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**Areas of Specialization:**

Ancient Philosophy; Plato; Ancient Greek Drama

**Areas of Competence:**

Ethics; Philosophy and Literature; History of Philosophy

**Education:**

Ph.D., Philosophy, Boston University, 2008.  
M.A., Classical Studies, Boston University, 2003.  
A.B., Philosophy, Vassar College, 1998.

**Academic Employment:**

Assistant Professor, Philosophy, Marquette University, 2007-present.  
Instructor, Writing Program, Boston University, 2005-2007.  
Adjunct Instructor, Philosophy, Boston University, 2004-2005.

**Publications:**

“Paratragedy in Plato’s *Gorgias*,” *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 36 (2009): 73-105.

“The Rhetoric of Parody in Plato’s *Menexenus*,” *Philosophy and Rhetoric* 42 (2009): 29-58.

“Putting Unity in Its Place: Organic Unity in Plato’s *Phaedrus*,” *Literature and Aesthetics* 19, special issue on “Plato’s Music,” ed. E. Benitez, (2009): 153-182.

“*Socratic Virtue* by Naomi Reshotko,” Book Review, *Ancient History Bulletin* (2009): 197-9.

“*Plato’s Introduction of Forms* by R. M. Dancy,” Book Review, *Review of Metaphysics* 61 (2007): 127-9.

“*Plato’s Republic*,” entry in *Classical Literature and its Times*. (*World Literature and Its Times* Vol. 8.) Ed. J. Moss. Farmington Hills, MI: Thomson Gale, 2006: 373-385.

**Submissions under Review:**

“Is Good Tragedy Possible? The Argument of *Gorgias* 502b-503b.”

“Philosophy and the Ordinary: On the Setting of Plato’s *Lysis*.”

**Work in Progress:**

- “Guns, Trauma and Virtue: The Virtue Theoretic Case against Gun Possession.”
- “Plato’s *Cratylus*: On Ordinary and Ideal Language.”
- “*Technê*, Inspiration and Comedy in Plato’s *Ion*.”
- “Aristotle’s Definition of Anger.”
- “Childish Nonsense? The Value of Interpretation in Plato’s *Protagoras*.”

**Lectures and Conference Participation:**

Session Chair, APA Central Division Meeting (Chicago, IL), February 2010.

Presenter, “Aristotle’s Definition of Anger in the *Rhetoric*,” “Ethics in Antiquity: The Quest for the Good Life” research group, Center for Advanced Study (Oslo, Norway), December 2009.

Presenter, “Guns, Trauma and Virtue: The Virtue Theoretic Case against Gun Possession,” Moral Philosophy Club, Center for the Study of Mind in Nature, University of Oslo (Oslo, Norway), November 2009.

Presenter, “Aristotle on Anger,” Fourth Annual Summer Aristotle Conference (“Thought and Action in Aristotle and the Aristotelian Tradition”), Midwest Seminar in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, Marquette University (Milwaukee, WI), June 2009.

Presenter, “Childish Nonsense? The Value of Interpretation in Plato’s *Protagoras*,” Midwest Seminar in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy and the Seminar on Phenomenology and Hermeneutics (“The Ethics of Interpretation: From Ancient to Postmodern Times”), Marquette University (Milwaukee, WI), May 2009.

Presenter, “Is Good Tragedy Possible? The Argument of *Gorgias* 502b-503b,” APA Pacific Division Meeting (Vancouver, BC), April 2009.

Invited Lecture, “Is Good Tragedy Possible? The Argument of *Gorgias* 502b-503b,” Florida International University Philosophy Department Lecture Series, (Miami, FL), March 2009.

Presenter, “Is Good Tragedy Possible? The Argument of *Gorgias* 502b-503b,” Midwest Seminar in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, (Milwaukee, WI), March 2009.

Commentator, “The *Republic*’s Three Philosophic Natures...and a Fourth” by Roslyn Weiss, Northeastern Political Science Association (Boston, MA), November 2008.

Commentator, "Plato's Principle of Specialization and Distributive Justice" by Anna Greco, Northeastern Political Science Association (Boston, MA), November 2008.

Commentator, "Metaphysics and Ethics in Plato's *Republic*" by Travis L. Butler, APA Central Division Meeting (Chicago, IL), April 2008.

Session Chair, Wisconsin Philosophical Association Meeting (Milwaukee, WI), April 2008.

Invited Class Lecture, "Nietzsche, Socrates and Tragedy," Tragedy and Philosophy (Prof. Ingvild Torsen), Florida International University (Miami, FL), March 2008.

Presenter, "The Rhetoric of Parody in Plato's *Menexenus*," The Marquette Ancient and Medieval Philosophy Journal Club (Milwaukee, WI), October 2007.

Attendee, "Life, the Universe, Everything — and More: Plato's *Timaeus* Today" (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL), September 2007.

Invited Lecture, "*Techne*, Inspiration and Comedy in Plato's *Ion*," Marquette University (Milwaukee, WI), February 2007.

Invited Lecture, "*Techne*, Inspiration and Comedy in Plato's *Ion*," Vanderbilt University (Nashville, TN), January 2007.

Commentator, "Socrates on Wealth and Virtue" by Keith Whitaker and William Corliss, Northeastern Political Science Association (Boston, MA), November 2006.

Commentator, "Xenophon's Critique of Plato's Socrates" by Gary D. Glenn., Northeastern Political Science Association (Boston, MA), November 2006.

Presenter, "*Chora* and the Geometrical Structure of the Universe in Plato's *Timaeus*," International Association for Philosophy and Literature (Helsinki, Finland), June 2005.

Presenter, "Aristotle and the Inexactness of Ethical Inquiry," Boston University Graduate Presentation Series (Boston, MA), May 2005.

Presenter, "Plato's Poetic Response to the Indeterminacy of Origins," International Association for Philosophy and Literature (Syracuse, NY), May 2004.

Presenter, "*Techne*, Inspiration and Poetic Production in Plato's *Ion*," Ancient Philosophy Society (University Park, Pennsylvania), April 2004.

Presenter, "Plato's Critique of Art: the Philosophical Dialogue as Art Form,"  
Boston University Graduate Presentation Series (Boston, MA), October 2003.

### **Grants and Awards:**

**Rynne Research Grant**, \$4,000, *Marquette University*, 2009.  
**Faculty Development Award**, \$5,400, *Marquette University*, 2008.  
**Graduate Writing Fellowship**, *Boston University*, 2005-06, 2006-07.  
**Dissertation Fellowship**, *Boston University*, 2003-04.  
**Teaching Fellowship**, *Boston University*, 2001-03, 2004-05.  
**Matchette Prize**, best graduate student paper ("Discursive Knowledge and Intuition in Plato's *Theaetetus*") *Boston University*, 2001.  
**H. B. Earhart Fellowship**, Earhart Foundation 1999-2000, 2000-01.  
**Harry Ordan Memorial Prize**, excellence in philosophy, *Vassar College*, 1998.

### **Teaching**

#### **Graduate Courses**

Plato

#### **Undergraduate Courses**

Theory of Ethics

Contemporary Ethical Problems

Ancient Philosophy

Introduction to Philosophy (Boston University)

Introduction to Ethics (Boston University)

Writing Seminar: Tragedy and Comedy of Life (Boston University)

Writing Seminar: Character and Virtue (Boston University)

History of Ancient Greek Philosophy (Boston University)

### **Professional Memberships:**

American Philosophical Association  
American Philological Association  
Ancient Philosophy Society  
Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy

### **Other Academic Activities**

Visiting Researcher, Department of Philosophy, Classics, History of Art and Ideas, University of Oslo (Oslo, Norway), Summer 2008, Summer-Fall 2009.

Participant, *Nicomachean Ethics* X reading group, “Ethics in Antiquity: The Quest for the Good Life” research project, Center for Advanced Study (Oslo, Norway), Fall 2009.

Participant, Moral Philosophy Club, Center for the Study of Mind in Nature, University of Oslo (Oslo, Norway), Fall 2009.

Conference Co-organizer (with Drs. Richard Taylor and Owen Goldin), “Thought and Action in Aristotle and the Aristotelian Tradition,” Marquette University (Milwaukee, WI), June 16-18, 2009.

Conference Co-organizer (with Dr. Pol Vandavelde), “The Ethics of Interpretation: From Ancient to Postmodern Times,” Marquette University (Milwaukee, WI), May 13-14, 2009.

## **Service:**

### **University**

Participant, Seminar on Catholic Higher Education, Spring 2009

### **College of Arts and Sciences**

Department of Philosophy Representative, Marquette Majors Fair, April 2008, March 2009.

### **Department**

Philosophy Department Website Copy Editing, Fall 2009

Member, Research Assistant Sub-Committee, Philosophy Department, January 2009-May 2009.

Graduate Teaching Mentor, Philosophy Department Shadow Teaching Training Program (Nathan Blackerby), Spring 2009

Graduate Advisor, Philosophy Department, (Velimir Stojkovski, Jonathan Wenders, John Westbrook), December 2008-

Organizer, Marquette Ethics and Political Philosophy Workshop, December 2008-May 2009

FOLL Liaison and Reading Group Director (Ancient Greek), Philosophy Department, September 2008-May 2009.

Member, Ad-hoc Committee for Increased Interaction between the Philosophy and Theology Departments, September 2008-May 2009

Co-organizer (with Drs. Richard Taylor and Owen Goldin), Midwest Seminar in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, September 2008-

Presenter, "First Day, First Prep," Graduate Student Teaching Workshop, Philosophy Department, August 2008.

Dissertation Committee Member, Lorelle Lamascus, "Love's Lack: The Relationship between Poverty and Eros in Plato and Plotinus," April 2008-

**Community**

Marquette for Common Ground Representative, Southeastern Wisconsin Common Ground Founding Convention, April 2008.

**Languages:**

Reading proficiency in French, Italian, Norwegian, Ancient Greek and intermediate level competence in German and Latin.

**References:**

Dr. David Roochnik, Professor, Philosophy, Boston University  
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Dr. Jeffrey Henderson, Professor, Classical Studies, Boston University  
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