ALABAMA GREECE INITIATIVE Symposium

Tatiana Tsakiropoulou-Summers, Classics Group Leader, 2015

## Vision & Commitment

- A&S Dean, Dr. Robert Olin, has – The vision
  - To institute foreign initiatives
    - Greece
    - Cuba
    - Ghana
    - China
  - To foster research collaborations with foreign institutions
  - The commitment
    - To continue funding research proposals
    - To fund return proposals for the completion of research projects

# **Thessaloniki** Metropolitan area: c. 1,000,000

#### ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI, GREECE (AUTh)

- Large University
  - 7 Faculties (Colleges)
  - 33 Schools (Departments)



A R I S T O T L E UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI

- c. 73,000 students (c. 8,500 grad)
- Academic Ranking of World Universities

   Among the top 200 universities in the world for AY 2014-2015



## The Faculty of Philosophy

Classics, Philosophy, History, Archaeology, Languages, Psychology, Education

### **Greece Initiative Collaborations**

- **Currently:** Represented by all A&S departments
  - Not just the ancient world!
- All fields of academic disciplines
  - Research projects benefiting by special conditions in Greece
- Future goal: Include other UA Colleges

#### The May 2015 Contingent A Variety of Specialties

- Anthropology/Archaeology (Ian Brown)
- English (Andy Crank)
- Communicative Disorders (Memorie Gosa)
- Geological Sciences (Samantha Hansen)
- American Studies (Jeff Melton)
- Chemistry (Kevin Shaughnessy)

#### The UA Contigent & Helen Kotsakis, Director of International Relations AUTh



## **Mini Conference at AUTh**



Dr. Pantelis Mitkas, Rector Dr. Ariadne Stoyiannidou, Vice-Rector of Academic & Student Affairs



#### TV 100 News Reporting on the Collaboration with the University of Alabama



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n4qh9oaf99s

#### **Greek Hospitality** Lunch at the VIP Room of the University Cafeteria

## Administrators & Collaborators Alabama / AUTh



#### **The Greece Experience: I** Greece Initiative Hotel



## **Room With a View The Historic Aristotle Square**



## Hotel Breakfast The Roof Garden

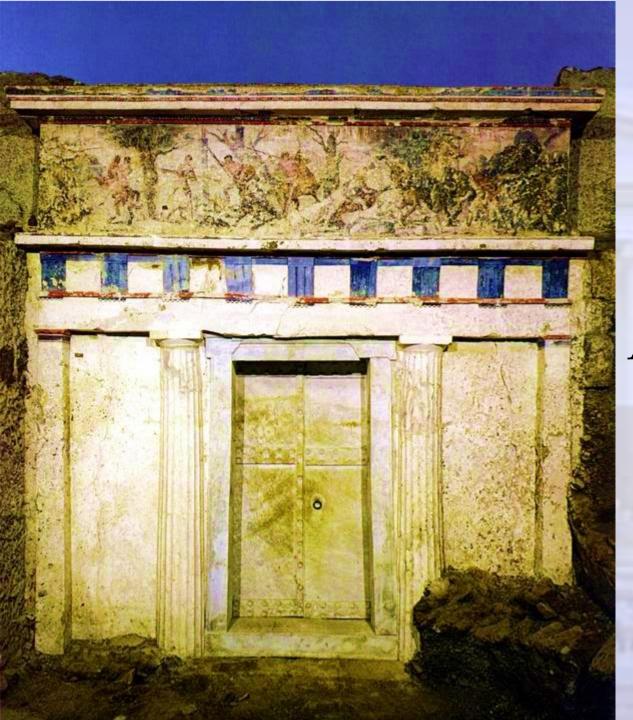


## The Greece Experience: II Day Trip to Pella & Vergina



## **Pella: The Market Place**





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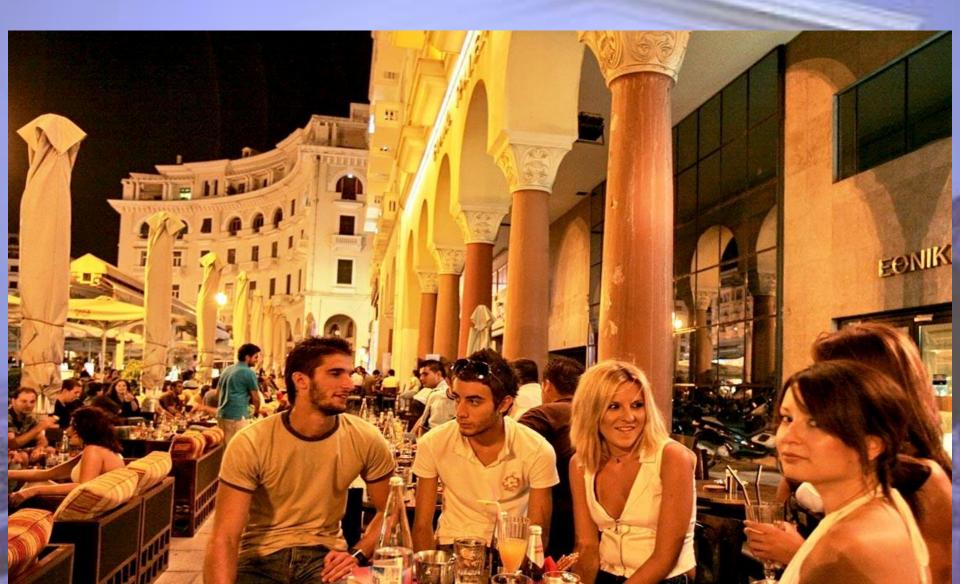
The Royal Tomb of Alexander's Father, Phillip II

#### Wealth & Craftsmanship The Golden Larnax & Royal Wreath



**The Greece Experience: III** Lunch at Ekeimeros Restaurant Agro-Tourism: Local & Organic

## What Crisis?



# **My Collaborative Project**

- My research collaboration
  - Joint international conference at the UA: March 24-25, 2016
  - "Women, Democracy, and the Ideology of Exclusion"
    - 4 AUTh faculty
    - 4 UA faculty (3 more possible)
    - Other American & European scholars

Volume of collected essays

Women, Democracy, and the Ideology of Exclusion From Antiquity Through the Early 20th Century



International Conference

March 24-25, 2016 205 Gorgas Library

Organized by Prof. Tatiana Tsakiropoulou-Summers, Modern Languages & Classics

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# THE UNIVERSITY OF

**Women, Democracy, and the Ideology of Exclusion** From Antiquity to the 20th Century



#### Welcome to our Women and Democracy Conference website...

#### Greek Week at the UA March 20-25, 2015

Four AUTh professors at the UA

 English, Theater, & International Law

#### Departmental events

- Guest lectures
- Class presentations
- Meetings with faculty and students
- Receptions

#### General UA community

- Movie showing: *The Medea* (Thursday)
- Staged reading of a Greek comedy (Friday)
- Conference (Thursday & Friday)

# **Expanding Opportunities**

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UA in Greece, 2015

- Friendships and collaborations develop among UA faculty traveling together
- Tatiana Summers and :
  - Ian Brown
    - Vergina Excavation Project for UA students
  - Andy Fitch
    - UA in Greece program, 2015
    - Staged reading for the conference, 2016
    - Aristophanes' Women at the Assembly

## Aristotle University is very active in research

- Innovative solutions to funding problems
- Scientific collaborations with 128 foreign universities

New Round of Proposals
→ Submit proposals for the third Greece Initiative Research Collaboration, 2016
→ Deadline: Oct. 27