# **Adam Beresford**

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Born Sydney, Australia, September 2, 1971

# **Employment**

- 2002-present: Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Massachusetts, Boston
- 2000–2001: Lecturer in Philosophy, Reading University
- 1998–2000: Tutor in Classics and Philosophy, Oriel College, University of Oxford

#### Education

- Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Oxford, February 2002
- B.Phil., Philosophy, University of Oxford, September 1997
- B.A., Classics, University of Oxford, September 1993

### Areas of Specialization

Ancient Philosophy, Classical Philology

### **Publications**

- Plato's Protagoras and Meno, translation with notes (Penguin, April 2006)
- 'Nobody's Perfect: A new text and interpretation of Simonides PMG 542,' Classical Philology 108 (July 2008)
- *The Oxyrhynchus Papyri*, Vol. LXXI, no. 4808. (with P. Parsons and M. Pobjoy). The Egypt Exploration Society, London 2007, p. 27-36.

### Publications (forthcoming)

- 'Erasing Simonides' Apeiron (forthcoming, 2009)
- 'The Story in the Protagoras: Sketching a Naturalistic Ethics,' forthcoming in Protagoras of

Abdera, The Man, His Measure, (Philosophia Antiqua series, 2009), Brill, University of Leiden.

- 'Note on Plato's Protagoras 311b,' Classical Quarterly (forthcoming, 2009).
- 'Commentary on Yunis,' forthcoming in *Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy*, 2009.

#### **Selected Presentations**

- Reply to Harvey Yunis on Plato's *Phaedrus*, BACAP, Boston College, April 2008.
- 'Aristotle on Slavery,' Yale Working Group in Ancient Philosophy, Yale, Feb 2008.
- 'Erasing Simonides,' Classical Studies Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, March 2008.
- 'The Story in the *Protagoras*: Sketching a Naturalistic Ethics', University of Leiden, July 2007.
- 'A Brief History of Intelligent Design,' UMass Junior Faculty Colloquium, May 2006, and CIT conference, Jan 2006
- 'The Myth of Excellence: Thoughts on the Meaning of *Arete* in Greek Philosophy', Boston University, 2004
- 'Plato's Attack on the Tragic View of Life,' University of Georgia, Atlanta, 2003.

## Other papers and ongoing projects (selected)

- Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*: I am under contract with Penguin Classics to write a new translation, with an introduction and notes, to be completed by August 2010.
- 'Aristotle on Forms of Friendship, a Darwinian Reading'; a look at some of questions raised by Aristotle's account of human relationships considered in the light of evolutionary theory. (Complete and submitted.)
- 'The Hedonism of Plato's *Protagoras*': an explication of some philosophical problems in the Socratic hedonism in the *Protagoras*.
- 'Aristotle on Slavery': a philological and philosophical investigation of the textual puzzle at Politics 1.7-8.
- For other writings and research, please visit my homepage: www.adamberesford.com

### Recent Courses Taught

• PHIL 100: Introduction to Philosophy

PHIL 310: Ancient Philosophy

- PHIL 351: Plato
- PHIL 452: Aristotle
- PHIL 281b (special topics): Epicureans and Skeptics
- PHIL 281b (special topics): Jesus: Historical & Philosophical Investigations

### Service

- Appointments Committee, Department of Philosophy, (2003/4, 2004/5)
- Member of CLA senate (2005-present)
- Member of Senate Executive Committee (2008)
- Member of CLA Committee for Academic Affairs (2005-present)
- Organizer of Junior Faculty Colloquium series (2006-2008)
- Department treasurer (2005-present)