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EDUCATION

- 1996-2005 **Yale University** - Ph.D., Philosophy (April 2005). Dissertation *The Metaphysics of Substance and the Metaphysics of Thought in Spinoza*. Advisor: Professor Michael Della Rocca (Philosophy, Yale University).
- 1996-2000 **Yale University** - M. Phil. in Philosophy, June 2000.
- 1992-1996 **Tel Aviv University** - M.A. in History and Philosophy of Science, *Summa cum laude*. Master's thesis: *The Liar Paradox, Sentence Construction, and the atemporality of Logic*.
- 1991-1995 **Tel Aviv University** - B.A.-M.A. Program, The Elkana-Lautman Interdisciplinary Program for Outstanding Students. Main fields of study: Philosophy, Neuropsychology, and Mathematics.
- 1990-1991 **Tel Aviv University** - B.A. Studies, Psychology and Philosophy.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Early Modern Philosophy; Kant and German Idealism.

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Metaphysics (primarily, tropes, mereology and time); 19th Century Philosophy; History & Philosophy of Science; Medieval Philosophy.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2008 **Johns Hopkins University**. Assistant Professor (tenure-track). Department of Philosophy.
Courses taught: "Spinoza and Deleuze".
- February 2008 Competing tenure-track job offers: **University of Pittsburgh** (Philosophy); **Ohio State University** (Philosophy); **University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill** (Philosophy).
- 2005-2008 **University of Chicago**. Assistant Professor (tenure-track). Department of Philosophy
Courses taught: "Spinoza's Metaphysics" (to be co-taught with Jean-Luc Marion); "Spinoza's Theological-Political Treatise"; "The Principle of Sufficient Reason in Early Modern and Contemporary Metaphysics"; "Spinoza's Ethics – Part II"; "Individuation and the Identity of Indiscernibles"; "History of Modern Philosophy"; "Spinoza's Metaphysics: *Ethics* – Part I"; "Philosophical Perspectives on the Humanities – Part 1 (Ancient Philosophy)" (core curriculum course); "Philosophical Perspectives on the Humanities – Part 2 (Early Modern Philosophy)"; "Philosophical Perspectives on the Humanities – Part 3 (19th and 20th Century Philosophy)"; "Workshop: Early Modern Philosophy (advanced graduate studies)."
- Spring 2005 **New York University**. Instructor. Departments of Jewish Studies/Philosophy
Designed and taught the course: *Spinoza's Theological Political Treatise and Its Aftermath*
- Fall 2004 **New York University**. Instructor. Departments of Jewish Studies/Philosophy

- Designed and taught the course: *Spinoza and Medieval Philosophy*
- Spring 2004 **New York University.** Instructor. Departments of Jewish Studies/Philosophy
- Designed and taught the course: *Spinoza and Medieval Philosophy*
- Fall 2003 **Yale University.** Instructor. Department of Philosophy
- Designed and taught the seminar: *Spinoza's Ethics*.
- Summer 2003 **Yale University.** Instructor. Department of Philosophy
- Designed and taught the course: *Introduction to Philosophy*.
- Spring 2002 **Wesleyan University.** Visiting Instructor. Department of Philosophy.
- Designed and taught a mid-level course: *Philosophy of Religion*.
- 1998-2003 **Yale University.** Teaching Fellow, Department of Philosophy.
- Led discussions on relevant philosophical issues and graded papers and examinations.
- Courses: "Introduction to Philosophy"; "Modern Philosophy from Descartes to Kant"; "Ethics"; "Death"; "Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*".
- 1992-1996 **Tel Aviv University.** Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy.

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Spinoza's Theological-Political Treatise: A Critical Guide, eds. Yitzhak Melamed and Michael Rosenthal (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009). In preparation.

Spinoza's Metaphysics of Substance and Thought (Oxford: Oxford University Press). In preparation and under contract. 2010.

Eternity, a volume in the new series in the history of philosophy, Oxford Historical Concepts (General editor: Christia Mercer), (Oxford; Oxford University Press). In preparation.

Articles:

"Spinoza's Ontology of Substance, Attribute, and Mode" in Michael Della Rocca (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Spinoza* (Oxford: Oxford University Press). In preparation.

"Spinoza, Tschirnhaus and Leibniz on 'What is a World?'" in Pierre-François Moreau, Raphaële Andraut, and Mogens Laerke (eds.), *Spinoza et Leibniz* (Paris: Ecole Normale Supérieure Editions, 2009). Forthcoming.

"The God of the *Theological Political Treatise*", in Melamed and Rosenthal (eds.), *Spinoza's Theological-Political Treatise: A Critical Guide* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009). In preparation.

"Introduction" in Melamed and Rosenthal (eds.), *Spinoza's Theological-Political Treatise: A Critical Guide* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009). Under contract (Co-author: Michael Rosenthal).

"Time" in Aaron Garrett (ed.), *The Routledge Handbook of Eighteenth Century Philosophy* (London: Routledge). In preparation.

"The Principle of Sufficient Reason", The Stanford Online Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Edward N. Zalta (ed.), URL=<http://plato.stanford.edu/>. (Co-author: Martin Lin). In preparation.

"Acosmism or Weak Individuals? Hegel, Spinoza, and the Reality of the Finite", *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, forthcoming, January 2010.

"Spinoza's Anti-Humanism" in Carlos Fraenkel, Dario Perinetti, and Justin Smith (eds.) *The Rationalists* (Kluwer – New Synthese Historical Library), forthcoming.

“Spinoza’s Metaphysics of Substance: The Substance-Mode Relation as a Relation of Inherence and Predication”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (78:1) January 2009, 17-82.

“Salomon Maimon et l’échec de la philosophie juive moderne,” *Revue germanique internationale*, Winter 2009.

"Salomon Maimon" (thoroughly revised entry), The Stanford Online Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Edward N. Zalta (ed.), Summer 2007. (Co-author: Peter Thielke). July 2007.

“Inherence and the Immanent Cause in Spinoza”, The Leibniz Review 16 (2006), 43-52.

“Hegelianism”, The New Dictionary of the History of Ideas, Maryanne Cline Horowitz (ed.) (New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2004). (Co-author: Peter Thielke).

"Salomon Maimon and the Rise of Spinozism in German Idealism", Journal of the History of Philosophy 42 (January 2004), 67-96.

"Salomon Maimon", The Stanford Online Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Edward N. Zalta (ed.), URL=<http://plato.stanford.edu/archives/maimon/> (co-author: Peter Thielke). January 2002.

“Leaving the Wound Visible: Hegel and Marx on the Rabble and the Problem of Poverty in Modern Society”, Iyyun - The Jerusalem Philosophical Quarterly, January 2001, 23-39.

“The Exact Science of Non-Beings: Spinoza's View of Mathematics”, Iyyun - The Jerusalem Philosophical Quarterly 49, January 2000, 3-22

Reviews:

Review of Michael Ayers (ed.), *Rationalism, Platonism, and God* (Oxford University Press/British Academy, 2007) in Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews. In preparation.

Review of Michael Quante, *Hegel's Concept of Action* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004). The Philosophical Review. In preparation (Co-author: Oded Schechter).

Review of Abraham P. Socher, *The Radical Enlightenment of Solomon Maimon: Judaism, Heresy, and Philosophy* (Stanford University Press 2006). Journal of Religion. January 2008.

Review of Graeme Hunter, *Radical Protestantism in Spinoza's Thought* (Burlington: Ashgate, 2005). Journal of the History of Philosophy 45. April 2007. 333-4.

Review of Steven Nadler, *Spinoza's Ethics – An Introduction* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006). Ethics. April 2007.

Review of Carraud, Vincent, *Causa sive ratio: La Raison de la cause de Suarez à Leibniz* (Paris: Presses universitaires de France, 2002) in The Leibniz Review 15 (December 2005), 163-8.

Review of Salomon Maimon, *Versuch über die Transzendentalphilosophie*, ed. Florian Ehrensperger (Hamburg: Felix Meiner Verlag, 2004). Journal of the History of Philosophy 43. July 2005.

Review of Ravven, Heidi M. and Lenn E. Goodman (eds.), “Jewish Themes in Spinoza's Philosophy” (Albany: SUNY Press, 2002). Journal of the History of Philosophy vol. 41 (July 2003), 417-18.

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Spinoza on Inherence-Causation-Conceivability.” A paper to be presented at the Southwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, February-March 2009, Caltech, Pasadena.

“Secular Mythologies: Spinoza and the Secular Imagination.” A paper to be presented in a presidential panel on “Political Theologies” at the American Historical Association convention. January 2009, New York.

“Spinoza on Inherence-Causation-Conceivability.” A paper presented at the Leiden-Duke workshop on Early Modern Philosophy, September 2008, Leiden.

“Salomon Maimon, and the Failure of Modern Jewish Philosophy.” A paper presented at the International Conference “Haskalah et Aufklärung : philosophes juifs des Lumières allemandes”. Ecole normale supérieure, Paris. May 2008.

“Spinoza and Crescas on the Infinite”. A paper presented at the International Conference “Spinoza et les scolastiques” – Paris IV-Sorbonne. March 2008. Organized by the *Centre d’Etudes Cartésiennes* and *le Groupe de Recherches Spinozistes*

“From the Gates of Heaven to the Field of Holy Apples: Spinoza and the *Kabbalah*” A paper presented at an Invited Symposium (Main Program) on Kabbalism in Early Modern Philosophy. American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting, December 2007.

“Spinoza and the Deification of Existence.” A paper presented at the Atlantic Canada Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy. Halifax, Nova Scotia. July 2007.

“Spinoza, Negative Theology, and the Fish’s Knowledge of God’s Essence.” A paper presented at the Philosophy of Religion Workshop. University of Chicago. Spring 2007.

“Spinoza, Tschirnhaus and Leibniz on ‘What is a World?’ “ – A paper presented at the International Conference “Leibniz and Spinoza” – Lyon, France. March 2007. Organized by the *Ecole Normale Supérieure (Lyon)* and *CNRS*.

Commentator in an Author Meets Critics Sessions on Steven Nadler, Spinoza’s Ethics – An Introduction (Cambridge UP, 2006). University of Chicago, March 2007.

“Spinoza’s Metaphysics of Thought”. An invited paper presented at a Colloquium of the Philosophy Department, Tel Aviv University. December 2006.

“On Existence (or Eternity) as the Essence of Spinoza’s God.” A paper presented at the Early Modern Philosophy Workshop. University Chicago. October 2006.

“The Metaphysics of Spinoza’s *Theological-Political Treatise*”. A paper presented at an Invited Symposium (Main Program). American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting. March 2006.

“Spinoza’s Anti-Humanism”. A paper presented at the Franke Institute for the Humanities – The University of Chicago. January 2006.

“Spinoza’s Metaphysics of Thought”. An invited paper presented at a Colloquium of the Philosophy Department, Columbia University. April 2005.

“Spinoza’s Metaphysics of Thought”. An invited paper presented at the History of Philosophy Workshop, Rice University. April 2005.

“Spinoza on God’s Intellectual Love”. An invited paper presented at a conference on "Seventeenth-Century Passions". Washington University, St. Louis, April 2005.

“Rationalism in German Idealism”. Commentator on a paper by Paul Franks in an invited session of the American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division meeting). March 2005.

“Spinoza’s Metaphysics of Thought”. An invited paper presented at a Colloquium of the Philosophy Department, University of Chicago. February 2005.

“Spinoza’s Metaphysics of Thought”. An invited paper presented at a Colloquium of the Philosophy Department, Syracuse University. February 2005.

“Spinoza’s Metaphysics of Thought”. An invited paper presented at a Colloquium of the Philosophy Department, Washington University, St. Louis. January 2005.

“Spinoza on Substance and Mode: A Critique of Curley”. A paper presented at the meeting of the American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division. North America Spinoza Society Session). December 2004.

“The Substance-Mode Relation in Spinoza as a Relation of Inherence and Predication”. A paper presented at the Montreal Inter-University Workshop in the History of Philosophy. November 2004.

“Spinoza’s *Two* Doctrines of Parallelism”. A paper presented at the joint meeting of the Midwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy and the Central Canada Seminar for the Study of Early Modern Philosophy. University of Western Ontario. September 2004.

“Spinoza’s Anti-Humanism”. A paper delivered at the meeting of the American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division. North America Spinoza Society Session). December 2003.

"The Principle of Determinability (*Satz der Bestimmbarkeit*)". A paper presented at the meeting of the North America Kant Society (Pacific Study Group). November 2003 (UC Berkeley) (*Winner of the Graduate Student Travel Stipend*).

“Parallelism and Idealism in Spinoza”. A paper delivered at the meeting of the American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division). December 2002, Philadelphia.

“Hegel’s Critique of Spinoza’s Anti-Humanism”. A paper delivered at the 8th Conference of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas. University of Wales, July 2002.

“The Substance-Mode Relation in Spinoza, and Material Causation”. A paper presented at the New England Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy. Dartmouth College. June 2002.

“Kinds of Infinities: Attributes and Infinite Modes in Spinoza”. A paper presented at the Southeastern Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy. Wake Forest University. November 2001.

“Parallelism and Idealism in Spinoza”. A paper presented at the Midwest Seminar in the History of Early Modern Philosophy. University of Chicago. April 2001.

“The Metaphysical Grounds of Kant’s Defense of Capital Punishment”. A paper delivered at the Isaiah Berlin International Conference: “Enlightenment and Counter-Enlightenment”. Tel-Aviv University, May 2000.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Johns Hopkins University. *Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship* (2005-7). Research project: “Spinoza’s Critique of Humanism: Untaming the Shrew”. (Not used due to acceptance of tenure-track position at the University of Chicago).

National Endowment for the Humanities. NEH fellowship to attend the Summer Institute: “The Intersection of Philosophy, Science and Theology in the Seventeenth Century” (University of Wisconsin-Madison, July 2004).

American Academy for Jewish Research. Post-Doctoral Fellowship to NYU. 2003-2005. Research Project: “The Medieval Background of Spinoza’s Metaphysics”.

North American Kant Society – Pacific Seminar. Graduate Student Travel Prize. Nov. 2003.

The Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library - Yale University. Summer Research Fellowship. 2002. Research Project: “Eighteenth Century Anti-Spinozism”.

Yale Graduate School. John F. Enders Research Grant. 2001.

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem - The Franz Rosenzweig Research Center. Summer Research Fellowship. 1999.

Fulbright Fellowship (to Yale University). 1996-1998.

LANGUAGES

Good proficiency in German, French, and Latin. Basic Russian. Native Hebrew.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIP

Referee for Oxford University Press, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Oxford Studies in Early Modern Philosophy*, *Journal of the History of Ideas*.

American Philosophical Association - Eastern Division, Advisory Program Committee (Field: Modern Philosophy), 2007-2009.

Member of the organizing committee of the *Mid-Atlantic Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy*. 2008 - .

Co-Director of the *Midwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy*. 2005- (See <http://cas.uchicago.edu/workshops/emodphil/empw-events.html>)

Director and founder of the *Early Modern Philosophy Workshop*. The University of Chicago. 2006-8.(See <http://cas.uchicago.edu/workshops/emodphil/empw-schedule.html>)

Coordinator of the *Yale Spinoza Study Group*, 2003-5.

Undergraduate Program Committee. Department of Philosophy - University of Chicago (2006-8).

Harper Schmidt Society of Fellows – Selection Committee. Division of the Humanities - University of Chicago (2006-7).

Placement assistant. Department of Philosophy - University of Chicago (2005-6).

Director of the Common-Core sequence: "Philosophical Perspectives on the Humanities". The University of Chicago (2007-8).

Dissertation Advised:

Matthew Holtzman: "Berkeley on Religion, Common Sense, and the Nature of the Mind" (Johns Hopkins University, Philosophy, Expected 2010)

Patrick R. Leland: "Kant and the Origins of Semantic Pragmatism" (Johns Hopkins University, Philosophy, Expected 2009)

Karolina Hubner (Chair): "Spinoza's Spiritual Automata" (The University of Chicago, Philosophy, Expected 2009)

Suihan Xiao: "Spinoza's Theory of Natural Right" (The University of Chicago, Political Science, Expected 2009).

Meng Li: "Leibniz and Locke on Natural Law" (The University of Chicago, Committee on Social Thought, 2008)

Master's Theses Advised:

Kamram Swanson "External and Internal Causation in Spinoza" (The University of Chicago, 2006)

Lilian Buegler "Spinoza on Universals" (The University of Chicago, 2007)

Alex Andreson, "Spinoza's Principle of Corporeal Individuation" (The University of Chicago, 2007)

Erik Youngs "The Role of Essence in Spinoza's Doctrine of Mind Eternity" (The University of Chicago, 2007)

Sarah Johnson "The Concept of 'Expression' in the Metaphysics and Politics of Spinoza" (The University of Chicago, expected 2008).

Member of the *American Philosophical Association*, the *North American Leibniz Society*, the *North American Kant Society*, and the *North American Hegel Society*.

REFERENCES

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