Contributors

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Rick Henry's Lucy's Eggs: Short Stories and a Novella (2006) was awarded the Adirondack Center for Writing Award for Best Work of Fiction. His other books include: Then (Another New Calligraphy, 2015), Chant: A Romance (BlazeVox Books, 2008), Pretending and Meaning: Toward a Pragmatic Theory of Fictional Discourse, a philosophical inquiry into the pragmatic foundations of fictional discourse (Greenwood Publishing, 1996), and Sidewalk Portrait: Fifty-fourth Floor and Falling (BlazeVox Books, 2006). In addition, he is co-editor of The Blueline Anthology (Syracuse UP, 2004). His prose chapbook, Snow Fleas, was recently published by Another New Calligraphy (2017).

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