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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* (commissioned)

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

WORK IN PROGRESS

“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”

- 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”

- 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”

- 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

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

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

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*

Referee for *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

REFERENCES

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