

Houston Philosophical Society Dinner and Lecture

Cohen House, Rice University

18 October 2018

6:00pm cocktails - 9:20pm close

At 7:50 pm President Furlow called the meeting to order and welcomed all and introduced guests.

President Furlow then introduced speaker Dr. Michael Cosmopoulos, the Chair of Greek Studies and Professor of Archeology, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Missouri-St. Louis. He presented “Digging Homer-the Archeological Discoveries at Iklaina and the creation of Greek Epic Poetry.” Please see the attached Abstract for the Speaker’s biography and program contents.

After questions and answers from the members, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.



Michael Basil Cosmopoulos is an anthropological classicist and archaeologist specializing in: a) Greek political history (esp. the emergence of states); b) ancient Greek religion (esp. Graeco-Roman Mystery Cults); and c) social and cultural memory (esp. the interplay between monuments and oral tradition). He is Endowed Professor and Chair of Greek Studies at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. He is the director of the excavations of the Athens Archaeological Society at Iklaina in Pylos; a Fellow of the Academy of Science (St. Louis); a member of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts; a Fellow of the National Academies of Arts and Sciences of Canada (the Royal Society of Canada); and a National Geographic Society Explorer.