

University of Alabama  
Faculty Participants  
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**Juan Lopez-Bautista** is in the Department of Biological Sciences. His research on biodiversity, evolution, and assembling the tree of life of algae encompasses a worldwide scope, including algae and collaborators from the Mediterranean Sea.

**Collaborators:** Moustaka Gouni and Spyros Gkelis



**Ibrahim Cemen** is the former Chair of the Department of Geological Sciences. Doing his work in such areas as earthquake potential in Western Anatolia, his project proposes establishing an ongoing collaboration with AUTH to further study the prediction of earthquakes.

**Collaborator:** Spyros Pavlides



**Andrea Cevaso** is a music therapy faculty member in the School of Music. Her proposal compares the current status of music therapy in the U.S. and Greece to better understand advances/practical applications being made in both countries.

**Collaborator:** Dora Psaltopoulou



**Andy Fitch** is appointed to the Department of Theatre and Dance and specializes in set design. His proposal's goal is to explore the similarities and differences among staging and scenic designs in Greek and U.S. theater, with a view toward collaborating on set designs.

**Collaborator:** Lila Karakosta



**Trudier Harris** is a member of the Department of English. Greek sources for naming in the African-American community is well known as is Greek interest in African-American writers, suggesting a fruitful project examining the interactions between Greek and African-American cultures.

**Collaborator:** Youli Theodosiadou



**Jeffrey Melton** is on the faculty of the Department of American Studies. Working alongside a scholar with command over the history and economic impact of tourism in Greece, his co-edited book project will examine U.S. travels to Greece/the tourism experience in Greece.

**Collaborator:** Stella Kostopoulou



**Tatiana Tsakiropoulou-Summers**, a native of Thessaloniki, is in the Department of Modern Languages & Classics. She proposes studying why the view of women as inferior arose in Classical Athens at the time of democracy's birth.

**Collaborator:** To be determined



**Luoheng Han** leads UA's May 2014 trip to Greece, is A&S's Senior Associate Dean and Assoc. Dean for Natural Science and Mathematics, and is in charge of the A&S's international initiatives. He is appointed to the Department of Geography, where he carries out teaching and research on water resources and quality. This is his second trip to Thessaloniki.



**Vaia Touna** earned her B.A. and M.A. degrees at AUTh, is a native Thessaloniki, and is currently writing her dissertation at the University of Alberta, Canada. She has led University of Alabama study abroad trips to Greece in the past and worked for a semester at UA (in 2010). She joins this trip as Assoc. Dean Han's assistant, a role she also played for Dean Olin's trip in 2012.