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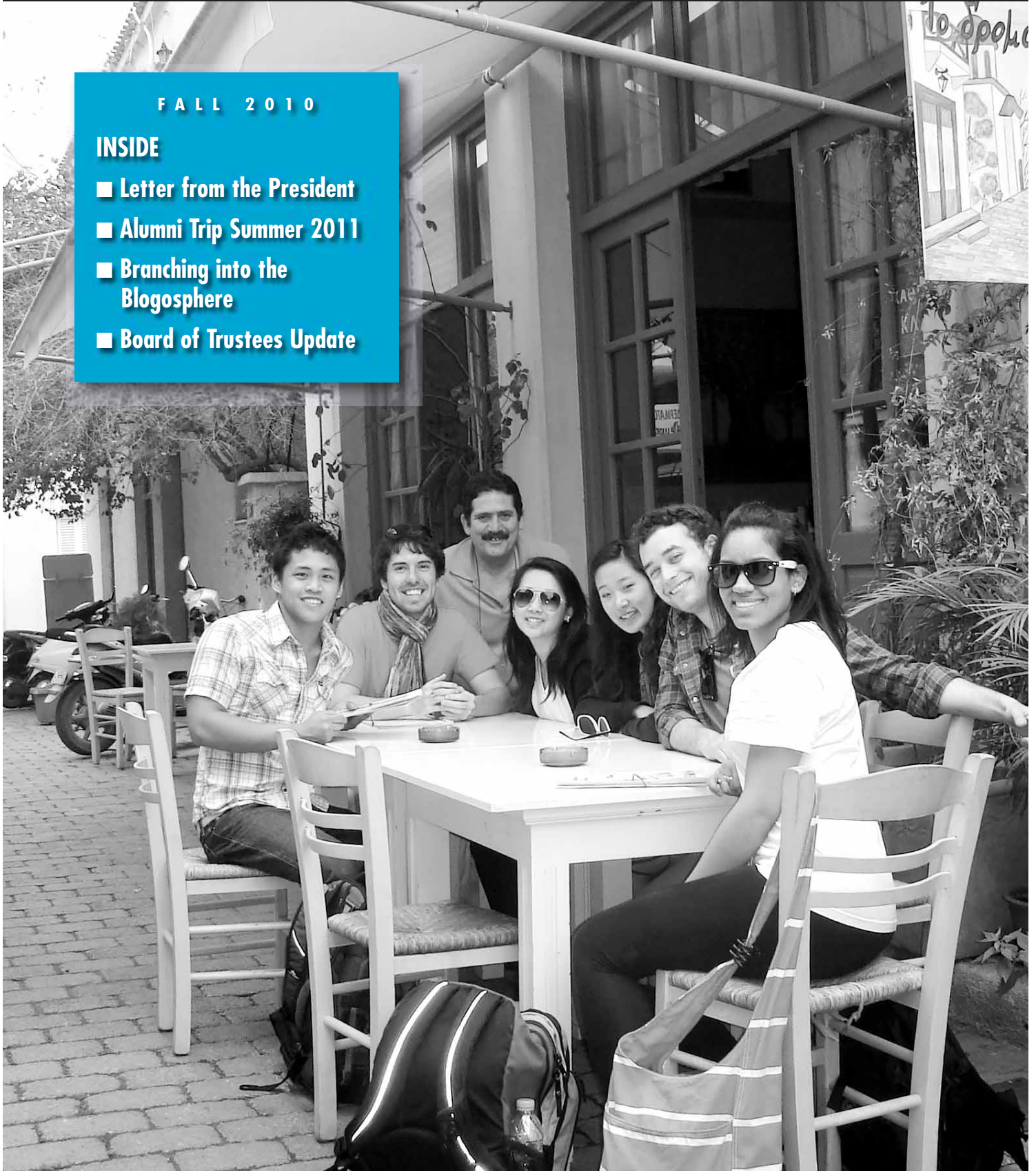


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On the way to the Acropolis. Photo by Kendra Thompson, Barnard College, CYA Spring '10

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Ready for lunch at a local taverna. Photo by Tiffany Miller, Lehigh University, CYA Spring '10

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Today's American students who decide to study abroad in Europe are following the footsteps of 17th century gentlefolk, offspring of affluent families, who took the Grand Tour of Europe, in order to be exposed to the Classical antiquity and the Renaissance. Two such British gentlemen, James Stewart and Nicholas Revett, were sent to Greece by the London Society of Dilettanti in 1750 to take careful measurements of classical buildings and monuments in Athens. Their 3-volume book, "The Antiquities of Athens," published in 1767, stimulated the Greek revival movement in architecture, sculpture, and even politics. In Philadelphia, the Bank of Pennsylvania (1801) and the Second Bank of the United States (1816) are superb examples of this revival. The U.S. Capitol and many Washington D.C. public buildings of course are products of the same movement. A replica of the Parthenon sits in a park in Nashville, Tennessee.

But it was not just architecture. The U.S. founding fathers were well versed in their Greek and Latin. An American student to consider himself educated must be exposed to the elements that created his own culture, and must take part in the contemporary, condensed, and more academically-oriented version of the Grand Tour, by studying abroad in Europe.

In this respect, Greece offers its own version which is well steeped in the humanities. Take archaeology, art, architecture for instance. At CYA we treat the city of Athens as our classroom. We have courses in Aegean art and archaeology, another on the ancient, medieval, and modern monuments of Greece; a course on ancient sculpture and vase painting; a course on the monuments of Athens; and one on ancient materials and techniques. They are all taught largely in museums and archaeological sites. Could these courses be taught in a classroom in the U.S. with audiovisual aids? Yes, but there are undeniable benefits to being able to experience, see, and even touch, the real thing.

If we turn our attention to religion, literature, anthropology, ethnography, environmental studies, political science, international relations, and European studies, these disciplines are also well served by CYA.

To be more specific, in ethnography, a course that examines "civil society" in present day Greece has a service-learning aspect that brings students as volunteers in the workings of NGOs that are operating in Greece, dealing with some of the country's social problems. One such problem, severe not only in Greece but all over Europe these days, is immigration, legal and illegal; regulated and unregulated, with all its racial, religious, gender-related, and law enforcement implications. It was not long ago when discussing the composition of Greek society at an orientation session, we used to speak of a truly homogenous society. Practically everyone was, or spoke, Greek, and was Greek Orthodox. How different the picture is now. Because of Greece's position at the crossroads of three continents, but particularly because of its sea border with Turkey which serves as a jumping point for immigrants and political refugees from Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Iran, Greece has stopped being homogenous. In a country of 11 million by official statistics, rough estimates speak of another 2 million of recent immigrants. There are parts of central Athens that are totally ghetto-ized by immigrant populations. In some of these pockets, immigrants live in conditions that are not only totally unacceptable, but dangerous for public health. Our students have a chance to work as service-learners in soup kitchens in these areas, or with groups that offer protection to victims of human trafficking.

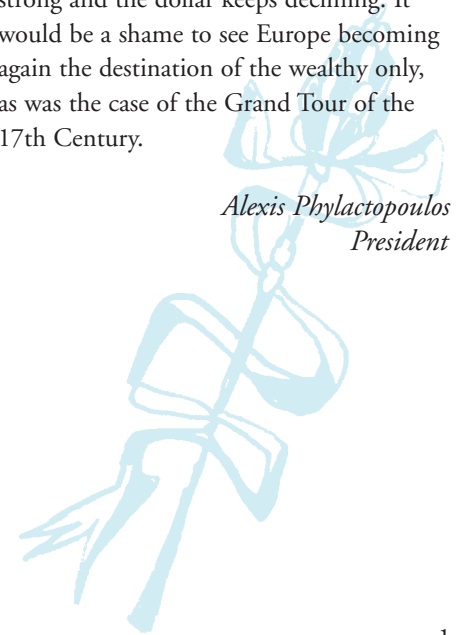
Another aspect of Greece that students are exposed to is the "culture of protest." This is a novel experience for U.S. students whose generation has not witnessed demonstrations for civil liberties or for Viet Nam that their parents experienced. In Greece today, as we have seen in France, the U.K., Belgium, Italy, and Spain, to

protest and to demonstrate publicly is an accepted part of the political ethos and process. At CYA we make every effort to keep students safe, but keeping them altogether off the streets we have no way of doing, even if we wanted to. We feel there is something instructive if our students observe the differences between the European North and South (again, we have a course on this at CYA), the north being a culture of consensus, positive thinking, conciliation, and arbitration, and the south of Europe being a culture of confrontation, non-collective behavior, and lack of faith in the government.

I would be remiss if I did not bring up the enormous issue of the European Union and its present day predicament. Actually, this, for us at CYA, is a subject of two courses, one on European Integration per se, and one on the North-South divide. Our students examine the tensions developing between the frugal North and the big spenders of the South. These are tensions that bring out fundamental differences of attitude with the fiscally more responsible northerners that are testing the foundations of the European Union, such as the concept of solidarity, and the strength of the common currency, the Euro.

Speaking about the Euro, as much as Europe, and Greece in particular, are academically inspiring and challenging, they may finally stop being affordable destinations as the Euro continues to be strong and the dollar keeps declining. It would be a shame to see Europe becoming again the destination of the wealthy only, as was the case of the Grand Tour of the 17th Century.

Alexis Phylactopoulos
President



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We need your help! Despite our recent project with Harris Connect we are still missing contact information for many alumni who have either moved or changed names. If you are in touch with fellow CYAers, please visit our website and check the list of "LOST ALUMNI" (<http://www.cyathens.org> under Alumni & Friends) to see if someone you know is on this list.

CYA's North American Office has a new street address (all other contact info remains the same): 1035 Cambridge St., Ste 16D, Cambridge, MA 02141

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2. Matching Gifts

Your employer may match your charitable donations, multiplying the impact of your gift. To learn if your organization participates, please contact your human resources office.

3. Named Scholarships

What better way to support a deserving CYA student than through a named scholarship! You can honor a special person and give the incredible experience of College Year in Athens to an academically qualified student who would not otherwise be able to attend.

BRANCHING INTO THE BLOGOSPHERE

CYA launched its first blog in Fall 2010, blog.cyathens.org. Still in its infancy, the blog has offered CYA a portal to pool together all of the program's multimedia content (including photos and videos) and update friends and family on what is going on at CYA in a faster fashion than The Owl or the main website (www.cyathens.org).

The inaugural post came, fittingly, from a student. Robert Abrams' Introduction to Greece and the Greek was well received for his insightful observations of Greece, "it is clear that times are tough, and once were not," and the Wheaton College junior's, shall we say, candid, interpretation of Greeks, or at least Greek women – "They're made of clay taken from a clean riverbank. It's as if light is bouncing off the Mediterranean and playing on their faces, no matter where they are."


In addition to written content, the blog features photos from our Flickr account (www.flickr.com/cya_dikemes) and YouTube videos of lectures and events at CYA.

Local IT firm Penguin City handles the logistics and layouts of the blog. Content is edited and posted by CYA alum George Mesthos SP'08, who is working in Athens as a freelance journalist.

The blog is promoted mainly through the College Year in Athens Facebook page (www.facebook.com/CYAthens), which crested over 900 "likes" in early October. With approximately 2,000 students having attended CYA since Facebook's inception in 2004, there is still room to grow.

CYA's next web frontier is Twitter. Already registered as "CYAthens" we welcome all tweeters to start following us.

So even though our program sits next to a stadium originally built more than 2,500 years ago, CYA itself is keeping up with the 21st century.


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LECTURE SERIES – SPRING & SUMMER 2010



John Psaropoulos, Greece correspondent for NPR and CNN and former executive editor of *Athens News*, gave a talk February 10 entitled “Can Greece dig itself out of Debt?” An astute observer of Greek politics, Mr. Psaropoulos’ lecture addressed the principal crisis facing the country today, which is how to pay for the state budget and service a huge debt while staying within the financial guidelines imposed by the European Union. The problem is both economic and political, as any credible solutions face stiff opposition from all the interest groups that depend on government handouts. To see Mr. Psaropoulos’ commentary for yourself, visit www.thenewathenian.com.



“Who’s on first?” a documentary by **Valerie Kontakos**, winner of Best Documentary, LA Greek Film Festival, 2007, was shown on February 17, followed by a discussion with the filmmaker. “Who’s on first?” shows what happens when Greece, a country with no tradition in baseball is suddenly required to field a team to compete in the 2004 Athens Olympics. The solution Greece chose was to call on Greek-American pros to create a baseball team, leaving the few passionate local Greek athletes on the sidelines. What started out as a quirky Olympic novelty, turns into a transatlantic Greek tragedy. Prior to moving to Athens in 2002 Valerie Kontakos lived and worked in New York. Upon completing her studies at New York

University’s Graduate Film and TV Institute, she worked as an editor on commercials and documentaries and directed and produced documentaries for public television. Since moving to Athens she has produced and directed independently and for the Greek national television broadcaster, ERT. Her work has been shown on PBS, ERT, YLE (Finland), and EBS (Korea).



Maria Liston, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Waterloo, gave a talk on March 3 called “The End of the Theban Sacred Band: Skeletons from the Battle of Chaeroneia, 338 BC.” Professor Liston pursues research as a skeletal biologist and archaeologist, focusing on the excavation and analysis of human remains and their mortuary contexts. Since 1987, her excavations have ranged from Iron Age excavations on Crete to finding the remains of British and colonial soldiers at Fort William Henry, New York. This year she was on Sabbatical at the American School of Classical Studies at Athens.



Journalist **Gazmend Kapllani** delivered “An Athenian story... from Albania : How immigration is transforming and challenging Greek society” on March 10. Mr. Kapllani, a reporter and columnist for the Greek daily *Ta Nea* and weekly *Athens Voice* and the author of *A Short Border Handbook*, talked about his personal experiences as an Albanian immigrant, the

situation of immigrants in Greece today, and immigration legislation that was pending before the Greek Parliament, which would make it easier for immigrants who have gone through public education to become citizens. He is currently writing his second book based on real stories of immigrants living mainly in Athens.



On March 17, CYA hosted a “Panel Discussion on Greece and the European Union.” The panel featured **George Kapopoulos**, Journalist at NET TV and *Imerisia* newspaper, **Andreas Kintis**, Expert Counselor on issues of European security in the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and **Ritsa Panagioutou**, Research Fellow at the Centre for Planning and Economic Research and CYA Lecturer.



Voula Tsouna, Chair of the Philosophy Department, UC-Santa Barbara spoke on March 23 about “Socrates’ Last Will and Testament: An Interpretation of Plato’s *Crito*.”



Dr. Michael Herzfeld, Professor of Anthropology at Harvard, author of *Ours Once More*, and CYA Advisor, gave a lecture on April 14 entitled “The Template

of Original Sin: Human Weakness and Social Life in Greece and Italy.” Professor Herzfeld’s extensive fieldwork has encompassed Greece, Italy and Thailand. He is the author of nine books, most recently “The Body Impolitic: Artisans and Artifice in the Global Hierarchy of Value” (University of Chicago Press, 2004), and “Cultural Intimacy: Social Poetics in the Nation State” (2nd revised edition, Routledge, 2005). “Monti Moments” is his first film. Herzfeld is now working on a second film on the politics of eviction and historic conservation at the Pom Mahakan site in Bangkok, Thailand.



Jerry Lalonde, Professor of Classics at Grinnell, and research Fellow at the American School of Classical Studies at Athens in summer 2010, gave a lecture entitled “Thucydides on Human Nature and Violence: Realist or Pessimist?” on June 2. The talk by Professor Lalonde, an expert on Thucydides, addressed a fascinating dimension of Thucydides’ History of the Peloponnesian Wars.



Dr. Frank Hess, Coordinator of the Modern Greek Program and Lecturer in Western European Studies at Indiana University (Bloomington), gave a lecture on June 10 on immigration, one of the major issues in Greece today. Entitled “Reimagining Filoxenia: Immigration and the Politics of Civilization in Modern Greek Culture,” the lecture attempted to identify an alternative usable past for the immigration debate in Greece by

rethinking “filoxenia” — the Greek word for hospitality — through the vantage point of Classical and Byzantine traditions of “paideia” (education). He also explored the genesis of the word “politismos” (civilization) and the limitations that its conceptual framework has placed on the way that both cultural membership and cultural difference have been understood in Greece.



On March 8, CYA President **Alexis Phylactopoulos** held a discussion workshop with the students about the economic crisis engulfing Greece and the Eurozone. In announcing the workshop, he wrote the following: “The recent austerity measures proposed by the government are bound to produce demonstrations and protests by trade unions and other groups that oppose them. Strikes and demonstrations are not uncommon in Greece and in Europe in general. This time, however, because of the severity of the measures, emotions and reactions may be more intense than usual.

Please make every effort to stay away from demonstrations and marches. We realize it’s an interesting social phenomenon which justifiably some of you may want to observe but your safety comes first, so please heed to this warning. We are sorry for this inconvenience in your daily routines; we think life will return to a normal pace soon.”



THE TRIAL OF SOCRATES



On Wednesday, June 30, and again on Thursday, July 1, an audience of some 150 summer students, faculty and guests crowded into Ismene Hall to attend a fascinating presentation – including film clips on Athens in the 4th century B.C. – of the trial of Socrates by **Francis E. McGovern**, Professor of Law at Duke University School of Law, and CYA Chairman of the Board of Trustees **K. Chris Todd**, attorney at law, of Kellogg, Huber, Hansen, Todd, Evans & Figel, Washington, D.C. On the first day, McGovern and Todd discussed the background to the trial, and the historical context in which it took place: the Athens of Pericles, the city’s democratic system, and the recent defeat of Athens at the hands of Sparta. During the second session, Professor McGovern, wearing a chiton, took the part of Socrates. Chris Todd, dressed more conventionally, played his accusers. The focus was on the trial itself, the accusations against Socrates, Socrates’ defense, the close vote in which he was found guilty, and his sentencing to death by a large majority of the 501 jurors. Perhaps the most novel aspect of their presentation of the trial was their discussion of Athenian legal process and its comparison with American law. McGovern and Todd explained the differences between the Athenian legal system, with its 501 jurors chosen at random who also played the role of judge, and the American legal system with its much smaller juries and carefully prescribed roles for all those taking part in a trial. One of the fascinating questions they asked the audience to consider was whether the final verdict might have been different had the Athenian jurors deliberated in closed session before voting, as American jurors do, rather than casting their ballots immediately after hearing the arguments of the accusers and the defendant. 🐬

SUMMER STUDY 2011

CYA alumni and friends!

Interested in studying Modern Greek language and culture in Athens and on the island of Paros? Would you like to explore how past and present interact in and around the modern city of Athens, or embark on a journey to study the most celebrated landmarks of Greek art and archaeology? How about following the footsteps of Apostle Paul, or experiencing daily life on an island through a service-learning project? Would you prefer to participate in an archaeological dig and snorkel over ancient shipwrecks? CYA's summer programs are a perfect way to reacquaint yourself with, or introduce your children to, the wonders of Greece.

CYA alumni and friends interested in short-term, intensive study abroad are invited to take advantage of the following summer courses, which offer unique, experience-based opportunities for learning. The semester-equivalent courses are offered in two consecutive sessions that run from May 30 to July 22, 2011, and have been arranged to provide a number of options for continuing or complementary study.

Dates and a brief description of each course are included below; please visit the CYA website, www.cyathens.org, for detailed information or write to programs@dikemes.edu.gr.

1ST SESSION - MAY 30-JUNE 24, 2011

THE GEOGRAPHY OF FAITH: PAUL, CHRISTIANITY, AND THE GREEK CITY

Examine the life and legacy of the Apostle Paul for four intensive weeks on site in the major cities where he worked and taught: Ephesus (Turkey), Philippi, Thessaloniki, Corinth and Athens.

Instructor: Dr. Cameron Afzal, Professor of Religion, Sarah Lawrence College

DISCOVER A GREEK POLIS: ANCIENT ATHENS ON SITE

Study the fundamental political, social and cultural institutions of the ancient Greek polis of Athens through first-hand examination of its material remains in the modern context of the city.

Instructor: Dr. Robert F. Sutton, Professor of Classical Studies, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis

2ND SESSION - JUNE 27-JULY 22, 2011

MODERN GREEK LANGUAGE AND CULTURE IN ATHENS AND ON THE ISLAND OF PAROS

Learn Greek at the beginning or intermediate level. 60 hours of intensive instruction complemented by activities and excursions both in Athens and on Paros that provide insight into Greek urban and island culture and contemporary life.

Instructors: Marinetta Papahimona, Eleni Karvouni, Stella Papayianni, Lida Triantafillidou, Angeliki Anagnostopoulou – International Center for Hellenic and Mediterranean Studies/CYA

LANDSCAPE AND ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE MEDITERRANEAN: FROM PREHISTORIC TO OTTOMAN TIMES

Experience the archaeology of the Mediterranean through lectures, field trips, archaeological fieldwork on the island of Sapienza and at ancient Messene, and snorkeling excursions over shipwreck sites. Based in Methoni, on the southwest coast of the Peloponnese.

Instructors: Dr. Andrea Nanetti, Dr. Nicola Wardle – International Center for Hellenic and Mediterranean Studies/CYA

THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF GREECE: FROM PALACE TO CITY-STATE

Examine the art and archaeology of prehistoric and classical Greece in this intensive journey through key sites and museums in Crete, Attica, the Peloponnese, and central Greece.

Instructor: Dr. Steven Diamant, International Center for Hellenic and Mediterranean Studies/CYA

ENCOUNTERING MODERN GREECE: SERVICE LEARNING AND ANTHROPOLOGY ON THE ISLAND OF PAROS

Investigate the complex social and cultural world of contemporary Greece utilizing the disciplinary framework of anthropology and service learning projects within the local community.

Instructor: Dr. Susan B. Sutton, Chancellor's Professor of Anthropology, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis

VISITING PROFESSOR



Mark Toher (R) sharing a quiet moment with Steve Diamant (L) during the Fall '10 welcome party at the Phylactopoulos garden.

Mark Toher, Professor of Classics at Union College and an old friend of CYA, spent the 2010 fall semester with us as Visiting Professor, teaching “Intermediate Latin: Roman Comedy,” and serving as Resident Director for the group of Union students who were with us for the semester. CYA's relationship with Union dates back to 1977, with hundreds of Union students having studied in Athens under our auspices over the past thirty-three years. Professor Toher has led the Union program in Athens numerous times, most recently in 1999-2000. He has also had a long association with the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, as a Member of its Managing Committee since 1984, and a Member of its Executive Committee in 2000-2001. Professor Toher has a B.A. from University College, Oxford, and a B.A. and Ph.D. from Brown University, where he became friends with longtime CYA professor of Ancient Greek and Latin, John Raish.

VOLUNTEER! CYA IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR HELP

If you are interested in recruiting students at a university near you or hosting an alumni event, please contact us at info@cyathens.org.



“ONLY CONNECT” FINDING FAMILY IN GREECE

By Alexis “Alexandra” Kelleher

Only connect! That was the whole of her sermon. Only connect the prose and the passion and both will be exalted, and human love will be seen at its height.

Live in fragments no longer.

Howards End, E.M. Forster



Alexandra Kelleher among cousins Aris (L) and Apostolis (R)

Growing up Greek-American, I often heard stories of the motherland from my Yiayia and Pappou. Although they were both born in America, they had lived in Greece for three years after they were married. They never wanted to leave, and when they found out I would be taking classes there this summer, they could not wait for me to go. In the months that led up to the big trip, they called and emailed me constantly, recommending islands with the bluest beaches, streets with the best shopping and restaurants with the greatest variety of pita.

I visited them about a week before I left. “It’s time,” said my Pappou, so the two of us sank into the couch of their TV room to talk about the family villages.

“My father is from Kalambaka, and I still keep in touch with one cousin from there.” Having never heard about this relative before, I was surprised to learn that she and my grandfather spoke once or twice a year. Her first name was Vasso and he said he would look for her phone
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US UNIVERSITY FAIR IN ATHENS



Kathy Chu at the U.S. University Fair in Athens

Students from College Year in Athens represented their home institutions at the Greek Fulbright Foundation’s 16th annual US University Fair on October 4. Some 450 Greek students and their parents packed a ballroom at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Ilisia, about a 15 minute walk from CYA’s Academic Center.

For CYA students, supplied with boxes of brochures and trinkets from their home admissions offices, this was a unique opportunity to meet face-to-face with Greek students around their age.

“As a student representative, my main job was to connect a face with the student population of my university,” said Kathy Chu, a junior at Duke University. “All of the admission statistics can be found online. I was there to give some enthusiasm to the prospect of attending a university abroad.”

The Fulbright Foundation appreciated CYA students pitching in and helping to raise the total number of institutions represented to 32.

“This was a great opportunity to utilize CYA students’ presence in Greece and allow them to interact with U.S.-bound students and their parents,” said Nicholas Tourides, the Greek Fulbright Foundation’s education advisor and coordinator of the fair. CYA students “provide their own side of the story on U.S. education and living in States. Their contribution to the event was well received by participants and Fulbright staff alike.”

COOKING LIKE A GREEK

This column will bring you recipes that students try, and love, in the course of their Greek cooking lessons.

OPEN SPINACH PIE WITH OLIVES AND SESAME SEEDS

(from the Museum of the Olive and Greek Olive Oil in Sparta which CYA visited on the latest trip to the Peloponnese)

*3 thick pastry leaves of the “peasant” style
3 lb. fresh spinach
½ lb. black olives
4 tbsp. dark sesame seeds
½ lb. feta cheese, crumbled
4 spring onions
4 leeks, only the white part, cut into roundels
1/2 bunch fresh fennel, finely chopped
5 tbsp. sweet “trahanas” (a Greek product similar to burghul)
4 eggs, lightly beaten
1 cup olive oil
Salt
Freshly ground pepper*

Wash the spinach, cut it and rub it well between your fingers to rid it from excess moisture. Heat oil in a saucepan and sauté the spinach, onions and leeks. Leave them to cook until they are soft and have absorbed their liquids. Take the saucepan off the heat add the fennel, the cheese, the “trahanas,” the eggs and the salt and pepper and mix them until blended.

Oil well a medium-sized baking dish and line it with the pastry leaves, brushing each well with oil as you lay it over the other. Put the filling, smooth its surface and sprinkle it with the sesame seeds. Bake at 350 F for one hour.

Enjoy!



“ONLY CONNECT”

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number. With limited information and less certainty that I would make it to that part of Greece, I was not optimistic about actually meeting Cousin Vasso.

When I arrived in Greece in May for my course following in the footsteps of St. Paul I was excited to learn that we would be spending a night in Kalambaka. I emailed home to ask for the telephone number that Pappou had forgotten to give me, figuring I would look for Vasso. Within a day, I received an enthusiastic email with the number and a million questions.

When I spoke to my professor, Ron Afzal, and our administrative liaison and translator, Aleko, about visiting my family in Kalambaka, they were both excited about the little adventure I would have once we got there.

Two days later, I received a minor setback. Pappou had tried to call Vasso himself, but he hadn't been able to get through. Sometimes she visited her daughter in the summer, so there was a chance she was not home. My excitement waned as I became more skeptical about meeting my Pappou's cousin. But with three days left until my arrival in Kalambaka, I did not give up entirely. Aleko assured me that hope should not be lost. Kalambaka is made up of only two streets, and even though Vasso is a popular name, there was still a chance.

A few days later, we finally arrived in Kalambaka. Aleko and I asked the woman

at the hotel's front desk if we could use the phone. My inability to speak Greek, which seemed to disappoint and shock every Greek I met, forced Aleko to become my personal translator. He dialed the number, but it did not go through. Our disappointment must have sparked curiosity in the hotel clerk, who asked what had happened. I did not understand anything they said, although it seemed that the woman began to speak faster as she knelt behind the desk. When she finally emerged her arms were full of what appeared to be bookmarks, postcards and a sizeable book.

“She is excited that your family comes from Kalambaka,” Aleko announced as she enthusiastically showed me what I now saw were Kalambaka memorabilia. “There are two Vasso's in Kalambaka. She knows both of them. She also said she is going to find your family,” Aleko said. Although this was good news, the confidence in his voice was oddly chilling, almost as if he were telling me this meeting was going to happen whether I liked it or not. The woman dropped the phone book on her desk with a thud and began to flip through it, still speaking. Aleko rapidly translated questions about my family and my Pappou's last name. I responded. It was all happening so fast. My optimism was replenished.

Upon hearing that our family name was Tsandikos, the woman stopped. Her koumbaro's last name was also Tsandikos. As she dialed the number and waited for him to pick up, she spoke to Aleko and smiled at me. Still unable to understand

the majority of what was being said, I did not know when she stopped talking to Aleko and began talking to her friend, Apostolis Tsandikos. I listened and waited. Finally, Aleko turned to me and asked, “Is your Pappou the priest in Massachusetts?”

I nodded, assuming there was only one. “Apostolis is also Vasso's cousin, and we think he must be related to your Pappou, too!”

I did not know how to react to this news. Aleko explained to me that Vasso was indeed out of town visiting her daughter. Apostolis, however, wanted to meet me and show me around Kalambaka. I enthusiastically accepted the invitation.

I thanked the woman at the desk again for everything. “I can't believe we found them!”

Aleko translated her response. “She can't believe you doubted her.”

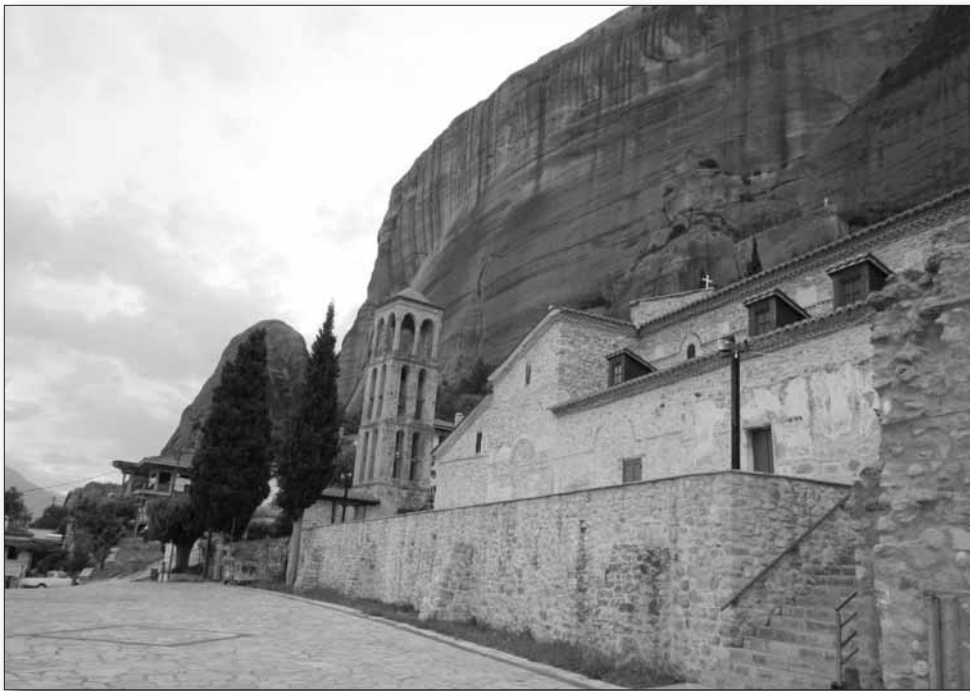
I flew upstairs to get ready. When I returned to the hotel lobby an hour later, I found Aleko sitting outside smoking cigarettes with our bus driver, Yanni, so I sat with them while I waited. “Yanni says you look nervous,” Aleko asked. “Are you nervous, Alexandra?”

“I guess I'm a little nervous,” I replied, the pitch of my voice about an octave higher than usual. They told me to relax. I just kept thinking about how I might react to a sudden telephone call from a stranger who claimed to be my relative. I had no idea what to expect. A car pulled up to the hotel. A portly middle-aged man with a cartoonish face stepped out. I froze, but fortunately Yanni yelled out to him. He turned around, and we introduced ourselves. It was Apostolis.

After going in and speaking to the woman at the front desk who had worked so hard to unite us, Aleko and I climbed into the car with Apostolis to tour Kalambaka. We started out by going to Vasso's house. Although she was not there, her son, Aris, was home. He was not expecting us, but Apostolis explained who we were and how we had contacted him. Aris smiled as he opened the door to embrace me. He explained that he had heard about my family and me from his mother. We sat on the front porch of their home, and Aris brought out a sweet walnut dessert and a liqueur that Vasso had made before she left. Both were delicious. We talked for a while. Aris spoke a little bit of English, so we were able to converse without translation. He asked about my uncle, George, and the other members of my family he had heard about. Although I had showed up on his doorstep completely



Another relative's home in Kalambaka



The church in Kalambaka

unannounced, he extended the hospitality of family to strangers no more than an hour ago.

My night did not end there. Apostolis graciously took me into the part of the village where my Pappou's father had grown up. The original houses were no longer there because the Nazis had occupied and destroyed the village. But the neighborhood church had survived, and it was one street over from where my great-grandfather had grown up. From the elevated street, I could see the entire city and the mountains of Meteora. Apostolis told stories of my great-grandfather, who was the brother of his grandfather.

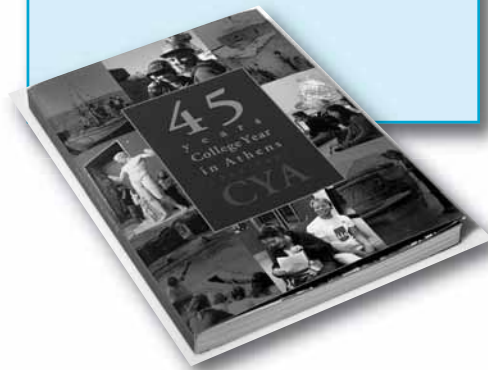
Apostolis showed us his own home, explaining that he would invite us over for dinner, but his wife was not around so there was no food. He insisted on taking us out. First, however, he had to feed his sheep, so he dropped us off at the hotel and promised to be back in an hour. When he returned, he told us that he was going to take us to get souvlaki. Aleko explained to him that I was a vegetarian. After listening to his response, Aleko burst out laughing. After hearing that I didn't eat meat, Apostolis announced that we would get lamb. We told him why that would not work. Although I don't think he understood why, he finally accepted my dietary constraints and took us to a taverna in Kastraki, a bordering town.

By the time we sat down to eat it was past ten o'clock, much later than I am used to having dinner, but typical for Greeks. I learned about Apostoli's wife and children and heard a few stories about Kalambaka and our family. We discussed Greece's economic problems and I was struck by his opinion about work ethics. "We enjoy each other's company and we live," he said. Although it hadn't really been intended as advice, I took his words to heart. They shaped the rest of my trip.

Throughout my whole life, I have heard my family speak and joke about the Greeks and their unique lifestyle. When I finally had the opportunity to experience Greece for myself, I realized that the stereotypes I had internalized were for the most part accurate. However, I also noticed that Greeks take an immense amount of pride in some of the traits that Americans might view as most negative. Their boisterousness is passion, and their laid-back attitude is enjoyment of life and people. It was this passion for life and the acknowledgement of the importance of connecting that allowed me to have such a memorable experience that night in Kalambaka. At one point in the evening, I realized I had forgotten that I had only known Apostolis for several hours and not years. Despite the short notice and language barrier, I felt welcomed and comfortable from the moment I met him. I was not an imposition; I was family.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

Because of changes in the CYA By-Laws concerning term limits for members of the Board of Trustees, in recent years we have found ourselves sadly saying farewell to friends who have shared their resources, wisdom, and time to help make CYA the successful program it is. This past summer saw an unusually large number who had to step off the Board.

Kelly Cullins, CYA '69, Alumna Trustee, Director of Study Abroad, St. Michael's College (retired)

George A. David, Chairman of the Board, CocaCola HBC S.A.

George N. Hatsopoulos, Founder and Chairman Emeritus, Thermo Electron Corporation; CEO, Pharos LLC

Joan Caraganis Jakobson (CYA '65), Free-Lance Writer; Advisory Board, Wesleyan Writers Conference; Trustee, New York Historical Society

Edmund Keeley, Straut Professor of English Emeritus and Director of Hellenic Studies Emeritus, Princeton University

Kitty P. Kyriacopoulos, Honorary Chairman, S&B Industrial Minerals

In addition to those mentioned above, **Robert G. Leary** (CYA '82), CEO, ING Investment Management, felt that he had to resign because the demands of his new position did not permit him to give CYA the attention it deserved.

These Trustees had served on the Board for different lengths of time, but all of them played a critical role in the development of the school throughout their tenures. The CYA family salutes their valuable contribution in making the school what it is today, and hopes that they will continue to be involved in the life of the school whenever their schedules permit.

CYA would also like to welcome the new members of the Board of Trustees, and wish them a successful and productive term:

Johannes Burger, Attorney at Law and Partner at Marxer & Partner based in Lichtenstein;

Anastassis G. David, Member of the Board of Coca Cola Hellenic Bottling Co.;

Mark D. Desjardins, Headmaster of St. John's School in Houston, Texas;

Elizabeth (Betsy) King (CYA '71), Alumna Trustee, archaeologist and long-term resident of Greece;

George Komodikis, Investment consultant and Managing Director of Madison Holdings;

Ulysses Kyriacopoulos, Chairman of S&B Industrial Minerals S.A.;

Alan Shapiro (CYA '69), Professor of Archaeology at Johns Hopkins University.

In addition, CYA welcomes back **Polyvios Vintiadis**, Director, Morgens Waterfall Vintiadis & Co., and long time Treasurer of the Board, as a Trustee Emeritus.



George David, long-time Chairman of the Human Resources Committee, and Kitty Kyriacopoulos, whose strength of argument and contributions made CYA's present facilities possible, enjoying a game of tavli over Greek coffee. Both were instrumental in the growth of the school.



Kelly Cullins (CYA '67), Alumna Trustee, brought professional experience in study abroad into CYA and served as Chair of the Risk Management Committee.



George Hatsopoulos was Chairman of the Board for over 30 years. CYA profited from his leadership and his wise counsel on financial matters.



Joan Caraganis Jakobson (CYA'65) carried the spirit of the pioneering years of CYA, and founded the Caraganis-Welt scholarship. Her enthusiasm and elegance graced the CYA Board for many years.



Edmund (Mike) Keeley was a member of the Academic Committee and an invaluable academic advisor. His translations of Greek poetry have been an inspiration to generations of CYA students.

CULTURAL IMMERSION ON PAROS



A sizeable contingent of Americans of Greek descent attended CYA's 2010 Greek Language summer program on the Cycladic island of Paros, from May 24 to June 18.

Many Greek Americans learn bits of the Greek language in the US but they've never immersed themselves in the people and culture of Greece. Some visit with their families every summer. Others "grew up Greek" but never actually set foot in Greece. Still more have almost completely lost their connection and want to gain it back. All were looking to get over the hump with their language skills while studying in an idyllic village, a few meters from the beach.

"Unlike learning a language in schools in the U.S. and forgetting the language as soon as you walk outside the door of the classroom," Anastasia Theoharis said, "I was able to immediately apply everything as soon as I walked out onto the streets."

Students work in classes limited to 10 but know that their professors, like Kyria Marinetta, want them to learn just as much outside the classroom. "Even though very high standards were held in the classroom," Kassi Nicopoulos said, "the teachers also shared plenty of time with their students telling stories, laughing, and teaching us about the Greek culture and lifestyle."

Besides cultural immersion, the hotel the students stay in is located a few meters from the beach.

"Venturing up the same mountains and swimming in the same sea that my family once did provided me with a lot of time to contemplate my life and reflect on where I've come from," John Zecy said.

The Paros language program is not only intended for Greek Americans, of course. Greek or not, students were given a chance

EVER WANTED TO GO BACK?

10 DAY ALUMNI TRIP JUNE 25 – JULY 4, 2011

Recapture your CYA experience! Refresh your Greek language skills with Marinetta Papahimona, and visit the New Acropolis Museum with Steve Diamant. Join fellow CYAers at a local taverna for a taste of sahanaki and authentic tzatziki. Spend a week on the island of Paros, walk the Byzantine Road, and join a CYA community service project for a day!

Bring your spouse or significant other! Bring the family! Modern Greek language lessons, visits to sites and museums, lectures on Greek history and culture, and much more! Shared accommodation in CYA student apartments in Athens (4 nights) and in A-class hotel in Paros (7 nights).

Price per person: \$2,000 (does not include airfare from/to the U.S.)

Tentative Itinerary:

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

Arrival in Athens, check in CYA student apartments. Afternoon free. Taverna Dinner in the evening.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

Visit to the Acropolis Museum with Steve Diamant. Afternoon free. Modern Greek lesson with Marinetta Papahimona. Evening bus transfer to Kifissia for dinner at the Phylactopoulos garden.

MONDAY, JUNE 27

Modern Greek lesson with Marinetta. Visit to Benaki Museum. Balance of day free

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

Morning free. Transfer to Piraeus – Ferry to Paros. Check-in at hotel in Paroikia. Balance of day free.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

Walking tour of Paroikia (Ekatontapyliani Church, Archaeological museum, etc.) Afternoon Lecture on Greek culture and island life. Balance of day free.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

Walk the Byzantine Road – Lunch on your own at the village of Lefkes – Balance of day free

FRIDAY, JULY 1

Community Service activity. Evening free

SATURDAY, JULY 2

Free day

SUNDAY, JULY 3

Mid-day Ferry to Piraeus – check-in at CYA apartment. Balance of day free.

MONDAY, JULY 4

Depart for the U.S.

to immerse themselves in another culture, an experience that can be translated into languages and settings across the globe.

"These skills will make me a better world citizen," says Kassi. "And I am confident that the memories I made this summer will stay with me for the rest of my life."



ALUMNI GATHERING

CYA President, Alexis Phylactopoulos, along with Chairman of the Board, Chris Todd, and several alumni gathered in Philadelphia on November 12, 2010 for a small alumni reception. Old and new friends reminisced about their student days in Greece, while getting an update from Mr. Phylactopoulos about the current status of the program. It was a fun opportunity for local alumni to reconnect with College Year in Athens!

If you would like to organize an alumni reception in your area, please contact Alumni Relations Coordinator, Kelly Collins at alumni@cyathens.org for more information.



Nicole Williams '09B, Keri Salerno '00AB, Brad Gulick '05B, Elise Billock-Tropea '70AB, Leslie Simon '75AB, Alexis Phylactopoulos, Nora Peterman '02B, Chairman Chris Todd, Mary Dabney '75AB



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LOCAL ALUMNI GATHERINGS – COMING TO AN AREA NEAR YOU?

Alumni gatherings are a fantastic way to reconnect with old classmates and develop new relationships with fellow CYA supporters. Although CYA currently hosts various alumni events each year, we would like to expand the program...with your help! If you are interested in coordinating—or creating—an event for your class or the alumni in your area (with support from CYA, of course), please contact Alumni Coordinator Kelly Collins at alumni@cyathens.org or call the North American Office at 617-868-8200.

TRAVEL REPRESENTATIVES

CYA hired 2 alumni this fall to work as Campus Relations Representatives for us. They traveled the country for us recruiting students to attend CYA next spring and year. The job entails visiting with Study Abroad Staff and Administrators at universities across the country as well as attending Study Abroad Fairs at many colleges. Our Representatives work hard setting up appointments, booking their own travel, and submitting detailed reports of each visit, all while they are on the road flying, driving, and staying in a new place each night. We thank them for their diligent work and continued support of CYA. Thank you to Casey Ottinger (Rollins College, spring 2008-09) and Leslie Fischer (University of Kansas, fall 2008-09).

Thank you also to all of the CYA alumni who joined our Travel Reps at study abroad fairs this fall. CYA appreciates your effort and the time you dedicated.

FALL 2010 ALUMNI NOTES

Please Note: Both fall semester and spring semester alumni are listed as part of the class of the full academic year (e.g., those who attended in the fall of 1990 or spring of 1991 both belong to the class of '91). Summer students are listed by the year they attended.

If you are interested in becoming a class agent, contact us at: alumni@cyathens.org.

CLASS OF '10

Still in need of a class agent

CLASS OF '09

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Sarah Allen (B) writes, "I'm currently attending grad school at UMASS Amherst, working towards an MAT in Latin and Classical Humanities, and loving (just about) every minute!"

James Lambert (B) and *Whitney Lewis* (B) write, "We returned to Greece after a year and a half to do a teaching fellowship at Athens College. I am working in the counseling office and James is working with the middle school. We will be here for a year and look forward to traveling!"

Alexander Lopez (A) writes, "I recently graduated from Gettysburg College. My senior thesis focused on Nauplion and the history of Ottoman and Venetian occupation of the city. I chose this topic because of my visit to CYA."

Meredith Root (summer) writes, "I am currently in the first year of my MBA program at IU. I'm still trying to travel as much as possible!"

Danika Varady (A) writes, "I just moved to the Chicagoland area and I have started working full time at a local hospital. Next fall, I plan on heading to graduate school in Chicago for art therapy. I miss CYA so much!"

Allyson Walsh (B) writes, "I graduated with honors from Trinity University in San Antonio, TX last May and am beginning graduate school at the University

of York in October. Hopefully I can make it back to Greece while I am in the UK!"

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Class Agent: '08A *Amy Hoeg*
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Class Agent: '08B *Terence O'Neill*
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Natalie Diaz (A) writes, "I am now working as the Director of The Williams Club of New York, Williams College's private alumni club. Aside from planning events for club members and the greater alumni community, I tend to the general management of the club. I also do as much freelance art and design work as I can handle my spare time. I am currently living in Carroll Gardens, Brooklyn and loving it!"

Matthew McCarthy (summer) writes, "I am currently a first year graduate student in the Masters of Marine Science program at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, and am encouraging the students I teach to study abroad!"

Sofia Pantel (summer) writes, "I am currently undertaking graduate studies at Seton Hall University for a Masters in Diplomacy and International Affairs, specializing in Europe and Conflict Management and Global Negotiation.

After my two year program I hope to move to a country in the Mediterranean to continue my work in this field."

Allison Salmons (B) writes, "I got engaged in May! The wedding date set for August 2011."

CLASS OF '07

Class Agent: *Catherine (Hibben) Silvo*
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Clara Bracke (A) writes, "I, along with *Chris Dixon* (A), attended the Fall 2006 semester at CYA. We came from different colleges and first met at the taverna dinner held before the start of classes. We hit it off and began dating that semester. We continued to date when we returned to the States, and I am happy to announce that we got engaged over Easter weekend. We

are planning a November 2010 wedding and will always look back on our time at CYA with very fond memories. We hope to be more involved in supporting CYA in the coming years."

Alicia Dissinger (A) writes, "I graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in the spring of 2010 with an MA in art history with a concentration on ancient art. This fall I began my PhD work at the University of Virginia in the graduate department of the History of Art and Architecture, focusing in the program of Classical art and archaeology."

David Schnee (summer) writes, "I have just started a Masters of Science program at the University of Chicago in Financial Mathematics. I will also be starting an internship with Morgan Stanley soon."

CLASS OF '06

Class Agent: '06A *Erin Meyers*
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Class Agent: '06B *Bernadette Bolan*
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Sarah McGee (AB) writes, "It's been 5 years since I first came to Greece to study and 'live my myth.' I never would have thought that 5 years later I would still be here living it! I just married my Greek husband, Fotis, in Milos and we live in Petroupoli. I'm very happy that I still live here and can enjoy this beautiful country and I often think of that fantastic year I spent here as a student. Thank you for all the wonderful memories!"



Scott Nelson (A) writes, "I have now moved back to the USA where I started at Harvard Business School this fall. I spent the last three years in the Middle East working as an environmental consultant, most recently in Abu Dhabi. I had previously lived in Egypt for a year which allowed me to

continue to explore the ancient world in my free time. Before starting school this fall, I spent a third summer field season in Alaska with a gold exploration company working as a field geologist.”

Gal Paz (B) writes, “Since my semester in Athens in Spring 2006, life has been nonstop. In May 2008, I graduated summa cum laude from Wheaton College (Norton, MA) with a BA in Political Science and Middle Eastern History. I went straight from Wheaton and moved to London, England, where I attended The University of London, King’s College. I graduated (in January 2010) magna cum laude with a MA in Intelligence and International Security. After some time off at home in Southern California, I have recently moved to Boston where I have started my second MA program in International Terrorism. I’ll graduate December 2011. After receiving my second MA degree, my plan is to move to Washington D.C. to find a job fitting my career goals.”

Bethany Perkins (A) is pursuing her CPA while working for a public accounting firm in Dallas, TX. She returned to Greece this summer for the first time since studying abroad and to attend the wedding of former CYA-er **Sarah McGee** (AB)!

Emily Williams (summer) writes, “I will be moving to Suwon, South Korea in less than two weeks to teach English as a foreign language.”

CLASS OF '05

Class Agent: **Carly Machado**
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CLASS OF '04

Still in need of a class agent

Mary Goodwin Curphey (B) writes, “I have been happily married to Sam Curphey for five years now. We have a daughter, Mary Bridget, who will be 2 in December. I teach 6th grade language arts part-time and Sam is an attorney. We spend our free-time traveling and seeking out the best Greek food in LA.”

Colin Brode Donovan (B) writes, “I just started working at a boarding school called Millbrook School in Hudson Valley NY, where I will be the Director of the Annual Fund and Alumni Relations, a faculty

advisor, and soccer coach. Hope all is well with everyone at CYA.”

Michelle Mueller (B) edited Crystal Blanton’s book, *Bridging the Gap: Working Within the Dynamics of Pagan Groups and Society*, now in print. While written primarily for contemporary Pagans, the book can help people in many communities have healthier relationships. The book can be ordered through Amazon.

Hannah Soloman (B) writes, “I have just finished my second Master’s Degree in art history. The first was from the Institute of Fine Arts of NYU with a focus on Greek Art; the second was in the Arts of China from Christie’s Education, in affiliation with University of Glasgow. Currently, I work at Christie’s as the Sales Coordinator in the Antiquities department.”

CLASS OF '03

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CLASS OF '02

Still in need of a class agent

Drew Ayers (A) writes, “Karen Petruska and I were married in St. Louis, MO, on July 3, 2010. We were honored to have several CYA friends in attendance. Karen and I are both in the final year of a Ph.D program in Moving Image Studies at Georgia State University in Atlanta, GA.”



Pictured (L to R): Aaron Chait, Drew Ayers, Hans Wietzke, Nima Shirazi (all class of Fall 2001)."

Michael Ellis (summer) writes, “I will be pursuing a one-year Master’s Degree Program in Renaissance Literature starting in Oct 2010. I will be studying very hard in northern England at the University of York, although I hope to make it out to Greece for some sunshine during the spring

or summer. Hopefully, I will be able to meet up with other CYA alumni!”

Jennifer Kreft Potts (A) writes, “My husband came with me for the first time to Greece! I am still in touch with my good friends, Kathy and Norita; the experience was lovely. Now I’m married and I work in research with families.”

Norita White Dobyms (A) writes, “My husband, Ben, and I are expecting our first child in late October. We are currently living in Seattle, WA where I am working as a Special Projects Manager at a legal support firm.”

CLASS OF '01

Still in need of a class agent

Eleanna Makris Anagnos (B) writes, “I am currently a Visiting Assistant Professor of Art and Assistant Director for the Kenyon College in Rome Program during the fall semesters. The rest of the time I live and work in Brooklyn, NY. My art work can be seen at www.eleanna.com”

Jennifer Ferriss-Hill (A) writes, “I am currently in my second year as Assistant Professor of Classics at the University of Miami, and my husband, Rob (Princeton, 2000), and I are expecting our first child in January.”

Andrew Hoyt (B) writes, “I have started a PhD program in History at the University of Minnesota.”

Rebecca Montgomery (AB) writes, “While on the island of Cyprus this past February, John Morad asked me to marry him. We plan to wed in October at the Presbyterian Camps in Saugatuck, MI.”

Emily Woodcock (B) writes, “For the last six years, I’ve been doing community organizing around environmental issues with Clean Water Action. I’m currently the interim staff director.”

CLASS OF '00

Still in need of a class agent

Brian Dixon (B) and his wife, Katie, announce the birth of their second son, Andrew Christopher Elliot Dixon. He was born June 2, 2010 in Indianapolis. Brian continues to work for an NGO, doing research and development in health care

while working on his PhD in Health Informatics in the evenings. He anticipates graduating in May 2011 from Indiana University. He can't believe it has been 10 years since his adventures at CYA. He looks forward to returning to Greece again one day, and often thinks about the many wonderful students, faculty, and Greeks that made the experience amazing.

John Marston (B) writes, "I completed a PhD in Archaeology at UCLA in June and am now a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Joukowsky Institute for Archaeology and the Ancient World at Brown University."

Timothy Simandl (summer) writes, "From 19 May to 10 June 2000 I enjoyed the splendid opportunity to visit for the first time in my life not only Athens itself but also such nearby sites as Brauron, Marathon, Cape Sounion, the shrine of Demeter in Eleusis and Delphi with our professors, Drs. Glowacki and Klein. On my own, I spent my first three days and nights in Greece as a guest at St. Symeon, the New Theologian Orthodox Monastery near Scala Oropos, north of Athens and with the beautiful island of Euboia to the north just across the Eritrean Gulf. On my own, I visited the island of Aegina and while there made a pilgrimage visit to the beautiful tomb-shrine of St. Nectarios. I also took the ferry from Piraeus for a long voyage to the beautiful island of Hydra, passing on the way, the equally beautiful island of Poros. The dramatic hills and mountains of mainland Argolis to the west made for a most dramatic sunset panorama as the ferry made its way back to Piraeus harbor. As for my apartment on Evzozon street, just across from the Orthodox monastery chapel of SS. Michael and Gabriel, Archangels (the Taxiarchoi, also known as Moni Petraki), it was pure delight to live amidst native Athenians, do my grocery shopping at their stores, and attend Saturday evening Vespers and Sunday morning Divine Liturgy with them at the monastery chapel across the street from my apartment. In short, my three first weeks in Athens were—I pray—but a most delightful prelude to my swift return to Greece—the sooner, the better!"



CLASS OF '99

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Class Agent: '99B *Ryan Tipps*
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Karen Ferreira (B) writes, "I'm now an ESL teacher at Samoset Middle School in Leominster, MA. I think my experiences in Greece—including Marinetta's excellent, lively instruction in modern Greek—have helped me become a good language teacher. Efxaristo, CYA!"

Aleni Pappas (B) writes, "My husband and I live in Philadelphia with our 1 year old daughter Zoe."

CLASS OF '98

Class Agent: 98A *Maro Sevastopoulos*
maro_rose@yahoo.com

Class Agent: 98B *Josh Clemons*
joshualero@hotmail.com

Kelly Collins Latchana (A) writes, "My husband, Dave, and I just welcomed our second son, Luke Alexander Latchana, on June 11, 2010. He and his big brother, Patrick, are 16 months apart. Having two little ones so close in age keeps life interesting! I hope all of my dear CYA friends are doing well. Miss you all."

CLASS OF '97

Class Agent: *Steve Maselunas*
smaselunas@charter.net

Christina Clarkson Craiutu (summer) writes, "I live in Bloomington, Indiana with my husband, Aurelian, and daughter, Sophia, working as a freelance translator of Modern Greek literature, and teaching

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Modern Greek at Indiana University as an Associate Instructor."

CLASS OF '96

Class Agent: *Vasilios Roussos*
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CLASS OF '95

Class Agent: *Laura Ament Taylor*
tuidndutch@bigpond.com

Luke Gregory (summer) writes, "I am now a Registered Nurse at the University of Colorado Hospital."

Amanda Holland Rose (B) writes, "I just celebrated my 10 year wedding anniversary and 10 year anniversary working as an attorney and contracts manager for Pro Staff. We've been blessed with two kids; John is 7 and Josie is 5. Daily life consists of trying to find enough time to work, take care of the house, help with homework and have a bit of a social life. It's always interesting and lot of fun – and I still get to see my best pal very often...fellow CYA alum *Rebecca (Wagner) Lee* (AB)."

Warren Woodfin (B) writes, "I am in Zurich this year as a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Kunsthistorisches Institut of the University of Zurich. Beginning next fall, I will take up the tenure-track post of Kallinikeion Assistant Professor of Byzantine Studies at Queens College, CUNY. My responsibilities include teaching both Byzantine art and Byzantine history."

CLASS OF '94

Class Agent: *Susannah Snowden*
Susannah_snowden@hotmail.com

Francesca Tronchin (AB) writes, "I'm happy to note that I have just begun an assistant professor position at Rhodes College in Memphis, TN, in the Art Department where I teach courses on the art and archaeology of the ancient Mediterranean. I'm also still working on my book about Roman houses and their decoration, a project I have been developing thanks to postdoctoral fellowships at the Getty Research Institute and the University of Manitoba Department of Classics. All that moving around has been simultaneously exhausting and exciting, so I am glad to settle into a

new life in Memphis. If other alums have a craving for barbecue, blues music, or a 20th-century urban pyramid, look me up!”

CLASS OF '93

Class Agent: *Joel Green*
jgreen12@earthlink.net

Cynthia Hohlfelder Sugura (B) writes, “Currently, I’m working for the State Department and am posted overseas in Sydney, Australia. I hope to make it to Greece someday!”

Rebecca Proakis Mitchell (B) writes, “I was married in 2008, and my husband David and I just celebrated our second anniversary. We also adopted a blue Doberman puppy named Georgia who is very sweet. I recently saw Mark Gallagher ('93B) at a local event (the Holyoke Road Race) and we were both so surprised and thrilled to bump in to one another. So please if any Spring '93 alums are in the Springfield, MA area, let me know!”

CLASS OF '92

Class Agent: *Kelly McCutcheon Adams*
kamcc71@yahoo.com

Jennifer Hockenbery Dragseth (AB) writes, “I am excited to be bringing a group of students from Mount Mary College to Athens to study this spring. I cannot wait to see Greece and for my students to get a taste of the CYA experience. A book I am editing will be published this summer titled: ‘The Devil’s Whore: Reason and Philosophy in the Lutheran Tradition.’”

Sarah Yates (AB) writes, “I just opened the first traditional Ashtanga Vinyasa yoga studio in Johannesburg!”

CLASS OF '91

Class Agent: *Daphne Pezaris Maramaldi*
dmaramal@fas.harvard.edu

Maria Karapelou Brown (A) writes, “My family and I came to Ellada to celebrate my 40th birthday by running the anniversary of the marathon. It has been the experience of a lifetime! CYA was wonderful for me. It instilled a love of Greek history and a need to return here to celebrate our memories. The new facility here is amazing; so lucky the new students are! And it is wonderful, of course, to see Nadia!”

Melissa Georgeady (AB) writes, “I haven’t been back to Greece for five years and have now brought my husband back for our honeymoon! The best year of my life was 1990 – 1991; I met some of my best friends during that year and still keep in touch with them regularly. We live in Boston. Joe is an electrician and I own a dog walking/pet sitting business.”

Gretchen Grozier (AB) writes, “I was dismayed somewhat earlier this month to think it’s our 20th anniversary. I cannot believe it is 20 years since we started our Greek odyssey.”

CLASS OF '90

Class Agent: *Steve Gratwick*
steve.gratwick@gmail.com

Michelle Walters Nevius (A) writes, “I live on Maui most of the time, but I am still in New York City frequently. My husband and I wrote a New York City history book called, ‘Inside the Apple: A Streetwise History of New York City.’ We continue to operate a historical and architectural walking tour business: see <http://walknyc.com> and <http://www.insidetheapple.net>. I haven’t been to Greece in years—it is a long trip from Hawaii—but I look forward to going back again. Hello and best wishes to everyone from CYA!”

CLASS OF '89

Class Agent: *Joe Garnjobst*
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Patricia Baker (AB) writes, “During the summers of 2008, 09 and 10 I have been involved, along with my University of Kent students, on the Wallingford, Oxfordshire, Burh to Borough Archaeological Project in collaboration with the Universities of Exeter, Oxford and Leicester.”

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CLASS OF '88

Class Agent: *Anne McClanan*
anne@pdx.edu

Katherine Fleming (B) writes, “I was at CYA in spring of 1988; I live in Paris and am married with three daughters. My most recent book, ‘Greece — A Jewish History,’ (Princeton University Press, 2008) was awarded the National Jewish Book Award, the Runciman Award, and the Prix Alberto Benveniste; and received Honorable Mention for the Edmund Keeley Book Award of the Modern Greek Studies Association.”

CLASS OF '87

Class Agent: *Tina Sorokie*
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Sharon Penas Mascaro (B) writes, “I am currently the Deputy Director of Land Use Management and Deputy Chief Engineer at the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission in Lyndhurst, where I have been for 13 years now. At home in West Milford, I am mom to two boys, now 8 and 11, and spend my time racing between the boys sporting events and cub and boy scout activities and working as a Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultant. Yassou to all from '87B - a winter to remember!”

CLASS OF '86

Still in need of a class agent

CLASS OF '85

Still in need of a class agent

Barbara Koremenos (A) writes, “Believe it or not, I married a man from Athens and have a three-year old named Selene. (Homer wrote an ode to Selene, the goddess of the moon.)”

CLASS OF '84

Still in need of a class agent

Adam Burck (A) writes, “It’s been quite a while since I submitted anything to this newsletter, so I have lots to say! I attended CYA in the fall session of 1983. I loved the experience and still remember how I slept through an earthquake and then wondered why my bed was in the middle of the room. I thought it was a prank by my

roommates. They laughed themselves silly when I asked why my bed was in the middle of the room, and then they showed me how chunks of the cornice of the building had fallen off.

“That wasn’t our only brush with the environmental powers in Athens. My roommate was nearly struck by lightning during a very active storm. He was out on the balcony, which had marble floors and iron railings, when a bolt of lightning struck the balcony railing. He came back inside with wide eyes and hair on end. Thankfully, he wasn’t leaning on the railing, so he suffered no damage other than a good fright. This time it was my turn to laugh.

“I’m sending a shout out to all my peeps from CYA 1983, especially my classmates from Grinnell, *Kirsten Skaggs* (AB) and *Martha Pinder* (A).

“I am currently the Executive Director of the Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce. We’re the business organization for these two communities on the near northwest side of Chicago. Very hip and artsy. It’s where they filmed the Real World: Chicago in 2002. You know, that crazy reality show on MTV.

“I hope this note finds you all well and reflecting on your fond memories of CYA. If you want to reach me, you can contact me at burck.adam@gmail.com.”

CLASS OF '83

Class Agent: *Robin Lee Purdy*
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CLASS OF '82

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CLASS OF '81

Co-Class Agents: *Kimberle Gray*
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Scott Dreher scott@dreherlawfirm.com

Koren Sawyer Benoit (A) writes, “I am going on my 23rd year with the California State Legislature, Senate Rules Committee. My primary responsibility is as curator of the Historic State Capitol Building in Sacramento. I have two boys, Tucker, age 21 and Matt, age 18. We have a 2 1/2 year old pit named Cal.”

Paul Sutton (B) is a Professor in the Geography Department at the University of Denver. He lives in Morrison, CO.”

Laura Barnett Webb (AB) writes, “After three years in Alaska and a year in Texas, Jim Bob and I were married this summer with dear CYA friends *Polly Jo Kemler* (AB) and *Tina Zonars* (AB) in attendance and keeping me sane! It was great fun and we are now settled back home with our 3 black labs.”

CLASS OF '80

Class Agent: *Valentine Talland*
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Joanne Gamilis (AB) writes “I just received my CYA newsletter, and it made me think of the wonderful year I shared with all of you. It’s been about 30 years, and a lot of water has passed under the bridge – too much to write in a short message. Suffice it to say, all is well. I live on Hilton Head Island off the coast of South Carolina with my dog and two cats. I’ve lived here for the last 23 years. I lost my sister, Kiki, this past October. Lesson for us all out there - live each moment as if it were your last! We went to Mykonos a few years ago. I feel so lucky to have the memories.

“My time at CYA will always be remembered as one of my favorite years. What an amazing experience. I would love to hear from anyone from our class. My email is ioannagamilis@hotmail.com. Let me know what you’re all up to! Much love to you all.”

CLASS OF '79

Class Agent: *Anastasia Sarantos*
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CLASS OF '78

Class Agent: *Bill Wharton*
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Mark Baker (A) writes, “I have lived in the birthplace of Independence in Mexico for the last five years and love it here in the Central Highlands of Mexico. I have been volunteering for the last several years with a non-profit that is dedicated to creating the best equipped, multi-cultural, contemporary arts educational center in all of Mexico. We just celebrated the Bicentennial of Mexico and it was just wonderful!”

Susan Farewell (AB) writes, “I am approaching the first anniversary of my travel news and information website, <http://FarewellTravels.com>. I founded it with my husband, Tom Seligson, and now has over a dozen contributors including my daughter, who writes a teen’s travel column. It keeps the whole family traveling a lot to beautiful places such as Greece!”

CLASS OF '77

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Randy Romero (B) writes, “I’m currently in private practice as a Music Therapist and private voice teacher. I recently spent two weeks touring Iceland.”

CLASS OF '76

Class Agent: *Susan Sampliner*
ssampliner@aol.com

Susan Sampliner (AB) writes, “I’m still at WICKED - celebrating its seventh anniversary on Broadway; this is the longest time I’ve ever been on the same show. I’m also now co-chair of Broadway Green Alliance, helping the industry go green. We’ve made lots of progress; check it out on www.broadwaygreen.com. I even got invited to the White House this summer - an amazing honor and great experience!”

Monica Barran Fullerton (AB) writes, “I teach on a part-time basis at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio as well as Ohio State, where my husband, Mark, is on the faculty. We recently became empty-nesters. Our son, Alex, is a junior at Wake Forest University and our son, Austin, is a freshman at the College of Wooster.”

CLASS OF '75

Class Agent: *Rick Neville*
rickneville@comcast.net

Katherine Matchett Mallalieu (AB) writes, "Although I can't get any of my children interested in Greece, the travel/living abroad bug bit two out of three of them - one lives in England where she has just finished a Master's Degree in Historic Building Preservation and another is in her third year in the Peace Corps in South Africa. The third lives here in town. I have just received my teaching certificate with endorsements for Special Education and Middle School Language Arts/Social Studies. I got a job in the middle school where I have worked for many years as a para-educator. You never know where the Classics will take you!"

Rick Neville (B) writes, "I visited Chania, Crete and with my family in June. Below is picture of me with Nikos Stavroulakis at the Etz-Hayyim Synagogue. Nikos is doing well and the restoration from the January arson attack has been completed. However, damage to books in the Synagogue's extensive library can never be repaired. The web site is www.etz-hayyim-hania.org for more information. It was a wonderful and unique experience to take my college children to meet one of MY college professors. Nikos spent time asking each one of them about their studies and interests, it was a great afternoon."



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CLASS OF '74

Class Agent: *Ann Marie Taliercio*
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CLASS OF '73

Class Agent: *Rick Vogel*
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Catherine Wilson Schmidt (AB) writes, "We are still living in Georgetown, TX. This will be year 5. I still miss the mountains, but not the cold or dark.

"Larry failed at retirement. He is back to flying on contract. Natural born pilot. He leaves next week for two weeks on the North Slope.

"I stay busy with improvements on the house and garden. I also continue on with T'ai Chi, needlework, reading, the Mystery Book Club and working on my bucket list."

CLASS OF '72

Class Agent: *Lynn Wohlfeld*
idalynn@ecentral.com

Timothy Burleigh (B) writes, "I am the new Director of the Markets Division of the Colorado Department of Agriculture effective October 2010. Prior to that, I was the Regional Director, Middle East, with the US Soybean Export Council in Istanbul, Turkey."

Virginia Stewart Carton (AB) writes, "Edmond and I are back in Switzerland; the children have all ended up in California for professional reasons and studies so we are there quite a bit! For those of you that remember Ms. Elwell, she is doing very well at 88 1/2 years old, living in Chichester! We are hoping to retire in the next five years...so this is the home stretch! Please feel free to get in touch if you were with me during 1971-1972...and if you are a student wondering whether CYA is

worth your time...would love to talk with you! I have one thousand positive things to say!"

Marilyn Sizer (AB) writes, "I'm in my second year of Quaker seminary going towards an MDiv in pastoral care. I hope to be a chaplain and perhaps work with Hospice. I am single and have a daughter, Morgen who is 29 and lives in Chattanooga (our hometown). She is an internal auditor. I have visited Greece lately in 2008 as an adjunct prof in the interior design department of UT Chattanooga. It was wonderful to see the changes made since the Olympics. I love Greece and particularly the Byzantine, early Christian period."

CLASS OF '71

Class Agent: *Steven Schultz*
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Stephen Fay (AB) writes, "*Martha Nordstrom* (AB), fondly known as "Muffin" to members of the Class of '71, continues to entice large sums of money from the squillionaires in Bar Harbor, Maine, where she is Director of Philanthropy at Mount Desert Island Hospital. She has resumed the running career she had shelved when babies commenced arriving in the 1980s. Husband Stephen Fay, fondly known as "Stephen Fay" to the members of the Class of '71, is managing editor of The Ellsworth American, a weekly newspaper in Ellsworth, Maine. Their combined age is 120. Stephen attempts to keep up with Martha in jogging and several other endeavors."

John Tolley (A), along with nearly one hundred family members and friends of Nick Steele, gathered in Greencastle, Indiana on September 18, 2010 to surprise him with an 80th birthday celebration. A professor in the Classics Department at DePauw University, Steele, his wife, Kitty, and their four children accompanied a group of 24 students to Athens in September, 1970. The students, several of whom joined Professor Steele for the celebration, lived at the Hotel Philippos on Mitseon Street, from mid-September to the end of January 1971. In addition to attending classes at CYA they traveled

outside the city nearly every week to historical sites around the country. Although 40 years have passed the memories of their Greek adventures are still bright, indeed.



CLASS OF '70

Class Agent: *J. Mara DelliPriscoli*
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Donna Sadler (AB) writes, "I'm finishing a book entitled 'Medieval Ways of Reading the Reverse Facade of Reims Cathedral.' I'm also still teaching art history at Agnes Scott College."

Frederica Hermansen Graham (AB) writes, "I teach French at a community college, having retired from 21 years as a Waldorf teacher, where I was both a Class Teacher (grades 1-8) and a French teacher.

"Last summer I returned to Greece with my brothers, including *Jack Hermansen* ('71AB), for two weeks. We had a fabulous time. Also, I would like to mention that I meditate with Mindfulness group (Thich Nhat Hahn) which had a retreat in August, and there I met a woman from Quebec who could speak with me in both Modern Greek and French, which was such a serendipity for me. In Vermont I don't have much opportunity to keep up my Greek."

CLASS OF '69

Co-Class Agents: *Hetty Jardine*
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Kelly Cullins tkcullins@yahoo.com

Catherine Freebairn (AB) writes, "After a career in urban planning, public administration, consulting and retailing, I retired to the north woods of Michigan, on the shore of Paradise Lake (aka Carp Lake). In 2004, I ran for and won the office of

Treasurer of Carp Lake Township. Imposing my own term limits, I will not be running for a third term in 2012, but it has been an interesting experience. A rural township is the most basic of political creations with direct taxpayer interaction on a daily basis. In addition to the public service, volunteer work with several conservation groups and service organizations fill my days. Sailing, kayaking, and raising two labradoodles fill in the spare moments. Having no children of my own, I dote on my niece who is 17 and exploring colleges as I write. I will be sharing my CYA scrapbook with her soon and planting the seed! I'm proud that I retain the first two sentences we learned in Modern Greek – 'squid is my favorite food' and 'tomorrow we go to Crete by boat' – wish I remembered more or had the opportunity to use them more! Here's to sweet memories and continuing adventures!"

Susan Funkhouser Mickel (AB) writes, "I finished my PhD in clinical psychology this year after retiring from work as a behavioral neurologist. I spent the past year as a psychology intern in Memphis at the VA Medical Center, and am now back in Wisconsin."

CLASS OF '68

Class Agent: *Kip Hughes* kip1290@aol.com

Lynne Dominick Novack (AB) writes, "I am now a Senior Fellow in National Security at the Tower Center for Political Studies at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. My main responsibility is a major conference in November. My husband, John, and I spend the austral summer (December-March) in Patagonian Chile. Our three boys are doing well, all with wives and wonderful kids. Life is good!"

CLASS OF '67

Class Agent: *Susan Blake Rowland*
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Tod Sedgwick (AB) was sworn in as the Ambassador to Slovakia on July 28, 2010.

CLASS OF '66

Class Agent: *Jennie Tucker*
jtucker@oregonwireless.net

Sarah Walton Clark (AB) writes, "I'm happily retired and hoping to get to Greece more often!"

CLASS OF '65

Class Agent: *Peter Allen* pallen@ric.edu

Peter Allen (AB) writes, "I am still teaching full time at Rhode Island College, but am on sabbatical this fall. I get to Greece at least once a year and keep up with lots of my CYA classmates. Our children are slowly leaving the nest, but we still have one at home and two others living nearby."

Dan Cohn-Sherbok (AB) is Professor Emeritus of Judaism at the University of Wales and Honorary Professor at the University of Aberystwyth. He and his wife, Lavinia, live in London during the winter and spring, and in an old coach house in the wilds of Wales in the summer. His Modern Greek is very rusty, but he has fond and vivid memories of his year in Athens with Peter Allen and others."

CLASS OF '64

Still in need of a class agent

Elizabeth Gilpin Darbro (AB) writes, "I am still working with my husband; our kids are near and far and, as always, a source of pleasure and concern to us. I wonder what everyone else in our 'class' is up to..."

CLASS OF '63

Still in need of a class agent

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Christine Kondoleon, Curator of Greek and Russian art at the Boston Museum of Fine Art, does not look like the militant type. Yet a profile about the CYA Board of Trustees member on August 1 in the respected Greek daily newspaper *Kathimerini* ran under the title, “Cultural diplomacy, new vision, new model” and the subtitle, “Change your international image with history as a weapon, suggests Christine Kondoleon.”

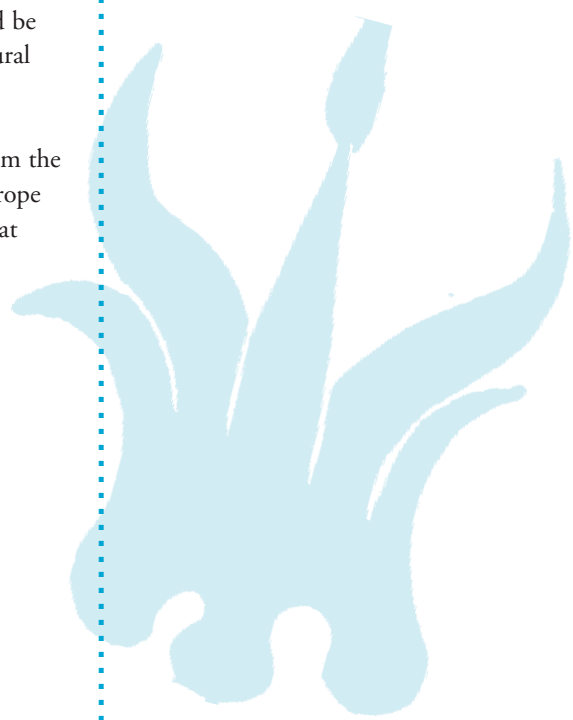
Greece certainly received plenty of bad press in 2010. The country’s near bankruptcy, an international aid package, strikes, and sometimes violent demonstrations, all tarnished the country’s reputation.

The article itself talks as much about “cultural diplomacy,” as Kondoleon’s own roots growing up in the heavily Greek New York neighborhood of Astoria and her ancestry stemming from Asia Minor. But current affairs in Greece were unavoidable over a cup of coffee at the new Acropolis Museum, which opened in 2009 to showcase, at last, the antiquities of the famous hill and make a case for returning Greek art from around the world. That same case, Kondoleon suggests, could be applied to other Greek affairs: “Cultural diplomacy is more forceful than we imagine. It is a way that Greece can counteract the impression created from the negative publicity, which reached Europe and America this winter, through great exhibitions about antiquity and Byzantium.”

ANYBODY RECOGNIZE THIS KOLONAKI BALCONY?



Dr. David Poggemeier CYA ’78 sent this photo of him and his buddies from CYA and his DePauw fraternity at the balcony of 59 Deinokratous. “It’s memories of days like the one in the photo that I remember when I am inspired to donate to your program. It was truly one of the best, and most enriching things I have done in my life! In the photo, enjoying the sun, air, Amstels and cigarettes, L-R are myself, *Carl Mehlhope*, *Bob Beaumont*, and *Tim Swift*.”



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