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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2020- Assistant Professor, Bar-Ilan University
2019-20 Kreitman Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Ben-Gurion University
2019-20 Lecturer, Levinsky College of Education
2017-19 Post-Doctoral Researcher, Bar-Ilan University (ISF Project: 'The Life Sciences in Early Modern Philosophy', PI: Prof. Ohad Nachtomy)

EDUCATION

2011-2017 Ph.D. in Philosophy, Indiana University Bloomington.
Minor in Germanic Studies
Dissertation: *Kant's Theoretical Conception of God*
Committee: Allen Wood (chair), Sandra Shapshay, Timothy O'Connor, Michel Chaouli
2009-10 Visiting student, University of Chicago
2002-6 M.A. in Philosophy. *Summa Cum Laude*, Tel Aviv University
Thesis: "On the Notion of the Interesting: Aspects in Aesthetics"
Advisor: Eli Friedlander
1998-2002 B.A. in Philosophy. *Magna Cum Laude*, Tel Aviv University

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Kant, Early Modern Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Metaphysics, Ethics, Political Philosophy, Aesthetics, Philosophy of Religion, 19th Century European Philosophy, Existentialism

RESEARCH GRANTS

2021-2025 "Kant's Regulative Metaphysics" (ISF 2907/21, 440000 NIS)

PUBLICATIONS

"Dialectical Illusion in Kant's Only Possible Argument" *Kantian Review*, 25:3 (2020)
"Kant's Regulative Metaphysics of God and the Lawfulness of Nature" *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, 57:2 (2019).
"The Relation between God and the World in the Pre-Critical Kant: was Kant a Spinozist?" *Kantian Review* 21:2 (2016).
"Kant's Religion and the Reflective Judgment" in Margit Ruffing, Claudio La Rocca, Alfredo Ferrarin & Stefano Bacin (eds.), *Kant Und Die Philosophie in Weltbürgerlicher Absicht: Akten des Xi. Kant-Kongresses 2010*. De Gruyter. (2013).

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Edward Kanterian, *Kant, God and Metaphysics: The Secret Thorn* (Routledge 2017), *The European Journal of Philosophy*, 27:3 (2019).

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Kant’s Teleology as the True Apology to Leibniz’s Pre-Established Harmony” (under review)

“Kant’s Regulative Essentialism and the Unknowability of Real Essences”

“Collective Hope and Political Activism”

REFEREED AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS (* indicates invited)

“Collective Hope and Political Activism”

- Israeli Philosophical Association Conference, Open-U Raanana, 8 Jul, 2021

“The Highest Good and the Unity of Kant’s Moral and Theoretical Conceptions of God”

- KU Leuven, ‘The Architectonic Role of the Highest Good in Kant’s Philosophy’, Nov 12-14, 2020 (online)

“Kant’s Regulative Essentialism and the Unknowability of Real Essences”

- 5th Biennial Meeting of the North American Kant Society, Binghamton University, 5-8 June 2020 (online)

“Mendelssohn’s Original Modal Proof for the Existence of God”

- Israeli Philosophical Association Conference, Bar-Ilan, 13 Feb 2019
- (*) Ben-Gurion Philosophy Department Colloquium, November 2019
- 2021 APA Pacific Division Meeting, online 5-10 Apr 2021

“The Critique of the Power of Judgment as the ‘True Apology’ to Leibniz”

- North American Kant Society Eastern Study Group, Columbia University NYC, May 4-5, 2018
- Leuven Kant Conference, KU Leuven, May 31-Jun 1, 2018
- (*) Jerusalem, ‘Teleological Explanations between Leibniz and Kant’, June 25-27, 2018
- 2019 APA Eastern Division Meeting, New York, 7-10 January 2019

“Dialectical Illusion in the Only Possible Argument”

- North American Kant Society Mid-west Study Group, McGill University Montreal, Oct 21-23, 2016

“Kant’s Regulative Metaphysics of God”

- 3rd Biennial Meeting of the North American Kant Society, Emory University, 27-29 May, 2016
- 2017 APA Central Division Meeting, Kansas City MO, 1-4 March, 2017
- (*) Bar-Ilan Philosophy Department Colloquium, April, 2018

“Kant on the Idea of God – A Case for Metaphysical Imagination”

- (*) Tel Aviv University, ‘Moral Imagination’ Conference, 3-4 June, 2015

“Systematicity in Kant’s Moral and Theoretical Ideas of God”

- London, Annual UK Kant Society Conference, 28-30 August, 2013

“The Systematicity of Nature, Ideas of Reason and Reflective Judgment”

- 1st Biennial Meeting of the North American Kant Society, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2-4 June, 2011

“Kant’s Religion and the Reflective Judgment”

- Pisa, 11th International Kant Congress, 22-26 May 2010

“The Aesthetics of the Interesting”

- Seoul, The XXII World Congress of Philosophy, 25 July – 1 August, 2008

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

2019-20 – Lady Davis Post-Doctoral Fellowship, The Hebrew University (declined)

2017-18 - Kreitman Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Ben-Gurion University (declined)
2016 - Conference Travel Award, IUB College Arts & Humanities Institute
2015-16 - Nelson Dissertation Year Fellowship, Indiana University
2014-15 - Indiana University / Freie Universität Berlin Direct Exchange Fellowship
2011-12 - Indiana University First Year Departmental Fellowship
2010-11 - Stipend from ISF Grant 702/10 run by Ido Geiger, Ben-Gurion University
2009-10 - Tel-Aviv University Philosophy School Scholarship for doctoral students
2008-9 - Israel-Switzerland Philosophy Fund Scholarship for doctoral students

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

BAR-ILAN UNIVERSITY

History of Modern Philosophy from Descartes to Kant: undergraduate, Yearly 2020-21
Kant's Critique of Pure Reason: Advanced undergraduate / graduate seminar, Spring 2019, Yearly 2020-21
Conceptions of God in Early Modern Philosophy: Advanced undergraduate / graduate seminar, Yearly 2017-18, Yearly 2020-21

LEVINSKY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Philosophical Aspects in Education / undergraduate, Fall 2019, Spring, Summer 2020

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Instructor (full course responsibilities):

Introduction to Social/Political Philosophy, Fall 2016

Introduction to Ethics, Spring 2014

Associate Instructor (leading discussion sections and grading):

Introduction to Philosophy, Spring 2017 (Frederick Schmitt)

Introduction to Existentialism, Fall 2013 (Allen Wood)

Grader:

Introduction to Symbolic Logic, Fall 2012 (Leah Savion), Spring 2013 (Mark Kaplan)

TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY

Instructor (full course responsibilities):

Bounds of Hope – Kant's Philosophy of Religion: Fall 2008

Intermediate Aesthetics (Kant & Schopenhauer): Fall 2006

Teaching Assistant (leading discussion sections, designing assignments and grading):

Guided Reading B (Hume's Treatise): Fall 2010

Guided Reading A (Descartes' Meditations): Fall 2004, Fall 2005

Introduction to Logic: Fall 2002, Fall 2003

Grader:

19th Century Philosophy: Spring 2008 (Eli Friedlander)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

North American Kant Society webmaster and technology consultant, 2019-2021

Co-organizer, "Teleological Explanations between Leibniz and Kant" conference

Referee for *Kantian Review*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, *History of Philosophy & Logical Analysis*, *Philosopher's Imprint*, *European Journal of Philosophy*

Referee for *The Hebrew University Magnes Press*

Graduate Student Organization Representative, IU, 2013-2014

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Lectures at Eretz Israel Museum:

Environmental ethics and aesthetics (related to a wildlife photography exhibit)

TEACHING DEVELOPMENT

Summer 2016 - Course Development Institute Workshop (IUB Center for Innovative Teaching & Learning)

Spring 2016 – Associate Instructors workshop for diversity and inclusion in the classroom (IUB Center for Innovative Teaching & Learning)

LANGUAGES

Hebrew (native speaker), English (native speaker level), German (reading and speaking – C1 / very good command)

NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

1998 – 2009 - Software Engineer, Team Manager and IT Consultant

REFERENCES

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