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Areas of Specialization: Normative Ethics, Moral Psychology, Social & Political Philosophy, Kant
Areas of Competence: Early Modern Philosophy, Feminist Philosophy, Applied Ethics

Employment

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

Visiting Research Fellow 2026
University of Haifa & Zefat Academic College
"Distrust in Science" ISF Project (PIs: Arnon Keren & Boaz Miller)

Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy, Temple University May 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

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- "Breaking Trust and Relocating Reacting Feelings," forthcoming in *Episteme*. doi:10.1017/epi.2026.10103
- "Navigating Vagueness: Rule–Following and the Scope of Trust," forthcoming in *The Philosophical Quarterly*. doi:10.1093/pq/pqaf013
- "On Moral Perfection: An Atemporal Reading of Kant's Postulate of Immortality," *European Journal of Philosophy* 34:2 (2026), 621–638. doi:*10.1111/ejop.70040*
- "A Kantian Account of Moral Trust," *Kantian Review* 30:2 (2025), 195–213. doi:10.1017/S1369415425000019
- "Caring for Valid Sexual Consent," *Hypatia* 40:2 (2025), 308–328. doi:10.1017/hyp.2024.42

Book Chapters

- "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

Commentaries

- "Leaving Kant Behind: Universalism, Anachronism and the Doing History of Philosophy," commentary on Elisabeth Widmer, forthcoming in *Public Reason* (Special Issue on the Work of Huaping Lu-Adler)
- "The Path to Epistemic Courage: Considering Non–Deontic Positive Norms," forthcoming in the *Journal of Philosophy of Emotion*

Work in Progress

- "Democratic Distrust" (co-author: Jack Madock), *under review*
- "'Trusting You," *under review*
- "Demystifying Consent," *under review*
- "For the Love of God: Reason and Pleasure in Malebranche's Theory of Love," *under review*
- "DTR, or: Define The Relationship"
- "Reliable But Non-Trustworthy AI"

Awards & Fellowships

Nominated for the APA Article Prize (Caring for Valid Sexual Consent)	2026
Doctoral Dissertation Completion Grant, Temple University	2026
Professional Development Grant, Temple University	2026
Research Award for Advanced Doctoral Students, College of Liberal Arts, Temple University	2025–2026
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

Presentations *(* for invited, refereed otherwise)*

Selected Talks

- "Relationships as Norm-Based Commitments," "Commitment, Individual and Collective" Workshop, Tampere University — Sep 2026
- "Democratic Betrayal" (co-author: Jack Madock), "Trust & Cooperation" Summer School, University of Vienna — July 2026
- "Demystifying Consent," APA Pacific Division, Symposium — Apr 2026
- "Demystifying Consent," APA Central Division, Colloquium — Feb 2025
- "Breaking Trust: Relocating Disappointment and Betrayal," "From Bitterness to Disappointment and Back" Workshop, University of Vienna — Aug 2025
- "Breaking Trust: Relocating Disappointment and Betrayal" Liberalism Rekindled Research Group, The Hebrew University* — Mar 2025
- "Participant Trust," APA Central Division, Colloquium — Feb 2025
- "Participant Trust," 28th Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference — Nov 2024
- "Revisiting Consent's Transformative Power," The 5th Annual SAFI Interdisciplinary Network for Women in Legal Academia — Sep 2024
- "Participant Trust," Liberalism Rekindled Research Group, The Hebrew University* — Jun 2024
- "Caring for Valid Sexual Consent," The Center for Positive Sexuality Talk Series* — May 2024
- "A Kantian Account of Moral Trust," Pacific North American Kant Society Conference, University of Washington in Seattle — Mar 2024
- "Caring for Valid Sexual Consent," APA Eastern Division, The Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love* — Jan 2024
- "Caring for Valid Sexual Consent," Graduate Conference in Ethics, LMU–Munich — Jul 2023
- "Immortality Made Possible: The Practical Role of Kant's Dynamical Sublime," 22nd International Congress of Aesthetics, Federal University of Minas Gerais — Jul 2023
- "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
- "Desires, Salience, and Motivational Impact," Workshop on Practical Mental Representations, Chapman University — Feb 2023
- "Do You Mind Violating My Will: Revisiting and Asserting Autonomy," The Israeli Philosophical Association Annual Conference — Jun 2022
- "Kant on Marital Rape," The Israeli Philosophical Association Annual Conference — Jul 2022
- "Perfection and Pleasure in Malebranche's Theory of Love," The Princeton–Bucharest Virtual Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy — May 2022
- "Do You Mind Violating My Will: Revisiting and Asserting Autonomy," Great Lakes Philosophy Conference — Apr 2022
- "Immortality Made Possible: The Practical Role of Kant's Dynamical Sublime," The Israeli Philosophical Association Annual Conference — Feb 2020

Commentaries

- Comments on "Themes from the work of Huaping Lu-Adler," Liverpool-Oxford-St — Dec 2025

Andrews Kantian (LOSAK) Research Centre Annual Conference

- Comments on Melissa Fahmy's "On Lying, Deception, and Using Others Merely as a Means", APA Eastern Division* — Jan 2025
- Comments on Haley Burke's "Toward a Hermeneutic Theory of Aesthetic Value" by Haley Burke, ASA Eastern Division* — Apr 2024

Public Philosophy

Featured Guest, *Good Is In The Details Podcast* — forthcoming
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

Research Projects & Affiliations

Research Networks & Affiliations

Research Affiliate, the Center for Positive Sexuality — 2024–present
Affiliated Member, Ethical Dating Online Network, University of Leeds — 2024–present
Organizer, The Sexual Ethics Circle — 2024–2026
Affiliated Member, Liberalism Rekindled Project, The Hebrew University — 2024–2026
Affiliated Graduate Fellow, Conceptual Foundations of Conflict Project, University of Southern California — 2024

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

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
Introduction to 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

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
Panelist, "Applying for Graduate Programs in Philosophy," APA Live Webinar 2024
Panelist, "Grad School Applications Decisions," APA Live Webinar 2024
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*, *Kantian Review*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Philosophia*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophical Psychology*, and *Synthese*
Conference Referee for the *Israeli Philosophical Association*, and *Philosophy 360°*

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