



Stockton to Dedicate Dr. Demetrios Constantelos Hellenic Collection and Reading Room Sept. 26

Home for 3,000 Rare and Important Works from Ancient, Medieval, and
Modern Greek Eras

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Galloway Township, NJ - The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, in partnership with the Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies, is planning a Dedication Celebration for the opening of the Constantelos Hellenic Collection and Reading Room on **Friday, Sept. 26, 2014**.

The Dedication Celebration and ribbon-cutting will take place at 5 p.m. in front of the Bjork Library on the first floor of F-wing on the college's main campus. The public and Stockton community are invited to help celebrate Stockton's commitment and support of Hellenic ideals and achievement.

Demetrios J. Constantelos is a researcher in the field of Byzantine (medieval Greek) history and a professor emeritus of history and religious studies at Stockton College. He was born in Spilia, Messenia, Greece and ordained a priest of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America in 1955. He earned a Ph.D. in Byzantine Civilization at Rutgers University in 1965.

Throughout the course of his distinguished career, Professor Constantelos has written books, contributed to journals, participated in symposia, spoken at conferences, had articles published in multiple languages, actively represented his community in inter-faith dialogues and, as one of Stockton College's first professors, helped put the institution on the map. A documentary focusing on the life and work of Dr. Constantelos is being created in time for the dedication celebration.

Serving as a repository for Hellenic resources, knowledge and timeless wisdom that spans the ancient, medieval (Byzantine) and modern Greek eras, the Constantelos Hellenic Collection and Reading Room fosters engagement with students, faculty and the local, national and global community through its Hellenic collections, New Jersey Greek-American Oral History Project, and public programming.

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The Reading Room will serve a variety of functions:

- It will house 3,000 rare and important works from Professor Constantelos' personal collection and research materials, a donation of one of the finest private libraries in New Jersey on the Ancient, Medieval, and Modern Greek eras.
- It will provide reading, study and seminar space for the Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies (ICHS) students, professors and the community.
- It will act as the statewide repository for the New Jersey Greek-American Oral History Project.

A matching gift challenge of \$150,000 made by the Friends of Hellenic Studies and Zoe and Dean Pappas, vice chairman of the Stockton Board of Trustees, has helped fund the project. Individuals who would like to make contributions to help reach the goal of \$300,000 should contact Nicholas Sena, Leadership Annual Giving Coordinator at (609) 652-4789; or email: Nicholas.Sena@Stockton.edu

More information can be found at Stockton.edu/constantelos

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