

Stockton University to Host International Scholars at Modern Greek Studies Assoc. 2017 Symposium

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Galloway, NJ - Scholars from across North America and Europe will gather at Stockton University on **Nov. 2-5, 2017**, for the 25th Biennial Symposium of the Modern Greek Studies Association (MGSA), the largest professional organization for Hellenic Studies in the world.

About 200 international scholars are expected to attend the conference, which typically features more than 80 presentations, a keynote address, music concerts, film screenings, and some public events. Program highlights will be announced well in advance at mgsa.org, on the symposium website.

Stockton is home to the Dean C. and Zoe S. Pappas Center for Hellenic Studies, originally established here by the American Foundation for Greek Language and Culture (AFGLC) as the Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies Center. Housed in the School of Arts and Humanities, the center's focus includes the disciplines of Greek language and literature, history and culture, classical archaeology, art, philosophy, politics, anthropology and Byzantine civilization and religion.

The university also houses the Constantelos Hellenic Collection and Reading Room, with 3,000 rare and important works from Professor Demetrios J. Constantelos' collection open to students, faculty and the community.

"Being selected to host the MGSA international conference is a great honor for Stockton University, and especially for the Pappas Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies," said Tom Papademetriou, professor of History and director of the Pappas Center, who, along with David Roussel, professor of Greek Language and Literature, first proposed that the symposium be held here.

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“We are pleased MGSA recognizes the strength of our Hellenic organization and offerings, and our commitment of the field of modern Greek studies,” Papademetriou continued. “Our Pappas Center Hellenic studies faculty, the university administration, and our community organization, the Friends of Hellenic Studies, all look forward to the tremendous opportunity to engage with the hundreds of people from around the world who work in this vibrant and exciting field.

“It is especially fitting to host the MGSA conference because it aligns so well with Stockton’s core principles,” Papademetriou added. “At the heart of this symposium is a commitment to learning and the advancement of scholarly understanding, the expansion of global perspectives, and cultural and community engagement. One can find all these in full measure through this wonderful program.”

Neovi Karakatsanis, president of the MGSA, said: “The university’s East Coast location—within close proximity to Philadelphia, New York City and Atlantic City—the dedicated support it receives from the Friends of Hellenic Studies, its committed students and faculty, as well as the center’s thriving cultural and academic mission, make Stockton the ideal location for our next symposium. We are certain that the hundreds of academics from across the United States and around the world who come to Stockton for the symposium will agree with us that a better location could not have been chosen.”

The symposium will be hosted by the MGSA’s Local Arrangements Committee consisting of members of Stockton University’s Pappas Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies, the School of Arts and Humanities, and the office of Global Engagement. This committee collaborates with the MGSA’s Program Committee and Executive Board to present a two-and-a-half-day program of scholarly presentations and other exciting events. The public is most welcome to attend, but advance registration is advised.

Most of the conference presentations will be housed at the Stockton Seaview Hotel and Golf Club, a historic facility owned by the university in Galloway, N.J. The keynote lecture will be held at the Stockton University Campus Center Theatre. Additional events will be free and open to the public.

Rooms have been reserved at the Stockton Seaview Hotel & Golf Club at \$109 per night. Please check the mgsa.org website for registration information, which will be posted in the coming months.

About Stockton University:

Stockton University, New Jersey’s Distinctive Public University, offers an outstanding interdisciplinary approach to graduate and undergraduate education in arts and sciences, professional studies, health sciences, and graduate and continuing studies. Stockton’s Galloway, N.J. main campus in the Pinelands National Reserve is close to southern New Jersey beach resorts and central to a region that is immersed in world class hospitality and tourism, aviation research and aerospace technology, and other exciting ventures that support and enhance economic development efforts in southeastern New Jersey. The campus is within easy driving distance of major metropolitan areas including New York City, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, D.C. Stockton University, a premier regional educational institution, is ranked at #12 among the best public Regional Universities of the North by *U.S. News and World Report* and is one of *The Princeton Review’s* Best Northeastern Colleges. For more information, visit Stockton.edu

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