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CURRICULUM VITAE (CV)

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CURRENT PROFESSIONAL POST

Visiting Lecturer, Neapolis University Paphos (2015 – 2016)

PRIOR PROFESSIONAL POSTS

- Visiting Lecturer; Department of Psychology, University of Cyprus (2015)
- Teaching Assistant; Department of Psychology, University of Cyprus (2015; 2009)
- Experiential Workshops Facilitator; Youth Board of Cyprus (2012 – 2014)
- Teacher of Psychology; Xenia Tsolaki Metaxa Private Institute (2011 – Present)
- Special Teaching Staff; Department of Social Work, and Department of Nursing, Frederick University (2011)
- Research Associate; Future Worlds Center (2009 – 2010)

EDUCATION

- University of Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus, **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)**, Psychology (2015). Grade of Graduation: **Very Good**. Thesis: “Parent control and parent-adolescent conflict as parameters of externalizing and internalizing behaviors: Investigating the moderating effects of adolescents’ psychopathic traits”.
- University of Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus, **Master of Arts (M.A.)**, Cognitive, Developmental, and Educational Psychology (2009); Grade of Graduation: **Very Good**. Thesis: “Contact and prejudice: An understanding of the role of national identities of Greek Cypriot students”.
- University of Greenwich, London, United Kingdom, **Bachelor of Sciences (B.Sc.)**, Psychology (2007); Grade of Graduation: **Upper Second Class Honors**. Thesis: “A study of obedience using video-based role-play and its relationship to authoritarianism, self-esteem, religiosity, and emotional response”.

- The Grammar School, Nicosia, Cyprus, **School Leaving Certificate – Apolytirion** (2004); Grade of Graduation: 85%. GCE O-Levels in Modern Greek, English Language, French, and Mathematics; GCE AS-Level in Statistics; GCE A-Levels in Modern Greek, Psychology, Government and Politics, and English Literature

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Experience in the following undergraduate courses:

- Introduction to Psychology
- Developmental Psychology
- Educational Psychology

Teaching Experience in the following postgraduate courses:

- Family and Child Development
- School Context and Gender Identities during Adolescence
- School Context and Gender Identities during Adolescence (Long-Distance Course)
- Cognitive, Emotional, and Social Development (Long-Distance Course)

Teaching Experience in Psychology GCE A-Level. Covered:

- Social Psychology
- Cognitive Psychology
- Biological Psychology
- Psychodynamic Psychology
- Behavioral Psychology
- Criminological Psychology
- Child Psychology
- Health Psychology
- Sports Psychology
- Clinical Psychology

MAIN RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Externalizing and internalizing behaviors in the adolescent youth
- Parent-adolescent relationships
- The psychosocial outcomes of neurodegenerative disorders to patients and their family members
- LGBT research (psychosocial outcomes of children raised in LGBT families/environments, parameters of LGBT prejudice)

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- “A study of obedience using video-based role-play and its relationship to authoritarianism, self-esteem, religiosity, and emotional response” (undergraduate research; 2006 – 2007)

- “Personal and interpersonal determinants of dating violence in adolescence and young adulthood” (research; 2007 – 2008)
- “The Social Problems of Ageing in Cyprus” (conducted by the Research Unit in Behavior and Social Issues (RUBSI) and funded by the Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation; 2007 – 2008)
- “Contact and prejudice: An understanding of the role of national identities of Greek Cypriot students” (postgraduate research; 2008 – 2009)
- “Social inclusion of political refugees in the Cypriot Society” (research conducted by the Cyprus University of Technology and funded by the Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation; 2009 – 2010)
- “Obedience to authority: The role of empathy and authoritarianism” (research; 2010 – 2011)
- “Investigating Evolutionary Psychology and Psychoanalytic Theory in partner selection” (research; 2012 – 2013)
- “Parent control and parent-adolescent conflict as parameters of externalizing and internalizing behaviors: Investigating the moderating effects of adolescents’ psychopathic traits” (graduate research; 2014 – 2015)
- The psychosocial outcomes of neurodegenerative disorders to patients and their family members (2014 - present)

PUBLICATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Kyprianou, M., & Stavrinides, P. Personal and interpersonal determinants of dating violence in adolescence and young adulthood. *International Congress of Psychology*, Berlin, Germany (July 20 – 25, 2008).

Kyprianou, M. Contact and Prejudice: An understanding of the role of national identities of Greek Cypriot students. *European Congress of Psychology*, Oslo, Norway (July 07 – 10, 2009), and, *Congress of the Hellenic Psychological Society*, Athens, Greece (May 25 – 29, 2011).

Kyprianou, M., & Stavrinides, P. Obedience to authority: The role of empathy and authoritarianism. *Congress of the Hellenic Psychological Society*, Athens, Greece (May 25 – 29, 2011).

Georgiou, S., Stavrinides, P., & Symeou, M. (2015). Parental style, cultural values, and school bullying. *Congress of the Hellenic Psychological Society*, Nicosia, Cyprus (May 27 – 31, 2015).

Symeou, M. (2015). Parental control and parent-adolescent conflict as parameters of externalizing and internalizing behaviors. *Congress of the Hellenic Psychological Society*, Nicosia, Cyprus (May 27 – 31, 2015).

Symeou, M. (2015). Parental control and parent-adolescent conflict as parameters of externalizing and internalizing behaviors. *European Conference of Psychology*, Milan, Italy (May 7 – 10, 2015).

NEWSPAPER PUBLICATIONS

- Effects of the economic crisis on children and ways to cope (2013)
- "Mom I'm scared ...". What parents should know about child phobias - what child phobias are, what causes them, and how to treat them (2014)
- School Bullying - What exactly is this "modern" outbreak? (2014)
- Family in the 21st century - Significance, challenges, and practical advice (2014)
- Mother-child relationship and the importance of the role of the mother – How significant are these factors for the child's future development? (2015)
- Transitioning from the primary school to the secondary school (2015)
- Adolescence... A stormy world! (2015)
- Talking to my child about sex! (2016)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- European Society for Developmental Psychology
- Hellenic Psychological Society

References:

Dr. Stelios N. Georgiou, Professor of Psychology, Department of Psychology
University of Cyprus – Reference available upon request

Dr. Panayiotis Stavrinides, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, University
Cyprus – Reference available upon request

Dr. Xenia Tsolaki Metaxa, Academic Director of Xenia Tsolaki Metaxa Private Institute
Reference available upon request