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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Cultural historian and artist with a passion for writing, teaching about, and creating culture, and a strong background in event management and promotion.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Phoenix Rising Academy

2010 – Present

Founding director

Responsible for coordinating international faculty, all aspects of curriculum development, website design and implementation, event organisation, liaising with students, faculty, and academic institutions.

University of Indianapolis, Athens, Greece

2008 – 2013

Visiting Lecturer in Religious Studies, History & Philosophy

Undergraduate teaching in Religious Studies, History & Philosophy

- ▲ History: Integrated new material to broaden students' understanding of the significance of studying history when specialising in mainly business & marketing related degrees.
- ▲ Religious Studies & Philosophy: Integrated material pertaining to Western Esotericism into the existing curriculum

Eleftheros Typos Newspaper, Athens, Greece

2011 – Present

Columnist for PHENOMENA Cultural Magazine

2 monthly columns on art, education and culture.

Avaton Magazine & Archetypo Publications, Salonica, Greece

2008 - 2012

Article contributor and author

- ▲ Contributed to 3 multi-author volumes on a variety of topics
- ▲ Regular contributor to monthly magazine

Kontada Language Institute, Athens, Greece

2006-2010

EUROACCESS Language Institute, Athens, Greece

2005-2006

A.Spanou Language Institute, Corfu, Greece

2003

Teacher of English as a Foreign Language

- ▲ Specialised in essay-writing and exam preparation for teenagers and adults
- ▲ Developed teaching materials
- ▲ Conducted seminars for colleagues on teaching essay-writing

Freelance translation, copy-editing, and web design

2003-present

See www.wordart.eu for portfolio

EDUCATION

University of Essex, United Kingdom

PhD Esotericism in Literature & Art History

due 2014

Research diary available at www.peladan.org

University of Exeter, United Kingdom

MA Western Esotericism

2008

Honours: MA awarded with Merit, Thesis awarded distinction

Thesis title: The Alchemical Iconography of Michael Maier's *Atalanta Fugiens* as an Initiatory Path

University of Indianapolis, USA

MA English Literature

2004

Honours: Magna cum laude

Thesis title: The Alchemical process and literary analysis

University of Indianapolis, USA

BA Communication Studies

2002

Honours: Cum laude

Vakalo College of Art, Athens, Greece

Fine Art Skills Training

2000

EVENT ORGANISATION

Mapping the Occult City: Exploring Magick and Esotericism in the Urban Utopia 16/11/2012

Pre-conference symposium for the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religions
DePaul University, Chicago

Demons in the Academy: Renouncing Rejected Knowledge, Again? 19/11/2011

Parallel Session at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Francisco

Western Esotericism in a Brave New World October 2011

An Open Evening with Phoenix Rising Academy, Treadwells, London,

Phoenix Rising Academy Launch Events October-November 2010

Athens, Salonica, Alexandroupolis

Death and Rebirth in Philosophy, Literature and Art: Nov. 6-7 2009

A Dying Society or a Renaissance for the 21st Century?

1st Phoenix Rising International Conference, University of Indianapolis, Athens Campus

Ancient Greek Mysteries and Philosophy September 2008

Esoteric Quest Conference, hosted by New York Open Center in Samothrace, Greece

Organisation & promotion of live concerts for a variety of Athenian music spaces 2004-2009

6 solo art exhibitions in Corfu and Athens, Greece 2000-2009

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PAPERS

Ideal, Hierarchy, Tradition: Re-enchanting the Fin-de-siècle

23-26/08/2012

EASR Annual Conference, Södertörn University, Stockholm

- Neomythology and Mythopoeia: The Esoteric Landscape of Modern Greece** 27-29/08/2012
International Conference on Contemporary Esotericism, Stockholm University
- Hieroglyphs of Nature and the Renaissance Emblematic Worldview** 13-14/10/2011
ISSRNC Conference on Religion, Art, and Nature Vatican Museums, Vatican City, Rome
- ♣ **Contemporary Hellenic Paganism and Nationalist Politics in Modern Greece** 19-22/11/2011
Western Esotericism and Politics Panel, AAR Annual Meeting, San Francisco
- The Hidden and the Visible: symbols and silent languages** 01/10/2011
OuUnPo (Ouvroir d'Univers Potentiel -Vision Forum) symposium, Athens, Greece
- A Babylonian Mage in Fin-de-Siècle Paris** 2-4/07/2011
3rd ESSWE Conference: Lux in Tenebris, The Visual and Symbolic in Western Esotericism
University of Szeged, Hungary
- Beware Titans Bearing Gifts: Art, Imagination, and Initiation** 7/11/2009
1st International Phoenix Rising Conference, University of Indianapolis, Athens
- Corfu, Crucible of Change: A Multicultural Island of Masonic Revolutionary Secrets** 2-4/6/2009
2nd ESSWE International Conference: Capitals of European Esotericism and Transcultural Dialogue
Maison Interuniversitaire des Sciences de l'Homme-Alsace (MISHA)
- Sacred Fire: Panentheism in the Philosophy and Work of Nikolai Roerich** 29/05/2009
University of Indianapolis Athens
- Michael Maier's Atalanta Fugiens as an Initiatory Path** March 2009
Keystone Philosophical Society Annual Public Lecture
- The Eye of the Storm: Promethean Man and the Esoteric Counter-Enlightenment** May 2008
International Conference on Literature and the Media in Interfaith Dialogue, University of Indianapolis Athens
- ♣ **Thoughtforms and the Power of the Creative Process** Nov. 2004
University of Indianapolis Athens
- Synaesthesia and the Colour of Words** Nov. 2003
University of Indianapolis Athens
- ♣ **PUBLIC LECTURES:**
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- Art and Symbolism: Making the Invisible Visible** 27/02/2013
Public Lecture, Corfu, Greece

Studying Western Esotericism in a World in Crisis <i>2nd Alternative Research Symposium, Athens, Greece</i>	19-20/05/2012
[Where is] Esoteric Greece? <i>Metacon Symposium, Athens, Greece</i>	28/01/2012
Aleister Crowley: Works and Days <i>An Evening with the Beast: <u>ALEISTER CROWLEY: His Life and Work</u>, Athens, Greece</i>	27/05/2011
Symbols: The Language of the Soul <i>at the invitation of Hypatia Lodge, Theosophical Society in Greece</i>	16/02/2011

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS:

- [in press] **A Babylonian Mage in 19th Century Paris: Joséphin Péladan** due Oct. 2013
 ▲ *Daedaleos Press, Salonica, Greece*
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- ▲ 2 chapters on Jacob Boehme and Giordano Bruno in **20 Great Teachers of Civilization** August 2012
 ▲ *Salonica: Archetypo Books* (S. Elmazis ed).
- ▲ 4 chapters in **Freemasonry: The Greatest Initiatory System in the World** Dec. 2009
 ▲ *Salonica: Archetypo Books* (George Ioannidis ed).
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- ▲ **Understanding and Using Intuitive Faculties and Synesthesia** in : Leon Chaitow, *Palpation and Assessment Skills*, (3rd edn), Edinburgh: Churchill-Livingstone-Elsevier, Dec. 2009

ARTICLES:

- [in preparation, invited] **The Esoteric Landscape of Modern Greece**
The Pomegranate (International Journal of Pagan Studies)
- [in press, invited] **Mages and Fairies: Joséphin Péladan's Initiation for the Masses**
The Pomegranate (International Journal of Pagan Studies), 2013
- [invited] **Legends of the Fall Retold: Péladan's Luciferianism**
The Fenris Wolf #6, Edda Press, Stockholm, 2013
- ▲ [Translator], Alexandros Kalozoides, **Hellenic Pagan Revivalist Movements and Right-Wing Politics**
in *Studies in Esotericism: Esotericism, Religion, and Politics*, 3rd edn, Arthur Versluis ed., MSU, 2012
 ▲
- ▲ **Building Bridges : Implications and Responsibilities of Studying Esotericism in the 21st Century**
Proceedings of the Third International Conference of Mystic and Esoteric Movements in Theory and Practice: Studying Interpretations of Esotericism and Mysticism, Vladimir State University, Russia, 2010.
- ▲ **Corfu, Crucible of Change: A Multicultural Island of Masonic Initiatory Secrets**

✦ *Proceedings of the 2nd ESSWE Conference: Capitals of European Esotericism and Transcultural Dialogue, Strasbourg*, Presses Universitaires de Strasbourg (in press)

Book Reviews for **ARIES** and the **Journal for the Research of Freemasonry and Fraternalism (JRFF)**, 2009-2012.