

# NOAM HOFFER

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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)

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

"Kant's Regulative Essentialism and the Unknowability of Real Essences", *European Journal of Philosophy* (forthcoming)

"Moses Mendelssohn's Original Modal Proof for the Existence of God", *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 61:2 (2023)

"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).

## BOOK CHAPTERS

"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).

“Kant’s Teleology as the True Apology to Leibniz’s Pre-Established Harmony”, in Edgar Valdez (ed.). *Rethinking Kant Volume 7*. Cambridge Scholars Publishing, forthcoming

## BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Ian Proops, *The Fiery Test of Critique: A Reading of Kant's Dialectic* (OUP 2021), *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* (forthcoming)

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

## WORK IN PROGRESS

“Reconciling Best-System and Necessitation accounts of Kant on particular laws of nature”

“An expressivist account of Kant’s regulative ideas”

“Collective Hope and Political Activism”

## REFEREED AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS (\* indicates invited)

“Kant on the most real being – does it lead to Spinozism?”

- Conference: The Concept of Reality in Classical German Philosophy,  
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, June 5–7, 2023

“Explanatory Harmony” (Panel on Leibniz’s pre-established with Uri Eran, Reed Winegar and Ohad Nachtomy)

- Israeli Philosophical Association Conference, Hebrew U Jerusalem, 30 Jun 2022
- Leibniz Congress 31.7-5.8 2023, Hanover Germany

“The Unity of Kant’s Attitude Toward Leibniz’s Pre-Established Harmony”

- Workshop on Teleology, Mechanism, and the Mind-Body Problem between Leibniz and Kant, Technion, 23-25 May 2022

“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”

- 5<sup>th</sup> 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”

- Berlin/Hamburg Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy, 12-13 May 2022
- 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”

- 3<sup>rd</sup> 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"

- 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 11<sup>th</sup> 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

*Kant’s Ethics*: Advanced undergraduate / graduate seminar

*Kant’s Critique of the Power of Judgment*: Advanced undergraduate / graduate seminar

*Metaphysical Disputes in Early Modern Philosophy*: Advanced undergraduate / graduate seminar

*Kant’s Practical Philosophy – Morality, Religion and History*: Advanced undergraduate / graduate seminar

*History of Modern Philosophy from Descartes to Kant*: undergraduate

*Kant’s Critique of Pure Reason*: Advanced undergraduate / graduate seminar

*Reading in Kant’s Critique of Pure Reason* / undergraduate tutorial

*Conceptions of God in Early Modern Philosophy*: Advanced undergraduate / graduate seminar

### LEVINSKY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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

### INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Full course responsibilities:

*Introduction to Social/Political Philosophy*, Fall 2016

*Introduction to Ethics*, Spring 2014

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

*Bounds of Hope – Kant’s Philosophy of Religion*: Fall 2008

*Intermediate Aesthetics* (Kant & Schopenhauer): Fall 2006

*Guided Reading B (Hume’s Treatise)*: Fall 2010

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

Leading discussion sections and grading:

*Introduction to Logic*: Fall 2002, Fall 2003

Grader:

*19<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy*: Spring 2008 (Eli Friedlander)

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Treasurer, Israeli Philosophical Association

Organizer, ‘Kant’s Regulative Ideas’ conference

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*, *The Hebrew University Magnes Press*

## **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

Lectures at Eretz Israel Museum:

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

Philosophy for children, Kulna-Yachad elementary school, Jaffa

happiness, friendship, and ethical dilemmas

## **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