

MARIANNA KOKKINAKI

WRITER AND EDUCATOR

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PROFILE

I am a writer and educator with 10 years experience in teaching Greek language and Mythology, Culture, Comparative Religion and Writing to children and adults. Inspired by my classical Hellenic education, work with various Brazilian indigenous communities, as well as the principles of Waldorf education, I aspire to foster pedagogy that supports the intellectual, emotional, spiritual and social development of students. After 10 years in New York, I began to work as a nomad teacher, delivering classes and lectures in the Caribbean, Greece, Brazil and Hawaii. I have authored, edited and translated fiction and commercial books.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Adjunct Lecturer, NKUA, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens

Dec 2023 - present, Athens, GR

- Creates and delivers lectures on Creative Writing at MSc in Counselling, Career Guidance and Lifelong Learning, School of Philosophy Department of Educational Studies
- 2023-2024 Theories and Meta-theories of Career Development
- 2023-2024 Designing or Re-designing Careers and Lifelong Counselling

Adjunct Lecturer, City University of New York, LaGuardia College

Mar 2018 - Feb 2022, Queens, NY

- Created and delivered lectures on Food and Culture
- Consulted with 75 students per academic semester
- Graded and evaluated essays, exams and thesis projects
- Influenced and supported projects on food justice and sustainability as per departmental needs

Teacher of Greek and Mythology, Hellenic Education and Language Program

May 2015 - Jun 2021, Queens, NY

- Designed curriculum of Greek language and Classical Mythology
- Taught, consulted and evaluated students aged 6-15
- Prepared students for the Ellinomatheia proficiency exams

Teacher of Modern Greek, The Cathedral School

Sept 2018 - Jun 2019, New York, NY

- Prepared syllabus and material for yearly teaching of Greek language, History, Mythology and Cultural Studies
- Taught and evaluated 50 students from 3rd to 8th grades
- Co-led the School's Modern Greek department

Lecturer and Workshop Coordinator, Super Happy Healthy Kids

Mar 2017 - Jan 2020, New York, NY

- Wrote and delivered presentations and lectures in schools and colleges in the state of New York

Writing Instructor, AGF Tutoring

Sept 2016 - present, Online

- Teaches general writing skills and essay writing to students preparing for GRE, SAT and LSAT exams
- Tutors general writing skills for coursework, school and job applications, personal and academic essays

Adjunct Instructor, New York University

Sept 2013 - Jan 2014, New York, NY

- Taught Intro to Creative Writing, Literature and Poetry to 20 undergraduate students
- Designed and developed the course syllabus for the academic year
- Edited, evaluated and consulted with students

EDUCATION

Creative Writing, MFA, New York University

Sept 2012 - Jun 2014, New York, NY

- Recipient of George E. Athans Scholarship

Human Resource Management and Industrial Relations, BSc, London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London

Oct 2007 - May 2010, City of London, UK

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Hellenism and Hellenic Mythology, West African Mythology, Comparative Religion, Afro-diasporic Religions, Ethnology of Religion, Literature, Food and Culture, Indigenous communities of the Brazilian Amazon, Religious Mediumship, Ethnomusicology

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Secretary, New York University Literary Society

Jan 2017 - Dec 2019, New York, NY

Student, Centre for Creative Writing and Conflict Resolution

Jul 2008 - Apr 2012, Athens, Sicily, Amsterdam, Paris

Secretary and Treasurer, Committee of the Hellenic Society, LSE

Mar 2007 - May 2010, City of London, UK