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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

## RESEARCH GRANTS

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

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

"Expressions of Systematicity: from Ideas of Reason to Reflective Judgment" *Il Pensiero: rivista di filosofia* LXIII:2 (2024)  
קאנט על ההכרחיות והשיטתיות של חוקי הטבע הניסיוניים, "עיון גליון 73 בנושא 'חוק'", אביב 2024  
"Kant's Regulative Essentialism and the Unknowability of Real Essences", *European Journal of Philosophy* 31:4 (2023)  
"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, 2024

## BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Gabriele Gava, Kant’s Critique of Pure Reason and the Method of Metaphysics (CUP 2023), *Kantian Review* (forthcoming)

Review of Ian Proops, *The Fiery Test of Critique: A Reading of Kant's Dialectic* (OUP 2021), *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 106:1 (2024)

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” (invited to revise and resubmit to *Synthese*)

“An expressivist account of Kant’s regulative ideas”

“Collective Hope and Political Activism”

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

“Political guilt”

- Israeli Philosophical Association Conference, Haifa University, 23 July 2024

“The Only Possible Argument” (\*)

- Young Kant conference, Northwestern University, May 23-25 2024

“An expressivist account of Kant’s regulative ideas”

- 14<sup>th</sup> International Kant Congress, Bonn, 8-13 September 2024
- Israeli Philosophical Association Conference, Ben-Gurion University, 30 June 2023

“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

## CONFERENCES ORGANIZATION

- “Regulative Principles in Kant and Post-Kantian Thought“, Minerva Stiftung School, 8-9 October 2024, Potsdam University
- “Kant’s Regulative Ideas“, ISF Workshop, June 15-13 2023
- Co-organizer, ‘Teleological Explanations between Leibniz and Kant’, ISF Workshop 2018

## 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

*Science and Metaphysics in Early Modern Philosophy*: Advanced undergraduate / graduate seminar

*Bounds of Hope – Kant's Philosophy of Religion*

*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

*Introduction to Social/Political Philosophy*, Fall 2016

*Introduction to Ethics*, Spring 2014

### TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY

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

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Treasurer, Israeli Philosophical Association

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

Referee for: *Kantian Review*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Synthese*, *Review of Metaphysics*, *History of Philosophy & Logical Analysis*, *Philosopher's Imprint*, *European Journal of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Journal of Jewish Thought and Philosophy*, *Open Philosophy*, *The Hebrew University Magnes Press*