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Education

Ph.D. Philosophy, Columbia University, 1998.

M.A. Philosophy, Columbia University, 1993.

B.A. Philosophy and History of Science, The Hebrew University Of Jerusalem, 1990

Areas of Specialization

Early Modern Philosophy, especially Leibniz and Spinoza

Areas of Competence

Multiculturalism and Identity, Wittgenstein, Philosophy of Biology

History of Academic Appointments

2006-Present Philosophy Department, Bar-Ilan University: Senior Lecturer

2003 Philosophy Department, Bar-Ilan University: Lecturer

1997-2003 Tel-Hai Academic College, School of Humanities and Social Sciences: Lecturer

Visiting Appointments

2009-10 Princeton University, Visiting fellow.

2008 École Normale Supérieure, France, Invited Professor.

2007-08 Philosophy Department, Princeton University, Visiting fellow.

2004- 05 Philosophy Department, Lehigh University, Visiting Professor.

1996-97 École Normale Supérieure, France, Research Fellow.

Teaching Experience

- 2008-09 Bar-Ilan University: Modern Philosophy; Texts in Modern Philosophy; Kant's Philosophy; Wittgenstein's Philosophy; Philosophy of Biology.
- 2006-07 Bar-Ilan University: Introduction to Modern Philosophy; Texts in Modern Philosophy; Reading in Kant's First Critique; Wittgenstein's Philosophy.
Tel-Hai Academic College: Introduction to Game Theory.
- 2005-06 Bar-Ilan University: Introduction to Modern Philosophy; Texts in Modern Philosophy; Multiculturalism in Israel; Leibniz's Metaphysics.
- 2004-05 Lehigh University: Leibniz and Locke; Philosophical Tales.
- 2003-04 Bar-Ilan University: Introduction to Modern Philosophy; Texts in Modern Philosophy; Topics in the Philosophy of Biology; Leibniz's Metaphysics.
- 2002-03 Bar-Ilan University: Introduction to Modern Philosophy; Texts in Modern Philosophy; Leibniz and Spinoza; The Notion of the Self in the Modern Period.
Tel-Hai Academic College: History of Science in the Modern Period; Logic, Philosophical Tales; Dialogue in Multicultural Society.
- 2001-02 Bar-Ilan University: Introduction to Modern Philosophy; Texts in Modern Philosophy; The Enlightenment and its Critics; Leibniz and Spinoza.
Tel-Hai Academic College: History of Science in the Modern Period; Introduction to the Philosophy of Education, Philosophical Tales.
- 2000-01 Bar-Ilan University: Introduction to Modern Philosophy; Texts in Modern Philosophy; The Enlightenment and its Critics.
Tel-Hai Academic College: Science and Philosophy, Philosophical Texts.
- 1999-00 Bar-Ilan University: Introduction to Modern Philosophy.
Tel-Hai Academic College: Introduction to Modern Philosophy; Philosophical Topics in the Theory of Evolution; Negotiation in Multicultural Society; Political Philosophy.
- 1998-99 Tel-Hai Academic College: History of Science in the Modern Period; Descartes, Spinoza and Leibniz; Philosophical Topics in the Theory of Evolution; Negotiation in Multicultural Society; Introduction to Greek Philosophy.
- 1997-8 Tel-Hai Academic College: Moral Philosophy; Political Philosophy; Philosophy of Language.

- 1995-96 New York University: Introduction to Philosophy.
 1994-95 Columbia University: Self and Society.
 1993-94 Columbia University: Elementary Logic (fall and Spring semesters).
 1992-93 Columbia University, Teaching Assistant: Moral Philosophy.
 1991-92 Jewish Theological Seminary, New York: Modern Hebrew.

Publications

Authored Books

Possibility, Agency, and Individuality in Leibniz's Metaphysics, Springer, The New Synthese Historical Library, March, 2007.

Edited Books

1. *Examining Multiculturalism in Israel*, Magnes Press, Jerusalem, 2003. (Contributors: Charles Taylor, Michael Walzer, et al.)
2. *Machines of Nature and Corporeal Substances in Leibniz*, Justin E. H. Smith and Ohad Nachtomy (Eds.), forthcoming in Springer, The New Synthese Historical Library.
3. *The Multicultural Challenge in Israel* (eds.), Avi Sagi and Ohad Nachtomy Forthcoming in Academic Studies Press, 2009.

Articles

1. "Wittgenstein on Forming Concepts and Seeing Aspects", *Iyyun*, July, 1997, pp. 267-91.
2. "Quelques remarques sur la question de l'individualité chez Leibniz et chez Spinoza", *DATA*, ENS, February, 1998.
3. "The Individual's Place in Logical Space: Leibniz on Possible Individuals and their Relations", *Studia Leibnitiana*, Band XXX/2 1998, pp. 161-177.
4. "On Leibniz's Notion of Matter", *Iyyun*, April 1999 (in Hebrew), pp. 187-208.
5. "Individuals, Worlds, and Relations: A Discussion of Catherine Wilson's 'Plentitude and Compossibility in Leibniz'", 2001, *The Leibniz Review*, Vol. 11, 117-125.
6. "Leibnizian Organisms, Nested Individuals, and Units of Selection", (with Ayelet Shavit and Justin Smith), *Theory in Bioscience*, (2002) 121: 205-230.

7. "Spinoza et les normes de la logique", in *Spinoza et la norme*, Presses Universitaires Franc-Comtoises, France, March, 2002, pp. 23-33.
8. Introduction to *Examining Multiculturalism in Israel* (Magness 2003).
9. "The Demands for Recognition and the Danger of Sterile Discussion" (Hebrew), in *Examining Multiculturalism in Israel* (Magness 2003).
10. "Leibniz's Combinatorial Notion of Possibility and the Universal Language" (Hebrew), in *Siach vasig*, Y. Senderovitz and N. Neeman, (eds.), University Publishing Projects, Israel, 2003.
11. "On Language and Identity", *Iyuan*, April, 2003 (Hebrew).
12. "Leibniz on Possible Individuals." *Studia Leibnitiana*, Band 34, 1, 2002 pp. 31-58.
13. "Leibniz on the Greatest Number and the Greatest Being" *The Leibniz Review*, December, 2005, pp. 49-66.
14. "Leibniz on Nested Individuality", *Metaphora*, Spring, 2006 (in Hebrew).
15. "Locke, Leibniz and Borges: Universal and Particular Concepts in the Nouveaux Essais", in *Leibniz selon les Nouveaux Essais sur l'entendement humain*, Francois Duchesneau and Jérémie Griard (eds.), co-published by Vrin, Paris and Bellarmin-Fides, Montréal, 2006, pp. 167-178.
16. "Leibniz and Russell: The Number of all Numbers and the Set of All Sets", in *Leibniz and the English-Speaking World*, Pauline Phemister and Stuart Brown, (eds.), Springer, 2007.
17. "Leibniz on Nested Individuals", *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, 2007.
18. "Gene expression and the concept of the phenotype". *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science Part C: Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Sciences*, Volume 38, Issue 1, March 2007, Pages 238-254. (with A. Shavit, and Z. Yakhini).
19. "Leibniz's Rationality as Intelligibility: Divine and Human", Marcelo Dascal (ed.), *"Leibniz: What Kind Of Rationalist?"*; Springer, Logic, Epistemology, and the Unity of Science Series, 2008.
20. "Leibniz and Spinoza: a non-numerical view of infinite substance", ENS Edition (eds.), Pierre-François Moreau, Mogens Laerke, and Raphale Andrault.
21. "Leibniz on Infinite Beings and Non-Beings", MONTREAL STUDIES IN THE HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY, volume 1, The Rationalists: Between Tradition and

Revolution (eds.), Carlos Fraenkel, Dario Perinetti, Justin E. H. Smith, Springer, New Synthese Historical series.

22. "The Reality and Possibility of *Possibilia* in Leibniz 1672-76", *The Leibniz Review*, 2008.
23. "Leibniz on Artificial and Natural Machines" in *Machines of Nature and Corporeal Substances in Leibniz*, Justin E. H. Smith and Ohad Nachtomy (Eds.), forthcoming in Springer, The New Synthese Historical Library.
24. "Qu'est-ce qu'un être vivant au sens cartésien? la réponse de Leibniz à Descartes", in a collection edited by Delphine Kolinski, Editions of the Ecole Normale Supérieure, France.
25. "Leibniz's Modal Philosophy", forthcoming in B. Look (ed.), *A Companion to Leibniz*, Continuum Press.
26. It Takes Two to Tango: Phenotyping and Genotyping in Genome Wide Association Studies, *Biological theory* 42:3, 2009 (with Yaron Ramati, Zohar Yakini, and Ayelet Shavit).
27. Leibniz and the Logic of Life, *Studia Leibnitiana*, 2009.

Conference Proceedings

1. "A Prescriptive Reading of Leibniz's Notion of the Individual and the Labyrinth of Human Freedom", *Proceedings of VII Leibniz's International Congress*, Berlin, September 2001.
2. "L'activité dans la nature et la nature de l'activité chez Spinoza", Forthcoming in *La Nature chez Spinoza*, édités par Charles Ramond. Bordeaux: publications du CREPHINAT.
3. "Leibniz on Infinite Beings and Non-Beings", *Proceedings of the VIII Leibniz International Congress*, Hanover, July 2006.
4. "On Language and Identity" *Proceedings of the Wittgenstein Symposium*, Kirchberg, Austria, August 6-12, 2006.

Reviews

1. "Individuation in Leibniz and Spinoza", Lee C. Rice, *North American Spinoza Society*, (1999). *Bulletin de bibliographie spinoziste*, xxii, France.
2. *Leibniz's Metaphysics of Choice*, by Reginald Savage, *The Leibniz Review*, 2002.
3. "*Leibniz and the Natural World: Activity, Passivity and Corporeal Substances in*

Leibniz's Philosophy", by Pauline Phemister, Springer, New Synthese Historical Library, 2005, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, 2008.

4. *Leibniz lecteur de Spinoza*, by Mogens Laerke, forthcoming in *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*.

Translations

1. Marcelo Dascal, "La polémique dans la science classique", translated from French to Hebrew, published in *Iyyun* 48, 1999.
2. Charles Taylor, *Multiculturalism: Examining the Politics of Recognition*, from English to Hebrew.
3. Michael Walzer, "What Rights to Cultural Communities", from English to Hebrew.
4. Charles Ramond, *Spinoza : dissidences, révoltes et révolutions (la liberté par contumace?)*, translated from French to English, for the International conference Spinoza as Social and Political Thinker, Jerusalem, 30 May – 02 June 2007.

New Book Project

1. *Infinity in Leibniz's Philosophy* (under review at Springer)

Language Competence

Fluency in Hebrew, English, and French
Reading Knowledge of Latin and some Arabic

Honors and Grants

- 2008-11 Israel Science Foundation: 3 years Grant for "Leibniz and the Nested Structure of Living Beings."
- 2006-08 Israel Science Foundation: 2 years Grant for "Advances in Gene Expression Profiling and the Conceptualization of Genotype/Phenotype Relations".
- 2001 Canada Foundation: Grant to support the publication of *Examining Multiculturalism in Israel*.

- 2000 Canada Foundation: Grant to support *Examining Multiculturalism in Israel*.
- 1997-99 Tel-Hai Academic College: Several Research and Travel Grants.
- 1997-99 Ministry of Science, Israel: Grant for Returning Scientists.
- 1996-98 French Government: Scholarship for research at the ENS, France.
- 1997 French Government: Grant for Research during the Summer (CROUS).
- 1996 The Hebrew University: Post-doctoral (Lady Davis) Fellowship (declined).
- 1992-96 Columbia University: President's Doctoral Fellowships.
- 1992 The Mellon Foundation: Summer Fellowship for Language studies.
- 1991 The Hebrew University: Rachel Romano Prize for Outstanding Achievement.
- 1990 The Hebrew University: Dean's List.
- 1987-90 The Hebrew University: Scholarships for the B.A.

Professional Activities

- 2008 Organizing (with Justin Smith) a conference on Organisms, Corporeal Substances, and Natural machines in Leibniz, Paris, Sorbonne, March 14-15.
- 2007 Running (with Yakir Levin) a reading group in history of Modern Philosophy.
- 2006 Organizing Committee of the Annual Conference of the Israeli Association for Philosophy, February 22, responsible for an international session on Modern Philosophy.
- 2006 Organizing (with Lucas Thorpe) an international conference Leibniz and Kant, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey
- 2005 Organizing Committee for the international conference Leibniz: What Kind of a Rationalist, Jerusalem and Tel-Aviv.
- 1999 Organizing a Conference on Multiculturalism in Israel at Tel-Hai Academic College
- 1999 Organizing a session on Multicultural Theory and the Israeli Society at PRAGMA99, an International Conference on Pragmatics and Negotiation at Tel-Aviv University
- 1998 Organizing a Conference on Science and Philosophy at Tel-Hai Academic College, published in *Iyyun*, 48, 1999.

Talks and Invited Lectures

- * Invited Comment, APA Eastern Division, December, 2009 in the Early Modern Session.
- * LSNA meeting, Princeton, September 2008.
- * “Molecularizing Mendel,” The annual conference of the Israeli Society for History and Philosophy of Science, March 16, 2008, The Science Museum, Jerusalem (with Yaron Ramati, Zohar Yakhini, and Ayelet Shavit).
- * “Leibniz on Natural and Artificial Machines”, March, 14-15, 2008, Paris.
- * Presentations of 2007 Book at Princeton University (October), Columbia University (November) and ENS-Ish, Lyon (February 2008).
- * Chicago Workshop in History of Modern Philosophy: “What’s Leibniz’s distinction between natural and artificial machines got to do with his view of infinity?” November 30, 2007.
- * "Existence and Possibility between Leibniz and Kant." Oxford Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, 20-21 October, 2007.
- * “Leibniz’s Comments on Spinoza’s Ethics”, Colloque international: Leibniz and Spinoza, 15-17 March 2007, Ecole Normale Supérieure – Lettres et Sciences Humaines (Lyon), France.
- * Invited Comment on Ruth Garrett Millikan “How Many Ways to Tell a Weasel”, Bar-Hillel Colloquium, Tel-Aviv, November 6, 2006.
- * “Is Existence a Predicate and the Notion of Possibility between Leibniz and Kant”, International Conference on Leibniz and Kant, Bilkent University, Ankara Turkey August 12-24, 2006.
- * “Some Analogies Between Language and Identity” Wittgenstein Symposium, Kirchberg, Austria, August 6-12, 2006.
- * “Leibniz on Infinite Beings and Non-Beings”, VIII Leibniz International Congress, Hanover, July 2006.
- * “Gene Expression and the Concept of Phenotype”, Annual conference of the Israel Society for History & Philosophy of Science, March 26, 2006.
- * “On Names and Identity”, invited talk for the translation program at Bar-Ilan University, February, 2006.
- * “Leibniz on The Greatest Being and the Greatest Number”, Midwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Chicago, November 12-13, 2005.

- * “Leibniz’s Rationality as Intelligibility: Divine and Human”, International Conference: Leibniz: What Kind of a Rationalist, Jerusalem and Tel-Aviv, June 2005.
- * “Change of Name and Change of Identity”. Lehigh University, Spring 2005: April, 24.
- * Montreal Group in History of Philosophy: “Leibniz on the Greatest Being and the Greatest Number”, April, 15, 20005.
- * New Israel Philosophical Association, February 17, 20005: Wittgenstein On the Scope and Formation of Internal Relations.
- * “Leibniz on Nested Individuality”, University of Kentucky, February 2005.
- * “Locke et Leibniz sur le composition des concepts”, University of Paris X, 2004.
- * “Possibility, Agency and Individuality in the Philosophy of Leibniz”, Lecture Series at the Faculty Seminar, Lehigh university, 8-10/ 2004:.
- * Locke, Leibniz and Borges: Universal and Particular Concepts in the Nouveaux Essais, Nouveaux Essais Conference, The University of Montreal, October, 2004.
- * “Leibniz and Russell: The Number of all Numbers and the Set of All Sets.” Leibniz and the English Speaking World, Liverpool, September, 2003.
- * A Comment on Justin Smith’s “Leibniz’s on Being Embodied”, The APA, Central Division, Cleveland, April, 2003.
- * “Leibniz on the Formation of Individual Concepts”, The Young Leibniz Conference, Rice University, Houston, April, 2003.
- * "Agency in Nature and the Nature of Agency in Spinoza", Journée d'Etude sur Spinoza et la Nature, May, 2002, University of Bordeau, France.
- * "Leibniz on the Unity of Nested Individuals", The Midwest Seminar in the History of Philosophy, October, 2001, University of Miami, Ohio.
- * "A Prescriptive Reading of Leibniz’s Notion of the Individual and the Labyrinth of Human Freedom”, VII Leibniz's International Congress, Berlin, September 2001.
- * "Rethinking the Unit of Selection", The Israeli Association of Philosophy, Ben-Gurion University, 17, April, 2000.
- * "Leibniz on Possible Individuals", Haifa University, 27, March, 2000.
- * "Leibniz on Well-Founded Phenomena", Columbia University, September 1999.
- * “Spinoza on Activity and Necessity”, an International Conference Spinoza by 2000, Jerusalem, June 1999.

- * “The Demands for Recognition and the Danger of Sterile Discussion”, PRAGMA 99, an International Conference, June 1999, Tel-Aviv.
- * “The Individual’s Place in the Logical Space”, Tel Aviv University, April 1999.
- * “Charles Taylor’s Notion of Personal Identity”, Multiculturalism in Israel, Tel-Hai Academic College, March 1999.
- * “Leibniz’s Notion of Matter”, “Science and Philosophy” Conference, Tel-Hai Academic College, June 1998.
- * "Spinoza et les normes de la logique", March, 1998, Sorbonne, Paris.
- * "Leibniz’s Notion of Possibility", Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris, 1997.