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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

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)
"Mendelssohn's Unique Modal Proof for the Existence of God" (under review)

“Collective Hope and Political Activism”

REFEREED AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS (* indicates invited)

“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
- 2020 APA Pacific Division Meeting, San-Francisco 8-11 Apr 2020 (cancelled)

“Kantian Hope and Political Activism”

- European Consortium for Political Research General Conference, Kantian Political Thought standing group, Universität Hamburg, Aug 22-25 2018

“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

COMMENTS PRESENTED

- Matthew McAndrew, “Healthy Understanding and *Urtheilskraft*”, 2nd Biennial Meeting of the North American Kant Society, Cornell University, 31 May – 2 June 2013
- Justin Shaddock, “Kant’s Idealism and his Hylomorphism”, APA Central Division meeting, Chicago, 26-29 Feb 2020

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
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*
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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