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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto 2013
Dissertation: *Luck, Beneficence and Conflict in the Ethics of Levi Gersonides*
Supervisor: David Novak

M.A. Department of Jewish Thought, Hebrew University of Jerusalem 2009

B.A. Honors, with distinction, Political Science, Jewish Studies, 2006
University of Toronto

EMPLOYMENT

University of Florida, Hamilton Center for Classical and Civic Education
Assistant Professor 2024-Present

State University of New York, University at Buffalo
Department of Jewish Thought
Visiting Associate Professor 2021-2024
Buffalo Community Jewish Educator
Assistant Professor 2013-2021
Director of Undergraduate Studies 2017-2021

Yeshiva University
Adjunct Professor of Jewish Philosophy, Bernard Revel Graduate School 2021, 2023
of Jewish Studies

Jewish Theological Seminary
Adjunct Professor 2021

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Medieval and Early Modern Jewish Philosophy, Ethics, History of Biblical Interpretation

PUBLICATIONS

(A) Peer Reviewed Books

1. *Jewish Virtue Ethics*, eds. Geoffrey Claussen, Alexander Green, and Alan Mittleman.
Albany: State University of New York Press, 2023.

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Reviews:

Robin Gill, *Theology* 127, no. 3 (May 2024): 158-159

Ben Frogel, "Character and Covenant," *Leherhaus* Feb 25, 2024

2. *Power and Progress: Joseph Ibn Kaspi and the Meaning of History*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2019.

Reviews:

Federico Dal Bo, *H-Net H-Judaic* (September 2022).

Steven H. Frankel, *Interpretation* 47, no. 2 (Winter 2021), pp. 419-423.

3. *The Virtue Ethics of Levi Gersonides*. New York: Palgrave-MacMillan, 2016.

Reviews:

David Lemler, *Revue des Études Juives* 178, no. 3-4 (July-December 2019), pp. 479-481.

Geoffrey Claussen, *Journal of Jewish Ethics* 5, no. 2 (December 2019), pp. 233-237.

Tamar Rudavsky, *Association for Jewish Studies Review* 43, no. 1 (April 2019), pp. 221-223.

Raymond Hain, *Interpretation* 44, no. 3 (Spring 2018), pp. 487-491

Idit Dobbs-Weinstein, *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 56, no. 2 (April 2018), pp. 368-369

(B) Articles in Peer Reviewed Journals

"Maimonides on the Psychology of Leadership in the *Mishneh Torah*," *Maimonides' Review of Philosophy and Religion* 3 (2024): 1-22.

"Trust, Hope and Fortitude as Theological Virtues in Joseph Albo's *Sefer ha-Ikkarim*," *Jewish Thought: Journal of the Goldstein Goren International Center of Jewish Thought* 5 (2023): 55-73.

"Crescas and Gersonides on Freedom, Astrology and Divine Omniscience," *Journal of Jewish Thought and Philosophy* 31, no. 1 (2023): 57-72.

"Joseph Ibn Kaspi on Contradictions in the Bible," *Journal of Religion* 101, no. 2 (2022): 184-203.

"Four Critiques of Crescas against Maimonides and the Relationship of Intellect and Practice in Religion," *Journal of Textual Reasoning* 13, no. 1 (2022): 68-85.

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- “David Novak, Natural Law and Medieval Jewish Philosophy,” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 49, no. 4 (2021): 638-656.
- “Gersonides on Job’s Ethical Error,” *Journal of Jewish Ethics* 7, no. 1-2 (2021): 1-12.
- “Does God Prefer the Powerful? Reforming the King in Judah Halevi’s *Kuzari*,” *Jewish Studies Quarterly* 28, no. 1 (2021): 1-20.
- “Fear and Awe in the Thought of Maimonides,” *The Boenhoffer Legacy: An International Journal* 7, no. 1-2 (2019): 41-57.
- “MacIntyre and Nussbaum on Diversity, Liberalism and Christianity,” *Perspectives on Political Science* 46, no. 2 (2017): 137-147.
- “A Portrait of Spinoza as a Maimonidean Reconsidered,” *Shofar* 34, no. 1 (2015): 81-106.
- “Maimonides on Courage,” *Jewish Studies Quarterly* 22, no. 2 (2015): 162-183.
- “Spinoza on the Ethics of Courage and the Jewish Tradition,” *Modern Judaism* 33, no. 2 (2013): 199-225.
- “Power, Deception and Comedy: The Politics of Exile in the Book of Esther,” *Jewish Political Studies Review* 23, no. 1 and 2 (2011): 61-78.

(C) Chapters in Peer Reviewed Edited Collections

- “Miracles,” in *The Routledge Companion to Jewish Philosophy*, eds. Daniel Rynhold and Tyron Goldschmidt (by invitation, submitted).
- “Gersonides and Ibn Kaspi on the Uncertainty of the Future and the Practical Intellect,” in *Averroes and Averroism in Medieval Jewish Thought*, ed. Racheli Haliva, Yoav Meyrav and Daniel Davies. Leiden: Brill, 2024: 309-327.
- “Introduction,” (co-written with Geoffrey Claussen and Alan Mittleman) in *Jewish Virtue Ethics* eds. Geoffrey Claussen, Alexander Green and Alan Mittleman. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2023: 1-7.
- “Gersonides,” in *Jewish Virtue Ethics* eds. Geoffrey Claussen, Alexander Green and Alan Mittleman. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2023: 149-161.
- “Three Readings of Averroes’ *Commentary in Plato’s Republic* in Medieval Jewish Thought,” in *Plato Across Civilizations: Novel Perspectives on Averroes’ Commentary on Plato’s Republic*, ed. Alexander Orwin. Rochester: University of Rochester Press, 2022: 277-296.

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(D) Encyclopedia Entries

“Providence, Medieval Judaism,” *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, vol. 23, eds. Constance M. Furey, Joel Marcus LeMon, Brian Matz, Thomas Chr. Römer, Jens Schröter, Barry Dov Walfish, Eric Ziolkowski (submitted, forthcoming).

“Ibn Kaspi,” in *The Encyclopedia of Scepticism and Jewish Tradition*, ed. Yoav Meyrav. Leiden: Brill (submitted, forthcoming).

“Gersonides,” in *The Encyclopedia of Scepticism and Jewish Tradition*, ed. Yoav Meyrav. Leiden: Brill (submitted, forthcoming).

“Gersonides,” in *The Encyclopedia of Philosophy of Religion*, vol. ii, eds. Stewart Goetz and Charles Taliaferro. Wiley-Blackwell, 2021.

(E) Book Reviews

Review of Shalom Sadik, *Maimonides: A Radical Religious Philosopher*. New Jersey: Gorgias Press, 2023. In *Australian Journal of Jewish Studies* 36 (2023): 123-127.

Review of Dianna Roberts-Zauderer, *Metaphor and Imagination in Medieval Jewish Thought: Moses ibn Ezra, Judah Halevi, Moses Maimonides, and Shem Tov ibn Falaquera*. In *Journal of Textual Reasoning* 13, no. 1 (2022): 291-295.

Review of James Diamond, *Jewish Theology Unbound*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018. *Journal of Textual Reasoning* 12, no. 1 (March 2021): 170-174.

Review of Tamar Rudavsky, *Jewish Philosophy in the Middle Ages: Science, Rationalism and Religion*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018. H-Judaic, H-Net Reviews, June 2019.

Review of David Nirenberg, *Neighboring Faiths: Christianity, Islam, and Judaism in the Middle Ages and Today*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2014. In *Review of Metaphysics* 69, no. 1 (2015): 149-151.

Review of Alan Mittleman, *A Short History of Jewish Ethics: Conduct and Character in the Context of Covenant*. West Sussex: Wiley-Blackwell, 2012. In *Journal of Religion* 93, no. 3 (2013): 403-405.

Review of Joel Kraemer, *Maimonides: The Life and World of One of Civilization's Greatest Minds*. New York: Doubleday Religious Publishing Group, 2008. In *Review of Politics* 72, no. 1 (2010): 164-167.

Review of Paul Bagley, *Philosophy, Theology and Politics: A Reading of Spinoza's Tractatus Theologico-Politicus*. London: Brill, 2008. In *Review of Metaphysics* 63, no. 4 (2010): 908-909.

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(F) In Progress

Maimonides' Moral Psychology (under contract with Oxford University Press)

Shlomo Pines, *Spinoza and the Medieval Jewish Philosophical Tradition* (edited translation, first draft of manuscript completed)

COURSES TAUGHT

(A) State University of New York, University at Buffalo

Classic and Medieval Ethics and Political Philosophy (Jewish, Christian, Islamic)

Ethics: Jewish, Christian, Islamic

History of Antisemitism

Interpreting the Hebrew Bible: the Great Jewish (Medieval) Commentators

Introduction to the Hebrew Bible

Introduction to Jewish Ethics

Introduction to Judaism

Jewish Environmental Ethics

Justice in Bible, Law and Philosophy

Love and Desire in Judaism

Origin of Good and Evil: Introduction to Ethical Questions

Maimonides' *Guide of the Perplexed*

Medieval Judaism

Medieval Philosophy

Science, Religion and Ethics in Jewish Thought

(B) Yeshiva University

Virtue and the Good Life in Medieval Jewish Philosophy

Visions of a Just Society in Medieval Jewish, Christian and Islamic Philosophy

Guided Reading: Medieval Islamic Philosophy

(C) Jewish Theological Seminary

Virtue and the Good Life in Medieval Jewish Philosophy