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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, 2007.  
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*,  
forthcoming, 2009.

“The Rhetoric of Parody in Plato’s *Menexenus*,” *Philosophy and Rhetoric*,  
forthcoming, 2009.

“Putting Unity in Its Place: Organic Unity in Plato’s *Phaedrus*,” *Literature  
and Aesthetics*, forthcoming, 2008.

“*Socratic Virtue* by Naomi Reshotko,” Book Review, *Ancient History  
Bulletin*, forthcoming, 2008.

“*Plato’s Introduction of Forms* by R. M. Dancy,” Book Review, *Review of  
Metaphysics* 61.1 (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:**

“Philosophy and the Ordinary: On the Setting of Plato’s *Lysis*,” under review  
at *Philosophy and Literature*.

## Work in Progress:

“Plato’s *Cratylus*: On Ordinary and Ideal Language.”

“*Technê*, Inspiration and Comedy in Plato’s *Ion*.”

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

## Lectures and Conference Participation:

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

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

Chair, Session V, 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.

## Teaching

*Marquette University*

Graduate

Plato

Undergraduate

Theory of Ethics

Contemporary Ethical Problems

*Boston University*

Introduction to Philosophy

Introduction to Ethics

Writing Seminar: Tragedy and Comedy of Life

Writing Seminar: Character and Virtue

History of Ancient Greek Philosophy

## Service

FOLL Liaison and Reading Group Director (Ancient Greek), September  
2008-.

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

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

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

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

**Grants and Awards:**

**Faculty Development Award**, *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.

**Professional Memberships:**

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

**Languages:**

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

**References:**

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Dr. Jeffrey Henderson, Professor, Classical Studies, Boston University  
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