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TIME Magazine's most significant Greek abroad (1997)

University of Patras Scientific Achievement Award (2000)

Australian Day Ambassador (from 2005)

She also holds many academic appointments. She is currently Adjunct Professor at, University of Melbourne department of Pathology, Monash University department of Immunology, Victoria University School of Molecular Science, University of Patras department of Chemistry, and, heads the Immunology and Vaccine Laboratory at the Burnet Institute, Melbourne. She is on the editorial board for numerous scientific journals and is a regular reviewer for scientific grants, research papers and a judge for various awards.

Her contribution into cancer research has been remarkable - publishing over 200 scientific papers and books, an inventor on 13 patents and collaborates with over 60 national and international research institutes and Universities.

Professor Apostolopoulos was born and raised by Greek emigrants in Melbourne. Her parents arrived in Australia in 1966 from the town of Amalida, located within the Prefecture (Nomos) of Ilias, in the Peloponnese.

For a more complete profile visit:

<http://www.burnet.edu.au/home/cimmunology/immunologyandcancervaccinelaboratory/apostolopoulos>



Dr Maria (Costadopoulos) Hill

Military historian

Author

Educator

Military Historian, raising awareness on Australia's Greek campaigns

Dr Maria Hill is a military historian and an expert on the Greek and Crete campaigns. Maria is the first Australian historian of Greek descent to write about these campaigns, which has ensured that a Greek perspective has been included in a narrative that often ignores Australia's Greek allies.

She has an Honours, Masters and PhD in History from the University of New South Wales. Her PhD study was undertaken at the Australian Defence Force Academy @ UNSW in Canberra. Her Honours thesis on the Greek family in Australia 'GreeksinOz' was a three generational study of Castellorizian and Kytherean families in Australia.

In 1998 Maria completed her Masters degree in History focusing primarily on the Arab-Israeli conflict and Nazi Germany in an effort to make



these complex and contentious histories more accessible to secondary school students. With her Masters' supervisor Professor Ian Bickerton Maria co-authored *Contested Spaces: the historiography of the Arab-Israeli Conflict*, one of the few textbooks that have enabled students to examine the conflict from multiple perspectives.

She has made a major contribution to the education in NSW with her creative teaching ideas and was awarded in 2001 the State Discovering Democracy Award by the Director General of Education as well as the National Discovering Democracy Award by Federal Minister of Education. Maria also wrote an innovative history teaching kit called: 'Federation - Inclusion-Exclusion' for the NSW Department of Education and Training for which she was awarded a Commonwealth Centenary medal in 2003. In 2001 she won a PhD scholarship from UNSW and NSW Department of Education to complete her doctorate. In 2003 the Army History Unit awarded Maria a fellowship to undertake field research in Greece and Crete.

In 2009 Maria was made a Visiting Fellow at UNSW @ ADFA. Her book *Diggers and Greeks* published in March 2010 was shortlisted for the 2010 Queensland Premier's Literary Awards and is the first major study by a Greek-Australian historian.

Dr Maria Costadopoulos (Konstantopoulou) Hill was born in Athens and came to Australia as a young child, growing up in the Sydney suburb of Newtown. Her father came from Pyrgos Ilias and her mother was born in Athens.

Maria is married with 4 children and lives in Sydney with her husband Stuart.

For further details visit Maria's websites:

www.mariahill.com.au

www.diggersandgreeks.com.au

Kathy Kouvas

Active Community involvement

Proud Hellene

Supporting the local community

Kathy Kouvas was born in Sydney to Greek migrant parents, her father heralds from Athens and her mother from Elos, Sparta. Kathy was raised with the Spartan Culture, where exercise was an important part of her up-bringing.

She lived in Greece for 4 years where she studied and learnt Greek at the University of Athens, then successfully applied and entered the Civil Engineering School "Selete" in Athens for a year.

Returning to Australia in 1987 she enrolled in TAFE and completed the

Civil Engineering Associate Diploma. In her Structures exam she was first in the State. She is now a Traffic / Civil Road Designer and has worked for the Road and Traffic Authority, NSW for 20 years.

Kathy is involved in a number of Greek Australian organisations including Secretary of the Pan Laconian Association "The Spartans", Committee Member for the International Organising Committee (Australia) for the Restitution of the Parthenon Marbles and President of Greek Australian Professionals Association.

As a member of the Greek Australian Professional Association, she has organised many successful functions that help our Greek Australian Community learn about their culture and history, hence helping them come in touch with their origins. Recent examples include lectures on Sparta, Macedonia and the Parthenon Marbles.

She has also organised events for Professionals that provide information about Greece, Careers, and Movie nights that promote Greece and about today's Issues. In 2010 while in Greece, Kathy delivered a coin to Mayor of Marathon Town, Greece Mr Spyridon Zagaris, as a gift for the Marathon Museum.

Kathy successfully arranged a Webmaster for the International Organising Committee (Australia) for the Restitution of the Parthenon Marbles and SAE to create a Web site for them. She has also arranged successful interviews with SBS to Promote Hellenism, the Greek Language and The Return of The Parthenon Marbles.

Academically Kathy is a high achiever with awards in French and mathematics. While at school Kathy would write and perform plays. She also received her Proficiency of English from Cambridge University in 1982.

Kathy has studied dance from the age of 7, including ballet, tap and jazz at the Cheryl Regan Studio. At 14 she performed in a Pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty', at 17years she was a student teacher, and within 6months completed a diploma of Teacher for Tap Dancing. At Greek School she learnt Greek Folk dancing and her group was invited by the then Mayor of Newtown to compete in a Greek dancing contest with other professional schools at which they came second.

Kathy has studied Flamenco Dancing and danced with Maria Campos Company, performing at the Easter Show, the Spanish Club and many other Multi Cultural Festivals.

Paul Nicolaou

Fundraiser

Marketer

Corporate and Community appointments

Political, Community and Corporate Fundraiser and Marketer

Since completing his BA and MCom Paul Nicolaou has built a career as a respected and experienced fundraiser and marketer. He has an impressive and extensive list of contacts in the political and business arenas.

Paul's marketing and fundraising experience covers all aspects of marketing & development including alumni relations, community relations, adver-

tising, event management, media relations, capital appeals, commercial sponsorship acquisition, political lobbying and direct marketing.

His fundraising activities include:

Raising in excess of \$20million over the last eight years as the Executive Chairman of the Millennium Forum, the fundraising and business engagement arm of the Liberal Party of Australia, NSW Division

Raising \$11 million in 2002/3 for research and disadvantaged student scholarships as the Chief Executive Officer of the UNSW Foundation

Westmead Children's Hospital Fundraising Manager when his Department raised \$13.8m in 1996/97 and organised the successful Annual Bandaged Bear Day Appeals and popular Teddy Bears Picnic

Raising \$200,000 to establish a Modern Greek Program at the University of NSW

Paul holds a number of appointments including the current NSW President and Associate Fellow & Certified Practising Marketer of the Marketing Institute of Australia, Fellow of the Fundraising Institute of Australia, Benefactor of the Children's Hospital Westmead, and Director of Solutions R Us. Paul consult's to the Faculty of Science at UNSW, Australian Water, Barton/Deakin, Central Coast Bears and the Italian Chamber of Commerce.

In addition, Paul holds a number of Corporate appointments including non Executive/Board Directorships for The Roses Only Group, Hyro, Ellatalia Investments Pty Ltd and The Gut Foundation (non profit organisation that raises awareness and conducts important research into bowel cancer).

Paul has a string of former roles including Marketing Manager for the Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife, Sydney Children's Hospital Access & Equity Committee, member of the Advisory Board of NAPCAN (National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect), Member of the UNSW Sports Association Ben Lexcen Scholarship Committee, the Management Committee of the Greek Welfare Centre, National & State Board Member of KIDSAFE Council, Committee Member of the Sydney Friends of the Australian Institute at Athens, coordinator for Bandaged Bear Day Breakfasts and Clean Up Australia Day activities, Foundation Chairman of the Greek Australian Museum Foundation Committee (which organised the Greek Olympic artefacts which were on show during the Sydney Olympics), President of the Greek Orthodox Church & Parish of Kogarah and Secretary of the Inter Communities Council of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia.

He has also being involved in the political arena as the Liberal candidate for Pittwater in the 2005 state by-election, candidate for Ryde in the state election in 2003 and a Councillor on Kogarah Council between 1991-1995.

Paul is married to Sophia and has an eleven year old son and eight year old daughter. Paul's mother hails from the island of Lesbos (Mytilini) and his father is from Trikala, in the north of mainland Greece.

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