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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”

- 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”

- 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”

- 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

#### **COMMENTS PRESENTED**

- Matthew McAndrew, “Healthy Understanding and *Urtheilskraft*”, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:

*19<sup>th</sup> 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*, *Philosopher's Imprint*  
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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