

Melissa M. Shew
Curriculum Vitae

Education

- Ph.D, Philosophy (2008): University of Oregon
- M.A., Philosophy (2006): University of Oregon
- B.A., English Literature, Philosophy, and Political Science (2000): Miami University

Areas of Specialization

- Ancient Philosophy
- History of Philosophy

Areas of Concentration

- Continental Philosophy
- Modern Philosophy
- Ethics

Doctoral Thesis

Title: *The Phenomenon of Chance in Ancient Greek Thought*

- Director: Dr. Peter Warnek
- Readers: Drs. John Lysaker, Ted Toadvine, James Crosswhite

Language Study

- Ancient Greek
- French

Academic Teaching Experience

- Visiting Assistant Professor, 2008-2009, Marquette University, Department of Philosophy.
- Lecturer, 2007-2008, Marquette University, Department of Philosophy.
- Senior Lecturer, Fall 2007, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Department of English.
- Graduate Teaching Fellow and Instructor, University of Oregon, Department of Philosophy, 2002-2007.
- Instructor, 2006-2007, University of Oregon, Department of English.

Selected Fellowships and Awards

- Manresa Course Development grant (Marquette University). Summer 2008.
- Outstanding Composition Teacher, Department of English (University of Oregon). May 2007.
- Graduate Teaching Fellowship, Department of English, for yearlong instructorship of English Composition (University of Oregon). Fall 2006-Spring 2007.
- Graduate Teaching Fellowship, Department of Philosophy (University of Oregon). Fall 2002-Summer 2006.
- Graduate School Research Award for work in Ancient Philosophy. (University of Oregon). April 2005.
- *Paideia* Prize for excellence in teaching, Department of Philosophy (University of Oregon). June 2004.
- Assistantship for Ancient Greek philosophy (Boston University). 2001.

Publications

Shew, Melissa. 2008. Chance and human error in Spinoza and Lucretius. *Philosophy Now* Issue 68: 12-16.

Shew, Melissa. 2008. Review of Nancy Sherman, *Stoic Warriors: The Ancient Philosophy Behind the Military Mind*. *Polish Journal of Philosophy* Vol. II No. 1: 171-175.

Shew, Melissa. 2008. Review of D. Brendan Nagel, *The Household as the Foundation of Aristotle's Polis* (2006). Forthcoming in *Ancient Philosophy*.

Shew, Melissa. 2008. Review of Susan Collins, *Aristotle and the Rediscovery of Citizenship* (2006). Forthcoming in *Ancient Philosophy*.

Articles in Progress

- (1) *Poiēsis* in Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*
- (2) Rethinking *epistemē* in Plato and Aristotle
- (3) Poietical subjects: Aristotle, Heidegger, and Kristeva

Professional Conference Presentations

- Paper: "Socrates' Ecstatic Beauty," response to James Barrett's "Socrates Ithyphallicus" at the independent meeting of the Ancient Philosophy Society. New School for Social Research. April 2008.
- Paper: "Chance, Fortune, and Human Error in Lucretius and Spinoza" at the North American Spinoza Society meeting of the Eastern American Philosophical Association. Baltimore. December 2007.
- Paper: "Topologies of Poetry: The Semiotic Earth and Symbolic World in Heidegger and Kristeva" at the University of Oregon undergraduate conference. May 2007. Invited keynote speaker.
- Paper: "Rhythm, Mimesis, and Poetic Experience in Aristotle and Kristeva" at the 11th annual meeting of the Continental and Comparative Philosophy Circle. Seattle University. April 2007.
- Paper: "The Relationship Between *Aitia* and *Logos* in Aristotle's **Physics, I-II**" at the 58th annual meeting of the Northwest Philosophy Conference. University of Portland. November 2006.
- Paper: "World Enough And Time," response to Tony Roark's "On a Moment's Notice: Aristotle on Perceiving Instants in Time," at the 58th annual meeting of the Northwest Philosophy Conference. University of Portland. November 2006.
- Paper: "Schelling and Spinoza: The Haunted and the Hunted" at the Society for Student Philosophers (Pacific American Philosophical Association). Portland. March 2006.
- Paper: "Dead or Alive: Schelling's Struggles with Spinoza's System" at the North American Spinoza Society meeting of the Central American Philosophical Association. Chicago. March 2006.
- Paper: "Socrates' Crazy Luck (or, The Strange and Wonderful Place of *Tychē* and *Automaton* in Aristotle's *Physics*)" at the Collegium Phaenomenologicum (Citta di Castello, Umbria, Italy). July 2005.
- Paper: "What We Owe The Dead: In Praise of Theaetetus," at the independent meeting of the Ancient Philosophy Society. Eugene, Oregon. April 2005.

Professional and Community Service

- Submissions reader, Graduate Student Conference on Love and Affectivity (Marquette University). Winter 2008.
- Nominated for Faculty Advising Award (Marquette University). Fall 2007.
- Invited speaker at Undergraduate Philosophy Club meetings (University of Oregon), 2005-2007.

- Member, committee for innovative ways to teach Writing courses (Department of English, University of Oregon). Fall 2006-Spring 2007.
- Chair, Society for the Contemporary Assessment of Platonism at the Pacific division of the Ancient Philosophy Society. Portland, Oregon. March 2006.
- Advisor, directed readings for undergraduate students (University of Oregon). 2003-2007.
- Advisor, local high school thesis on Plato's *Apology*. 2005-2006.
- Undergraduate Advisor, Department of Philosophy (University of Oregon). 2005-2006.
- Participant, Collegium Phaenomenologicum: *Memory and Responsibility* (on Plato, Hegel, and Derrida), in Citta di Castello, Umbria, Italy. July 9-29, 2005.
- Compiled index for *Descent of Socrates: Self-Knowledge and Cryptic Nature in the Platonic Dialogues* (Peter Warnek). Summer 2005.
- Chair, Graduate Forum, Department of Philosophy (University of Oregon). 2004-2005.
- Graduate student representative, Philosophy Department committee for grant writing (University of Oregon). 2004-2005.
- Chair, Graduate Student Philosophy Club (University of Oregon). 2002-2004.
- Coordinator and organizer to bring philosophy speakers to the University of Oregon. 2002-2003.

Professional Organizations

- American Philosophical Association
- Ancient Philosophy Society
- Comparative and Continental Philosophy Circle
- North American Spinoza Society
- Society for Phenomenological and Existential Philosophy

Teaching Experience and Roles

(1) **As Primary Instructor:** Created syllabi, facilitated all classes, and evaluated all student performances.

At Marquette University:

- PHIL 102: Metaphysics (Fall 2008)
- PHIL 158: Philosophy of Education (Fall 2008)
- PHIL 104: Theory of Ethics (Fall 2008)
- PHIL 050: Philosophy of Human Nature (Fall 2007-Spring 2008)

At the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee:

- ENG 101: Introduction to College Writing (Fall 2007)

At the University of Oregon:

- PHIL 216: Philosophy and Cultural Diversity (Summer 2007).
- WR 121: Introduction to Written Reasoning (Spring 2007).
- WR 122: Written Reasoning (Fall 2006 and Winter 2007).
- PHIL 332: Philosophy and Film (Summer 2006).
- PHIL 322: Philosophy of the Arts (Spring 2006).

(2) **As Graduate Teaching Fellow:** Facilitated two discussion sections per week (20-30 students each) in relation to a larger lecture course, held office hours, graded all assignments, and lectured occasionally.

- PHIL 340: Environmental Philosophy (Winter 2006).
- PHIL 310: Ancient Philosophy (Fall 2006, Fall 2005, Fall 2004).
- PHIL 211: Existential Philosophy (Spring 2005, Spring 2004).
- PHIL 311: Modern Philosophy (Winter 2005).
- PHIL 213: Eastern Philosophy (Winter 2004).
- PHIL 102: Ethics (Winter 2003).
- PHIL 101: Philosophical Problems (Fall 2002).