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## Employment

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Postdoctoral Fellow, Edmond & Lily Safra Center for Ethics, Tel-Aviv University 2026–2027

## Education

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Ph.D. in Philosophy, Temple University 2026  
Dissertation Title: "A Relational Theory of Trust"  
Committee: Lee–Ann Chae (Chair), Eugene Chislenko, Miriam Solomon, David Conan Wolfsdorf, and Jason D’Cruz (external)

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"  
Advisor: Anastasia Berg

B.A. in Philosophy, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem 2018

## Research Areas

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*Areas of Specialization:* Normative Ethics, Moral Psychology, Kant

*Areas of Competence:* Early Modern Philosophy, Feminist Philosophy, Social & Political Philosophy

## Papers

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### *Publications*

1. "Breaking Trust and Relocating Reacting Feelings," forthcoming in *Episteme*. doi: 10.1017/epi.2026.10103
2. "Navigating Vagueness: Rule–Following and the Scope of Trust," forthcoming in *The Philosophical Quarterly*. doi:10.1093/pq/pqaf013
3. "On Moral Perfection: An Atemporal Reading of Kant’s Postulate of Immortality," forthcoming in the European *Journal of Philosophy*. doi:10.1111/ejop.70040
4. "The Path to Epistemic Courage: Considering Non–Deontic Positive Norms," forthcoming in the *Journal of Philosophy of Emotion*
5. "Do You Mind Violating My Will? Revisiting and Asserting Autonomy," forthcoming in Routledge’s *The Philosophy of Sexual Violence*, edited by Georgi Gardiner and Micol Bez
6. "A Kantian Account of Moral Trust," *Kantian Review* 30:2 (2025), 195–213. doi:10.1017/S1369415425000019
7. "Caring for Valid Sexual Consent," *Hypatia* 40:2 (2025), 308–328. doi:10.1017/hyp.2024.42

*Work in Progress*

- A. "‘I Trust You!’ Sure, But With What? Understanding Broad Trust" (under review)
- B. "Demystifying Consent" (under review)
- C. "DTR, or: Define The Relationship"
- D. "Democratic Distrust" (with Jack Madock)
- E. "Sexual Persuasion" (with Colin Marshall)
- F. "A Defense of High-Society Duties"
- G. "Discretion for Cognitivists About Trust"

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

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*Selected Talks*

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| 1. "Democratic Betrayal," Trust & Cooperation: Vienna Summer School                                                                                                              | July 2026 |
| 2. "Demystifying Consent," APA Pacific Division, Symposium                                                                                                                       | Apr 2026  |
| 3. "Demystifying Consent," APA Central Division, Colloquium                                                                                                                      | Feb 2025  |
| 4. "Breaking Trust: Relocating Disappointment and Betrayal," "From Bitterness to Disappointment and Back" Workshop, University of Vienna                                         | Aug 2025  |
| 5. "Breaking Trust: Relocating Disappointment and Betrayal" Liberalism Rekindled Research Group, The Hebrew University*                                                          | Mar 2025  |
| 6. "Participant Trust," APA Central Division, Colloquium                                                                                                                         | Feb 2025  |
| 7. "Participant Trust," 28th Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference                                                                                                               | Nov 2024  |
| 8. "Revisiting Consent’s Transformative Power," The 5th Annual SAFI Interdisciplinary Network for Women in Legal Academia                                                        | Sep 2024  |
| 9. "Participant Trust," Liberalism Rekindled Research Group, The Hebrew University*                                                                                              | Jun 2024  |
| 10. "Caring for Valid Sexual Consent," The Center for Positive Sexuality Talk Series*                                                                                            | May 2024  |
| 11. "A Kantian Account of Moral Trust," Pacific North American Kant Society Conference, University of Washington in Seattle                                                      | Mar 2024  |
| 12. "Caring for Valid Sexual Consent," APA Eastern Division, The Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love*                                                                     | Jan 2024  |
| 13. "Caring for Valid Sexual Consent," Graduate Conference in Ethics, LMU–Munich                                                                                                 | Jul 2023  |
| 14. "Immortality Made Possible: The Practical Role of Kant’s Dynamical Sublime," 22nd International Congress of Aesthetics, Federal University of Minas Gerais                   | Jul 2023  |
| 15. "Immortality Made Possible: The Practical Role of Kant’s Dynamical Sublime," W. H. Werkmeister and Southern North American Kant Society Conference, Florida State University | Apr 2023  |
| 16. "Desires, Salience, and Motivational Impact," Workshop on Practical Mental Representations, Chapman University                                                               | Feb 2023  |
| 17. "Do You Mind Violating My Will: Revisiting and Asserting Autonomy," The Israeli Philosophical Association Annual Conference                                                  | Jun 2022  |

18. "Kant on Marital Rape," The Israeli Philosophical Association Annual Conference Jul 2022
19. "Perfection and Pleasure in Malebranche's Theory of Love," The Princeton–Bucharest Virtual Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy May 2022
20. "Do You Mind Violating My Will: Revisiting and Asserting Autonomy," Great Lakes Philosophy Conference Apr 2022
21. "Immortality Made Possible: The Practical Role of Kant's Dynamical Sublime," The Israeli Philosophical Association Annual Conference Feb 2020

#### *Panel Participations*

- a. Panel on Routledge's *The Philosophy of Sexual Violence*, APA Eastern Division\* Jan 2025
- b. "Applying for Graduate Programs in Philosophy," APA Live Webinar\* Nov 2024
- c. "Grad School Applications Decisions," APA Live Webinar\* Mar 2024

#### *Commentaries*

- d. Comments on "Themes from the work of Huaping Lu-Adler," Liverpool-Oxford-St Andrews Kantian (LOSAK) Research Centre Annual Conference Dec 2025
- e. Comments on Melissa Fahmy's "On Lying, Deception, and Using Others Merely as a Means", APA Eastern Division\* Jan 2025
- f. Comments on Haley Burke's "Toward a Hermeneutic Theory of Aesthetic Value" by Haley Burke, ASA Eastern Division\* Apr 2024

#### Public Philosophy

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- Blog Post, "Conflicts of Trust," *The Conceptual Foundations of Conflict Project* 2025
- Talk, "Trust and Care in Sexual Consent," ScienceAbroad Talk Series 2025
- Blog Post, "Reflections on Service, the Profession, and the Graduate Student Council," *The APA Blog* 2025
- Featured Guest, *NPR WHYY The Pulse Podcast* 2025
- Featured Guest, *The Axiomatic Podcast* 2025
- Blog post, "Caring for Valid Sexual Consent," *New Work in Philosophy* 2024
- Interview, "Why Philosophy?" *Substack* 2024
- Interview, *The APA Blog* 2024
- Blog Post, "Building Community and Trust During a Graduate Student Strike," *The APA Blog* 2023
- Featured Guest, *The Philosopher's Nest Podcast* 2022
- Talk, "Consent, Autonomy, and Kink," *Israel's Center for Alternative Sexuality* 2022
- Featured Guest, *What 2 Do With That Podcast* 2022

#### Awards & Fellowships

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- Doctoral Dissertation Completion Grant, Temple University 2026
- Nominated for the APA Article Prize 2026
- Professional Development Grant, Temple University 2026

Research Award for Advanced Doctoral Students, College of Liberal Arts, Temple University	2025–202
APA Pacific Meeting Graduate Student Stipend	2025–2026
APA Central Meeting Graduate Student Stipend	2025–2026
Travel Grant, Liverpool-Oxford-St Andrews Kantian (LOSAK) Research Centre	2025
Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies	2025
Markus Herz Student Essay Prize, North American Kant Society	2024
Nordev Essay Prize, Department of Philosophy, Temple University	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, Ira Lawrence Fund	2023–2025
Travel Grant, The Graduate School, Temple University	2023–2025
JNF–KKL Israel–Switzerland Philosophy Fund Prize	2019–2020
Prof. Dr. Peter Landesmann German Language Fellowship	2018

## Research Projects & Affiliations

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### *Research Networks & Affiliations*

Organizer, The Sexual Ethics Circle	2024–present
Research Affiliate, the Center for Positive Sexuality	2024–present
Affiliated Member, Ethical Dating Online Network, University of Leeds	2024–present
Affiliated Member, Liberalism Rekindled Project, The Hebrew University	2024–present
Affiliated Graduate Fellow, Conceptual Foundations of Conflict Project, University of Southern California	2024

### *Workshops & Summer Schools*

Urbino Summer School in Epistemology	2025
Ethics Retreat, The Center for Moral and Political Philosophy, The Hebrew University	2022

### *Research Assistantships*

Research Assistant to Espen Hammer, Temple University	2025
Research Assistant to Kristin Gjesdal, Temple University	2023–2025
Research Assistant to Michael Sevel, University of Sydney	2020

## Teaching

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### *Instructor of Record*

Critical Thinking, Temple University	2023–2025
Introduction to Ethics, Rowan University	2024–2025
Introduction to Ethics, Temple University	2023
The Meaning of the Arts	2022–2024
The Enlightenment and Jewish Philosophy, The Hebrew University	2021

Central Topics in Jewish Philosophy, The Hebrew University 2020

*Recitation Instructor*

Critical Reading in Philosophical Texts (Instructors: David Enoch & Daniel Attas), The Hebrew University 2019–2021

History of Modern Philosophy (Instructor: Michael Roubach), The Hebrew University 2020

*Teaching Assistant*

Introduction to Philosophy of Mind (Instructor: Eli Alshanetsky), Temple University 2022–2023

Ethics and Political Philosophy (Instructor: Lior Erez), The Hebrew University 2021

Introduction to Ethics and Political Philosophy (Instructor: Daniel Attas), The Hebrew University 2018–2021

Service

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*Department*

Host and Organizer, Graduate Workshop on “Cultivating a Professional Online Presence,” Temple University Apr 2026

Philosophy Department Climate Committee, Temple University 2025–2026

Philosophy Graduate Student Representative, Temple University (two terms) 2022–2024

Philosophy Undergraduate Mentor, The Hebrew University 2017–2018

*Profession*

Strategic Plan Advisory Committee, American Philosophical Association 2025

Chair, Graduate Student Council, American Philosophical Association 2024–2025

Graduate Student Council, American Philosophical Association 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-organizer, Philosophy 360° Annual Conference 2018–2021

Co-organizer, Philosophy 360° Public Philosophy Series 2018–2021

*Refereeing*

Article Referee for *Hypatia*, *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophia*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophical Psychology*, and *Synthese*

Conference Referee for the *Israeli Philosophical Association*

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