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### ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, August 2015-present

### EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Chicago, 2015

- Dissertation: *Idealization and the Moral Point of View: An Adam Smithian Account of Moral Reasons*
- Committee: Daniel Brudney, Samuel Fleischacker, Brian Leiter (co-chair), Martha Nussbaum (co-chair)

M.A. *magna cum laude* in Clinical Psychology, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2010

M.A. *magna cum laude* in Philosophy, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2007

B.A. *summa cum laude* in Philosophy and Psychology, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2004

### SPECIALIZATION

**AOS:** Moral Philosophy (incl. Normative Ethics, Metaethics, Practical Reason, Moral Psychology); History of Moral Philosophy (esp. Hume, Smith, Nietzsche, Freud); Biomedical Ethics

**AOC:** Social and Political Philosophy; Philosophy of Psychoanalysis; Early Modern Philosophy (esp. Scottish Enlightenment); Nineteenth Century European Philosophy; Wittgenstein

### PUBLICATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED)

“The Internal Morality of Medicine: A Constructivist Approach,” *Synthese*, Special Issue: *Medical Knowledge in a Social World* (forthcoming)

### WORK IN PROGRESS

“The Objectivity of Moral Judgment: David Hume’s and Adam Smith’s Moral Points of View” (under review)

“Solving the New Sympathy-Approbation Problem :A Defense of Smithian Sympathy, Approbation, and Moral Judgment”

“Helping Out the Humean: A Smithian Account of Moral Reasons”

“Comprehensive or Political Liberalism?: The Impartial Spectator and the Justification of Political Principles”

“Conscientious Objection and the Ends of Medicine: Two Sources of Moral Reasons”

“Physician Values and Patient Values: An Overview of the Doctor-Patient Relationship”

“On Wittgenstein’s Notion of a Perspicuous Representation”

## TALKS

(I: Invited; R: Refereed)

“Solving the New Sympathy-Approbation Problem :A Defense of Smithian Sympathy, Approbation, and Moral Judgment”

- Conference: *Enlightenment, Religion, and the Historical Imagination*, Mediterranean Society for the Study of Scottish Enlightenment, Leo Baeck Institute, Jerusalem, May 2017 (I)
- Philosophy Department Colloquium, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, April 2017 (I)

“The Objectivity of Moral Judgment: David Hume’s and Adam Smith’s Moral Points of View”

- 7<sup>th</sup> Annual NYC Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy, Fordham University, May 2017 (R)
- Philosophy Department Colloquium, University of Haifa, March 2015 (I)
- Franke Institute for the Humanities, University of Chicago, October 2014 (I)
- Practical Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago, October 2014

“The Internal Morality of Medicine: A Constructivist-Proceduralist Approach”

- Main Program, APA Central Division Meeting, March 2017 (R)
- Annual Conference, American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, October 2016 (R)
- Conference: *Medical Knowledge in a Social World*, University of California, Irvine, March 2016 (R)

“An Adam Smithian Account of Moral Reasons”

- Philosophy Department Colloquium, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, December 2016 (I)
- Department of Philosophy, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, February 2015 (I)
- Graduate Research Conference, University of Chicago, December 2014
- Practical Philosophy Workshop, Northwestern University, April 2014 (I)
- Conference: *Ethics and Wellbeing*, Kyoto University, November 2013 (I)

“Conscientious Objection and the Ends of Medicine: Two Sources of Moral Reasons”, Annual Conference, American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, October 2016 (R)

“Comprehensive or Political Liberalism?: The Impartial Spectator and the Justification of Political Principles”, Conference: *Democracy and the Enlightenment*, Mediterranean Society for the Study of Scottish Enlightenment, Isik University, Istanbul, May 2016 (I)

“Adam Smith and the Possibility of Universal Virtue”, Conference: *Adam Smith and Virtue*, Centre for the Study of Mind in Nature, University of Oslo, August 2015 (I)

“On Wittgenstein’s Notion of a Perspicuous Representation”

- Graduate Conference in Philosophy, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, July 2012 (R)
- Conference: *Mind, Language, and Cognition: Historical Perspectives*, Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy, McMaster University, May 2012 (R)
- Wittgenstein Workshop, University of Chicago, May 2011

“Wittgenstein’s Critique of Freud and Psychoanalysis: ‘A Descriptive Picture’”

- Conference: *The Legacy of Freud: Between Science and Art*, European Forum, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, November 2006 (R)
- International Psychoanalytic Association Workshop: *Developing Conceptual Dimensions of Psychoanalysis*, Sigmund Freud Institute, Frankfurt, October 2006 (R)

## **INVITED COMMENTS AND ROUNDTABLES**

Participant, Roundtable: *The Nature of Rights-Based Moral Reasoning* (co-sponsored by the Program in Law and Philosophy, UIUC and Churchill College, Cambridge University), Cambridge University, November 2017

Comments on Jesse Summers's (Duke University) "*Post Hoc Ergo Propter Hoc: Some Benefits of Rationalization*", Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics Conference, Northwestern University, May 2016

Comments on Sharon Street's (New York University) "How to be a Relativist about Normativity", Conference: *Moral Disagreements*, University of Chicago, March 2012

Comments on Michael Forster's (University of Chicago) "Genealogy", Conference: *Rethinking the Genealogy of Morals*, University of Chicago, October 2009

## **ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

Lady Davis Postdoctoral Fellowship, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2015-2016 (declined)

Science, Ethics, and Democracy Postdoctoral Fellowship, Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Tel Aviv University, 2015-2016 (declined)

Franke Institute for the Humanities Dissertation Year Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2014-2015

Doolittle-Harrison Travel Award, University of Chicago, 2012

Lee Prize for Best Graduate Essay in Practical Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, University of Chicago, 2009

Doctoral Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2008-2013

Fulbright Doctoral Fellowship, 2008-2010 (declined)

Yael Cohen Award for Excellence in Graduate Studies in Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2007

European Forum Fellowship & Sigmund Freud Center Fellowship (both awarded for M.A. thesis in philosophy), Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2006

M.A. Fellowship, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2004-2006

Moshe Yedlin Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Studies in Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2004

Rector Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2002

## **TEACHING FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by their Students, UIUC, Fall 2016

- For receiving 4.5 out of 5 or higher in both teaching effectiveness & quality of course

List of Teachers Ranked as Outstanding by their Students, UIUC, Fall 2016

- For ranking in top 10% of university instructors in both teaching effectiveness & quality of course

Stuart Tave Teaching Fellowship, Division of the Humanities, University of Chicago, 2013-2014 & 2014-2015

History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Science and Medicine B.A. Lectureship, University of Chicago, 2013-2014

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### ***Introductory Undergraduate Courses***

Biomedical Ethics, UIUC, Fall 2015 & Spring 2016

Early Modern Philosophy, UIUC, Spring 2017

Introduction to Philosophy, UIUC, Fall 2016

Philosophical Perspectives on the Humanities I: Ancient Philosophy, University of Chicago, Fall 2013

Philosophical Perspectives on the Humanities II: Early Modern Philosophy, University of Chicago, Winter 2013

### ***Advanced Undergraduate Courses and Undergraduate Seminars***

(G: Also Open to Graduate Students)

On the Origins of Morality and Religion: Nietzsche's and Freud's Genealogical Methods, University of Chicago, Spring 2015

Psychoanalysis and Feminism: Freud, Lacan, Klein, Winnicott, and their Feminist Interlocutors, University of Chicago, Spring 2014

Recent Developments in Ethics: Objectivity in Ethics, UIUC, Fall 2015 & Spring 2017 (G)

Reasons, Motivation, and Morality, University of Chicago, Spring 2013

Topics in Medical Ethics: The Moral Boundaries of Medicine, University of Chicago, Winter 2014

### ***Graduate Seminars***

Dissertation Seminar, UIUC, Fall 2016

Ethical Theory Seminar: Modest Objectivity in the Moral Philosophy of the 18th & 20th Centuries, UIUC, Spring 2016

## **ADVISING**

Ph.D. Committee Member, UIUC: Clayton Alsup (in progress)

## **PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING**

Certificate in University Teaching, Chicago Center for Teaching, University of Chicago, 2013-2014

- Program consisting of seminars, workshops, and round-table discussions on effective pedagogy (incl. seminars/workshops on course design) as well as in-class visitations and feedback sessions

Pedagogies of Writing, Writing Program, University of Chicago, 2009

- Quarter-long course on teaching academic writing

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### ***To the Profession***

Referee, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Southwest Philosophy Review*

### ***To the University***

Coordinator, Practical Philosophy Workshop, Department of Philosophy, UIUC, 2016-present

Library Liaison, Department of Philosophy, UIUC, 2016-2017

Member, Advisory Committee, Department of Philosophy, UIUC, 2016-2017

Member, TA Oversight Committee, Department of Philosophy, UIUC, 2016-2017

Participant, Graduate Admissions, Department of Philosophy, UIUC, 2016 & 2017

Member, Search Committee for Lecturer in Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, UIUC, 2016

Member, Undergraduate Program Committee, Department of Philosophy, UIUC, 2015-2016

Member, Prizes and Scholarships Committee, Department of Philosophy, UIUC, 2015-2016

Coordinator, Practical Philosophy Workshop, Department of Philosophy, University of Chicago, 2012-2014

Coordinator, Formal Philosophy Workshop, Department of Philosophy, University of Chicago, 2010-2011

## **CLINICAL AND CLINICAL ETHICS EXPERIENCE**

Research Affiliate, Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana, 2017-present

Member, Ethics Committee, Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana, 2016-present

Participant, Weekly Ethics Case Conference, MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics, University of Chicago Hospitals, Chicago, 2010-2014

Therapy and Diagnostic Intern (M.A. clinical practicum), Day Department, Talbiya Mental Health Center, Jerusalem, 2004-2006

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Philosophical Association

American Society for Bioethics and Humanities

Hume Society

International Adam Smith Society

Mediterranean Society for the Study of Scottish Enlightenment

## **POETRY PUBLICATIONS AND AWARDS**

*Hitukh Matsav* (English title: *Elevation*), Tel Aviv: Gvanim, 2009

Rachel Negev Poetry Award, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2007

Second Prize, Harry Hershon Literary Competition, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2003

## LANGUAGES

Hebrew (native speaker); English (native speaker proficiency); German (reading proficiency)

## REFERENCES

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