

# Anastasia Olga Tzirides

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Digital technologies and Artificial Intelligence (AI) techniques for online language and culture learning

## EDUCATION

08/2017-Current

### PhD Student in "Learning Design and Leadership"

Department of Educational Policy, Organization and Leadership, College of Education,  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA  
Advisor: Prof. Mary Kalantzis

10/2013-02/2015

### Master's Degree in "Teaching of Multilingualism and Linguistic Policies. Language and Culture Dissemination in Multilingual Settings"

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece & Université du Maine, France  
Grade: 9.42 out of 10 - GPA Equivalent: 4.00/4.00  
Thesis: "Greek-Spanish community: the maintenance of the Spanish language in mixed families".

09/2009-07/2013

### Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education

Aristotle University, Thessaloniki (Greece)  
Grade: 9.28 out of 10 - GPA Equivalent: 3.66/4.00 (top 3% of my class)  
Thesis: "Web mapping in education. An ArcGIS online application".

## WORK EXPERIENCE

06/2018-Current

### Teaching Assistant in Learning Design and Leadership Program

College of Education, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA

I contribute in **designing and delivering the curriculum** of **online Master and Doctoral courses** using the social learning platform *CGScholar*.

08/2019-Current

### Member of SAGE (Students Advising on Graduate Education)

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA

**I counsel on behalf of the graduate student community** in improving their academic, professional, and social experience at the university. I participate in organizing the university programs and events.

06/2019

### Co-Leader of the University of Illinois Study Abroad Program in Greece

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA

I assisted with the **delivery of the Study Abroad online course**. I **co-led the trip to Greece** focusing on Citizenship, Diversity and Immigration in Education.

09/2018-05/2019

### Graduate Assistant – Learning Designer

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA

**I designed the online courses** for the **Study Abroad programs** of the Office of International Program.

08/2017-5/2018

### Learning Designer and Instructor in Modern Greek Studies Program

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA

**I created and taught the online Modern Greek Elementary I & II Courses**.

2014-2017

### Other Teaching Experience

- Teacher of Modern Greek as a Second Language, Y.W.C.A., Greece - 09/2016-06/2017
- Elementary School Teacher, American Farm School, Thessaloniki, Greece - 09/2015-06/2016
- Kindergarten intern, 6th Kindergarten School, Polychni, Thessaloniki, Greece - 11/2014-12/2014
- Elementary school intern, École Primaire Marceau, Le Mans, France - 02/2014-04/2014

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Honors and awards

Spring 2019: Hardie Conference Travel Award (\$500) to participate in the Nineteenth International Conference on Diversity in Organizations, Communities & Nations, Patras, Greece

Spring 2018: Education Policy, Organization and Leadership (College of Education, UIUC) Conference Travel Award (\$275) to participate in the 25<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Learning, Athens, Greece

Spring 2018: Graduate College (UIUC) Conference Travel Award (\$350) to participate in the 25<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Learning, Athens, Greece

UIUC Teachers Ranked as Excellent: Fall 2017

2013-2015: Scholarship (\$6,750) of the State Scholarship Foundation (IKY): Act Scholarship Program for Graduate Studies First Cycle (Master) - Horizontal Act, from the resources of the OP "Education and Lifelong Learning", the European Social Fund (ESF) of NSRF, 2007- 2013."

### Publications

**Tzirides, A. O.** (2020). Online Language Learning: Understanding and Supporting the Contemporary Digital Multilingual Learner. In M. Montebello (Ed.), *Handbook of Research on Digital Learning* (pp. 140-159). Hershey, PA: IGI Global.

Haniya, S., **Tzirides, A. O.**, Montebello, M., Georgiadou, K., Cope, W., Kalantzis, M. (2019). Maximizing Learning Potential with Multimodality: A Case Study. *World Journal of Educational Research*.

Montebello, M., Cope, W., Kalantzis, M., Searsmith, D., Amina, T., **Tzirides, A.O.**, Zhao, N., Chen, M., Haniya, S. (2018) Deepening e-Learning through Social Collaborative Intelligence. In: Proceedings of the *48th IEEE Annual Frontiers in Education (FIE) Conference*, San Jose, California, USA.

Montebello, M., Cope, W., Kalantzis, M., Searsmith, D., Amina, T., **Tzirides, A.O.**, Zhao, N., Chen, M., Haniya, S. (2018) Multimodal Mastery Learning. In: Proceedings of the *2nd International Conference on Education & Distance Learning (ICEDL)*, Nice, France.

Montebello, M., Cope, W., Kalantzis, M., **Tzirides, A.O.**, Haniya, S., Amina, T., Searsmith, D., Zhao, N., Chen, M. (2018) Critical Thinking through a Reflexive Platform. In: Proceedings of the *17th IEEE International Conference on Information Technology Based Higher Education and Training, ITHET 2018*, Olhao, Algarve, Portugal.

Montebello, M., Pinheiro, P., Cope, W., Kalantzis, M., Haniya, S., **Tzirides, A.O.**, Amina, T., Searsmith, D. (2018) Enriching Online Education through Differentiated Learning. In: Proceedings of the *4th International Conference on Higher Education Advances*. Valencia, Spain.

### Presentations

Presentation "A Cross-Cultural Education Experience: The Case of Greek Graduate Students at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign", 19<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Diversity in Organizations, Communities & Nations, Patras - Greece, June 2019, organized by Common Ground Research Networks

Presentation "Designing a Modern Greek Online Course", 25<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Learning, Athens - Greece, 21-23 June 2018, organized by Common Ground Research Networks

Presentation: "Greek-Spanish community: the maintenance of the Spanish language in the mixed families", Conference "Rethinking Language, Diversity and Education", Rhodes/Greece May 2015, organized by University of Toronto - University of the Aegean, Rhodes - University of Crete

### Learning Systems

CGScholar, Zoom, Moodle, Blackboard Collaborate

Languages (Proficiency) **Native/Bilingual:** Greek, English, French

**Limited working:** Spanish