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Research Areas

Areas of Specialization: Ethics, Moral Psychology, Kant

Areas of Competence: Early Modern Philosophy, Aesthetics, Feminist Philosophy

Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy, Temple University	2021–present
Dissertation Title: A Relational Theory of Trust	
<i>Committee:</i> Lee-Ann Chae (advisor), Miriam Solomon, Eugene Chislenko	
M.A. in Philosophy, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem	2022
Thesis Title: Immortality Made Possible: Kant's Dynamic Sublime in Service of the Postulate of Immortality	
<i>Advisor:</i> Anastasia Berg	
B.A. in Philosophy, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem	2018

Papers

Publications

1. Israel, Eli Benjamin. "Navigating Vagueness: Rule-Following and The Scope of Trust." *Philosophical Quarterly*, forthcoming. <https://doi.org/10.1093/pq/pqaf013>
2. Israel, Eli Benjamin. "A Kantian Account of Moral Trust." *Kantian Review*, forthcoming.
3. Israel, Eli Benjamin. "Do You Mind Violating My Will? Revisiting and Asserting Autonomy." In *The Philosophy of Sexual Violence*, edited by Georgi Gardiner and Micol Bez. Routledge, forthcoming.
4. Israel, Eli Benjamin. "Caring for Valid Sexual Consent." *Hypatia*, 2024, 1–21. <https://doi.org/10.1017/hyp.2024.42>

Under Review

- A. "Participant Trust"
- B. "An Atemporal Account of Kant's Postulate of Immortality"

Work in Progress

- C. "Revisiting Consent's Transformative Power"
- D. "Affairs of Reliance and Trust"
- E. "Breaking Trust: Disappointment and Betrayal as Relational Attitudes"
- F. "Horizontal Relationships and Civic Trust"

Awards & Fellowships

Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies	2025
Markus Herz Student Essay Prize, North American Kant Society	2024
Nordev Prize for Best Preliminary Paper, Temple University	2024
APA Central Meeting Graduate Student Stipend	2024
Research Trip Award, The Society for Applied Philosophy	2024
Service Award, Department of Philosophy, Temple University	2024
Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Pacific North American Kant Society	2024
Travel Grant, The Graduate School, Temple University	2023; 2024
Travel Grant, Ira Lawrence Fund	2023; 2024
JNF-KKL Israel-Switzerland Philosophy Fund Prize	2019; 2020
Prof. Dr. Peter Landesmann German Language Fellowship	2018

Presentations (*** for invited, refereed otherwise*)

Selected Talks

1. "Participant Trust," APA Central Division, Colloquium (February 2025)
2. "Participant Trust," 28th Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference (November 2024)
3. "Revisiting Consent's Transformative Power," The 5th Annual SAFI Interdisciplinary Network for Women in Legal Academia (September 2024)
4. "Participant Trust," Liberalism Rekindled Research Group, The Hebrew University (June 2024)**
5. "Caring for Valid Sexual Consent," The Center for Positive Sexuality Talk Series (May 2024)**
6. "A Kantian Account of Moral Trust," Pacific North American Kant Society Conference, University of Washington (March 2024)
7. "Caring for Valid Sexual Consent," APA Eastern Division, The Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love (January 2024)**
8. "Caring for Valid Sexual Consent," Graduate Conference in Ethics, LMU-Munich (July 2023)
9. "Immortality Made Possible: The Practical Role of Kant's Dynamical Sublime," 22nd International Congress of Aesthetics, Federal University of Minas Gerais (July 2023)
10. "Immortality Made Possible: The Practical Role of Kant's Dynamical Sublime," W. H. Werkmeister and Southern North American Kant Society Conference, Florida State University (April 2023)
11. "Desires, Salience, and Motivational Impact," Workshop on Practical Mental Representations, Chapman University (February 2023)
12. "Do You Mind Violating My Will: Revisiting and Asserting Autonomy," The Israeli Philosophical Association Annual Conference (June 2022)
13. "Kant on Marital Rape," The Israeli Philosophical Association Annual Conference (May 2022)
14. "Perfection and Pleasure in Malebranche's Theory of Love," The Princeton-Bucharest Virtual Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy (May 2022)
15. "Do You Mind Violating My Will: Revisiting and Asserting Autonomy," Great Lakes Philosophy Conference (April 2022)

16. "Immortality Made Possible: The Practical Role of Kant's Dynamical Sublime," The Israeli Philosophical Association Annual Conference (February 2020)

Panel Participations

- a. Panel on Routledge's "The Philosophy of Sexual Violence" (Edited Volume Contributor), APA Eastern Division, The Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love (January 2025)**
- b. "Applying for Graduate Programs in Philosophy," APA Live Webinar (November 2024)
- c. "Grad School Applications Decisions," APA Live Webinar (March 2024)

Commentaries

- d. Comments on "On Lying, Deception, and Using Others Merely as a Means: What Sort of Prohibition on Lying to Others Does Kant's Formula of Humanity Support?" by Melissa Fahmy, APA Eastern Division* (Jan 2025)
- e. Comments on "Toward a Hermeneutic Theory of Aesthetic Value" by Haley Burke, ASA Eastern Division* (Apr 2024)

Research Projects

Organizer, The Sexual Ethics Circle (SEC)	2024-2025
Research Affiliate, the Center for Positive Sexuality	2024-present
Affiliated Member, Ethical Dating Online Network	2024-present
Affiliated Member, "Liberalism Rekindled" research project led by Professor David Enoch (The Hebrew University)	2024-present
Affiliated Graduate Fellow, Conceptual Foundations of Conflict Project, led by Professor Mark Schroeder (University of Southern California)	2024-2025

Courses Taught

Temple University

Critical Thinking	Spring & Fall 2023-2025
Intro to Ethics	Fall 2023
The Meaning of the Arts	Summer & Fall 2022, Summer 2023, Fall 2024

Rowan University

Intro to Ethics	Fall 2024, Spring 2025
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The Hebrew University

Critical Reading in Philosophical Texts	Fall & Spring 2019-2021
The Enlightenment and Jewish Philosophy	Spring 2021
Central Topics in Jewish Philosophy	Fall 2021
Humanistic Perspectives of the Old Testament	Spring 2020

Service

Referee

Article Referee for *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy*, and *Philosophical Psychology*
Conference Referee for the *Israeli Philosophical Association*

Department

Philosophy Graduate Student Representative, Temple University (two terms)	2022-2024
Philosophy Undergraduate Mentor, The Hebrew University	2017-2018

Profession

Chair, the Graduate Student Council of the APA	2024-2025
Council Member, the Graduate Student Council of the APA	2023-2024
Website & Communications Coordinator, North American Kant Society	2023-2025
Online Seminar Organizer, The Society for the Philosophy of Sex & Love	2022-2024
Co-founder and co-organizer, Philosophy 360° Annual Conference	2018-2021
Co-founder and co-organizer, Philosophy 360° Public Philosophy Series	2018-2021

Outreach & Communication

Podcast Featured Guest, <i>Axiomatic</i>	2025
Blog Post, "Conflicts in Trusting Relationships," Blog of the Conceptual Foundations of Conflict Project	Forthcoming
Blog post, "Caring for Valid Sexual Consent," <i>New Work in Philosophy</i>	2024
Public Talk, "Caring for Valid Sexual Consent," <i>Center for Positive Sexuality</i>	2024
Interview, <i>Why Philosophy? substack by Celine Leboeuf</i>	2024
Panelist, "Grad School Application Decisions," <i>APA Live</i>	2024
Interview, <i>The APA Blog</i>	2023
Op-ed, "Building Community and Trust During a Graduate Student Strike," <i>The APA Blog</i>	2023
Podcast Featured Guest, <i>The Philosopher's Nest</i>	2022
Public Talk, "Consent, Autonomy, and Kink," <i>Israel's Center for Alternative Sexuality</i>	2022
Podcast Featured Guest, <i>What 2 Do With That</i>	2022

Professional Affiliations

American Philosophical Association (APA); The Israeli Philosophy Association (IPA); North American Kant Society (NAKS); Society for Applied Philosophy (SAP); Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love (SPSL)

Languages

Hebrew (native), Portuguese (native), Spanish (intermediate), Italian (basic/elementary proficiency), German (A1/beginner)