

Queens College CUNY

Department of European Languages and Literatures

Evaluation of: Rebecca Stanton

Class visited: Russian 155 W

Date/Time: March 2, 2016

Observer: Drew Jones (Chair)

Knowledge of Material: Professor Stanton showed a deep knowledge of the day's reading assignment, Gogol's short story, "The Nose."

Ability to Communicate: Professor Stanton is adept in drawing responses from students, asking the right questions to encourage participation. She employs an engaging conversational tone in her teaching, and uses humor to positive effect.

Class Participation: The students were less prepared than they might normally have been, due to the fact that there was a paper draft due the day of my observation. Faced with this fact, Professor Stanton adjusted the lesson in such a way as to ensure participation by focusing on elements of the text that could be discussed in a more general way.

Overall Impression: I was very impressed with Professor Stanton's ability to adjust to the conditions of the classroom, and provide an analysis of the text woven very naturally into the responses she elicited from the students. Her teaching showed a deep knowledge of the text, as well as the cultural and historical background of the time in which it was written. I thought it was a very good class.

Staff Member's Signature : _____

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Observer's Signature: _____