

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Appointments

Adjunct Associate Professor in The Humanities Center, Zanvyl Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, December 2014-present

Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychology in Psychiatry, Weill-Cornell Medical College, New York, February 2015-Present

Adjunct Associate Professor in the Doctoral Studies Program in Clinical Psychology, Long Island University, September 2013-present

Post-Doctoral Associate – The DeWitt Wallace Institute for the History of Psychiatry at Weill-Cornell Medical College, Cornell University, New York City

Research Project: “Klein in America – The Marginalization of Melanie Klein’s Thought in the USA (1924-2010),” March 2012- February 2015

Visiting Scholar at The Cogut Center for the Humanities, Brown University, Providence, 2013

Visiting Scholar, The Psychology Department, New School for Social Research, New York, 2008

Senior Lecturer, The Midrasha Academy of Art, Kalmania, Israel, 1999-2008

(Responsible for six hours of weekly psychology and psychoanalysis courses: Introduction to Psychoanalysis, Psychoanalysis and Art, Developmental Psychology, Psychoanalytic Theories of Creative Adolescence, Children’s Drawings, and Research Methods)

Academic Training

PhD – Cohn Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Ideas, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel, 2009

Dissertation Title: “The Paradox of Madness in American Psychoanalysis: Liberating Ethos, Praxis under Siege (1960-2000)” (Awarded the *Mara Beller Annual Distinction* for best dissertation by the Israel Society for the History and Philosophy of Science, 2010)

Advisor: Prof. José Brunner

MA – Clinical Psychology, Department of Psychology, Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel

magna cum laude, 1997

Concentration: Adult Psychopathology, Schizophrenia and other Psychoses, Psychoanalytic oriented psychotherapy and psychodiagnosis

Thesis Title: “The Effect of L-Tryptophan on Memory of Schizophrenic Patients”

Advisor: Dr. Yechiel Levkovitz from Shalvata Mental Health Center and Dr. Ettie Grauer from the Israel Institute for Biological Research, Ness Ziona, Israel

BA - Psychology and Criminology, Department of Psychology Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel

cum laude, 1994

Concentration: Schizophrenia and Attachment Theories

Art Studies – Video Art and Animation, Bezalel Academy of Art, Jerusalem, Israel
1990

Publications:

“Psychoanalysis and Dynamic Psychotherapy in Institutional Settings – Then and Now,”
Editorial for the special edition of the journal *Psychosis*, entitled *Psychosis and Psychoanalysis in the Institutional Culture*, November, 2014

On the Borderland of Madness – Psychoanalysis, Psychiatry and Psychosis in Postwar America (1960-2000), in Hebrew, Resling Academic Press, Tel Aviv, 2013

José Brunner and Orna Ophir (2011) “In Good Times and in Bad - Discursive Boundaries of Psychoanalysis in Postwar America,” *History of Psychiatry*, 22(2), 215-231

Ophir-Shacham, Orna (2006). “Alice in Horrorland – Being Playful with Nonsense,”
Acta Psychiatrica Scandinavica, 114, 38-63

Ophir-Shacham, Orna. et.al (2003). Effect of L-tryptophan on memory in patients with schizophrenia. *Nervous and Mental Disease*, 191 (9): 568-73

Research publications submitted and forthcoming:

On the Borderland of Madness: Psychoanalysis, Psychiatry and Psychosis in Postwar America (1960-2000). An expanded English edition of the aforementioned Hebrew book, solicited by and under contract with Routledge Publishers, forthcoming May 2015.

“Looking Evil in the I(Eye); Kleinian Thoughts on Love and Forgiveness,” forthcoming in Hent de Vries and Nils F. Schott, eds., *Human Alert: Concepts and Practices of Love and Forgiveness*, under contract with Columbia University Press, forthcoming Spring 2015.

“Freud’s Conflict with Schizophrenia and its Working Through,” in Edmond Degaiffier, Ann-Louise Silver, Maurine Kelly, Jean Jeradi, eds., *The Legacy of Chestnut Lodge*, forthcoming from Routledge Publishers, Spring 2015

Work in Progress

Klein in America: The Marginalization of Melanie Klein’s Thought in the USA (1924-2009), a second book project currently in preparation

Invited Lectures and Conferences:

2015 “Klein in America – The Migration of Klein’s Thought and Legacy to the USA.” To be presented at the International Psychoanalytic Congress, Boston, July 2015

2015 “Lost in Translation – Teaching Psychoanalysis in China.” To be presented at the International Psychoanalytic Congress, Boston, July 2015

2015 “Psychoanalysis, Neurosciences, and Schizophrenia – Dialogue or Rhetorical Hybrid.” To be presented at the 19th International Conference of ISPS, "From DNA to Neighborhood: Relationship and Experience in Psychosis - An International Dialogue" to be held in New York City, March, 2015

2014 “On Loneliness, Belonging, Strangers and Otherness – Klein in America. Shalvata Mental Health Center, affiliated with Sackler School of Medicine at Tel Aviv University, December 2014

2014 “The Apprehension of Beauty - The Kleinian School of Aesthetics.” Invited lecture at the “Psychoanalytic Turns in Art History and Literary Criticism” seminar, Department of Art History and Archeology, Princeton University, December 2014

2014 “Cultural Issues in Teaching Infant Observation.” Conference on “Teaching infant observation and thinking about wider applications of the method,” Tavistock, UK

2014 “Klein in America – The Early Golden Years (1924-1938).” Invited lecture at the Psychiatry and Culture in a Historical Perspective Working Group, Yale School of Medicine, New Haven, May 2014

2013 – “Was Lacan Nauseated by Klein?” Invited response to Dr. Dana Amir’s paper, entitled “Nausea as a refusal of Mother-Tongue.” Presented at the yearly conference of ISPS-IL and the Sigmund Freud Center for Study and Research in Psychoanalysis, Israel

2013 “Widening the Hospitable Scope of Psychoanalysis – Psychosis in Psychoanalytic Institutions.” Presented at the yearly conference of ISPS-IL and the Sigmund Freud Center for Study and Research in Psychoanalysis, Israel

2013 “The Widened Envelope - Expanding the Hospitable Scope of Psychoanalysis in Theory and Institutional Practice.” Presented at the 2013 IPSO congress during the plenary as the best-rated paper from North America. Presented at the IPA congress as a runner up for the Tyson award, Prague, Czech Republic

2013 “The Marginalization of Melanie Klein’s Thought in the USA (1924-2009).” Presented at the Psychoanalysis, Culture and Society postgraduate conference at Middlesex University, UK

2013 “The Boo in the Peek-a-boo – Thoughts on the First Laugh of an Infant as the Primal Manifestation of a Manic Defence.” Presented at the Psychoanalysis and Laughter Conference, Fordham University, New York

2013 “The Many Faces of Schreber as the Face of Postwar American Psychoanalysis (1960-2000).” Invited public lecture, The Cogut Center for the Humanities, together with Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on Women, Brown University, Providence

2013 “Klein in America – the Marginalization of Melanie Klein in American Psychoanalysis 1924-2009.” Invited Seminar, The Cogut Center for the Humanities together with Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on Women, Brown University, Providence

2013 “The Specter of Schreber in American Psychoanalysis.” Invited talk at the Doctoral Studies Program in Clinical Psychology, Long Island University, Long Island

2012 “The Cain Syndrome – Psychoanalysis and the Ethics of Hospitality.” Shalvata Mental Health Center, affiliated with the Sackler School of Medicine, Tel Aviv, University, Hod Hasharon, Israel

2012 “Annabelle Caine – a Case of Psychotic Sibling Rivalry in the Age of New Social Media.” Accepted for the ISPS-US conference, Chicago

2012 “Looking Evil in the I(Eye) – Kleinian Thoughts About Love and Forgiveness.” Symposium on Love and Forgiveness in the Humanities, with Jean-Luc Marion, Regina Schwartz, and Sari Nusseibeh, Fetzer Institute, Kalamazoo

2011 “The Analyst’s Relocation – a Breach or a Bridge?” The IPA 47th congress, Mexico City, Mexico

2011 “The Many Faces of Schreber as the Faces of American Psychoanalysis, 1960-2000.” The Frieda Fromm-Reichmann Memorial Lecture, The Washington Center for

Psychoanalysis, Washington DC

2010 “Beyond Time, Beyond Space, and Beyond Identity – Psychoanalytic Encounters with Trauma.” Presented at the ISPS-US 11th Annual Meeting, Austen Riggs Center, Stockbridge, MA

2009 “Freud’s Conflict with Schizophrenia and its Working Through.” Presented in the ISPS-US Tenth Annual Meeting: Interpersonal Approaches to Treating Psychosis: The Living Legacy of Chestnut Lodge, Rockville, MD

2009 “Why is the Word “Psychoanalysis” Omitted from the 16th ISPS Congress’ Program, and What Can We Learn from the Way Freud Worked Through his Conflict with the Schizophrenia?” Accepted for the ISPS International Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark

2008 “What is so F***** Special about the Special Patient?” Presented at the Shalvata Mental Health Center, affiliated with Sackler School of Medicine, Tel Aviv University, Hod Hasharon, Israel

2008 “Psychoanalysis’ Conflictual Relationships with Schizophrenia.” Presented at the Continual Studies Program for Psychiatrists, Sackler School of Medicine, Tel Aviv University, Israel

2008 “The Many Faces of Schreber – Schizophrenia in American Psychoanalysis, 1960-2000.” Paper presented at New York University. Discussant Dr. Zvi Lothane, New York,

2006 “Alice in Horror Land – Being Playful With Nonsense.” Paper presented at ISPS-International Conference, Madrid, Spain

2006 “Anti-Oedipus or Anti-Eros: the Terror of De-Territorialization.” Paper presented at the ISPS meeting, Lev Hasharon Mental Health Center, affiliated with Sackler School of Medicine, Pardesia, Israel

2006 “Apocalypse Now: Suicide of a Schizophrenic Patient as a Doomsday Mass Suicide.” Paper presented at the IPRS conference at the Psychoanalytic and Research Institute, Rome, Italy

2005 “Alice in Horror Land – Being Playful With Nonsense.” Paper presented at the conference “Wonders in the Underground – Psychotherapy of People Living with Schizophrenia,” Shalvata Mental Health Center, affiliated with Sackler School of Medicine, Tel Aviv University, Hod Hasharon, Israel

2004 “The Art of Madness and the Madness in Art.” Paper presented at the conference on “Art and Madness – a Possible Dialogue,” Shalvata Mental Health Center, affiliated with Sackler School of Medicine, Tel Aviv University, Hod Hasharon, Israel

1998 “The Effect of L-tryptophan on Memory of Schizophrenic Patients.” Poster presented at the “Annual International Neuroscience Conference,” Los Angeles, CA

1996 “Memory and Schizophrenia: An Alternative Therapy.” Paper presented at the Biological Psychiatry conference, Tel Aviv, Israel

Grants Received:

Grant for Graduate studies, awarded by the School of History, Tel Aviv University, November 2005

Grant for Graduate studies, awarded by the School of History, Tel Aviv University November 2006

Grant for Academic Excellence Awarded by Bar Ilan University, October 1994

Grant for Academic Excellence Awarded by Bar Ilan University, October 1995

Honors and Awards:

Best rated paper from North America at the IPSO/International Psychoanalytic Association conference, Prague 2013

Runner up for the Tyson Award, International Psychoanalytic Association congress, Prague 2013

The Frieda Fromm-Reichmann Memorial Lecture, The Washington Center for Psychoanalysis, Washington DC, 2011

Recipient of the Mara Beller Annual Distinction for best dissertation. Israel Society for the History and Philosophy of Science, Jerusalem, 2010

Dean’s Scholarship Awards for Thesis Excellence, Bar Ilan, 1997

Dean’s Scholarship Awards for Academic Excellence, Bar Ilan, 1996

Dean’s Scholarship Award for Research Proposal, Bar Ilan, 1994

Further Professional affiliation:

Faculty of CAPA (China American Psychoanalytic Association), Teaching Infant Observation, New York

Scientific Associate of the American Academy of Psychoanalysis and Dynamic Psychiatry

Advanced Candidate at the Institute for Psychoanalytic Training and Research, New York City, NY

Member of the International Psychoanalytic Studies Organization – IPSO

Member of the International Society for the Psychological Treatments of Schizophrenia and other Psychoses – ISPS-INT, ISPS-US, ISPS-IL

Founding member of *Das Unbehagen* – a Free Association for Psychoanalysis, New York City, NY

Professional Licenses:

2011 - Licensed Psychoanalyst, New York State

2009 - State Licensed Supervisor for interns in Clinical Psychology, Israel

2001 - State Licensed Specialist in Clinical Psychology, Israel

1998 - State Licensed Psychologist, Israel

Professional Experience:

2011 – Present: Analyst in private practice, New York City, New York

2009-2013 Analyst at IPTAR Clinical Center, New York City, NY

2004-2007 Training to become a state certified supervisor for clinical psychologists, psychotherapy and psycho-diagnosis at Shalvata Mental Health Center (SMHC) affiliated with Sackler School of Medicine at Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel

2002-2007 Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Shalvata Mental Health Center (SMHC) affiliated with Sackler School of Medicine at Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel

1999-2008 Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Private Practice, Tel Aviv, Israel

2000-2001 Intern Clinical Psychologist, Shalvata Mental Health Center, Hod Hasharon, Israel

1997-2000 Intern Clinical Psychologist, Tel Aviv University's Psychological Services, Tel Aviv, Israel

1995-1996 MA Clinical Practicum Research assistant to Yechiel Levkovitz. Research on Memory and Schizophrenia, Shalvata Mental Health Center, Hod Hasharon, Israel

1994-1995 MA Clinical Practicum, Bar Ilan University's Psychological Services, Ramat Gan, Israel

1991-1994 BA Field Work, Group Activity, and Research at the Adolescent Closed Psychiatric Ward at the Shalvata Mental Health Center, Hod Hasharon, Israel

1993-1994 BA Field Work at the Children and Adolescent Out-Patient Clinic, Ichilov Hospital, Tel-Aviv, Israel

Total hours as a clinician – approx. 9300 hours

Total hours as a supervisor – approx. 800 hours

Other Professional Experience:

2010-2012 Weekly columnist of *The Edge of the West* for *Yediot Achronot America*

1997-2004 Journalist for *Yedioth Achronot*, the daily Israeli newspaper: some three hundred articles on issues of interest: psychology, education, etc, were published.

2003-2005 Journalist for *Time-Out-Tel Aviv*: some thirty contributions on issues of interest, academic conferences, books, children and family, were published.

Professional Service:

2014 Reader of individual papers for the International Psychoanalytic Association, Boston Congress and Writing Award 2015

2014 Guest editor of a special edition of the journal *Psychosis*, entitled *Psychosis and Psychoanalysis in the Institutional Culture*.

2013 Member of the organizing committee and a discussant at the 2nd International Conference on Psychosis and Psychoanalysis, co-organized by ISPS-IL and the Sigmund Freud Center for Study and Research in Psychoanalysis, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel

2011 Chair of the organizing committee and discussant for two panels at the conference on "Psychosis and Psychoanalysis in the Institutional Culture," jointly organized by ISPS-Israel and the Sigmund Freud Center for Research and Study of Psychoanalysis at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, December 28-29. Keynote speaker Prof. Robert

Hinshelwood, University of Essex

2009-Present: Member of the editorial board of ISPA-US book series

2008-2009 Member of the International Advisory Board and Scientific Committee of the 16th International Symposium for the Psychological Treatments of the Schizophrenias and Other Psychoses, ISPS, Copenhagen June 2009

2004-2008 Chair of the ISPS-IL

2002-2007 Member of the academic committee at the Shalvata Mental Health Center, Hod Hasharon, Israel

2005 Chair of the organizing committee of the conference “Horror in the Underground – Psychotherapy with Schizophrenia.” Keynote speaker Dr. Ann Louise Silver, chair of ISPS-USA. The conference was the inaugural event for the foundation of the Israeli chapter of the ISPS

2004 Chair of the organizing committee of the symposium “Art and Madness – a Possible Dialogue” and curator of the art exhibition, held during the symposium, at the Shalvata Mental Health Center. The symposium and exhibition resulted from the cooperation between professional artists and patients from the wards. Speakers came both from the Midrasha Academy of Art and the Israeli Lacanian Society for Psychoanalysis

Languages:

Fluency in Hebrew and English
Basic understanding of French
Reading knowledge in German

Professional References:

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