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## **EDUCATION**



Bachelor of Arts Deree College (major: philosophy) - Courses in English Literature Cited for High Academic Standing - Graduation Year 1995



Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics (High Distinction) - Academic years 2014-2016 Postgraduate Studies at Hellenic American College -Affiliated with Hellenic American University (Manchester, NH, USA)

MA thesis: Corrective feedback as a strong predictor of writing success of ECCE candidates in the Greek context: A case study on a portfolio- based error analysis in the EFL classroom

Supervisor: Dr. Kourbani, Assistant Professor in Applied Linguistics & Writing Center Director, Hellenic American University



- Certificate of Proficiency in English Cambridge University (1996)
- Certificate of Proficiency in English Michigan University (1997)
- Certificate of Attendance in French Institut Français d' Athenes (1990) (Levels Cours III and Cours IV)
- Palso Certificate Holder Teacher Development Centre (Completion of a 70-hour introductory methods course) (1997)



- "Let's see behind the image and the content. Male, white, young and healthy. A reflection or distortion of reality?" - [Organised by Hillside Institute (2000)]
- "Common mistakes that teachers make." [Organised by ELT News (2013)]
- "How technology has changed the way we teach" [Organised by ELT News (2014)]
- "Present, Engage, Motivate" (5th Foreign Language Forum) [Organised by ELT News (2014)]
- Certificate of participation in all three of the half-day international workshops organized by the Council of Europe in 2015 with a view to validating a set of descriptors of language proficiency (CEFR)
- Oxford Day 2016 [organized by Oxford University Press (June 2016)]
- Teacher development seminar organized by ELT news / 9th Foreign languages forum with the theme: " Behavior problems of EFL learners and class management tips" (27 th August 2016)
- Teacher development seminar organized by ELT news / 9th Foreign languages forum with the theme: " A recent grammar approach for children with and without learning difficulties" (27th August 2016)
- Certificate of attendance of the conference entitled: "Language teaching challenges in a globalized world" organized by Dr. Diakou Maria Chair of CyTEA, Cyprus Teachers of English Association (18th November, 2017)
- certificate of attendance of workshop entitled "Teaching grammar without teaching grammar" organized by Glossomatheia Language Learning and Research Centre on 13 th April 2019
- Certificate of Attendance a 50 hour seminar on MS Windows, MS Word, MS Excel Awarded by "Systems Technology" Computer School (2001)

# **EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE**

- ELTNEWS (info@eltnews.gr) Issue January 2018 Title of Article "Strategic Reading"
- ELT news Issue March 2018 (Athens & Cyprus) Feature Section/Grammar Title of article: Corpus Linguistics: Data driven language learning (DDL) via online grammar concordancing.
- ELT news Issue April 2018 (Athens) Title of article: Scientific speed reading in the EFL curriculum: The awakening of a mental literacy
- ELT news Issue May 2018 (Athens) Title of article: Clickers- aided EFL instruction for active adult learning: Polling education
- ELT news Issue June 2018 (Athens) Feature section/ Reading & Listening Title of article: Listening with Transcripts: A pedagogical approach or a lost art in EFL classrooms?
- ELT news Issue September 2018 (Athens) Title of Article: Addressing disruptive behavior in EFL classrooms: The fundamentals of a teacher-based functional behavioral assessment (FBA)
- ELT news Issue October 2018(Athens) Title of article: Basic statistics and research education via web-tools
- ELT news Issue November 2018 (Athens) Title of article: Considering the total hegemony of high-stakes English exams: A linguistic challenge or a myth of excellence?
- ELT news Issue December 2018 (Athens) Title of Article: The unfathomable power of readers in a literary-oriented EFL classroom TESOL Greece Journal Issue 139, July- September 2018 Title of Article: The introduction of critical discourse analysis (CDA) in foreign language instruction: a new perspective for critical reading in advanced C1-C2 CEFR levels
- ELT news issue January-February 2019 Title of article: Unleashing the potential of limericks: Humorous poetry for the EFL young learners.
- ELT news issue March 2019 Title of article: Qualitative evaluation and adaptation of EFL course books to be kept under the absolute control of professional teachers
- ELT news issue April 2019 Title of article: The return of "nostalgic learners" for English lessons: A compilation of the best working techniques for teaching adult restarters
- ELT news Issue May 2019 Title of article: Educational gamification: A review of literature and research
- ELT news Issue June 2019 Title of article: How can I become a better teacher?: A review of teacher development approaches
- ELT news Issue September 2019 Title of article: Mind mapping and dyslexia: The current trend of graphic organizers for effective English language teaching
- ELT news Issue October 2019 Title of article: The conundrum of selecting the right exam from the exam arena
- ELT news Issue November 2019 Title of the article: Embedding top employability skills into vocational education: Producing leaders for the 21st century workforce
- ELT news Issue December 2019 Title of article: Presenting and teaching English vocabulary via semantic feature analysis grids and matrixes (SFA)

### WORK EXPERIENCE

#### 09 October 2019 - Present

Academic English Instructor (EAP) Metropolitan College (Marousi Campus)

#### 25 January 2017 - January 2018

Educational Consultant and Head Director of the Academic Department Deportivo Publishing Company

#### September 2014 – present

Teacher of English & Staff Manager – The English Academy of Languages Teaching English in TOEFL, Business English, B1, B2, C1, C2 levels

#### **September 2001 - June 2005**

Secretary in the Crew Department in General Maritime Management (Hellas) LTD.

Assessing Seamen's Certificates Validity and Checking their Level of English

#### June 1997 - May 2002

Teacher of English - Omiros School of Languages Teaching English in B1, B2, C1, C2 Levels Responsible for Training Newly Hired Employees

## SPECIALIZED COURSES

A fifteen-week course on "Teaching English for Specific Purposes"

(Hellenic American University - Spring Semester 2016)

# **CONFERENCES/FORUMS**

- Presented in the 2016 Student Research Conference held at Hellenic American Union / Panel Presentation with the theme "Creating an effective and caring learning environment for all students"
- Presented in the 38th Annual International Convention organized by TESOL Greece on 19th March 2017 at the Royal Olympic Hotel with the theme: "The pedagogical contribution of Deportivo Publishing Books mirrored in the implementation of CLIL methodology: Conceptualizing the transcendental potential of synthesizing Critical Thinking (Bloom's Taxonomy, Multiple Intelligences Theory and 4 Cs Framework."
- Presented in the CyTEA Annual Conference 2017 held at the European University of Cyprus, Nicosia (19th November 2017). Topic: Educational reform in the EFL classroom: The 21st century skills featured in the design of Sprint series
- Presented in the CyTEA Annual Conference 2018 at the European University of Cyprus, Nicosia (9th December, 2018) Topic: From corpus to language classroom: The magic novelty of concordances in the study of English grammar and vocabulary
- Presented at the 14th Foreign Languages Forum and Book Exhibition (plenary speaker) at the Royal Olympic Hotel on 14 th April 2019. Presentation title: "Why teaching your students respectful and sensitive language matters? Political correctness (PC) for English writing and speaking classes"
- Presented at the 2nd International ELT research in Action ( ELTRIA) Conference held at the Escola d' Idiomes Modern, University of Barcelona, Spain on April 26-27, 2019
   Topic 1 "Corpus Linguistics & Concordances"
   Topic 2 "Basic text statistics and percentage-based instruction in teaching EFL exam writing classes through friendly web-based tools
- Presented at the 2nd summer event "Shaking Up Education" on 30th June 2019 in Kalamos Topic: Proficiency writing and percentage-based instruction
- Presented at Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences at the 1st International Conference on Children's Well-being on 5th and 6th July 2019 in Athens
   Topic: Children's Well-being and Perspectives on its Enhancement
- Presented at the 7th International ELIT Conference 24th August 2019 in Varna, Bulgaria Topic: Post-method methodology: Principled eclecticism and its application in teaching writing to EFL exam candidates
- Presented at the 1st International LER Conference on 28th September 2019 in Athens Topic: The application of written discourse analysis (DA) to the advanced EFL reading classroom: The great desideratum for creating new student identities
- Chaired a session at the Vedant International multidisciplinary multilingual online conference on 10th May 2020 Conference

Topic: World after Covid -19: Multidisciplinary ideas, designs and systems

- Presented at the 1st online foreign languages forum on 31st May in Athens
Topic: Do you speak the language of Covid-19?: Making the EFL speaking curriculum real and topical

## **SCIENTIFIC JOURNAL / PUBLICATIONS**

- Vassilakou, E. (2018). Written corrective feedback and multiple feedback based instruction: A necessity or an act of pseudolearning in second language (L2) and foreign language (EFL) writing classes? Journal of Applied Languages and Linguistics, 1(1), pp. 108-118.
- Article & book reviews: Journal of Applied Languages and Linguistics Volume 2, Issue 2 December 2018
- Vassilakou, E. (2019). The application of written discourse analysis (DA) to the advanced EFL reading classroom: The great desideratum for creating new student identities. Journal of Applied Languages and Linguistics, 3(3), pp. 102-117.
- Βασιλάκου Ε. (2019). **Μελέτη περίπτωσης μαθητή με δυσκολίες μάθησης και προβλήματα συμπεριφοράς**: Εκπαίδευση και λειτουργική αξιολόγηση συμπεριφοράς. Νέος Παιδαγωγός online, 14, 47-56.

### CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- 1. Proceedings of the Cytea Annual Conference, Nikosia Cyprus (2018)
- 2. Proceedings of the 2nd International ELTRIA Conference, Barcelona, Spain (2019)
- 3. Proceedings of the 1st International Conference on children's welll being, Greece (2019)
- 4. Proceedings of the 7th International Elit Conference, Bulgaria (2019)
- 5. Proceedings of the 1st International LER Conference, Greece (2019)

## INVITATIONS AS A TEACHER TRAINER/WORKSHOPS

- Maroulis Language School Naxos (19th April 2017)

Topics: CLIL methodology and ELI readers philosophy: implementation in the language classroom

- Le Chalet Exhibition Centre Xanthis (30th August)

Topic: ELI readers philosophy

- Capsis Hotel Exhibition Centre Thessaloniki (3rd September 2017)

Topic: CLIL methodology

- Divani Caravel Hotel Athens- Education Festival 2017 (8th September, 2017)

Topic: The current trend of mind mapping technique in education: Its effectiveness in the EFL classroom

- European University of Cyprus (19th November 2017)

Topic: Assessing 21st century skills using rubrics

- Siountris Language School Nea Smyrni (30th November 2017)

Topic: Teaching English utilizing ELI magazines in class - demo lesson

- Arsakeion Senior High school Psychico (December 6th 2017)

Topic: Strategy-based reading instruction

- Deportivo Publishing Educational Centre of Academic Seminars Athens (November 2017 monthly seminars)

## **CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE**

2nd edition of IUF, International Universities Fair in Athens at Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Centre (3rd February 2018)

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Discourse Analysis, Sociolinguistics, EFL instruction and modern pedagogy

### **FURTHER EDUCATION**



Nominated PhD candidate in Applied Linguistics Hellenic American University



## **MEMBERSHIPS**

CyTEA membership (Cyprus Teachers of English Association) Member ID: E. Vas.2018-a