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RESEARCH EXPERTISE

Research Areas:

Oral History, Transnationalism Migration, Memory Studies, War Narratives, Digital/Public Histories

Regional and Temporal Focus:

Modern Greece (Second World War & Greek Civil War), Postwar Canadian History, Greek Canadian Diaspora (experiences & contributions), Comparative Ethnohistories.

EDUCATION

2020 – DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY, **PH.D.**
York University, Department of History
Dissertation: “*Childhood Narratives of Greek Canadians from the 1940s: Memories of Trauma and Resilience.*” Doctoral Supervisors: Dr. Athanasios Gekas, Dr. Carolyn Podruchny, Dr. Steven High

2019 – 2020 MASTER OF ARTS, **M.A.**
York University, Department of History

2014 – 2019 BACHELOR OF ARTS AND SCIENCE, **Hons. B.A.**
University of Toronto, Political Science & History, Graduated with Distinction

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Sessional Lecturer | Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, University of Guelph Humber
Course Taught:

2026 AHSS 2450 – Europe from the Renaissance to the Present

Teaching Assistant (TA) | Department of History, York University, Toronto, ON
Course(s) Taught:

2026 HIST 2823A – Histories of Health, Healing, Humanity
2025 HIST3395A – From Fascism to the fall of Communism: Europe (Summer)
2024 – 2025 HIST2600 A – History of the United States (Full Year)
2024 HIST3390A – Europe Since 1870 (Summer)
2023 – 2024 HIST1025 A – Ancient North America from the Last Ice Age to European Contact
2023 HIST3395 A – From Fascism to the fall of Communism: Europe (Summer)
2022 – 2023 HIST2220 A – Medieval and Early Modern Europe (Full Year)
2021 – 2022 HIST2220 A – Medieval and Early Modern Europe (Full Year)
2020 – 2021 HIST1180 A – Making Money (Full Year)

Research Assistant (RA) | Hellenic Heritage Foundation Greek Canadian Archives

Contract part-time position: responsible for hosting, filming, and directing interviews for the digital history project titled 'Greeks in Canada' (SSHRC Funded Research Project)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

1. **“Negotiating Power in the Diaspora: ‘Charlie Brown,’ Peonage, and the Formation of Ethnic Elites in Greek North American Migration.”** Eighteenth International Graduate Student Conference in Modern Greek Studies. Seeger Center for Hellenic Studies, Princeton University. Princeton, NJ (May 2026)
2. **“Remembering the 1940s: Greek Canadian Memory and Historical Awareness in the Present.”** British Association for Canadian Studies and Centre of Canadian Studies 50th Anniversary Conference. University of Edinburgh, UK. (April 2025)
3. **“Unlocking memory: Oral history, post-war narratives and diasporic identities.”** Modern Greek Studies Association 28th Biennial Symposium. Princeton University. Princeton, NJ (October 2024)
4. **“Greek Canadians remember the 1940s. Childhood narratives, memory and digital public history.”** 50 Χρονιά από την Πτώση της Δικτατορίας. (50 Years After the Fall of the Dictatorship). University of Macedonia. Thessaloniki, Greece. (September 2024)

CANADIAN CONFERENCES

1. **“Archiving the Greek Canadian Experience: Insights from the HHF Greek Canadian Archives Team.”** 4th Annual Greek Canadian Studies Conference. York University. (May 2025)
2. **“Navigating Trust: Oral Histories and Diasporic Identities in Post-War Narratives.”** 50th Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association. Toronto. (November 2024)
3. **“The Evolution of the Greek Community in Toronto: Navigating Identity.”** 3rd Annual Greek Canadian Studies Conference. Panel: “Diasporic Identity: Performance and Practice.” York University. (May 2024)
4. **“The Children of the 1940s.”** 2nd Annual Greek Canadian Studies Conference. York University. (May 2023)

GRADUATE CONFERENCES

1. **“Writing to Remember.”** Convergences Conference. York University & University of Toronto. Toronto. Online. (April 2021)
2. **“Perseverance out of the Second World War.”** Tri-University Graduate Student Conference. University of Guelph. Online. (March 2021)

3. **“Chaos and Continuity of the 1940s’.”** Dalhousie Graduate History Society. Online. (March 2021)

INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

1. **Voices of the Diaspora: Oral History, 1940s Post-war Narratives and Diasporic Identities.** Course: Modern Greece: From Independence to the Present (HIST 3355). York University. February 22nd, 2026. Guest Lecture.
2. **World War Two and U.S. Involvement.** Course: United States History (HIST2600). York University. March 5th, 2025. Guest Lecture.
3. **Childhood under Occupation: Analyzing Greek Youth Experiences from WW II.** Lecture Presentation for the Hellenic Canadian Academic Association of Ontario. Toronto. October 2024.
4. Presented my dissertation research as well as my contributions to the HHF Greek Canadian Archive as an interviewer to the Parnassos Hellenic Cultural Society of Ottawa. Ottawa, Ontario. February 2024.
5. Lecture Presentation on Greece during the Second World War and the Greek Civil War to ‘Topics in Comparative Politics: Issues in Contemporary Greece’ (POL385). University of Toronto. January 2024.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS

- 2025 Hellenic Heritage Foundation Graduate Fellowship in Modern Greek History
- 2024 Hellenic Heritage Foundation Graduate Fellowship in Modern Greek History
- 2023 Hellenic Heritage Foundation Graduate Fellowship in Modern Greek History
- 2022 Hellenic Heritage Foundation Graduate Fellowship in Modern Greek History
- 2021 Hellenic Heritage Foundation Graduate Fellowship in Modern Greek History
- 2020 Hellenic Heritage Foundation Graduate Fellowship in Modern Greek History
- 2019-* York University Graduate Fellowship, (*awarded annually until present)
- 2022 Commitment to Education and Service Award, Socrates Hellenic School
- 2019 Leadership and Dedication Recognition Award, Socrates Hellenic School
- 2017 In-house Scholarship for Academic Performance, University College, UofT

PUBLIC HISTORY, OUTREACH, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

1. **Co-Host & Historical Consultant, *Greece’s Darkest Decade: Second World War and Greek Civil War* (Podcast)**
Hellenic Heritage Foundation History Committee (HHF), Toronto, ON | March 2025 – Bridged my academic research on community memory through accessible, public-facing storytelling.

2. **New Leader, The Hellenic Initiative**
2025 – Present | Selected to join a global network of emerging leaders dedicated to promoting sustainable economic and philanthropic initiatives in Greece.
3. **Volunteer, History Committee**
Hellenic Heritage Foundation (HHF), Toronto, ON | 2024–Present
Support public history initiatives, including archival outreach, community events, and content development. Collaborate with fellow committee members to promote the preservation and dissemination of Greek Canadian history.
4. **Interviewer, SSHRC Funded Research Project, ‘Greeks in Canada’**
2022 – present: I have been interviewing Greek – Canadian residents in Ontario for the ‘Greeks in Canada: a digital public history project’, which is SSHRC funded, led under the direction of Dr. Athanasios Gekas for the Greek Canadian Archives. I meet with individuals to document their stories of being Greek Canadians and their contributions to community involvement. I am responsible for organizing, filming, and directing interviews which are then uploaded to a digital portal under the auspices of the archive.

REFEREED CONTRIBUTIONS

1. **‘Whose are you? Τίνας είσαι συ;’** *The Everchanging Ethnic Identity of Greek Canadians in Toronto.* (Conference Paper and in process of being submitted for a journal article)
2. **‘The Children of the 1940s: Memories of Nazi Occupation, Resistance, and Civil War in Greece’** (Master’s Thesis, 2020)

EDITORIAL POSITIONS

Co-editor, Left History; An Interdisciplinary Journal of Historical Inquiry and Debate. (2023 – 2025)

COMMUNITY – BASED TEACHING

Credit Course Language Instructor (Greek), Peel District School Board

Courses taught:

2025 – 2026	LBGCU0 / LBGDU0	Grades 11 & 12	Experienced Greek
2024 – 2025	LBGCU0 / LBGDU0	Grades 11 & 12	Experienced Greek
2023 – 2024	LBGCU0 / LBGDU0	Grades 11 & 12	Experienced Greek
2022 – 2023	LBDBD0 / LBGCU0	Grades 10 & 11	Intermediate Greek
2021 – 2022	LBGBD0	Grade 10	Beginner Greek

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Centre for Oral History and Digital Storytelling (COHDS/CHORN), Concordia University.

Hellenic Canadian Academic Association of Ontario (HCAAO), Member

Oral History Association, Member

Hellenic Heritage Foundation History Committee

The Hellenic Initiative, Volunteer

LANGUAGE COMPETENCIES

English, Fluent

Greek, Fluent

French, Elementary proficiency, successfully completed the core French program under the O.S.S.D.

CERTIFICATIONS

2023 - **PANAL ON RESEARCH ETHICS, TCPS 2: CORE 2022**

Successfully completed the course on Research Ethics based on the Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans (Certificate # 0000560087)

MEDIA APPERANCES & INTERVIEWS

July 1st, 2022, **Television Interview**, CHTO Odyssey Television Network, Presented on the early history of Greeks in Canada for their Canada Day special broadcast.

November 12th, 2025, **Television Interview**, CHTO Odyssey Television Network, presented on the podcast I co-hosted 'Greece's Darkest Decade'.

VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

2025 – 2026 **Member**, Adjudicating Committee (Selection Committee), Department of History, York University

2020 – 2021 **Secretary**, Graduate History Students' Association

2015 – 2016 **Treasurer**, Greek Students Association at UofT

Non – for – Profit, Socrates Hellenic School of Mississauga, and District

2019 – 2022 **Chief Innovation Officer**, Volunteer

2015 – 2019 **School Administrator**, Volunteer

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