

Eleni Phufas-Jousma brings both personal and professional engagement to the question of German reparations. Her connection to the catastrophic impact of the occupation of Greece during World War II is rooted in her own family history, which includes the imprisonment of family members in a concentration camp and forced displacement. These experiences have informed her longstanding commitment to historical justice and remembrance.

She is an educator with advanced degrees in History and Foreign Language Education, and a translator and publisher with over four decades of experience in higher education, including a decades long tenure in the English and Humanities Department at the State University of New York – Erie Campus in Buffalo, New York. Her work has included teaching, curriculum development, international academic appointments—including in the Czech Republic and Estonia—and leadership roles in post-secondary education.

With a scholarly background in history and language, she has worked extensively in translation and editorial projects focused on Greek history, literature, and genocide studies. Fluent in both Greek and English and working reading knowledge in Spanish and French, she brings a deeply informed cross-cultural perspective to academic, cultural, and public discourse.

Following her retirement in 2022, she founded Ouranos Books, a nonprofit press dedicated to amplifying Greek and other underrepresented voices. Her ongoing work reflects a sustained commitment to the preservation of historical memory, cultural advocacy, and the pursuit of justice.

OuranosBooks.org