, the 42nd US Presidential Inaugural Committee for Art and Cultural Initiatives, the Smithsonian Institution and the Federal Reserve Bank in Boston –Cultural Affairs. Zenetou has published both in English and Greek and has co-authored two books: *Museums: a Place to Work* (Routledge Press) and *Gender Perspectives: Essays on Women in Museums* (Smithsonian Press). She has served on the Board of the Cultural Olympiad at the Ministry of Culture (2001-2004), on the Advisory Committee on Cultural Diplomacy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2002-2004) and on the Board of College Year in Athens-DIKEMES (2008-2018).