

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- 2014-2018 Macquarie University (Sydney, Australia)
PhD
Scholarship: Australian Government (RTP & APA)
Thesis: "The relationship between working memory and creative processes. Evidences of the elaboration of creative strategies in semantic encoding"
- 2009-2010 Harvard University / Graduate School of Education
Certificate in Professional Education
Differentiating instruction and team teaching in mathematics and literacy
- 2003-2004 The University of Nottingham / Department of Education
MA in Counselling Psychology
Thesis: "The relation between Social Problem Solving abilities and Creativity"
- 2001-2003 The University of Nottingham / Department of Psychology
BSc Hons in Psychology
Thesis: "The children's acquisition of gender in Greek"
- 1997-2001 University of Patras
BSc in Education
Thesis: "Psychometric properties of Eysenck's Personality Questionnaire Revised E.P.Q.-R. Short Scale in Greece"

ACADEMIC AWARDS - SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2016-2017 **Research Training Program (RTP)**. Australian Government
- 2014-2016 **Australian Postgraduate Award (APA)**. Australian Government
- 2015-2016 **Learning and Teaching Delivery Award**. Learning and Teaching Grant Schemes
Macquarie University
Project title: "Innovative Approaches in Teaching Medical Terminology"
Prof Vlachopoulos, Dr Kalaitzidis, Dr Kefalinos, Dr Koromvokis
- 2016-2017 **Research Support**, Macquarie University - Faculty of Arts
Project title: "Innovative Approaches in Teaching Medical Terminology"
Υπεύθυνοι: Prof Vlachopoulos, Dr Kalaitzidis, Dr Kefalinos, Dr Koromvokis
- 2015-2016 **Department HDR Funding**, Macquarie University - Faculty of Arts
Higher Degree Research Support

WORK EXPERIENCE

2023- Present **Associate Professor of Cognition and Education**

American College of Greece - Deree

Gravias 6, Agia Paraskevi Greece

Responsibilities: Collaborate in the development of new programs at the American College of Greece - Deree.

2021- 2023 **Director**

American College of Greece - Elementary

Gravias 6, Agia Paraskevi Greece

Responsibilities: Designing and establishing the new primary education section of the American College of Greece / Recruitment

2018- 2021 **Director**

Educational Regeneration

Private School (K-12 IB)

Chrisanthemon 11, Afidnes Greece

Responsibilities: Development of strategies that will deliver sustained improvement at the organization. Curriculum reformation

2016- 2018 **Research Associate**

Macquarie University (Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences/ Faculty of Arts)

Macquarie University, NSW, 2109, Australia

Research Projects:

1. "Implementing and Evaluating Team Based Learning in Programs of Study in Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences and Faculty of Arts". The aims of the study are A) Investigate the effectiveness of TBL teaching method on students' academic performance and on their confidence, B) Evaluate the effectiveness of TBL in developing students' team behaviours and C) Study the association between lectures' structure with professional training needs
Prof Vlachopoulos (Primary Chief Investigator), Dr Kalaitzidis (Associate Investigator)
Funded: Macquarie University 2017 Round 2 Strategic Priority Grant Projects
2. "Comparing student engagement in different modes of 'lecture' delivery". The study aims to investigate the effects of different modes of 'lecture' delivery at Macquarie University (Live Streaming Lecture – Face to Face) on learning engagement and attendance
Funded: Macquarie University 2018 Learning and Teaching, Strategic Priority Grant
Prof Vlachopoulos (Primary Chief Investigator), Dr Kalaitzidis (Associate Investigator)

2015- 2018 **Director of Research**

Centre for Applied Research in Neuroplasticity CfARN

Centre for Applied Research in Neuroplasticity, NSW 2206, Australia

Research Projects:

1. "Investigating Mild Cognitive Impairment Prevention and Developing Creativity Oriented Cognitive Training Software for the Greek Population"
Consortium: Macquarie University / CfARN / St Basils NSW and ACT
Funded: St Basils NSW and ACT, Australia
2. "Developing a Virtual Reality Platform of archaeological sites and museums in Greece for the Greek Community Schools in Australia"
Support: Samsung / CfARN / Polytechnic University of Crete

Funded: Samsung Australia

- 2014- 2018 **A/Lecturer/Tutor (Department of Education / Dep. of International Studies)**
Macquarie University
Macquarie University, NSW, 2109, Australia
Teaching / Assessment: MGK205, MGK206, MGK 304, MGK 336, MGK337,
EUL101, EUL202, MGK121, ECH232, INTS100, INTS104
- 2017 **Research Assistant**
Macquarie University (Department of Education)
Macquarie University, NSW, 2109, Australia
Project Title: "Early childhood educators' attitudes and beliefs around the use
of touchscreen technologies by children under three years of age"
Funded: New Staff (MQNS) Scheme, Macquarie University
Assistant Prof Hatzigianni (Primary Chief Investigator), Prof Vlachopoulos
(Supervisor), Dr Kalaitzidis (research assistat)
- 2015- 2017 **Research Assistant**
Macquarie University (Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences/ Faculty of Arts)
Macquarie University, NSW, 2109, Australia
Project Title: "Innovative Approaches in Teaching Medical Terminology"
Funded: Learning and Teaching Delivery Award – Macquarie University
- 2013- 2014 **Psychologist - Assessment**
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia (GWC Community Services)
376-378 King St Newtown Sydney NSW 2042
- 2004- 2013 **Teacher**
Educational Regeneration
Private School (K-12 IB)
Chrisanthemon 11, Afidnes Greece
Responsibilities: Curriculum and educational material development / Teaching
- 2006-2007 **Psychologist**
Greek Ministry of Defense (Health Directorate)
- 2004-2013 **Psychological Assessment**
Private Practitioner
Educational psychology, psychometrics, counseling psychology
- 2001-2004 **Teacher**
Greek Orthodox School of Nottingham
185 Derby Road, Nottingham, U.K.

PUBLICATIONS

- Kalaitzidis, I. & Mygdanis, I (2023). "*Maritime music project*": Σχεδίαση και υλοποίηση καινοτόμου διδακτικής πρότασης αντλώντας από τις διάχυτες ακουστικές οικολογίες για τη διασύνδεση μουσικής και ναυτιλίας. Proceedings of 9th International Conference for the Promotion of Educational Innovation. Larisa
- Lyrakos, D., Kalaitzidis, I., Montgomery, A. & Stavrou, P. (2020). *Mental Health First Aid Guide for Masters: Prevention, Awareness, Intervention*. Columbia Ship Management. Cyprus.
- Hatzigianni, M. & Kalaitzidis, I. (2018). Early childhood educators' attitudes and beliefs around the use of touchscreen technologies by children under three years of age. *British Journal of Educational Technology*, 49, 5, 883-895.
- Koromvokis, P. and Kalaitzidis, I. (2014). The acquisition of grammatical gender in Greek language. *A Journal for Greek Letters*, 16-17 B, 307 - 323.
- Kalaitzidis, I. (2013). *Referential communication in Greek children*. Announcement in the Research Seminar Modern Greek Studies, Sydney.
- Koromvokis, P. and Kalaitzidis, I. (2013). *The acquisition of grammatical gender in Greek language, a case study*. Announcement in the Research Seminar Modern Greek Studies, Sydney.
- Kalaitzidis, I. and Fragos, G. (2006). *How the Assessment procedure in the Greek Army should be*. Proceedings of XI annual conference of Psychological care in Greek Army, under the supervision of the Hellenic Psychological Society, Pentely.
- Alexopoulos, D. and Kalaitzidis, I. (2004). Reliability and validity of Eysenck Personality Questionnaire-Revised (EPQ-R) Short Scale in Greece. *Personality and Individual Differences* 10, 1205-1220.
- Alexopoulos, D., Sifaki, A., Filippatou, D., Polychroni, B., Sakellari, M., Manesis, N. and Kalaitzidis, I. (2003, May). *Construction of a vocabulary test for 5th level elementary school*. Proceedings of 9th Pan-Hellenic Conference of Psychological Assessment, Rodes.
- Alexopoulos, D., Kalaitzidis, I., Sakellari, M., Polychroni, B., Manesis, N. and Sifaki, A. (2002, November). *Development of a vocabulary test for 6th level elementary school*. Proceedings of 3rd Pan-Hellenic Conference of the Greek Pedagogical and Educational Research, Athens.

ACADEMIC TRAINING

- 2023 **Digital Humanities Bootcamp**
American College of Greece – Deree
Training program in the theory and practice of Digital Humanities
- 2014 **Online Tutoring Intensive Program**
Macquarie University: Induction Tutoring Program
- 2000 **University of Patras**
Applied Statistics - S.P.S.S.
- 1999 **Erasmus Intensive Program**
“Euro-Teachers” Vienna and Liberec (3/3)
- 1999 **European Conference on Psychological Assessment (Patras)**
Workshop: Structural Equation Modeling with LISREL 8.30

PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATIONS

Australian Psychological Society Membership Number 160483 (Prov. Psychologist)

The British Psychological Society: Membership Number 253680 (GBR)