

# Dr. Michael Basil Cosmopoulos

## Biographical note

### Academic Positions

Dr. Michael B. Cosmopoulos is the Endowed Professor of Archaeology and Greek Studies at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Until August, 2001 he was Professor of Classics and founding Director of the Centre for Hellenic Civilization, the University of Manitoba, in Canada. He is an elected Fellow of the Academy of Science St. Louis, of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts, and of the Royal Academy of Arts and Sciences of Canada. He holds the title of National Geographic Society Explorer.

### Studies

He has studied Greek and Roman Archaeology, Ancient History, and Classical Languages at the University of Athens (B.A., *summa cum laude*), the University of Sorbonne-Paris IV (D.E.U.G.), and Washington University in St. Louis (M.A., Ph.D.). He also holds a Diploma in Underwater Archaeology from the Council of Europe.

### Research

His research interests are the social, political, and cultural history of ancient Greece, about which he has published numerous books and scholarly articles. He has excavated at several ancient sites in Greece and Ukraine, including Mycenae, Pylos, Epidaurus, Ancient Corinth, Ithaca, Oropos, and Olbia. He has been the director of the excavations at the sanctuary of Demeter at Eleusis and is currently directing the Iklaina Archaeological Project.

### Teaching

His teaching extends beyond the classroom and in the field, where he has trained more than 1000 students in archaeological theory and methodology and in Greek archaeology and history. In recognition of his teaching, the University of Manitoba has awarded him a *Merit Award for Teaching* (1991) and the *Olive Beatrice Stanton Award for Excellence in Teaching* (1999). In 2004 he was awarded the *Archaeological Institute of America Award for Excellence in Teaching*.

### Service

He has served or is serving as an Academic Trustee of the Archaeological Institute of America; Vice-President of the Archaeological Institute of Canada; member of the Managing Committee and former Chair of the Gennadius Library of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens; Vice-Provost of University College, University of Manitoba; President of the Classical Association of Manitoba; President of the Winnipeg Society of the Archaeological Institute of America; and honorary life member of the Archaeological Society of Athens.

### Awards/Honors

*Canada Rh Award for Outstanding Contributions to Scholarship and Research in the Humanities.*  
*Archaeological Institute of America Award for Excellence in Teaching*  
*Trustees Award, Academy of Science St. Louis*  
*Fellow, Academy of Science St. Louis*  
*Explorer, National Geographic Society*  
*Member, European Academy of Sciences and Arts*  
*Fellow, Royal Society of Canada*

## Select Publications

16 books, including:

*Iklaina. The Monumental Buildings.* Athens 2018.

*The Political Geography of a Mycenaean District. The Archaeological Survey at Iklaina.* Athens 2016.

*Bronze Age Eleusis and the Origins of the Eleusinian Mysteries.* Cambridge University Press, 2015.

*The Sanctuary of Demeter at Eleusis: The Bronze Age. Vols. I-II.* Library of the Athens Archaeological Society, Athens 2014.

*Experiencing War: violence and personal trauma in Ancient Greece and Today.* Ares Publishers, Chicago (2007- ed.)

*The Mycenaean Pottery from Grotta, Naxos.* University of Athens Press, Athens 2004 (in Greek with extensive English summary).

*The Parthenon and Its Sculptures. Recent Advances and New Interpretation .* Cambridge University Press, Cambridge 2004 (ed.)

*Greek Mysteries. The Archaeology of Greek Secret Cults.* Routledge, London and New York 2003 (ed.).

*The Rural History of Ancient Greek City-States: the Oropos Survey Project.* BAR-Intern. Series 1001, Oxford 2001.

Other: More than 100 papers in international conferences and articles in archaeological journals (including, *American Journal of Archaeology*, *Oxford Journal of Archaeology*, *Antike Welt*, *Prähistorische Zeitschrift*, *Zeitschrift für Klassische Archäologie*, *Aegaeum*, *Classical Views*, *The International Journal of Nautical Archaeology and Underwater Exploration*, *Αρχαιολογική Εφημερίς, Πλατων*).

## Website

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