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Academic Employment

2020-	Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
2020-2021	Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in the Humanities, Wolf Humanities Center, the University of Pennsylvania (offered and accepted, participation withdrawn due to COVID-19)
2017-2020	Dorothy and Gaylord Donnelley Postdoctoral Junior Research Fellow in Philosophy, Corpus Christi College, The University of Cambridge

Education

2017	Ph.D., The Committee on Social Thought and the Department of Philosophy, University of Chicago
2013	M.A., Committee on Social Thought, University of Chicago
2009	B.A., with Honors, in English and American Literature and Language, Harvard University

Specialization

AOS	Kant, Moral Psychology, Ethics
AOC	19 th Century German Philosophy, Ancient Philosophy, Early Modern Philosophy, Feminist Philosophy

Publications

Articles

“Kant and the Freedom to Do What We Want,” to appear in *Practical Reason: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives*, James Conant and Dawa Ometto, eds. (Berlin: de Gruyter, 2022)

“Evil or Only Immature? Reconciling Freedom and the Complexity of Moral Evil in Kant,” in *Rethinking Kant*, vol. 6, Edgar Valdez, ed. (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge Scholars Press, 2022)

“Kant on Moral Respect,” *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* (2021)

“Kant on Moral Self-Opacity,” *European Journal of Philosophy* (2020)

Book

What Are Children For? forthcoming (2023)

The book analyzes the growing global ambivalence about having children and offers a contemporary, philosophical argument for why having children and starting families is not only justified but is good. The argument is grounded in a new account of the goodness of human life. The book is intended as a crossover book for professional philosophers as well as the general public. Co-authored with Rachel Wiseman. Under contract with St. Martin's Press. Forthcoming 2023.

Reviews

Review of Melissa Merritt, *Kant on Reflection and Virtue*, in *British Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 2019

Select Non-Academic Publications

TBD, Review of Jonathan Lear's *Imagining the End*, *The Times Literary Supplement* (forthcoming. December, 2023)

"Can't Get No Satisfaction," *The Point* (September, 2022)

"The Paradox of Slow Love," with Rachel Wiseman, *The Atlantic* (February 14, 2022)

"Motherhood and Taboo," with Rachel Wiseman, *The Point* (January 14, 2022)

"We Deserve Better From Our Public Intellectuals: On Kate Manne's *Etitled: How Male Privilege Hurts Women*, incels, and the perils of public philosophy" *Chronicle of Higher Education Review* (December 2, 2020)

"How to Reopen the American Mind," with Jon Baskin, *The New York Time* (October 22, 2020)

"Now Is As Good a Time as Any to Start a Family," *The New York Times* (April 30, 2020)

"The Nature of Thought" (on Irad Kimhi's *Thinking and Being*), *Chronicle of Higher Education Review* (April 14, 2020)

"Giorgio Agamben's Coronavirus Cluelessness," *Chronicle of Higher Education Review* (March 23, 2020)

"Finite Variety: On Martin Hägglund's *This Life: Why mortality makes us free*," *The Times Literary Supplement* (October 1, 2019)

"On Choosing Life," with Rachel Wiseman, *The Point* (September 7, 2019)

"The Case for Admissions Lotteries," *Chronicle of Higher Education Review* (September 13, 2019)

"Confession is Just a Special Form of Bragging: On Fleabag," *Los Angeles Review of Books* (July 30, 2019)

"On Left Straussianism," with Jon Baskin, *The Point* (May 22, 2019)

“Fanning the Flames while the Humanities Burn,” *Chronicle of Higher Education Review* (May 20, 2019)

“On Denialism,” with Jon Baskin, *The Point* (January 14, 2019)

“I Am Madame Bovary: ‘Cat Person’ and the Dark Pleasures of Empathy” *The Point* (April 23, 2018)

Invited Talks

July 2023	TBD Kant and the Norms of Action: A Revaluation of the Synthetic a Priori, University of Mainz
Nov 2022	TBD Rutgers Philosophy Conference on Personal Identity, Rutgers University
July 2022	“The Dialectic of Motherhood” Centre for Moral and Political Philosophy, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Summer Retreat
June 2022	“Kant and the Paradoxes of Evil” The Wickedness of Freedom: Immorality and Reason after Kant Conference, Center for Post-Kantian Philosophy, University of Potsdam
June 2022	“Making Ends Meet: Kant and the Highest Good” Berlin Summer Colloquium for Women Working on Kant & Post-Kantian German Philosophy, Freie Universität Berlin
June 2021	“The Good of Children and the Good of Human Life” Colloquium, Department of Philosophy, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
April 2021	“Philosophers as Public Intellectuals”, a panel discussion with Agnes Callard and Justin Weinberg 4 th Panhellenic Undergraduate Philosophy Conference
April 2021	“Making Ends Meet: Kant and the Highest Good” German Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago
Jun 2020	CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 TBD, keynote The Loxbridge Kant Series, Oxford University
Apr 2020	CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 “Desire: Between Passion and Action” Moral Sciences Club, Cambridge University
Apr 2020	CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 “Kant and Moral Luck” German Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago
Feb 2020	“Meritocracy and Higher Education,” Panel Discussion with Ross Douthat The UNC Program for Public Discourse, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

- Jan 2020 “Kant and the Freedom to Do What We Want”
Colloquium Lecture Series, Central European University, Budapest
- Jun 2019 “Self-Knowledge, Self-Deception and Self-Opacity”
Stephen Hales Lecture Series, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge University
- Mar 2019 “Kant on the Freedom to do Evil”
German Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago
- Mar 2019 “‘Language is Critical’: On Irad Kimhi’s Radicalization of the Kantian Project”
Workshop on Irad Kimhi’s *Thinking and Being*, University of Chicago
- Dec 2018 “The Origin of Practical Reason in the Transcendental Power of Imagination: Heidegger on Kant”
Conference on Neo Kantianism and Jewish Thought, Tel Aviv University
- Dec 2018 “Overcoming the Opposition of Freedom and Nature in Kant’s Practical Philosophy: A Critique of the Incorporation Thesis”
King’s History of Philosophy Seminar, King’s College London
- Nov 2018 “Kant’s Feeling of Moral Respect as Practical Self-Consciousness”
Kant’s Scots Seminar, Edinburgh University
- Jun 2018 “Kant on The Human Capacity for Feeling,”
Conference on Additive vs. Transformative Conceptions of Rationality, University of Patras
- Jun 2018 “Evil or Only Immature? ^[SEP]Reconciling Freedom and the Complexity Of Moral Evil”
Conference on Kant’s Religionsschrift, Leipzig University
- Jun 2018 “The Emotions as Modes of Practical Self-Consciousness”
Philosophy of Mind Seminar, University of Cambridge
- Jun 2018 “Kant’s Feeling of Moral Respect as Practical Self-Consciousness”
Conceptions of Kantian Unity Workshop, University of Cambridge
- Feb 2018 “Kant on The Human Capacity for Feeling”
Society of German Idealism and Romanticism, APA Session on Conceptions of Matter and Form, 2018 meeting of the Central Division of the APA
- Feb 2018 “Practical Reason in Kant: Self-Conscious or Self-Opaque?”
German Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago
- Feb 2018 “‘For All I know...’ On the Infallibility of Our capacity for Judgment”
A Workshop on Andrea Kern’s *Sources of Knowledge*, University of Chicago
- Nov 2017 “Feeling and Absolute Value in Wittgenstein’s Lecture on Ethics”
Robinson College, Cambridge University
- Jun 2017 “Feeling”
Summer Conference on Irad Kimhi’s *Thinking and Being*, Leipzig University

Jun 2017 | “An Argument Against the Incorporation Thesis”
Hylomorphism in Kant and German Idealism Workshop, Zentrum für Literatur- und
Kulturforschung (ZfL), Berlin

Refereed Conference Presentations

June 2022 | “The Good of Human Life”
The New Israeli Philosophy Association 25th Annual Conference, Hebrew
University of Jerusalem

Feb 2020 | “Kant on Moral Self-Opacity”
Symposium Presentation, 2020 APA Central Division Meeting

Apr 2019 | “Evil and the Problem of Moral Self Knowledge”
British Society for the History of Philosophy Annual Conference, King’s College
London

Sep 2018 | “Overcoming the Opposition of Freedom and Nature in Kant’s Practical Philosophy:
A Critique of the Incorporation Thesis” UK Kant Society Annual Conference on
“The Nature of Freedom and the Freedom of Nature”, Cardiff University

Nov 2017 | “Evil or Only Immature? Reconciling Freedom and the Complexity Of Moral Evil,”
2017 Southern North American Kant Society Study Group, Tulane University

Jun 2017 | “You Can’t Move without Being Moved: On the Moral Significance of The Human
Capacity for Feeling,” Leuven Kant Conference, KU Leuven

Apr 2017 | “You Can’t Move without Being Moved: On the Moral Significance of The Human
Capacity for Feeling,” Eastern Study Group Meeting of the North American Kant
Society, George Washington University

Apr 2017 | “Evil or Only Immature? On Acquiring Moral Character in Kant,” The Conference
on the Problem Evil in European Modern and Contemporary Philosophy, Bishop’s
University

Mar 2017 | “You Can’t Move without Being *Moved*: On the Moral Significance of The Human
Capacity for Feeling,” The Northwestern Society for the Theory of Ethics and
Politics (NUSTEP), Eleventh Annual Conference, Northwestern University

Jun 2016 | “Moral Character, Kant’s *Gesinnung* and Aristotle’s *Hexis*,” Summer Conference
on the work of Aryeh Kosman, Leipzig University

Apr 2016 | “How Can There Be Rational Feeling? Monistic Critique of the Incorporation
Thesis,” The 2016 Graduate Philosophy Conference at UIUC

Mar 2016 | “Making Sense of Kant’s Moral Respect: A Case for Non-Pathological Feeling,”
Colloquium Presentation, 2016 APA Central Division Meeting

Sep 2015 | “Kant’s *Gesinnung* as Aristotelian *Energeia*: the Deed Outside Time,” UK Kant
Society Annual Conference jointly organized by North American Kant Society, on
“Kant on Politics and Religion”

Jul 2015 | “On The Unity of Sensibility and Reason in Practical Life in Engstrom’s Kant,”
Summer Conference on the work of Stephen Engstrom, Leipzig University

Commentaries

May 2016 | Comments on Garrett Bredeson’s “Reinach, Natorp, and Early Phenomenology’s
Engagement with the Kantian Tradition”
North American Kant Society Third Biennial Meeting, Emory University (Invited)

Honours

Oct 2020 | Golda Meir Fellow
Nov 2017 | Travel Prize for best graduate student paper, Southern Reading Group, North American Kant
Society (Candidate for the 2017 national Marcus Herz prize)
May 2017 | Travel Prize for best graduate student paper, Eastern Reading Group, North American Kant
Society (Candidate for the 2017 national Marcus Herz prize)
2016-2017 | William Rainey Harper Dissertation Year Fellowship
Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of Chicago
2016-2017 | John U. Nef Fellowship, University of Chicago
Dissertation Writing Fellowship (Declined)
2016 | Graduate Student Travel Stipend to Central APA
2015-2016 | John U. Nef Fellowship, University of Chicago
Dissertation Writing Fellowship
2015 | Division of the Social Sciences Summer Research Grant
2014-2015 | Marshall and Deborah Wais Fellowship, University of Chicago
Dissertation Writing Fellowship
2014 | John U. Nef Summer Language Study Fellowship
2009-2014 | University of Chicago Fellowship, University of Chicago
Tuition and stipend for five years of graduate study
2011 | John U. Nef Summer Language Study Fellowship

Teaching at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

S 2023 | *Value of Human Life* (Graduate seminar)
F 2022 | *Introduction to Moral and Political Philosophy* (Intro-level undergraduate lecture course)
S 2022 | *Kant and the 19th Century* (Upper-level undergraduate seminar)
S 2022 | *On the Ancient Quarrel Between the Philosophers and the Poets* (Upper-level undergraduate
seminar)
F 2021 | *The Being of the Human Being: Aristotle, Kant and Heidegger* (Graduate seminar)
S 2021 | *Kant’s Practical Philosophy* (Upper-level undergraduate seminar)
S 2021 | *The Emotions: Philosophy and Psychoanalytical Perspectives* (Upper-level undergraduate
seminar)
F 2020 | *The Meaning of Life and Death* (Upper-level undergraduate seminar)

Teaching at the University of Cambridge

W 2020 | *Moral Motivation* (Advanced undergraduates lecture series)
F 2019 | *Moral Responsibility* (Advanced undergraduates lecture series)

Supervision Topics include: European Philosophy from Kant, Philosophy of Mind, Ethics

Teaching at the University of Chicago

S 2016		<i>The Emotions: Philosophy and Psychoanalysis</i> Self-designed upper-level undergraduate course
W 2016		<i>Philosophical Perspectives on The Humanities II</i> Humanities Core Course: Early Modern Philosophy and Literature
F 2015		<i>Philosophical Perspectives on The Humanities I</i> Humanities Core Course: Ancient Philosophy and Literature

Courses Prepared to Teach

Introductory Undergraduate Courses

Kant and Post-Kantian Philosophy
Introduction to Ethics
Introduction to Ancient Philosophy
Introduction to Early Modern Philosophy

Advanced Undergraduate Courses

Kant's Theoretical Philosophy, Kant's Practical Philosophy
The Emotions: Historical and Contemporary perspectives
Moral Motivation
Moral Responsibility
Evil and Moral Failure
Feminist Philosophy

Graduate Courses

Conceptualism vs Non-Conceptualism in Kant
Kant on Practical Reason and Practical Sensibility
Unity of Reason: Parallel Issues in Kant's Theoretical and Practical Philosophy
Neo-Kantian Accounts of Moral Motivation and Practical Agency
Contemporary Theories of Desire
Irad Kimhi's *Thinking and Being*

Service

Article Referee for *Kantian Review*, *European Journal of Philosophy*, *Erkenntnis*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Culture, Theory and Critique*

Board Member, *Iyyun* journal (2020-)

2021-		Committee on Gender Equality in Academia, Hebrew University
2018-2020		MA Thesis Examiner, Cambridge University
2018-2020		Undergraduate Philosophy Admissions, Cambridge University
2016-2017		Coordinator, German Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago

2015-2017	Student Affairs Coordinator, Committee on Social Thought, University of Chicago Chair-student liaison, fielded prospective students' inquiries, coordinated visits, maintained department website
2014-2016	Coordinator, Committee on Social Thought Colloquium, University of Chicago Invited visiting speakers, students and faculty to present, made travel arrangements, organized dinners and receptions, advertised events

Graduate Advising

MA Thesis Advisor: Eli Benjamin Israeli

Research Languages

Native	English, Russian, Hebrew
Professional	German
Basic	Ancient Greek, Latin, French

Non-Academic Editorial Work

Senior Editor for the *Point* magazine

References

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