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Reading from Cavafy's Life

On Sunday, April 26, 2026, at 3:00 pm Chicago time, Hellenic Link-Midwest will present professor *Gregory Jusdanis*, in a lecture titled "Reading from Cavafy's Life." The event will take place at 3 pm, at Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, 10249 West Irving Park Road at Schiller Park, Illinois (southeast corner of Irving Park Road and Mannheim Road). Admission is free. This lecture is supported by the Hellenic Foundation.

Constantine Cavafy lived almost all his life in Alexandria, Egypt and wrote in Greek, a language then spoken only by six million people. Yet today he is celebrated as one of the most original poets of the world. How did he achieve this seemingly improbable achievement? Gregory Jusdanis, co-author of the award-winning and best-selling *C. P. Cavafy. A New Biography*, will provide insights into the family, social background, poetry, and inner life of this remarkable poet who changed the direction of Greek poetry. By reading passages from Cavafy's biography, commenting on his life, and reciting poems, Jusdanis will bring light to the personal and poetic journey of one of the great poets of world literature.

Gregory Jusdanis, Distinguished Arts and Humanities Professor at Ohio State, teaches Comparative Literature and modern Greek. The author of six books, *The Poetics of Cavafy*, *Belated Modernity and Aesthetic Culture*, *The Necessary Nation*, *Fiction Agonistes: A Defense of Literature*, *A Tremendous Thing*, *Friendship from the Iliad to the Internet*, and *Constantine Cavafy. A New Biography*, he has received fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, the American Council of Learned Societies, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. He has served as Visiting Professor at Kwara State University in Nigeria, the University of Buenos Aires, the University of Cartagena and Universidad del Rosario in Bogota. He has been invited to give lectures around the United States and Canada, Europe, Latin America, Australia, Africa, and the Near East. *Constantine Cavafy. A New Biography* has received wide press coverage in North America, the UK, and Greece where it was for weeks on the best-selling charts. It has received the Ouranis Prize for Biography by the Athens Academy and has been long listed for the National Book Critics Circle Award (US) and the Runciman Prize (UK).

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