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EDUCATION

- 1999 Ph.D. University of Pittsburgh, Sociology
- 1991 M.P.I.A. University of Pittsburgh, Public & International Affairs
Certificate: International Political Economy
- 1989 B.A. University of Pittsburgh, Economics
Magna Cum Laude – Departmental Honors
Certificate: West European Studies
- Abroad Athens University of Economics & Business (ΑΣΟΕΕ), Athens, Greece.
Independent Study Term Abroad (through University of Pittsburgh)

LANGUAGES

English, Greek, Spanish

SPECIALIZATIONS / INTERESTS

Sociology of Development (Tourism)
Political Economy / Political Ecology
State Theory
Social Movements
Globalization / Americanization

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2013- Director, Pitt in Cyprus (Study Abroad), University of Pittsburgh
- 2012- Director, Pitt in the Aegean Program (Study Abroad), University of
Pittsburgh
- 2011- Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh.
- 2011- Director, Pitt in Greece Program (Study Abroad), University of Pittsburgh.
- 2007-11 Visiting Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh.

- 2006-07 Visiting Professor, TEI of Pireaus – Spetses Island Campus, Tourism Studies, Spetses, Greece.
- 2006-07 Visiting Professor, IST – University of Hertfordshire (UK), Athens Campus, Tourism Studies, Greece.
- 2005-06 Professor and Chair, Department of Applied Sociology, and concurrent Chair of Department of Business / MBA Program, University of Indianapolis – Athens Campus, Greece.
- 2001-05 Visiting Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh.
- 1990-2001 Teaching Fellow and Adjunct Faculty, Department of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh.
- 1996-2001 Adjunct Faculty, Department of Sociology, Duquesne University.
- 1996-2001 Adjunct Faculty, Department of Humanities & Human Sciences, Point Park University.

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2016 Barone Lecture Series Award Recipient, 2016. Selected as co-recipient of this Sociology Department Honor, along with Dan Romesberg, as a stand-out alumnus of the University of Pittsburgh Department of Sociology.
- 2016 Student Choice Award Recipient, 2016. University of Pittsburgh College of General Studies (CGS) Student Government Honor for Teaching Excellence.
- 2015 Featured Teaching Faculty, 2015-16. Selected by the University of Pittsburgh Office of Admissions & Financial Aid as a featured teaching faculty for recruiting and promotion on the University of Pittsburgh's websites: <http://www.oafa.pitt.edu/faculty/#> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KOS15oGFJ20>

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- 2013- Director, Pitt in Cyprus (Study Abroad), University of Pittsburgh
- 2012- Director, Pitt in the Aegean Program (Study Abroad), University of Pittsburgh
- 2011- Director, Pitt in Greece Program (Study Abroad), University of Pittsburgh.

2005-06 Chair, Department of Applied Sociology / Human Resource Management, University of Indianapolis – Athens Campus, Greece. (See References*).

2005-07 Chair, Department of Business / MBA Program Director, University of Indianapolis – Athens Campus, Greece. (See References*).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

I have taught over two hundred (200) courses at both the graduate and undergraduate levels, and in international settings. Courses taught include:

Graduate:

International Political Economy	Macroeconomics
Labor Sociology	Socio-Cultural Bases of Behavior
Sociology of Work	International Business
Organizational Behavior	International Management
Organizational Management	Latin American Survey
Impacts of Tourism	Professional Writing

Undergraduate:

Medical Sociology	Sociology of Sports
Introduction to Sociology	Wealth & Power
Sociology of Development	Social Stratification
Rural Sociology	Tourism & Community Analysis
Urban Sociology	Social Movements
Society & the Child	Contentious Politics
Social Problems	Youth and Society
Social Statistics	Sociology of the Family
Understanding Statistics	Deception and Betrayal
Sociology of Work	History of Latin America
Peace Movements	International Economics
International Cultures	Microeconomics
Intro to Criminal Justice	Macroeconomics
Deviance & Social Control	Tourism Impacts
Drugs and Society	Tourism Policy
Survey of Sociology	Introduction to Tourism
Social Psychology	Socio-Cultural Impacts of Tourism
Environment & Society	Sociology of Everyday Life
Pittsburgh Area Study	Ideologies and Social Change

International Study Tours:

2013- University of Pittsburgh, “Pitt in Cyprus” Program.
Three (3) Sociology Courses: Wealth & Power, Social Movements, and Peace Movements & Peace Education.

2011- University of Pittsburgh, “Pitt in the Aegean” Program.

Three (3) Sociology Courses: Wealth & Power, Social Movements, and Peace Movements & Peace Education.

2012- University of Pittsburgh, "Pitt in Greece" Program.
Two (2) Sociology Courses: Ideologies and Social Change and Community and Tourism Analysis.

2011- University of Pittsburgh, "Pitt in Greece" Program.
Two (2) Sociology Courses: Ideologies and Social Change and Community and Tourism Analysis.

2004-06 University of Pittsburgh, Main & Greensburg Campuses. International Study Tour Coordinator, "Pitt in Greece."

2002-03 University of Ottawa, Canada. Team-taught Study Tour to Greece.

Experiential Teaching Initiative: Courses designed to develop the University of Pittsburgh's Dean's Office Initiative of Experiential Learning Curriculum.

2016 Pittsburgh Area Studies (SOC 1277). This course included course material and Site Visits to Homestead, Braddock, Rankin, the Pittsburgh International Airport, Heinz Field and North Shore, the UPMC Rooney Sports Facility, Pittsburgh Works, Millvale, County Executive's Office, Strip District, Station Square and the Rivers & Locks and Dams Tour.

2014-15 Medical Sociology (SOC 0477). This course integrated a wide range of guest speakers from UPMC, including Cardiac Rehab administrators and practitioners, Epidemiology, Hospice and Palliative Care, Emergency Medicine, Support Group, and CPR/AED Training representatives.

Sub-Committee on Student-Athlete Retention & Graduation – 2015- : I have been selected to serve on the University Senate Athletic Committee's chaired by Mike Farabaugh and Susan Albrecht.

PUBLICATIONS

Books / Chapters / Monographs:

2011 "The Impact of the Global Capitalist Crisis on Europe, With Focus on Greece," in Berch Berberoglu (ed.), *Beyond the Global Capitalist Crisis: The World Economy in Transition* (Surrey, UK: Ashgate Publishing). Chapter 5.

2010 "Greece as a Demonstration Project," in James Cypher, Smriti Rao, Chris Sturr and the Dollars&Sense Collective, *Current Economic Issues, 14th edition* (Boston, MA: Economic Affairs Bureau)

- 2010 Translation and editing of Greek book, *The American People's Support to the Greek War of Independence 1821*, from the American Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Service of Diplomatic & Historical Archives, and Pappazisis Publishers, on American Philhellenes by noted Greek columnist and author, Ms. Fotini Tomai. February 2010.
- 2007 *Issues in International Tourism* (Editor), Athens Institute of Education and Research, Athens, Greece.
- 1998 *American Culture in Europe: Interdisciplinary Perspectives* (co-edited with Victor Roudometof). Greenwood Publishing Group.

Articles:

- 2015 “Time to Leave da Club.” Published on Znet, April 25th.
<https://zcomm.org/znetarticle/time-to-leave-da-club/>.
- 2015 “Greece and TINA: Syriza Igniting Debates.” Published on Dollars&Sense.org, January/February 2015.
<http://www.dollarsandsense.org/archives/2015/0115epitropoulos.html>.
And on Znet, February 12th, 2015. <https://zcomm.org/znetarticle/greece-and-tina-syriza-igniting-debates/>.
- 2015 “A Second Demonstration Project for Greece: On the Doorstep of a SYRIZA Victory.” Published on Dollars&Sense.org, January/February 2015.
<http://www.dollarsandsense.org/archives/2015/0115epitropoulos.html> .
And on Znet, January 25th. <https://zcomm.org/znetarticle/on-the-doorstep-of-a-syriza-victory/> .
- 2015 “Mike Frank Epitropoulos on SYRIZA Victory.” Published on Dollars&Sense.org, January 26th.
<http://dollarsandsense.org/blog/2015/01/mike-frank-epitropoulos-syriza-victory.html>.
- 2011 “Troika to PIIGS: Shut Up and Take Your Medicine – Economists to Shepherd Greece & Italy.” Published on Znet, November 13th, 2011.
<http://www.zcommunications.org/troika-to-piigs-shut-up-and-take-your-medicine-by-mike-epitropoulos>
- 2011 “The Stakes are High.” This article centrally featured the *Pitt in Greece* students from the 2011 study abroad program. Published on Znet, July

- 19th, 2011. <http://www.zcommunications.org/the-stakes-are-high-by-mike-epitropoulos>
- 2010 “Greece as a Demonstration Effect: Will the ‘Black Sheep’ bite back? Will the PIIGS? What about US?” Published in *Dollars & Sense Magazine*. May-June 2010.
<http://www.dollarsandsense.org/archives/2010/0510epitropoulos.html>
- 2010 “Rage Against the (Noise) Machine.” Published on Znet, March 23rd, 2010. <http://www.zcommunications.org/rage-against-the-noise-machine-by-mike-epitropoulos>
- 2009 “Greek Political Arson.” Published in Znet Greece edition, August 2009.
- 2009 “On Freedom & Order.” Published on Znet, August 4th, 2009.
<http://www.zmag.org/znet/viewArticle/22210>
- 2009 “Society & Nature.” Published on Znet, June 29th, 2009.
<http://www.zmag.org/znet/viewArticle/21786>
- 2009 “B-Fest Synopsis.” Published on ZNet, June 25th, 2009.
<http://www.zmag.org/znet/viewArticle/21777>
- 2006 “Magic, Deception, and Stalemate in Greece.” Published in *Z Magazine’s, ZNet*, October 3rd.
- 2005 “First European Left Party Congress.” US Green Party Publications.
- 2005 “Alternative Forms of Tourism in Karpathos, Greece.” Published by the Karpathian Center for Research and Culture, Athens, Greece. [Greek]
- 2005 “Mountain Tourism in Karpathos, Greece”. Published by the Karpathian Center for Research and Culture, Athens, Greece. [Greek]
- 2005 “The Glocal in the Periphery: Macro-Trends in a Greek Aegean Village”. Published in the Proceeding papers of the International Sociological Association (ISA) Research Committee RC#26, in association with the Neuchatel (INAST) Group, Switzerland, and the University of the Aegean, Mytilini, Lesvos, Greece. June 8-12, 2005.
- 2004 “Anti-Americanism and Americanization in Greece”. Published in *Z Magazine’s, Znet*, June 16th.
- 2003 “Confronting Empire: The Meaning of the Global Anti-War Movement and the Message of Dr. Martin Luther King.” Published in Conference Proceedings of the MONITOR of International Organizations and Globalization, Athens, Greece (April).

- 2003 “Making the Flame of Athens 2004 Brighter: The Role of Diaspora Greeks in the Upcoming Olympic and Pan-Aegean Games,” (with George Karlis). *Journal of Sport Tourism*, Routledge Press, a Taylor Francis Group, Volume 8, Number 4, Ottawa, Canada.
- 2003 “Teaching International Study Tour Courses: The Perspectives of Two University Professors and Their Students,” (with George Karlis). *The Journal of Teacher Education and Training*, Winter 2003.
- 2002 “Europe and Its Future: New Security Challenges, Globalization and New Social Movements.” In *Unveiling the Real Terrorist Mind*, Nadia Batool Ahmad, John Catalinotto, Sara Flounders, Nadira Mustapha, and Ubaid Shaikh (Eds.), Students for International Peace and Justice. Xlibris Publishing Corporation.
- 2002 “Sport Tourism and Diaspora Karpathians.” Published by the Karpathian Center for Research and Culture, Athens, Greece.
- 2001 “Ecotourism as a Sustainable Development Path for Karpathos, Greece.” Published by the Karpathian Center for Research and Culture, Athens, Greece. [Greek]
- 2000 “The Contribution of Expatriates to Tourism and Development in Karpathos, Greece.” Published by the Karpathian Center for Research and Culture, Athens, Greece.
- 2000 “Building a Foundation: The Pittsburgh Experience.” Published and presented at the Conference of the Hellenic Academics of the Diaspora (HELLADIA). April 2000, Athens, Greece.
- 1999 “Tourism-Induced Changes in Class Structure: The Dodecanese Island of Karpathos”, *Sociological Abstracts*, December.
- 1999 “Tourism Development and Resulting Alienation: The Case of a Greek Aegean Island”, conference paper publication of the *International Institute of Sociology* (IIS), Tel Aviv, Israel.
- 1998 “Youth Culture and Lifestyle in Modern Greece,” (with Victor Roudometof) in *American Culture in Europe: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*, Mike-Frank G. Epitropoulos and Victor Roudometof (editors). Westport, CT: Greenwood Publishing Group.
- 1995 “Global Tourism Research: A Political Economy Synthesis,” *Sociological Abstracts*, December 1995.

- 1994 “Global Economic Crisis, Imperialism, and Class: The North American Free Trade Agreement Through Marxist Lenses,” *Sociological Abstracts*, December.
- 1994 “Lifestyle and Consumer Culture in a Peripheral Society: Youth Culture in Post-World War II Greece,” (with Victor Roudometof). *Sociological Abstracts*, December.
- 1993 “The Socioeconomic Effects and Political Economy of Mass Tourism in Karpathos, Greece,” *Sociological Abstracts*, December.

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

- 2014- *University Senate Athletics Committee*. Elected by colleagues on a university-wide basis to four (4) year term to serve on the University of Pittsburgh’s Senate Athletics Committee.
- 2013 - *Faculty Director – Pitt in Cyprus Program*. University of Pittsburgh’s Study Abroad Program to Greece.
- 2012 - *Faculty Director – Pitt in the Aegean Program*. University of Pittsburgh’s Study Abroad Program to Greece.
- 2012 - 14 *Teaching Committee*. Department of Sociology. University of Pittsburgh.
- 2010 - *Faculty Director – Pitt in Greece Program*. University of Pittsburgh’s Study Abroad Program to Greece.
- 2012- *Undergraduate Studies Committee Member*. University of Pittsburgh. Department of Sociology.
- 2007-9 *Undergraduate Studies Committee Member*. University of Pittsburgh. Department of Sociology.
- 2006- *Head, Tourism Research Unit, Athens Institute for Education & Research (ATINER)*, Athens, Greece.
- 2006- *Academic Member, Sociology Research Unit, Athens Institute for Education & Research (ATINER)*, Athens, Greece.
- 2006- *Board Member*. Appointed to serve on the Athens Institute for Education and Research Academic Village committee. This is a public-private educational project sponsored by the Council of Hellenes Abroad (SAE) of the Greek government.

- 2004-5 *Faculty-Peer Reviewer*. Served as peer evaluator for first-year tenure-track faculty teaching evaluation in the University of Pittsburgh's Department of Sociology (Fall 2004).
- 2003 *New Course Proposal*, Sociology of Tourism, on behalf of the Department of Sociology. Approved for Study Abroad credits, March 2003.
- 2003 *New Course Proposal* assisting Professor Dennis Brutus of Africana Studies in preparing a course on "Nonviolent Civil Disobedience" for the University of Pittsburgh Honors College for Fall 2003 (04-1).
- 2002 *Internship proposal* for the Department of Sociology with the Allegheny County Public Defenders Office, Fall 2002.
- 2002- *Freshman Studies Instructor*. University of Pittsburgh.
- 2001-5 *Faculty Advisor*. Hellenic Academic Society (HELL.A.S.) of the University of Pittsburgh.
- 1996-2000 *Vice-Chairman, Greek Room Committee of the University of Pittsburgh*. Elected to two (2) two-year terms.
- 1995-6 *President, University of Pittsburgh's Graduate & Professional Student Association (GPSA)*. Elected to represent over 10,000 students within the University's administrative structure, including the University Senate and the Board of Trustees. Responsible for proposing university policy on behalf of graduate and professional students, staffing and coordination of all GPSA services.
- 1996-7 *Institute of Politics*. Represent all graduate and professional students at the University of Pittsburgh, which is a forum of faculty, graduate / undergraduate students, elected officials, and community leaders for cooperative / collaborative sessions on public policy. Also served as organizer for GPSA's Urban Issues Roundtable, March-April, 1996.
- 1991-5 *Graduate Student Organization Representative*. Served as a Central Committee organizer of the Sociology graduate students. Also served as University-wide Student Representative in the Graduate & Professional Students Association (GPSA) and the Faculty of Arts & Sciences-- Graduate Student Organization (FAS-GSO).
- 1991-5 *Graduate Committee*. Served as a graduate student representative on Department of Sociology's Graduate Committee, and actively participated in faculty-student relations and curriculum changes.

- 1991-5 *Admissions Committee.* Served as graduate student representative on the Department of Sociology's Graduate Admissions Committee, and participated in the departmental hiring process of faculty.
- 1987 – 94 *Judicial Board Member.* Served on the University of Pittsburgh's Judicial Board as both a graduate and undergraduate student.

“In the News”... Articles / Interviews...Public Sociology:

- 2016 Interviewed by Greek radio station, *105.5 FM – To Kokkino*, live on the morning after the Super Tuesday US Presidential Primary contests, discussing the phenomena of Donald Trump, Bernie Sanders and the peculiar electoral system in the US, March 2nd, 2016.
- 2016 Interviewed by Greek radio station, *105.5 FM – To Kokkino*, live on the morning after the 2016 Iowa Caucuses, discussing the results of the first contest of the 2016 US Presidential race, February 8th, 2016.
- 2016 Interviewed by Salena Zito of the Tribue Review on the 2016 Senatorial Primaries in her article, “Tough race takes shape for Democrats seeking to topple Toomey.” January 1, 2016.
- 2014 Interviewed by Pitt News (Bethel Habte) for her article, “Statistics a hinderance when promoting and maintaining diversity.” March 31, 2014.
- 2014 Interviewed by Pitt News (Frank Rocks) for his article on Student Loan Debt. February, 2014.
- 2013 Interviewed by Greek radio station, *105.5 FM – To Kokkino*, live discussion on the re-opening of the US government, the budget agreement, debt ceiling, and the Tea Party, October 17th, 2013.
- 2013 Interviewed by Greek radio station, *105.5 FM – To Kokkino*, live discussion on the US government shutdown, October 2nd, 2013.
- 2013 Interviewed by Greek radio station, *105.5 FM – To Kokkino*, live discussion on the US provocation and calls for military action against Syria, September 10th, 2013.
- 2013 Interviewed by Greek radio station, *105.5 FM – To Kokkino*, live from the Friday, August 9th, 2013, on the visit of Greek Prime Minister, Antonis Samaras and his meeting with US President, Barack Obama.
- 2013 Interviewed by Greek radio station, *105.5 FM – To Kokkino*, live from the Thursday, August 8th, 2013, on the visit of Greek Prime Minister, Antonis Samaras and his meeting with US President, Barack Obama.

<http://stokokkino.gr/article/1807/O-amerikanikos-tupos-gia-tin-episkepsi-tou-Prothupourgou-stis-IPA>

- 2012 Interviewed by 92.1 FM, WPTS, the student-run University of Pittsburgh radio station, discussing the phenomenon of the bomb threats at Pitt and my Capston Course, Contentious Politics.
- 2012 Interviewed for article in the Pittsburgh Trib, "Monuments to Pittsburgh's Sports Obsession Dot Landscape," by Kevin Gorman.
- 2012 Interviewed for article in the Pittsburgh Trib, "Charges against ex-CIA Officer from New Castle Shock Associates," by Jill King Greenwood.
- 2011 Interviewed by Greek radio station, *105.5 FM – To Kokkino*, live from the Saturday, October 15th, *Occupy Pittsburgh* activity.
- 2011 Interviewed by Pittsburgh Tribune-Review (Bill Vidonic) for his article on local election rules and the Constitution. March 7, 2011.
- 2011 Interviewed by Pitt News (Skylar Wilcox) for his article, "Frats and Sororities Stomp into Soldiers & Sailors." February 25, 2011.
- 2011 Interviewed by Pittsburgh Tribune-Review (Margaret Harding) for her article, "Officials Consider Surveillance Cameras in Regent Square." February 10, 2011.
- 2010 Interviewed by Pittsburgh Tribune-Review (Salena Zito) for her article, "Boehner's Tears Open Floodgate of Opinions." December 15, 2010.
- 2010 Interviewed by Pittsburgh Tribune-Review (Salena Zito) for her article, "Three in governors' mansions got their start in W.Pa." November 29, 2010.
- 2009 Elected to Swissvale (PA) Borough Council. Was elected to four-year term on Swissvale Borough Council on November 3rd, 2009.
- 2009 Interviewed by Greek radio station, *105.5 FM – To Kokkino*, on the US Health Care Reform deliberations and the off-year elections in the US.
- 2008 Regular interviewee for the Greek radio station, "*To Kokkino – 105.5 FM*," Athens, Greece. Have given five (5) interviews on the US Presidential primaries.
- 2008 Interviewed by Pittsburgh's City Paper, Post-Gazette, Tribune-Review and Pitt News on my Peace Movements class and the student convergence, March 2008.
- 2008 Hosted former-CIA agent, John Kiriakou in my Peace Movements,

Deception & Betrayal and Social Problems classes. Kiriakou is the agent who came out on waterboarding and against the Bush administration and the Iraq war. The presentation had front-page coverage in the Pittsburgh media.

- 2007 Sunday Eleftherotypia, quoted in feature article on academic standards and integrity at US university campus abroad. 14 January 2007, Athens, Greece. [Greek]
- 2006 “The Left in the US is Real.” Featured interview in two-volume edition of *Diaplous*, a Bi-monthly political journal, Volume 16, October-November. Athens, Greece. [Greek]
- 2006 TO VIMA, quoted in the article on problems at a US university campus abroad. 14 December 2006, Athens, Greece. [Greek]
- 2006 The Chronicle of Higher Education, featured in the cover story of the December 15, 2006, edition on academic issues at overseas campuses of US universities.
- 2005 “Feature Interview with Mike Frank Epitropoulos: Neo-Liberalism, Ecology, and Katrina.” ECOTOPIA Magazine, October-December 2005, Athens, Greece. [Greek]
- 2005 “The Demise of the Eastern Bloc Led to Global Anomie”. EREVNA, feature interview. 19 December 2005, Trikala, Greece. [Greek]
- 2005 “Stop the War! The US Green Party on the Front Lines”. Sunday EPOHI, 18 September 2005, Athens, Greece. [Greek]
- 2005 “Causes, Costs, & Consequences of “KATRINA.” Sunday AVGI, *Enthemata* insert, 11 September 2005, Athens, Greece. [Greek]
- 2004 “The US Left & the 2004 US Presidential Elections”. AVGI, solicited article for International Conference of the Left Coalition (SYN) and national Greek newspaper, 29 October 2005, Athens, Greece. [Greek]
- 2003 “The Significance of the Global Anti-War Movement.” AVGI, special foreign policy insert, 13 April 2003, Athens, Greece. [Greek]
- 2003 “The US Will Pay Dearly for the War Against Iraq: Greek-American University Teachers Speak to ‘A’.” Aggelioforos newspaper, on the impending invasion of Iraq, the US anti-war movement, and Bush administration foreign policy, Thessaloniki, Greece. 20 March 2002.

- 2003 “US Anti-War Update.” AVGI, 16 February 2003. Athens, Greece. [Greek]
- 2002 “The Political Scene in the US After September 11th.” Sunday AVGI, special foreign policy insert, 21 July 2002, Athens, Greece. [Greek]
- 2002 “The US Resists Self-Critique.” AVGI, centerfold feature of the International News section, 26 May 2002, Athens, Greece. [Greek]
- 2001 “Let Us Not Become Terrorists, Killing Innocent People.” AVGI, front page article, 9 October 2001, Athens, Greece. [Greek]
- 1996 “The SYN Should Stand by the Immigrant and Expatriates.” AVGI, 9 November 1996, Athens, Greece. [Greek]

CONFERENCE SESSION CHAIR / REVIEWER / EDITOR / CONTRIBUTOR

- 2012 Session Chair at the Pennsylvania Conference for International Education (PaCIE) Annual Conference. “Educating the Educators: Will Greece Topple Europe?” October 4-6, 2012.
- 2011 Session Chair at Point Park’s “2011: The Global System in Crisis.” Point Park University, Department of Global Management & Organization. October 27th, 2011.
- 2008 Session Chair at Second National Conference on Tourism of the Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER), March 2006, Athens Greece.
- 2008 Invited to chair session at the Second International Conference on Sociology for the Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER).
- 2008 Invited to serve as regular contributor to ZNet – Greece Watch group, March, 2008.
- 2008- Named to Editorial Board of the Online Journal, “Teaching and Learning in Higher & Continuing Education.” London, England. January 2008.
- 2006 Session Chair at First National Conference on Tourism of the Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER), March 2006, Athens Greece.
- 2005 Session Chair on “Local Transformations” at the International Sociological Association (ISA) Research Committee RC#26, in association with the Neuchatel (INAST) Group, Switzerland, and the University of the Aegean, Mytilini, Lesvos, Greece. June 8-12, 2005.

- 2003 Reviewer for McGraw-Hill Publishers. Referenced in Richard T. Schaefer's *SOCIOLOGY: A Brief Introduction, 5th ed.*
- 1996- Reviewer for the scholarly journal, *CRITICAL SOCIOLOGY*.
- 1994- Reviewer for statistics textbooks, Dushkin Publishers.

CONFERENCE & PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2014 “Work Hard, Play Hard: It’s Not Just a Song.” Inaugural Speaker for the 1st Annual University of Pittsburgh Residence Life Schenley Bridge Lecture Series. David Lawrence Hall, Monday, October 20th, 2014.
- 2014 “Medical Sociology: Health Behavior, Experiencing Illness and Disability from the Perspective of a Cardiac Rehab Patient.” Tri-State Society for Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation Western PA Chapter Meetings. UPMC-Shadyside Hospital, Tuesday, October 7th, 2014.
- 2012 “Educating the Educators: Will Greece Topple Europe?” Pennsylvania Conference for International Education (PaCIE) Annual Conference. October 4-6, 2012.
- 2011 “2011: The Global System in Crisis.” Point Park University, Department of Global Management & Organization. October 27th, 2011.
- 2011 “A Conversation About Social Movements and Global Crisis in the Early 21st Century.” University of Pittsburgh’s Department of Sociology Forum. Friday, October 14th, 2011.
- 2009 “Revisiting Shiva’s Living Societies.” Substituted as Keynote Speaker for Vandand Shiva at the **B-Fest**, International Anti-Authoritarian/Anarchist Festival at the Athens School of Fine Arts, Athens, Greece. Friday, May 28th, 2009.
- 2009 Roundtable Organizer on Green Issues at the **B-Fest**, International Anti-Authoritarian/Anarchist Festival at the Athens School of Fine Arts, Athens, Greece. Friday, May 28th, 2009.
- 2008 “Dr. Martin Luther King and his Impact on International Relations.” University of Pittsburgh’s Global Studies Program. University Center for International Studies, January 16, 2008.
- 2009 “How Radical is Green?: Program & Action from the US to Eastern Europe.” Pitt Social Movement Forum, January 2007.

- 2006 “Alternative Tourism Development for the Small, Peripheral Islands of Greece”. Presented at the First National Conference on Tourism of the Athens Institute for Education and Research in Athens (ATINER), Athens, Greece. March, 2006.
- 2006 “The New Greek Economy, 2006, and Beyond”. Marist College Study Abroad, New York, in Athens, Greece. January 12, 2006.
- 2005 “From Katrina to Paris: Third World Problems in the First World”. Featured panelist at the University of Athens, sponsored by the Poulantzas Institute, the MONITOR of International Organizations and Globalization (ΠΑΔΟΠ). December 15, 2005.
- 2005 “Dear Einstein”. Invited book reviewer and speaker for the Release of Mr. Pano Trigazis’ book, *Dear Einstein*, in Vyrona (Athens), Greece. December 5, 2005.
- 2005 “True Road to Peace in the Middle East”. Presentation at the EU-Middle East Forum, organized by the Left and Progressive Forces, sponsored by the European Parliamentary Group UEL/NGL, on behalf of the International Committee of the US Green Party. December 2-4, 2005.
- 2005 “Hurricane Katrina: The Political, Social, and Economic Dimensions”. Presentation with EuroParliamentarian, Michalis Papagiannakis at the TITANIA Hotel, Athens, Greece, organized by the Coalition of the Left Party (SYN). September 8, 2005.
- 2005 “Alternative Forms of Tourism in Karpathos, Greece”. Ninth Annual Cultural Meetings of Karpathos and Day of the Karpathian Immigrant. Spoa, Karpathos, Greece. August 7, 2005.
- 2005 “Mountain Tourism in Karpathos, Greece”. Ninth Annual Cultural Meetings of Karpathos and Day of the Karpathian Immigrant. Spoa, Karpathos, Greece. August 8, 2005.
- 2005 “The Glocal in the Periphery: Macro-Trends in a Greek Aegean Village”. ISA RC26 Meetings, University of the Aegean, Mytilini, Lesvos, Greece. June 8-12, 2005.
- 2005 “Building a Green Transatlantic Link”. XXVIII NELF Meetings, “The Left in Europe: Between Neo-liberalism and Neo-fundamentalism”. June 10, 2005.

- 2005 “Ecotourism, Tourism Development, and Diaspora Karpathians”. Guest presentation at the Graduate School of Sociology, University of the Aegean, Mytilini, Greece. January 2005.
- 2004 “Global Justice and the Environment.” Town Meeting and Post-Election Analysis organized by the Thomas Merton Center and Students In Solidarity, University of Pittsburgh. November 6, 2004.
- 2003 “Shearing the Black Sheep: Getting to the Roots of Anti-Americanism in Greece.” Oxford University, UK, at the Conference of the Mershon Center on “Anti-Americanism and Americanization in Europe: WWII – Present,” September 2003.
- 2003 “Confronting Empire: The Significance of the Global Anti-War Movement and the Message of Dr. Martin Luther King.” Keynote presentation at the conference, “Martin Luther King and his Dreams: 35 Years After his Assassination,” sponsored at the University of Athens by the MONITOR of International Organizations and Globalization (ΠΙΑΔΟΠ). Athens and Crete, Greece.
- 2003 “A Message from the US Anti-War Movement.” Presented with Professor poet-activist, Dennis Brutus at the Greek Social Forum's Peace Convergence in Chania, Crete, Greece.
- 2002 “Sport Tourism and Diaspora Karpathians.” Sixth Annual Cultural Meetings of Karpathos and Day of the Karpathian Immigrant. Spoa, Karpathos, Greece. August 8, 2002.
- 2002 “The Political Damage at Ground Zero: The US Political Scene After 9/11.” Featured, keynote speaker at the University of Athens, Greece, at a mini-conference sponsored by the International Relations Department of the Coalition of the Left (SYN). May 24, 2002.
- 2001 “American Youth and the US Anti-War Movement Today: Post September 11th.” New Social Movements roundtable at the International Conference of the New European Left Forum and the Coalition of the Left (Greece), as an official representative of the US Green Party. Zappeion Hall, Athens, Greece. November 3, 2001.
- 2001 “No to Terrorism - No to War.” Peace Rally at Areio Pago at the Acropolis in Athens, Greece. Presented with the President and leadership of the Coalition of the Left (SYN) and the New European Left Forum. Acropolis, Athens, Greece. November 3, 2001.

- 2001 “The New Threat to Civil Liberties: The US Patriot Act.” International Conference of the New European Left Forum and the Coalition of the Left (Greece), as an official representative of the US Green Party. Zappeion Hall, Athens Greece. November 2, 2001.
- 2001 “Ecotourism as a Sustainable Development Path for Karpathos, Greece.” Fifth Annual Cultural Meetings of Karpathos and Day of the Karpathian Immigrant. Aperi, Karpathos, Greece. August 9, 2001.
- 2000 “OHI DAY: What It Means To Us Today.” Annual OHI DAY Functions of the Pan-Cretan Association, Bridgeville, PA. October 28, 2000.
- 2000 “The Contribution of Expatriates to Tourism and Development in Karpathos, Greece.” Fourth Annual Cultural Meetings of Karpathos and Day of the Karpathian Immigrant. Pigadia, Karpathos, Greece. August 11, 2000.
- 2000 “The Role of Expatriates in the Development of Karpathos, Greece.” Annual Convention of the Pan-Karpathian Educational and Progressive Association, Newark, New Jersey. Memorial Day Weekend, 2000.
- 2000 “Building a Foundation: The Pittsburgh Experience.” Conference of the Hellenic Academics of the Diaspora (HELLADIA), Athens, Greece. April 2000.
- 1999 “Tourism-Induced Changes in Class Structure: The Dodecanese Island of Karpathos.” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association (ASA), Chicago, Illinois. August 1999.
- 1999 “Tourism Development and Resulting Alienation: The Case of a Greek Aegean Island.” International Institute of Sociology (IIS) Meetings, Tel Aviv, Israel. July 1999.
- 1999 “Culture, Americanization, and Alienation: 'Apo ta Mesa-Exo'.” Mid-term Conference of the ISA Research Committee on Sociotechnics - Sociological Practice (RC26). Organized in cooperation with the Andreas Papandreou Institute for Strategic Development Studies, Glyfada, Athens, Greece. September 9-12, 1999.
- 1999 “Karpathian Identities: What does it mean to be Karpathian?” Presented at a Cultural-Environmental Forum of *Ergasia kai Hara* at St. Simeon, Mt. Kallenes, Karpathos, Greece. August 16, 1999.

- 1996 “Regional Development Alternatives and Local Politics: Negotiating the Political Rivers of Pittsburgh.” Second Annual Interdisciplinary Roundtable of Urban Issues, University of Pittsburgh's Graduate & Professional Student Association. March 29, 1996.
- 1995 “The Crisis of Labor, NAFTA, and the State.” Annual Meetings of the North Central Sociological Association (NCSA), Pittsburgh, PA. April 1995.
- 1995 “From Pre-construction to Restructuring: Some Perils of Tourism Development.” Annual Meetings of North Central Sociological Association (NCSA), Pittsburgh, PA. April 1995.
- 1995 “Indigenous Uprising in Chiapas: Consciousness, NAFTA, and the Erosion of the Social Structure of Accumulation.” Annual Meetings of the North Central Sociological Association (NCSA), Pittsburgh, PA. April 1995.
- 1995 “Class-Centered State Theory, the Environment, and Tourism Development: Internalizing Externalities.” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association (ASA), Washington, DC. August 1995.
- 1995 “Global Tourism Research: A Political Economy Synthesis.” University of Pittsburgh Graduate Student Colloquium, Pittsburgh, PA. March 25, 1995.
- 1993 “The Socioeconomic Effects and Political Economy of Mass Tourism in Karpathos, Greece.” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association (ASA), Miami, Florida. August 13-17, 1993.
- 1993 “The Challenges of Touristic Development to Castro's Cuba.” University of Pittsburgh's Center for International Studies (UCIS), *Cuba at the Turning Point: A Roundtable*, Pittsburgh, PA. October 27. 1993.

“IN THE NEWS”... Radio & TV Appearances...Public Sociology:

- 2016 Interviewed by Greek radio station, *105.5 FM – To Kokkino*, live on the morning after the Super Tuesday US Presidential Primary contests, discussing the phenomena of Donald Trump, Bernie Sanders and the peculiar electoral system in the US, March 2nd, 2016.
- 2016 Interviewed by Greek radio station, *105.5 FM – To Kokkino*, live on the morning after the 2016 Iowa Caucuses, discussing the results of the first contest of the 2016 US Presidential race, February 8th, 2016.

- 2013 Interviewed by Greek radio station, *105.5 FM – To Kokkino*, live discussion on the re-opening of the US government, the budget agreement, debt ceiling, and the Tea Party, October 17th, 2013.
- 2013 Interviewed by Greek radio station, *105.5 FM – To Kokkino*, live discussion on the US government shutdown, October 2nd, 2013.
- 2013 Interviewed by Greek radio station, *105.5 FM – To Kokkino*, live discussion on the US provocation and calls for military action against Syria, September 10th, 2013.
- 2013 Interviewed by Greek radio station, *105.5 FM – To Kokkino*, live from the Friday, August 9th, 2013, on the visit of Greek Prime Minister, Antonis Samaras and his meeting with US President, Barack Obama.
- 2013 Interviewed by Greek radio station, *105.5 FM – To Kokkino*, live from the Thursday, August 8th, 2013, on the visit of Greek Prime Minister, Antonis Samaras and his meeting with US President, Barack Obama.
<http://stokokkino.gr/article/1807/O-amerikanikos-tupos-gia-tin-episkepsi-tou-Prothupourgou-stis-IPA>
- 2012 Interviewed by 92.1 FM, WPTS, the student-run University of Pittsburgh radio station, discussing the phenomenon of the bomb threats at Pitt and my Capston Course, Contentious Politics.
- 2011 *To Kokkino – 105.5 FM*, Athens, Greece. Interviewed live from the Saturday, October 15th, *Occupy Pittsburgh* activity.
- 2010 Interviewed on *CounterSpin*, a program of Fairness & Accuracy In Reporting (FAIR) about the Greek Economic Crisis, 5/21 – 5/27, (<http://www.fair.org/index.php?page=4076>).
- 2009 Elected to Swissvale (PA) Borough Council. Was elected to four-year term on Swissvale Borough Council on November 3rd, 2009.
- 2009 Interviewed by Greek radio station, *105.5 FM – To Kokkino*, on the US Health Care Reform deliberations and the off-year elections in the US.
- 2008 Interviewed on Greek National Public Radio (ERT, NET 105.9 FM / <http://tvradio.ert.gr>), Athens, Greece. Discussed and analyzed changing US demographics and the 2008 US Presidential elections.
- 2008 Regular interviewee for the Greek radio station, “*To Kokkino – 105.5 FM*,” Athens, Greece. Have given ten (10) interviews on the US Presidential primaries.

- 2008 Interviewed by Pittsburgh's City Paper, Post-Gazette, Tribune-Review and Pitt News on my Peace Movements class and the student convergence, March 2008.
- 2007 *To Kokkino – 105.5 FM*, Athens, Greece, featured interview on academic standards and ethics at US university campuses abroad. 15 January 2007.
- 2006 *To Kokkino – 105.5 FM*, Athens, Greece, featured interview on US Mid-Term Elections, and its potential implications for US Foreign Policy. 8 November 2006.
- 2005 *BlueSky Television*, Athens, Greece, featured guest panelist on the show, "Mikres Koinonies" ("Small Societies"), for an edition on Globalization and Americanization, hosted by Mr. Stergios Katoforitis, December 2005.
- 2005 *Greek Radio & Television (ERT) NET Radio*, Athens, Greece, interview on Global Warming, the Social State, and Hurricane Katrina. 10 September 2005.
- 2005 *Municipal Radio of Karpathos*, Greece, interview on the sociological aspects of Hurricane Katrina. 10 September 2005.
- 2005 *Municipal Radio of Karpathos*, Greece, interview on the sociological aspects of Tsunami and the American response. January 2005.
- 2004 *Greek Radio & Television (ERT) NET Radio*, Athens, Greece, interview on the US Presidential Elections. 3 November 2004.
- 2004 *Municipal Radio of Karpathos*, Greece, interview on the US Presidential Elections. 3 November 2004.
- 2004 *Municipal Radio of Karpathos*, Greece, interview on the Athens 2004 Olympic Games, global perspectives on the Olympic Games, security, sport tourism, and links to regional and local development. 26 July 2004.
- 2004 *Municipal Radio of Karpathos*, Greece, interview on the first-ever electoral 'debates' for the national, Greek Parliamentary Elections. 3 March 2004.
- 2004 *KQV-1410 AM Radio*, Pittsburgh, PA, interview for the first-ever convention of the Green Party of Allegheny County, held at the University of Pittsburgh. February 2004.

- 2003 *NET TV* (National Television of Greece), Athens, Greece, interview for the national news program, “Diastaseis,” at the University of Athens Conference, “Martin Luther King and his Dreams: 35 Years After his Assassination,” on the impending invasion of Iraq, the US anti-war movement, and Bush administration foreign policy. 4 April 2003.
- 2003 *ALPHA TV*, Athens, Greece, interview at the University of Athens Conference, “Martin Luther King and his Dreams: 35 Years After his Assassination,” on the impending invasion of Iraq, the US anti-war movement, and Bush administration foreign policy. 4 April 2003.
- 2003 *NET Radio* (Public Radio), Athens, Greece, interview on the impending invasion of Iraq, the US anti-war movement, and Bush administration foreign policy. 30 March 2003.
- 2003 *Greek National Public Radio 3 (ERA 3)*, Thessaloniki, Greece, interview on the impending invasion of Iraq, the US anti-war movement, and Bush administration foreign policy. 20 March 2003.
- 2003 *Radio1 of Rhodes-Karpathos*, Greece, interview on the impending war with Iraq, with particular emphasis on the reactions of US students and the anti-war and peace movements within the US. 15 January 2003.
- 2002 *Athens Municipal Radio (98.4 FM)*, Athens, Greece, interview about the one year anniversary of the terrorist attacks of 9/11, and the mounting tensions with Iraq and the war on terrorism were featured topics. 17 September 2002.
- 2002 *Athens Municipal Radio (98.4 FM)*, Athens, Greece, interview about presentation at the University of Athens mini-conference and the keynote address, focusing on the political climate in the US after 9/11. 24 May 2002.
- 2001 *TV-2 Finland* concerning the US Left's reaction to the September 11th terrorist attacks on the US and the subsequent US Patriot Act. 11 October 2001.
- 2001 *National Public Radio of Greece (ERA 1)*, Athens, Greece, interviewed regarding front page Op-Ed piece I authored in the *AVGI* newspaper, on the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the US. 8 October 2001.
- 2001 *Radio1 of Rhodes-Karpathos*, Greece, interview concerning the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the US for one-hour program, with particular emphasis on the Greek-American reactions and the evolving relations between them and local, native Greeks. 30 October 2001.

- 2001 *Radio1 of Rhodes-Karpathos*, Greece, interview for immediate reaction to 9/11 attacks from an American perspective live from Pittsburgh (as it was close to the Somerset crash site). 11 September 2001.
- 2001 *Radio1 of Rhodes-Karpathos*, Greece, interview on the Karpathian Center for Research and Culture Annual Meetings. 9 August 2001.
- 2001 *Radio1 of Rhodes-Karpathos*, Greece, interview discussing my research team's proposal to the European Union for funding of a tourism master plan for the islands of Karpathos and Kassos. 3 August 2001.
- 2001 *Radio1 of Rhodes-Karpathos*, Greece, interview introducing my research team, OTAK, and our efforts to secure funding from the European Union for funding of a tourism master plan for the islands of Karpathos and Kassos. Also discussed was OTAK's success in obtaining letters of support from the island's municipal and county governments. 16 July 2001.
- 2000 *Pittsburgh Cable TV*, Pittsburgh, PA, invited as Sociologist to appear on a one-hour program, "Face the Issues," discussing the 2000 U.S. Presidential Elections. Program host: Holly Petriezcak. November 22, 2000.
- 1998 *WPGH-FOX53*, Pittsburgh, PA, invited as Sociologist to appear on a two-person panel news program, entitled "Focus on Pittsburgh", with the topic: "The Clinton-Lewinsky Affair." Program host: Sheila Hyland. 17 September 1998.
- 1997 *WPGH-FOX53 News*, Pittsburgh, PA, invited as Sociologist to discuss the incidence of teenage homicides and suicides in the US, and their social underpinnings. 24 May 1997.

TEACHING ACTIVITIES & STUDENT ADVISING

2015- **Sub-Committee on Student-Athlete Retention & Graduation:** I have been selected to serve on the University Senate Athletic Committee's chaired by Mike Farabaugh and Susan Albrecht.

Experiential Teaching Initiative: Courses designed to develop the University of Pittsburgh's Dean's Office Initiative of Experiential Learning Curriculum.

2016 Pittsburgh Area Studies (SOC 1277). This course included course material and Site Visits to Homestead, Braddock, Rankin, the Pittsburgh International Airport, Heinz Field and North Shore, the UPMC Rooney Sports Facility, Pittsburgh Works, Millvale, County Executive's Office, Strip District, Station Square and the Rivers & Locks and Dams Tour.

2014-15 Medical Sociology (SOC 0477). This course integrated a wide range of guest speakers from UPMC, including Cardiac Rehab administrators and practitioners, Epidemiology, Hospice and Palliative Care, Emergency Medicine, Support Group, and CPR/AED Training representatives.

- 2014-16 Coordinator of Sociology Department's Capstone Poster Sessions. Year 1 with Dr. Jackie Smith; Year 2 with Dr. John Markoff.
- 2012- Undergraduate Committee. Department of Sociology. University of Pittsburgh.
- 2011-15 Capstone Courses for Senior Sociology Majors: Contentious Politics, Spring 2012; Crises of Contemporary Capitalism 2014, 2015.
- 2009 - Faculty Associates Program. Served as advisor to the Residence Halls in Nordenberg Hall and Tower B. This program is administered through the Office of Residence Life.
- 2007 - Introduction to Arts & Sciences. Serve as faculty in the Freshman Studies Program.
- 2009 CIDDE Workshop: 10 Effective Classroom Management Techniques, October 26th.
- 2009 CIDDE Workshop: Faculty Book Discussion, "Beyond Tests and Quizzes: Creative Assessments in the College Classroom," October 27th.
- 2009 Fall Semester. University of Pittsburgh Sample-A-Class Program. Offered two (2) courses to this program. Spring Semester: Offering three (3) courses to this program.
- 2009 Faculty Advisor. Have become Faculty Advisor for the university group, Campus Greens.

FUNDING, RESEARCH & GRANTS

- 2011- *Study Abroad Program Assistants.* Have funded Sociology graduate students and staff for summer programs, accompanying me on my Pitt in Greece and Pitt in Cyprus Study Abroad programs for summer programs.
- 1998 *Allegheny County – Department of Economic Development.* (*Non-Academic) Secured a \$400,000 grant for Phase II of Mt. Oliver Borough's 10-year Comprehensive Road Reconstruction and Resurfacing Program, in my role as an elected borough councilman and Chair of the Economic Development Committee.

- 1996 *Borough of Mt. Oliver, PA.* Funded to conduct a Community Survey for the, consisting of a quantitative/qualitative survey. Successfully utilized local print and television media to garner a 20% household return rate. Surveys were then summarized, coded, and interpreted so as to inform policy proposals for the Borough's (10-year) Comprehensive Plan, ratified by Borough Council.
- 1995 *US Department of Education's Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship (FLASF).* Conducted dissertation research in Athens, and the Dodecanese Islands of Karpathos and Kassos, Greece. The research was a political economy of tourism in the Dodecanese Islands, synthesizing issues of class and the state.
- 1993 *ASA FLACSO-Cuba Social Science Exchange.* Conducted funded field research in Havana, Cuba, on its renewed efforts to develop a viable tourism sector, in the “new world order” without the “actually existing” communist bloc.
- 1992 *University of Pittsburgh Greek Room Committee Scholarship.* Funded to conduct research on the socioeconomic effects of mass tourism on the island of Karpathos, Greece. This included the construction of surveys, and interview questionnaires, in addition to statistical analysis of the relevant data. The final project was presented at the 1993 ASA Meetings.
- 1989 *University of Pittsburgh, Research Assistant.* Assistant to Dr. Richard Hooley in the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs (GSPIA). Utilized various softwares to construct a statistical model for political unrest.

PUBLIC SERVICE / ACTIVISM

- 2014- *Civil Service Commission, Swissvale Borough (PA).* Appointed to established to insure the maintenance of a merit personnel system to recruit, employ, promote, and retain qualified persons for employment with Swissvale Borough. It is the mission of the Civil Service Commission to administer and preserve the merit system while being responsive to the principles of equal opportunity employment and sound labor-management relations.
- 2010-14 *Councilman, Swissvale Borough (PA).* Elected two terms. Created the council's Economic Development Committee. Serve as Chairman of the Economic Development and Code Enforcement Committees. Also serve on the Police and Fire Committees.

- 2007-09 *Liaison, Island of Karpathos Tourism Committee.* Appointed by Mayor of Karpathos, Greece, to participate in public policy on tourism development issues of the island.
- 2007-08 *School Board Member, City of Paleo Faliro (Athens, Greece).* Appointed by council opposition to this administrative board of education.
- 2003- 09 *Island Seat Committee Member.* Appointed to the New Generation Committee of the Karpathos-Kassos Island Seat in the Dodecanese Islands of Greece. Working to bridge the local and diaspora youth through cultural programming in their Prefecture and abroad. This appointment is linked to the previous appointment to the Council of Hellenic Diaspora.
- 2002- 09 *Representative, Council of Hellenic Diaspora of the Karpathos-Kassos Island Seat, Greece.* Appointed as one of two diaspora Greeks to represent the interests, perspectives, and needs of diaspora Karpathians and Kassioties.
- 2002- 09 *Committeeman, Municipal Athletic Organizaiton of Karpathos, Greece.* Appointed to assist in the first-ever Karpathisn hosting of the Pan-Aegean Games at the new National Stadium of Karpathos, Greece.
- 2002 - 2005 *Liaison/Representative, Edgewood Borough (PA).* Appointed by the Edgewood Borough Council to represent the community on the East Corridor Transit Study (ECTS), coordinated by the Port Authority of Allegheny County, the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, and the Westmoreland County Transit Authority.
- 2001- 2007 *International Committee, Green Party, US (GPUS).* Represent the GPUS in international fora on foreign policy and political economy issues.
- 1997 - 2001 *Councilman, Mount Oliver Borough (PA).* Elected two terms. Created the council's Economic Development Committee. Serve as Chairman of the Economic Development, Finance and Risk Management Committees. Also served on the Public Safety, Administration, and Computer Committees. Responsible for submitting municipal budget, monthly reports for each committee chaired, conducting departmental performance audits, and meeting with the press.
- 2000 - 2002 *President, Mt. Oliver Economic Development Team (MOEDT).* Founded MOEDT, comprised of Mt. Oliver area business owners, residents, landlords, public officials, emergency personnel, and City, County, and State representatives, and contracted with South Side Local Development Corporation to create and enact Action Plan for the revitalization, redevelopment, and revival of the Mt. Oliver area.

- 1999 – 2002 *Blue Ribbon Panelist*. Invited to participate on the Birmingham Foundation's South Pittsburgh Assessment Advisory Committee. The committee, comprised of elected officials, community activists, and researchers produced a comprehensive Health Assessment of South Pittsburgh. Served on sub-committee that examined the impact of the closure of two public housing projects in the area.
- 1994-1997 *Chairman of the Mount Oliver Borough (PA) Planning Commission*. Responsible for conducting the Borough's Comprehensive Plan, Community Survey, and for all representation with local, state, and national representatives. Led efforts to locate a health clinic in this densely-populated borough.
- 1994 *Secretary of the Mount Oliver Borough (PA) Planning Commission* (March-September).
- 1990 *Intern, Allegheny County (PA) Department of Aviation*. Drafted internal memoranda concerning pricing policy regulations, free trade zones, and leasing arrangements for Pittsburgh's New Midfield Terminal. Concurrently, completed an extensive research on international air service agreements, which served as my Master's Thesis.

CONSULTANCIES

- 2003- *President, Educational Programs International, L.L.C.* An international educational program geared to life-long, international, and study abroad learning experiences. Includes educational programming, research, and consulting in international settings.
- 1997-2000 *President, Foundation for Hellenic Academic Studies (HELL.A.S.)*. Served as Head of this foundation whose aims were to establish university-level Modern Greek Studies programs in the greater Pittsburgh area.
- 1996- *President, Karpathian Tourism Development Team (O.T.A.K.)*. Consulting for the Mayor of the Greek Aegean island of Karpathos. Head team of five academics and professionals in the realms of social tourism, ecotourism and agrotourism. Includes research, comprehensive planning, S.W.O.T analysis, program proposals, and grant writing.
- 1998-2001 *Co-Chair, Mt. Oliver Economic Development Team (MOEDT)*. Organized and consulted for a community and business group in the greater Mt. Oliver, PA, area, including City of Pittsburgh neighborhoods. This public-private effort aims to identify and address problems and opportunities for economic revitalization and development.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association (ASA)
Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER)
Pennsylvania Conference on International Education (PaCIE)
International Sociological Association (ISA)
MONITOR for International Organizations and Globalization
Modern Greek Studies Association (MGSA)
Pennsylvania Sociological Society
North Central Sociological Association
Omicron Delta Epsilon -- The International Honor Society in Economics
Birmingham Foundation, Pittsburgh, PA
Mt. Oliver Senior Housing Corporation (Board Member), Pittsburgh, PA
Greek Room Committee of the University of Pittsburgh
Golden Key National Honor Society
The Centurions - Youngstown State University (OH)

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