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## **R.44. Special Research Projects: Carolina Cooks, Carolina Eats**

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Terry Bakatsias

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## **ABSTRACT – Terry Bakatsias**

Interviewee: Terry Bakatsias

Interviewer: Katie Magee and Murphy Donohue

Interview Date: March 19, 2015

Location: Kipos Greek Taverna 431 W Franklin St, Chapel Hill, NC 27516

Length: 34:11:00

Terry Bakatsias, owner of Kipos Greek Taverna in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, was born in Greece in 1948. He discusses life growing up in Greece with his family and his transition to Durham, NC. Greek culture and customs have had a strong influence on his life and work. Bakatsias also discusses his relationship with his siblings, his various restaurant chains, and relationships with fellow employees. This interview from the Piedmont region of North Carolina was conducted for the Carolina Cooks, Carolina Eats (AMST/FOLK 375) spring 2015 course to showcase significant food and culture voices around North Carolina.

## **FIELD NOTES – Terry Bakatsias**

(compiled March 19, 2015)

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Interview Date: March 19, 2015

Location: Kipos Greek Taverna at a restaurant table during the lunch break; Chapel Hill, North Carolina

**THE INTERVIEWEE** Mr. Terry Bakatsias was born in Greece in 1948. Living in the countryside of Greece with 2 other brothers and a sister, Bakatsias' father moved to the USA to work in the restaurant business. At the age of 17, Bakatsias moved to Elon, North Carolina and eventually to Durham, NC where he has resided since 1970. All of his family now lives in North Carolina, and he raised three daughters, all of whom have graduated from college.

**THE INTERVIEWER** Katie Magee and Murphy Donohue are students at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Katie, a sophomore, and Murphy, a senior, are focused in different studies of research.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE INTERVIEW** The interview took place at Kipos Greek Taverna in Chapel Hill, NC. The restaurant is owned by the two brothers, Giorgios and Terry Bakatsias. Terry, Murphy, and I sat inside the restaurant during a lunch break while the rest of the staff was cleaning up and preparing for the dinner shift. The interview was interrupted twice—once for a phone call, and another to sign for a completed inspection. There is a little talking and music in the background throughout the interview.