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EDUCATION

- 1996-2005 **Yale University** - Ph.D., Philosophy (2005). Dissertation: *The Metaphysics of Substance and the Metaphysics of Thought in Spinoza*. (see Dissertation Abstract below). Advisor: Professor Michael Della Rocca (Philosophy, Yale University).
- 1996-2000 **Yale University** - M. Phil. in Philosophy, June 2000.
- 1992-1996 **Tel Aviv University** - M.A. in History and Philosophy of Science, *Summa cum laude*.
- 1991-1995 **Tel Aviv University** - B.A.-M.A. Program, The Elkana-Lautman Interdisciplinary Program for Outstanding Students. Main fields of study: Philosophy, Mathematics, and Jewish Studies.
- 1990-1991 **Tel Aviv University** - B.A. Studies, Psychology and Philosophy.
- 1983-1987 **Bar-Ilan Yeshiva** – Tel Aviv.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Early Modern Philosophy; Jewish Philosophy.

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

German Idealism; Talmud and Rabbinic Literature; Kabbalah and Hassidism; Philosophy of Religion; 19th Century Philosophy; History & Philosophy of Science.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- July 2013 - **Johns Hopkins University**. Professor. Department of Philosophy (and Jewish Studies)
- 2010-2013 **Johns Hopkins University**. Associate Professor (tenured). Department of Philosophy (and Jewish Studies)
- 2008-2010 **Johns Hopkins University**. Assistant Professor (tenure-track). Department of Philosophy (and Jewish Studies). Courses taught: “Spinoza and Deleuze”; “History of Modern Philosophy”; “Spinoza’s *Theological Political Treatise*”; “Spinoza and German Idealism” (co-taught with Eckart Förster); “Rabbinic Hersey: *Apikorsut*”; “Spinoza, Mendelssohn and the Pantheism Controversy” (co-taught with Eckart Förster); “Modern Jewish Thought”.
- February 2008 Competing tenure-track job offers: **University of Pittsburgh** (Philosophy); **Ohio State University** (Philosophy); **University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill** (Philosophy).
- 2005-8 **University of Chicago**. Assistant Professor (tenure-track). Department of Philosophy (and the Committee on Jewish Studies)
- Courses taught: : “Spinoza’s Metaphysics” (co-taught with Jean-Luc Marion); “The Identity of Indiscernibles”; “Introduction to Modern Philosophy”; “Spinoza’s Metaphysics”; “Philosophical Perspectives on the Humanities – Part 1 (Ancient Philosophy)” (core curriculum course);

- “Philosophical Perspectives on the Humanities – Part 2 (Early Modern Philosophy) “; “Philosophical Perspectives on the Humanities – Part 3 (19th and 20th Century Philosophy).”
- Spring 2005 **New York University - American Academy for Jewish Research.** Post-Doctoral Fellowship: Medieval Jewish Philosophers and Spinoza. Instructor. Departments of Jewish Studies
I designed and taught the course: *Spinoza's Theological Political Treatise and Its Aftermath*
- Fall 2004 **New York University. Departments of Jewish Studies - American Academy for Jewish Research.** Post-Doctoral Fellowship: Medieval Jewish Philosophers and Spinoza
I designed and taught the course: *Spinoza and Medieval Jewish Philosophy*
- Spring 2004 **New York University.** Instructor. Department of Jewish Studies
I designed and taught the course: *Spinoza and Medieval Jewish Philosophy*
- Fall 2003 **Yale University.** Instructor. Department of Philosophy
Designed and taught the seminar: *Spinoza's Ethics*.
- Summer 2003 **Yale University.** Instructor. Department of Philosophy
Designed and taught the course: *Introduction to Philosophy*.
- Spring 2002 **Wesleyan University.** Visiting Instructor. Department of Philosophy.
Designed and taught (sole responsibility) a mid-level course: *Philosophy of Religion*.
- Fall 1999 **Wesleyan University.** Visiting Instructor. Jewish Studies Program
Designed and taught (sole responsibility) a mid-level course: *Contemporary Hebrew Literature: Hannech Levin, Avot Yeshurun, Itzik Laor*.
- 1998-2003 **Yale University.** Teaching Fellow, Department of Philosophy.
Led discussions on relevant philosophical issues and graded papers and examinations.
Courses: "Introduction to Philosophy"; "Modern Philosophy from Descartes to Kant"; "Ethics"; "Death"; "Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*".

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

ACLS Burkhardt Fellowship for Recently Tenured Scholars. 2011-12.

National Endowment for the Humanities - NEH Fellowship 2011-12.

Humboldt Fellowship for Experienced Researchers (2011-2014). Declined.

Tikva Fund. Tikva Faculty Grant (2009-10). "Jewish Literacy Curriculum."

Johns Hopkins University. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship (2005-7). Research project: "Spinoza's Critique of Humanism: Untaming the Shrew". Declined.

American Academy for Jewish Research. Post-Doctoral Fellowship to NYU. 2004-2005. Research Project: "The Medieval Jewish Background of Spinoza's Metaphysics" (Advisors: Professor Zeev Harvey and Alfred Ivry).

The Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture. Doctoral Fellowship. 2001-2004.

Fulbright Scholarship (to Yale University). 1996-1998.

PUBLICATIONS

(Note: Items marked as ‘*forthcoming*’ are submitted, in *final* version, to the press/journal and available upon request, while those marked as ‘*in preparation*’ are either just commissioned, or still in draft form).

Books:

Spinoza's Metaphysics: Substance and Thought (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013).
<http://www.oup.com/us/catalog/general/subject/Philosophy/History/17thC/?view=usa&ci=9780195394054>

To be subject of symposium at the 2013 issue of the *Leibniz Review*.

To be subject of symposium at the 2014 convention of the *American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division*. April 2014.

Spinoza Dictionary (Oxford: Blackwell, in preparation and under contract).

Edited Volumes:

The Oxford Handbook of Jewish Philosophy, ed. Yitzhak Y. Melamed (Oxford: Oxford University Press, in preparation).

Spinoza's Ethics: A Critical Guide, ed. Yitzhak Y. Melamed (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, in preparation).

The Young Spinoza: A Metaphysician in the Making, ed. Yitzhak Y. Melamed (Oxford: Oxford University, under contract and in preparation).

Eternity, ed. Yitzhak Y. Melamed, a volume in the new series in the history of philosophy: Oxford Historical Concepts, (Oxford: Oxford University Press). In preparation.

Spinoza and German Idealism, eds. Eckart Förster and Yitzhak Y. Melamed (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012).

Spinoza's Theological-Political Treatise: A Critical Guide, eds. Yitzhak Melamed and Michael Rosenthal (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010).

Articles:

“The Development of Spinoza’s Concepts of Substance and Attribute” in Yitzhak Y. Melamed (ed.), *The Young Spinoza* (Oxford: Oxford University Press). In preparation.

“Crescas and Spinoza on Infinity” in Steven Nadler, *Spinoza and Jewish Philosophy* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, in preparation).

“Spinoza’s *Respublica divina*.” in Otfried Höffe (ed.), *Baruch de Spinozas Tractatus theologico-politicus* (Berlin: Akademie Verlag (Klassiker Aulegen), forthcoming).

“The Discovery - and Loss - of the Stoliner Hassidim Geniza” (Letters from a Plundered Past), the *Jewish Review of Books*, Spring 2012. <http://www.jewishreviewofbooks.com/publications/detail/the-lost-textual-treasures-of-a-hasidic-community>.

“Hisdai Crescas and Spinoza on Infinity” in Steven Nadler, *Spinoza and Jewish Philosophy* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, in preparation).

“Method,” in the *Cambridge Descartes Lexicon*, ed. Larry Nolan (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press). In preparation.

“Time” in Aaron Garrett (ed.), *The Routledge Handbook of Eighteenth Century Philosophy* (London: Routledge). Forthcoming.

“Eternity in Modern Philosophy” in Y. Melamed (ed.) *Eternity*, a volume in the new series in the history of philosophy, Oxford Historical Concepts (Oxford: Oxford University Press). In preparation.

“‘Let the Law Cut through the Mountain’: Salomon Maimon, Moses Mendelssohn, and Mme. Truth.” in Lukas Muehlethaler (ed.), *Hear the Truth, Whoever Speaks it* (Academy of the Jewish Museum of Berlin: Berlin, forthcoming).

- "Mendelssohn, Maimon, and Spinoza on Ex-Communication and Toleration: Dispelling Three Enlightenment Fairytales" in *The Philosophy of Moses Mendelssohn*, eds. Michah Gottlieb and Charles Manekin (College Park: University of Maryland Press, forthcoming).
- "Spinoza, Tschirnhaus et Leibniz: Qu'est un monde?" in Pierre-François Moreau, Raphaële Andraut, and Mogens Laerke (eds.), *Spinoza et Leibniz* (Paris: Ecole Normale Supérieure Editions). Forthcoming.
- "Charitable Interpretations and the Political Domestication of Spinoza, or, Benedict in the Land of the Secular Imagination" in Eric Schliesser, Mogens Laerke and Justin Smith (eds.), *The Methodology of the History of Philosophy* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013), 258-277.
- "Spinoza, Benedict," *Oxford Bibliographies Online* (www.oxfordbibliographiesonline.com), Oxford University Press. Forthcoming.
- "Spinoza on Inherence, Causation and Conceivability" *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 50 (2012), 365-86.
- "'Omnis determinatio est negatio' – Determination, Negation and Self-Negation in Spinoza, Kant, and Hegel" in Eckart Förster and Yitzhak Melamed (eds.), *Spinoza and German Idealism* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012), 175-96.
- "Two Letters by Salomon Maimon on Fichte's Philosophy, Kant's Anthropology and Mathematics," *International Yearbook of German Idealism* 8, 2011, 379-87.
- "The Sirens of Elea: Rationalism, Idealism and Monism in Spinoza" in Antonia LoLordo and Stewart Duncan (eds.), *The Key Debates of Modern Philosophy* (New York and London: Routledge, 2012), 78-90.
- "The Building Blocks of Spinoza's Metaphysics: Substance, Attributes, and Modes" in Michael Della Rocca (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Spinoza* (Oxford: Oxford University Press). Forthcoming.
- "Spinoza's Deification of Existence", *Oxford Studies in Early Modern Philosophy* 6 (2012), 75-104.
- "Why is Spinoza not an Eleatic Monist (Or Why Diversity Exists)" in Philip Goff (ed.), *Spinoza on Monism* (London: Palgrave, 2012), 206-22.
- "'Christus secundum spiritum': Spinoza, Jesus, and the Infinite Intellect" Neta Stahl (ed.), *The Jewish Jesus* (New York: Routledge, 2012), 140-51.
- "« et revera » : Spinoza, Maïmonide et la signification du Tétragramme» in Frédéric Manzini (ed.) *Spinoza et les scolastiques* (Paris: PUPS 2011), 133-47.
- "Spinoza's Metaphysics of Thought: Parallelisms and the Multifaceted Structure of Ideas," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, forthcoming.
- "The Metaphysics of Spinoza's *Theological Political Treatise*", in Melamed and Rosenthal (eds.), *Spinoza's Theological-Political Treatise: A Critical Guide* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010), 128-42.
- "Introduction" in Melamed and Rosenthal (eds.), *Spinoza's Theological-Political Treatise: A Critical Guide* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010). Co-author: Michael Rosenthal).
- "Spinoza's Anti-Humanism: An Outline" in Carlos Fraenkel, Dario Perinetti, and Justin Smith (eds.) *The Rationalists* (Kluwer – New Synthese Historical Library: 2010), 147-66.
- "Acosmism or Weak Individuals? Hegel, Spinoza, and the Reality of the Finite", *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 48 (2010), 77-92.
- "Crescas, Hasdai" in Judith Baskin (ed.), *The Cambridge Dictionary of Jewish History, Religion, and Culture* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011), 120-1.
- "Spinoza's Metaphysics of Substance: The Substance-Mode Relation as a Relation of Inherence and Predication", *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (78:1) January 2009, 17-82.
- "Salomon Maimon et l'échec de la philosophie juive moderne," *Revue germanique internationale* 9 (2000), 175-87 [Hebrew version appeared in *Mitaam* 21 (February 2010)].

"Salomon Maimon" (thoroughly revised entry), The Stanford Online Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Edward N. Zalta (ed.), Summer 2007. (Co-author: Peter Thielke). July 2007.

"The Principle of Sufficient Reason", The Stanford Online Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Edward N. Zalta (ed.), URL=<http://plato.stanford.edu/> (Co-author: Martin Lin).

"Inherence and the Immanent Cause in Spinoza", *The Leibniz Review* 16 (2006), 43-52.

"Hegelianism", The New Dictionary of the History of Ideas, Maryanne Cline Horowitz (ed.) (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 2004), (co-author: Peter Thielke).

"Salomon Maimon and the Rise of Spinozism in German Idealism", Journal of the History of Philosophy 42 (January 2004), 67-96.

"Salomon Maimon", The Stanford Online Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Edward N. Zalta (ed.), URL=<http://plato.stanford.edu/archives/maimon/> (co-author: Peter Thielke). January 2002.

"Leaving the Wound Visible: Hegel and Marx on the Rabble and the Problem of Poverty in Modern Society", Iyyun - The Jerusalem Philosophical Quarterly, January 2001, 23-39.

"The Exact Science of Non-Beings: Spinoza's View of Mathematics", Iyyun - The Jerusalem Philosophical Quarterly 49, January 2000, 3-22

Reviews:

Review of Samuel Fleischacker, *Divine Teaching and the Way of the World* (Oxford University Press, 2011), *Philosophical Review*. In preparation.

Review of Daniel B. Schwartz, *The First Modern Jew: Spinoza and the History of an Image* (Princeton: Princeton university Press, 2012). *AJS Review*. Forthcoming.

Review of Carlos Fraenkel, *Philosophical Religions from Plato to Spinoza* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012). *Jewish Review o Books*. In preparation.

Review of Susan James, *Spinoza on Philosophy, Religion, and Politics* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012), in Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews. Nov. 25th, 2012.

Review of David J. Wertheim, *Salvation through Spinoza: A Study in Jewish Culture in Weimar Germany* (Leiden; Brill, 201). Journal of Modern Jewish Studies. Forthcoming.

Review of Michah Gottlieb, *Faith and Freedom: Moses Mendelssohn's Theological-Political Thought* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011). Journal of Religion 92 (2012). 449-51.

Review of Michael Mack, *Spinoza and the Specters of Modernity* (Continuum: 2010), European Journal of Philosophy 20 (2013).

Review of Wiep van Bunge, Henri Krop, Jeroen M.M. van de Ven, and Piet Steenbakkers (eds.), *Continuum Companion to Spinoza* (London: Continuum, 2011) in Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews. November 18th 2011.

Review of Michael LeBuffe, *From Bondage to Freedom: Spinoza on Human Excellence* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010). Leibniz Review (2011), 39-45.

Review of Yirmiyahu Yovel, *The Other Within: The Marranos* (Princeton University Press, 2009), Journal of Modern History 83, (2011), 198-200..

Review of Walter Ott, *Causation & Laws of Nature in Early Modern Philosophy* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009). Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie. June 2011.

Review of Eric Nelson, *The Hebrew Republic: Jewish Sources and the Transformation of European Political Thought*, (Harvard UP, 2010) in Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews. Sept. 16th, 2010.

Review of Frédéric Manzini. *Spinoza: Une Lecture d'Aristote* (Paris: Presses Universitaires de France, 2009). Journal of the History of Philosophy. January 2011.

Review of Salomon Maimon, *Essay on Transcendental Philosophy*, translated by Nick Midgley, Henry Somers-Hall, Alistair Welchman and Merten Reglitz (London: Continuum, 2010). Times Literary Supplement. Sept. 17th, 2010.

Review of Michael Quante, *Hegel's Concept of Action* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004), in Philosophical Review (2010), 593-5.

Review of Michael Ayers (ed.), *Rationalism, Platonism, and God* (Oxford University Press/British Academy, 2007) in Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews. February 24th, 2009.

Review of Abraham P. Socher, *The Radical Enlightenment of Solomon Maimon: Judaism, Heresy, and Philosophy* (Stanford University Press 2006). Journal of Religion. (January 2008).

Review of Steven Nadler, *Spinoza's Ethics – An Introduction* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006), in Ethics. April 2007.

Review of Graeme Hunter, *Radical Protestantism in Spinoza's Thought* (Burlington: Ashgate, 2005). Journal of the History of Philosophy 45. April 2007, 333-4.

Review of H. B. Nisbet (ed.), *Lessing: Philosophical and Theological Essays* (Cambridge University Press, 2005) in Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews. February 10th, 2006.

Review of Carraud, Vincent, *Causa sive ratio: La Raison de la cause de Suarez à Leibniz* (Paris: Presses universitaires de France, 2002) in The Leibniz Review 15 (December 2005), 163-8.

Review of Salomon Maimon, *Versuch über die Transzendentalphilosophie*, ed. Florian Ehrensperger (Hamburg: Felix Meiner Verlag, 2004). Journal of the History of Philosophy 43 (July 2005).

Review of Ravven, Heidi M. and Lenn E. Goodman (eds.), "Jewish Themes in Spinoza's Philosophy" (Albany: SUNY Press, 2002). Journal of the History of Philosophy 41 (July 2003), 417-18.

Review of Buzaglo, Meir, "Solomon Maimon: Monism, Skepticism and Mathematics" (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2002). Iyyun - The Jerusalem Philosophical Quarterly. July 2003, 344-48.

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

"On Eternal Truths and the Inferiority of Laws of Nature in Spinoza." A paper to be presented at a Conference on Early Modern Philosophy and Science in Honor of Dan Garber. Princeton University. October 2014.

"The Semantics of Being from Maimonides to Spinoza." A paper to be presented at a conference on the Origin and Nature of Logic and Language in medieval Philosophy. Freiburg University. August 2014.

"Gersonides and Spinoza on God's Knowledge of Universals and Individuals." A paper to be presented at a conference on Gersonides' Philosophy. University of Geneva. February 2014.

"Spinoza's Metaphysics: Substance and Thought." Response to critics at a symposium on my 2013 book. American Philosophical Association: Pacific Division. April 2014.

"Schelling's Spinozism." A paper to be presented at a conference on Schelling's Philosophy. Temple University, Philadelphia. October 2013.

"Spinoza on Part and Whole." A paper to be presented at the departmental colloquium of the Department of Philosophy, Freiburg University. June 2013.

"Spinoza's *amor Dei intellectualis*." A paper presented at the Israeli-Atlantic Canada Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy. Tel Aviv and Jerusalem Universities. May 2013.

"Against Sovereignty: *Aufklärung*, Jewish Protestantism, and European Islamophobia." A paper presented at a conference on "Jewishness and the End of Theory." Duke University/UNC-Chapel Hill. April 2013.

"Reb Hayim Soloveichik on Why Zionists are Suspect of *Shfichut Damim* [Bloodshed]." A talk given at *Molad: The Center for Democratic Renewal, Jerusalem*, March 2013.

"Spinoza's *Respublica divina*." A paper presented at a conference on Spinoza's *Theological Political Treatise*. February 2013. Tübingen University

"*Tiltul*" - An Entry for a Fictional Jewish-Zionist Dictionary." A paper presented at a conference on Hebrew Culture and Hybridity. Tel Aviv, Leivik House. January 2013.

"Mendelssohn, Maimon, and Spinoza on Ex-Communication and Toleration: Dispelling Three Enlightenment Fairytales." A paper presented at a conference on Early Modern European Judaism: Heterodoxy, Heresy and Conversion. Central European University, Budapest. January 2013.

" 'The Speech of the Blind Beggar': Atemporal Messianism in the Writings of Rabbi Nachman of Breslaw." A talk presented at the National Library, Jerusalem. January 2013.

"Spinoza's Mereology." A talk presented at the departmental colloquium of the Department of Philosophy, Hebrew University, Jerusalem. December 2012.

" 'Let the Law Cut through the Mountain' ": Salomon Maimon, Moses Mendelssohn, and Mme. Truth." A talk given at the opening ceremony of the Academy of the Jewish Museum of Berlin. November 2012.

"Spinoza's Mereology." A talk given at the departmental colloquium of the Department of Philosophy, Ben Gurion University, Beer Sheva. October 2012.

"How to Become a Spinozist?" A paper presented at a Conference on Eckart Förster's *Twenty-Five Years of Philosophy*. Humboldt-University, Berlin. June 2012.

"Spinoza's Metaphysics of Thought." A paper presented at a Spinoza Workshop. Humboldt-University, Berlin. June 2012.

" '*Sefer ha-Brit*', Salomon Maimon, Kant, and the Authority of Reason." A paper presented at a conference on Kabbalah and Science in Modern Jewish Culture. ETH Zurich. May 2012.

"The Enlightenment's Pharisees Anxiety: How Christian is European Secularism?" A paper presented at the French Institute, Tel Aviv. May 2012.

"Spinoza's Mereology." Keynote talk at the Scottish Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy. University of Aberdeen. May 2012.

"Maimon's Law of Determinability and the Derivation of the Categories of Thought." A paper presented at a Conference on *Pure Forms of Thought: Categories in Kant and German Idealism*. University of Pennsylvania, April 2012.

"Eternity in Early Modern Metaphysics." A paper presented at a conference on Eternity. Bochum University. December 2011.

"The Myth of Spinoza's Secularism." A paper presented at a Spinoza Workshop. Princeton University. December 2011.

"Spinoza on Part and Whole" A paper presented at the History of philosophy Workshop. Harvard University. Nov. 2011.

"Mendelssohn, Maimon, and Spinoza on Ex-Communication and Toleration: Dispelling Three Convenient Myths." A paper presented at a conference on Moses Mendelssohn. University of Maryland College Park. Nov. 2011.

"Why could the Cause-of-Itself not possibly have limited itself? – On the First Appendix to Spinoza's *Korte Verhandlung*," a paper presented at a conference on the Young Spinoza, ENS-Lyon, Nov. 2011.

"Be Aware of the Charitable Interpreter." A paper presented in a conference on the Methodology of the History of Philosophy, Concordia University. Montreal, Oct. 2011.

"The Development of Spinoza's Concepts of Substance and Attribute." A paper presented at a Conference on the Young Spinoza. Johns Hopkins University. Sept. 2011.

"The Berlin Haskalah and the Kabbalah." A paper presented at a conference on the Jewish Enlightenment. Goethe Universität, Frankfurt a.M., June 2011.

"Spinoza on Part and Whole." A paper presented at an Invited Session. American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting. February 2011, Minneapolis

“Spinoza’s Metaphysics of Thought.” A paper presented at a Colloquium of the Philosophy Department, New York University. February 2011.

Comments - in an “Author meets critics” session - on Michael Della Rocca’s, *Spinoza* (Routledge, 2008). *American Philosophical Association*, Eastern Division Meeting. December 2010.

“On Babel (Gen. 11): Monolingualism and Monarchy.” A paper presented at the Literature Humanities Forum, Columbia University, Nov. 2010.

“Causa efficiens’: Spinoza’s Monster Cause.” Featured talk at the South-Central Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Texas A&M University, Nov. 12, 2010.

“Spinoza’s Deification of Existence.” A paper presented at the meeting of Washington D.C. Spinoza Society - Goethe Institute. Fall, 2010.

“Rabbi Nachman of Breslov on Messianism and the Unreality of Time.” A talk at the Smokler Center for Jewish Life – Johns Hopkins University, September 2010.

“Determination, Negation, and Self-Negation from Spinoza to Hegel.” A paper presented at an International Conference on *Spinoza and German Idealism*. May 2010. John Hopkins University.

“Spinoza’s Deification of Existence.” A paper presented at the Colloquium of the Jewish Studies Department at New York University. April 2010.

“Inherence-Causation-Conceivability in Spinoza or On Spinoza’s Well-Grounded Bifurcations.” A paper that was the subject of a symposium session at the *American Philosophical Association*, Pacific Division Meeting. March-April 2010.

“Spinoza on ‘Time’.” A paper presented at an Invited Session. American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting. February 2010.

“‘Christus secundum spiritum’: Spinoza, Jesus, and the Infinite Intellect.” A paper presented at the International Conference: “The Jewish Jesus”. Johns Hopkins University. November 2009.

“Acosmism or Weak Individuals? Hegel, Spinoza, and the Reality of the Finite.” A paper presented at the Colloquium of the Philosophy Department at Temple University. November 12th, 2009.

“Spinoza’s Metaphysics of Thought”. A paper presented at the Oxford Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Oxford, October 2009.

“The Story of the Lost Geniza of the Stoliner Hassidim.” A paper presented at the Fifteenth World Congress of Jewish Studies. Jerusalem, August 2009.

“Spinoza on Inherence-Causation-Conceivability.” A paper presented at the Southwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, February-March 2009, Caltech, Pasadena.

“Secular Mythologies: Spinoza and the Secular Imagination.” A paper presented in a presidential panel on “Political Theologies” at the American Historical Association convention. January 2009, New York.

“Spinoza on Inherence-Causation-Conceivability.” A paper presented at the Leiden-Duke workshop on Early Modern Philosophy, September 2008, Leiden, Netherlands.

“Salomon Maimon, and the Failure of Modern Jewish Philosophy.” A paper presented at the International Conference “Haskalah et Aufklärung : philosophes juifs des Lumières allemandes”. CNRS-Paris. May 2008.

“Spinoza and Crescas on the Infinite”. – A paper presented at the International Conference “Spinoza et les scolastiques” – Paris-Sorbonne. March 2008. Organized by the *Centre d’Etudes Cartésiennes* and *le Groupe de Recherches Spinozistes*

“From the *Gates of Heaven* to the ‘Field of Holy Apples’: Spinoza and the *Kabbalah*” A paper presented at an invited symposium on Kabbalism in Early Modern Philosophy. American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting. December 2007.

“Spinoza’s De-Christianized Christ.” A paper presented at the annual convention of the Association for Jewish Studies. December 2007, Toronto.

"Spinoza and the Deification of Existence." A paper presented at the Atlantic Canada Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy. Halifax, Nova Scotia. July 2007.

"Spinoza, Negative Theology, and the Fish's Knowledge of God." A paper presented at the Philosophy of Religion Workshop. University of Chicago. Spring 2007.

"Spinoza, Tschirnhaus and Leibniz on 'What is a World?'" – A paper presented at the International Conference "Leibniz and Spinoza" – Lyon, France. March 2007. Organized by the *Ecole Normale Supérieure* (Lyon) and CNRS.

Commentator on Steven Nadler, Spinoza's Ethics – An Introduction (Cambridge UP, 2006). University of Chicago, March 2007.

"Spinoza's Metaphysics of Thought". An invited paper presented at a Colloquium of the Philosophy Department, Tel Aviv University. December 2006.

"On Existence (or Eternity) as the Essence of Spinoza's God." A paper presented at the Early Modern Philosophy Workshop. University Chicago. October 2006.

"Spinoza and the Tetragrammaton." A paper presented at the faculty colloquium of the Newberger Hillel Center at the University of Chicago. April 2006.

"The Metaphysics of Spinoza's *Theological-Political Treatise*". A paper presented at an invited symposium. American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting. March 2006.

"Spinoza's Anti-Humanism". A paper presented at the Franke Institute for the Humanities – The University of Chicago. January 2005.

"Spinoza, Oldenburg, and the Right, received from Christ, against Unclean Spirits". A paper presented at the Fourteenth World Congress of Jewish Studies. Jerusalem, August 2005.

"Spinoza on Divine Intellectual Love". An invited paper presented at a conference on "Seventeenth-Century Passions". Washington University, St. Louis, April 2005.

"Spinoza's Metaphysics of Thought". An invited paper presented at a Colloquium of the Philosophy Department, Columbia University. April 2005.

"Spinoza's Anti-Humanism". An invited paper presented at the History of Philosophy Workshop, Rice University. April 2005.

"Spinoza's Metaphysics of Thought". An invited paper presented at a Colloquium of the Philosophy Department, University of Chicago. February 2005.

"Spinoza's Metaphysics of Thought". An invited paper presented at a Colloquium of the Philosophy Department, Syracuse University. January 2005.

"Spinoza's Metaphysics of Thought". An invited paper presented at a Colloquium of the Philosophy Department, Washington University, St. Louis. January 2005.

"Rationalism in German Idealism". Commentator on papers by Paul Franks and Sebastian Gardner in an invited session of the American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division meeting). March 2005.

"Spinoza on Substance and Mode: A Critique of Curley". A paper to be presented at the meeting of the American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division. North America Spinoza Society Session). December 2004.

"The Substance-Mode Relation in Spinoza as a Relation of Inherence and Predication". A paper to be presented at the Montreal Inter-University Workshop in the History of Philosophy. November 2004.

"Spinoza's *Two* Doctrines of Parallelism". A paper presented at the joint meeting of the Midwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy and the Central Canada Seminar for the Study of Early Modern Philosophy. University of Western Ontario. September 2004.

"Spinoza's Anti-Humanism". A paper presented at the meeting of the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association (North America Spinoza Society Session). December 2003.

“Salomon Maimon on Epigenesis, the *Weltseele* and the Agent Intellect: Founding Modern Science on Medieval Metaphysics.” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Jewish Studies. December 2003, Boston.

“Salomon Maimon and Kant on the Principle of Determinability (*Satz der Bestimmbarkeit*)”. A paper presented at the meeting of the Pacific Study Group of the North America Kant Society. November 2003 (UC Berkeley) (Winner of the Graduate Student Stipend).

“Parallelism and Idealism in Spinoza”. A paper delivered at the meeting of the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association (North America Spinoza Society Session). December 2002, Philadelphia.

“Hegel’s Critique of Spinoza’s Anti-Humanism”. A paper delivered at the 8th International Conference of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas. University of Wales, July 2002.

“The Substance-Mode Relation in Spinoza, and Material Causation”. A paper presented at the New England Colloquium in Early Modern Philosophy. Dartmouth College. June 2002.

“Kinds of Infinities: Attributes and Infinite Modes in Spinoza”. A paper presented at the Southeastern Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy. Wake Forest University. November 2001.

“From Humanism to Capital Punishment: The cases of Maimonides and Kant”. A paper delivered at the Political Philosophy Colloquium. Department of Political Science, Tel Aviv University. May 2001.

“The Metaphysical Grounds of Kant’s Defense of Capital Punishment”. A paper delivered at the Isaiah Berlin International Conference: “Enlightenment and Counter-Enlightenment”. Tel-Aviv University, May 2000.

“*Sefer ha-Berit*: Early Modern Jewish Counter-Enlightenment”. A paper delivered at the Colloquium of the Department of Jewish Studies. Ben-Gurion University, Beer-Sheva. May 1999.

LANGUAGES

Proficiency in German, French, Latin, Russian, Yiddish and Aramaic. Native Hebrew (fluent reading of Rabbinic and medieval writings and manuscripts).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIP

Referee for Oxford University Press, Routledge, Brill, Mossad Bialik.

Referee for the *Journal of Jewish Philosophy and Thought*, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Philosophers’ Imprint*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *British Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Journal of the History of Ideas*, *Oxford Studies in Early Modern Philosophy*, *Philosophy Compass*, *Intellectual History Review*.

Oxford Philosophical Concepts Book Series (OUP) – Editorial Advisory Board. 2009 -

American Philosophical Association - Eastern Division, Advisory Program Committee (Field: Modern Philosophy), 2007-2010.

Mid-Atlantic Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy - Conference organizer. February 2009.

The Hacham Tzvi, Rabbi Yaacov Emden, and Their Worlds: The Story of Early Modern Rabbinics – Conference organizer. Johns Hopkins University. November 2013.

Spinoza and German Idealism – Conference organizer. Johns Hopkins University. May 2010.

The Young Spinoza – Conference organizer. Johns Hopkins University. September 2011.

Co-Director of the *Midwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy*. 2005-8.

Director of the *Early Modern Philosophy Workshop*. The University of Chicago. 2006-8 (See <http://cas.uchicago.edu/workshops/emodphil/empw-schedule.html>)

Critical-Historical Edition of the Complete Works of Salomon Maimon. Frommann-Holzboog Verlag (2009-). Member of the Editorial Board.

Johns Hopkins University, Jewish Studies Program. Member of the Steering Committee. 2008- .

Johns Hopkins University, Singleton Center for Pre-Modern Studies. Board Member 2009- .

Johns Hopkins University, Arts and Humanities Campaign planning committee (2010-).

Johns Hopkins University, Department of Philosophy. Graduate admissions committee (2009, 2012).

Undergraduate Program Committee. Department of Philosophy - University of Chicago (2006-7).

Harper Schmidt Society of Fellows – Selection Committee. Division of the Humanities - University of Chicago (2006-7).

Member of the *American Philosophical Association*, the *Association for Jewish Studies*, the *North American Spinoza Society*, and the *North American Kant Society*.

Founding member of the *Salomon Maimon Gesellschaft* (2002).

Board Member of the University of Chicago, Hillel Center (2006- 7)

Founder and Coordinator of the *Yale Spinoza Study Group* (2003-5).

Director of the Common-Core sequence: "Philosophical Perspectives on the Humanities". The University of Chicago (2007-8).

Dissertations Advised:

Primary Advisor:

Karolina Hubner (The University of Chicago, 2010): "Spinoza's Spiritual Automata". (Currently, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto)

Alison Peterman (Northwestern University, expected 2012): "Spinoza's Physics." (Beginning July 2012: Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Rochester).

John Brandau (Johns Hopkins University, Expected 2013): "Spinoza on Essence."

Committee Member:

Meng Li (The University of Chicago, Committee on Social Thought, 2008): "Leibniz and Locke on Natural Law" (Currently, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Peiking).

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Matthew Holtzman (Johns Hopkins University, Philosophy, 2011): "Berkeley on Religion, Common Sense, and the Nature of the Mind"

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Master's Theses Advised:

Kamram Swanson "External and Internal Causation in Spinoza" (The University of Chicago, 2006); Lilian Buerger "Spinoza on Universals" (The University of Chicago, 2007); Alex Andreson, "Spinoza's Principle of Corporeal

Individuation” (The University of Chicago, 2007); Erik Youngs “The Role of Essence in Spinoza’s Doctrine of Mind Eternity” (The University of Chicago, 2007); Sarah Johnson “The Concept of ‘Expression’ in the Metaphysics and Politics of Spinoza” (The University of Chicago, 2008).

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Workshops:

Master Workshop in *Hebrew Codicology and Paleography*. University of Pennsylvania. April 2001.

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