

## **VASILIKI KARAGIANNAKI PRIZE FOR THE BEST EDITED VOLUME IN MODERN GREEK STUDIES**

The Vasiliki Karagiannaki Prize for the Best Edited Volume will be awarded on a biennial basis to the best edited volume written in English with significant content in the field of Modern Greek Studies. Submissions from all disciplines within the field of Modern Greek Studies are welcomed. The winner of the award will be announced prior to the Symposium of the Modern Greek Studies Association and the award will be presented at the Symposium. The prize will be \$500.

### **Selection Committee**

The committee is composed of three eligible members. Their selection is based on the need for disciplinary representation on the committee, with one of the members being an active member of the MGSA Executive Board and serving as the chair of the Vasiliki Karagiannaki Edited Book Prize Selection Committee. For each competition, a new committee is comprised and no committee member shall serve two consecutive terms.

Appointment of the committee takes place during and after the autumn MGSA Executive Board meeting preceding a Symposium year. At that meeting, the President of the MGSA shall ask members of the Board to appoint a committee chair and to make additional nominations of committee members to the chair of the Vasiliki Karagiannaki Edited Book Prize Selection Committee. Using these nominations, it shall be the duty of the chair of the Book Prize Selection Committee to appoint the additional two members to the committee, with disciplinary representation as a basis for their selection. It is also advisable that gender and academic standing be taken into consideration when making these appointments. Once a committee has been convened, members of the committee must review its procedures and establish an appropriate timetable for its work.

The committee's service begins on April 1 of each competition year and, while the work of the committee is generally completed by the time the prize is announced at the MGSA Symposium, the committee remains operative until a subsequent committee is appointed after the autumn Executive Board meeting preceding the following competition year. The chairperson of the committee is a voting member of the committee.

The Vasiliki Karagiannaki Edited Book Prize Selection Committee are not consider any volumes that are edited by committee members or that contain articles by committee members.

### **Selection Process**

Each committee member independently reads and rates the books entered in the competition and communicates the results of his/her evaluation to the chairperson of the committee via email. Criteria to be used in evaluating edited volumes include:

- scholarly rigor
- innovation
- impact and importance of the book in terms of breadth of topic and appeal
- coherence of individual articles to the volume's overarching focus
- the contribution made to the scholarly understanding of Modern Greek Studies
- the clarity of writing.

The evaluation results of each committee member should reflect a rank-ordering of the submissions.

Once a decision has been made, the chair announces the winner of the competition to the MGSA Executive Director and to the members of the Vasiliki Karagiannaki Edited Book Prize Selection Committee. The winner as well as the other authors who submitted books are notified in writing by the chair of the committee. The award is publicly made at the next scheduled MGSA Symposium and the MGSA Executive Director mails \$500 award to the winner.

### **Guidelines**

Submissions are due by **1 April 2019** covering books published since April 2017. Authors must submit three copies of their book(s), not to be returned after the competition, for consideration to The Modern Greek Studies Association. For the committee to consider books submitted by third parties (publishers or someone other than the original author), the MGSA must also receive a letter from the author requesting that the published book be considered for the prize.

Multiple submissions of different books by the same author are acceptable.

Authors must be current MGSA members when submitting their work.

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### **About Vasiliki Karagiannaki**

Vasiliki Karagiannaki (Βασιλική Καραγιαννάκη) was born on May 21, 1926 in Ptolemaida, Greece. The oldest of five children from a refugee family hailing from a small village near Prusa (modern day Bursa) in Asia Minor, Vasiliki loved learning and reading—a passion that she could foster only quietly, as she was forced to leave school to help raise her younger siblings while her parents earned a living through hard work on

the farm. Vasiliki instilled in her daughter and granddaughter an insatiable love for learning and exploring, for beautiful diction and for beauty altogether. Her smile and spirit brightened up the world around her and made it kinder. The award named after her is meant to honor her memory, her generous spirit, and her love for learning. It ensures that she continues to do her part to make the world a better place, as she herself always wanted it.