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Education

- 2003 Ph.D. in Rhetoric, University of California, Berkeley
1998 M.A. in Rhetoric, University of California, Berkeley
1994 A.B. in Literature, summa cum laude, Harvard University

Academic Appointments

- 2014- Senior Lecturer (US equivalent: Associate Professor), Department of
Political Science, Tel Aviv University
2007-14 Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Chicago
2005-07 Assistant Professor of Political Science, Syracuse University
2003-05 Mellon Fellow, Society of Fellows in the Humanities, Columbia
University

Publications

Books

- 2013 *Secular Powers: Humility in Modern Political Thought* (University of
Chicago Press)
In Progress *Political Ramifications: Expanding Jewish Political Thought*, edited with
Samuel H. Brody (University of Pennsylvania Press)

Journal Articles

- 2020 "The Politics of Jewish History: David Ben Gurion's Dubnovian
Moment," *Theoretical Inquiries in Law*
2020 "Heretic or Traitor? Spinoza's Excommunication and the Challenge that
Judaism Poses to the Study of Religious Diversity," *Political Theology*
2018 "Can Jewish Ethics Speak to Sovereignty?," *Journal of Jewish Ethics*, 4,
2, pp. 109-135. (Published with a response by Luke Bretherton)
2017 "Reevaluating Spinoza's Legacy for Jewish Political Thought," *Journal of
Politics*, 79, 2, pp. 473-484.

- 2016 “The Turn to Tradition in the Study of Jewish Politics,” *Annual Review of Political Science*, 19, pp. 67-87.
- 2015 “A Diasporic Critique of Diasporism: The Question of Jewish Political Agency,” *Political Theory*, 43, 1 (February), pp. 80-110.
- 2010 “Vainglory, Modesty, and Political Agency in the Political Theory of Thomas Hobbes,” *Review of Politics*, 72, 2 (Spring), pp. 241-269.
- 2007 “Thomas Hobbes on the Political Theorist’s Vocation,” *The Historical Journal*, 50, 3 (September), pp. 519-547.
- 2006 “Freedom of Speech and Philosophical Citizenship in Spinoza’s *Theologico-Political Treatise*,” *Law, Culture, and the Humanities*, 2 (February), pp. 91-114.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

- 2018 “Statesmen vs. Philosophers: Experience and Method in Spinoza’s *Political Treatise*,” *Spinoza’s Political Treatise: A Critical Guide*, eds. Hasana Sharp and Yitzhak Melamed (Cambridge)

Book Reviews and Review Essays

- 2019 Seyla Benhabib, *Exile, Statelessness, and Migration: Playing Chess with History from Hannah Arendt to Isaiah Berlin*, *Perspectives on Politics* 17, 3, pp. 865-866.
- 2016 “Confronting a Neglected Rationalism” (response to Knox Peden, *Spinoza Contra Phenomenology*), *Journal of Politics, Religion, and Ideology*, 17, 1, pp. 87-89.
- 2016 Alan Mittleman, *Human Nature and Jewish Thought: Judaism’s Case for Why Persons Matter*, *Review of Politics*, 78, 1 (Winter), pp. 160-162.
- 2015 Lars Tonder, *Tolerance: A Sensorial Orientation to Politics*, *Perspectives on Politics*, 13, 1 (March), pp. 198-200.
- 2014 “The Politics of (Jewish) Revelation” (review essay), *Jewish Quarterly Review*, 104, 4 (Fall), pp. 613-22.
- 2014 Ted H. Miller, *Mortal Gods: Science, Politics, and the Humanist Ambitions of Thomas Hobbes*, *Perspectives on Politics*, 12, 1 (March), pp. 227-229.
- 2014 Eyal Chowers, *The Political Philosophy of Zionism: Trading Jewish Words for a Hebraic Land*, *Political Theory*, 42, 2 (April), pp. 232-236.
- 2010 J.G.A. Pocock, *Political Thought and History: Essays on Theory and Method*, *Political Theory*, 38, 3 (June), pp. 442-446.
- 2007 Leora Batnitzky, *Leo Strauss and Emmanuel Levinas: Philosophy and the Politics of Revelation*, *Perspectives on Politics*, 5, 2 (June), pp. 341-342.
- 2007 ed. Michael Walzer, *Law, Politics, and Morality in Judaism*, *Law, Culture, and the Humanities*, 3 (June), pp. 353-355.
- 2005 eds. Michael Walzer et al., *The Jewish Political Tradition, Vol. II Membership*, *AJS Review: The Journal of the Association for Jewish Studies*, 29, 2 (November), pp. 407-409.

- 2003 Menachem Lorberbaum, *Politics and the Limits of Law: Secularizing the Political in Medieval Jewish Thought*, *Political Theory*, 31, 4 (August), pp. 604-607.
- 2001 eds. Michael Walzer et al., *The Jewish Political Tradition, Vol. I Authority*, *Tikkun: A Bimonthly Jewish Critique of Politics, Culture, and Society*, 16, 4 (July/August), pp. 70-71.

Other Publications

- Forthcoming Response to George Steiner and Judith Butler, *The New Jewish Canon*, eds. Yehuda Kurtzer and Claire Sufrin
- 2019 Interview with Julie Cooper, Entangled Worlds Project, <https://entangledworlds.utoronto.ca/index.php/interview-with-julie-cooper/>
- 2019 “The Nation-State Law: Undoing the Jewish Nation-State?,” *Jewish Quarterly* no. 243 (Winter), pp. 14-17.
- 2018 “The Nation-State Law: The End of an Era,” *Palestine-Israel Journal* 23.4, pp. 79-84.
- 2017 “The Wisdom of the Ghetto Mentality,” *Political Theology* 18.1 (February), pp.1-4.
- 2014 “The Land vs. the land,” *AJS Perspectives*, (Spring), pp. 12-13.
- 2012 Response to “Drought: Confronting Vulnerability,” by Jonathan Schofer, The Religion and Culture Web Forum (<http://divinity.uchicago.edu/martycenter/publications/webforum>)

Work in Progress

Politics Without Sovereignty? Exile, State, and Territory in Jewish Thought (book manuscript)

Awards and Fellowships

- 2020 Fellow, LOEWE Research Center, Center for Advanced Studies of the Humanities, Goethe University, Frankfurt (January-February)
- 2018-2021 Individual Research Grant, Israel Science Foundation
- 2018 Research Fellow, Leibniz Institute for Jewish History and Culture – Simon Dubnow (July)
- 2016-17 Robert Carrady Fellowship, Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania
- 2013 Folger Institute Faculty Seminar on Political Theologies in Early Modern Literature
- 2013-14 Co-PI, Working Group on Political Theology, Neubauer Collegium (\$10,000 seed grant)
- 2013-14 Social Sciences Divisional Research Grant (\$3000) to fund advanced Talmud study and research for *Politics Without Sovereignty?*
- 2012-13 Social Sciences Divisional Research Grant (\$3000) to fund advanced Talmud study and research for *Politics Without Sovereignty?*

- 2010-11 Social Sciences Divisional Research Grant (\$2000) to fund a book manuscript workshop for *Secular Powers: Humility in Modern Political Thought*
- 2009-10 Member, Institute for Advanced Study, School of Social Science
- 2006 Appleby-Mosher Grant, Legacy Heritage Jewish Communal Scholarship to fund advanced Talmud study at the Conservative Yeshiva, Jerusalem
- 2003-4 Academic Year Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (declined)
- 2002-3 American Association of University Women American Dissertation Fellowship
- 2002-3 Dissertation Fellow, Doreen B. Townsend Center for the Humanities
- 2002-3 Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (declined)
- 2002-3 Chancellor's Dissertation-Year Fellowship (declined)
- 2002 William Andrews Clark Memorial Library/Center for Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Century Studies Predoctoral Fellowship
- 2001 Summer Merit/Need Fellowship and Departmental Block Grant to fund intensive Latin language study
- 1999 Dorot Foundation Israel Travel Grant, Newhouse Travel Grant, to fund study in Hebrew language and Jewish political thought at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem
- 1998 Summer Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Wollenberg Grant, to fund Hebrew language study at the Jewish Theological Seminary, New York
- 1994 Phi Beta Kappa

Presentations

Invited Presentations

- 2019 "The Politics of Jewish History: David Ben Gurion's Dubnovian Moment," Historical Justice in the Context of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, Tel Aviv University
- 2018 "Sovereignty vs. Autonomy, State vs. Community: The Debate Within Jewish Political Thought, 900Fest, Forli, Italy
- 2018 "The Political Theory of '68," May 68 – 50 Years After: Legacies of Resistance, Tel Aviv University
- 2018 "Can Jewish Ethics Speak to Sovereignty?," Society for Jewish Ethics (plenary lecture)
- 2018 "The Zionist Critique of Spinoza's Politics," Munich Sovereignty Conference
- 2017 "The Zionist Critique of Spinoza's Politics," Rosenzweig Center, Hebrew University
- 2017 "The Zionist Critique of Spinoza's Politics," Oxford Workshop on Religious Diversity, Political Theory, and Theology
- 2017 "The Zionist Critique of Spinoza's Politics," Human Rights in a Post-Liberal Age, Brandeis University
- 2017 "Roth, Spinoza, and the Critique of Jewish Politics," Themes in Leon Roth's Philosophy, University of Toronto

- 2017 “The Zionist Critique of Spinoza’s Politics,” Spinoza and Modern Jewish Philosophy, University of Washington
- 2016 “The Place of Sovereignty in Zionist Thought,” Yale Initiative on Religion, Politics, and Society
- 2016 Keynote Speaker, “Putting Truth in the Second Place: On Compromise, Religion, and Politics,” University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2016 “The Place of Sovereignty in Zionist Thought,” University of Pennsylvania, Political Theory Workshop
- 2016 “A Diasporic Critique of Diasporism,” 3rd Annual International Polish Jewish Studies Workshop, University of Illinois, Chicago
- 2016 “The Place of Sovereignty in Zionist Thought,” New Perspectives on Sovereignty and Jewish Politics, Tel Aviv University
- 2016 “The Place of Sovereignty in Zionist Thought,” Hebrew University, Political Theory Workshop
- 2015 “Democracy and Theocracy in Jewish Political Thought: From Baruch Spinoza to Michael Walzer,” University of California, Davis, Political Theory Workshop
- 2015 “Democracy and Theocracy in Jewish Political Thought: From Baruch Spinoza to Michael Walzer,” University of California, Berkeley, Comparative Literature Workshop
- 2015 “Statesmen vs. Philosophers: Experience and Method in Spinoza’s *Political Treatise*,” Spinoza’s *Political Treatise*: New Assessments, McGill University
- 2015 “Hobbes and Spinoza in the 21st Century: Method, Morality, and Politics,” Queen’s University
- 2014 “Democracy and Theocracy in Jewish Political Thought: From Baruch Spinoza to Michael Walzer,” Ben Gurion University, Department of Politics and Government
- 2014 “Democracy and Theocracy in Jewish Political Thought: From Baruch Spinoza to Michael Walzer,” Placing Space Colloquium, Kahn Liberal Arts Institute, Smith College
- 2013 “Democracy and Theocracy in Jewish Political Thought: From Baruch Spinoza to Michael Walzer” and “A Diasporic Critique of Diasporism,” Jewish Studies Program, Indiana University, Bloomington
- 2013 “A Diasporic Critique of Diasporism,” Political Theory Workshop, Northwestern University
- 2013 “A Diasporic Critique of Diasporism,” Political Theory Workshop, University of Wisconsin, Madison
- 2013 “A Diasporic Critique of Diasporism,” Jewish Studies Workshop, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- 2012 “Secular Powers,” Workshop on the Politics of Time and Value, Yale University
- 2012 Commentator, Yale Representative Institutions Conference on Teaching Political Philosophy
- 2012 “Secular Powers: Humanity and Humility in Modern Political Thought,” Practical Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago

- 2012 “A Diasporic Critique of Diasporism,” Jewish Studies and the Hebrew Bible Workshop, University of Chicago
- 2012 “Secular Powers: Humanity and Humility in Modern Political Thought,” Political Theory Workshop, University of Chicago
- 2011 “Thomas Hobbes: A Surprising Chapter in the History of Modesty and Humility,” Chicago Area Renaissance Seminar
- 2010 “Spinoza’s Critique of Humility,” Spinoza Day, Princeton University
- 2009 “Spinoza’s Critique of Humility,” Columbia University Political Theory Workshop
- 2009 “Spinoza on Modesty, Humility, and Self-Esteem,” Modern Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago
- 2008 “Vainglory, Modesty, and Political Agency in Thomas Hobbes’ *Leviathan*,” Political Theory Workshop, University of Wisconsin, Madison
- 2008 “Spinoza on Modesty, Humility, and Self-Esteem,” Princeton Workshop on Jewish Thought
- 2007 “Spinoza on the Politics of Self-Esteem,” Spinoza and Modernity Colloquium, Colgate University

Conference Presentations

- 2019 “The Politics of Jewish History: David Ben Gurion’s Dubnovian Moment,” American Political Science Association
- 2018 Roundtable on Jewish Political Thought, Association for Jewish Studies
- 2018 “The Zionist Critique of Spinoza’s Politics,” American Political Science Association
- 2016 “The Place of Sovereignty in Zionist Thought,” American Political Science Association
- 2016 “The Place of Sovereignty in Zionist Thought,” Rethinking Exile, Center, and Diaspora in Modern Jewish Culture, Cambridge University
- 2015 Roundtable, “Peoples, Persons, and States: Modern Jewish Sovereignty in History, Law, and Theology,” Association for Jewish Studies
- 2014 “Democracy and Theocracy in Jewish Political Thought: From Baruch Spinoza to Michael Walzer,” American Political Science Association
- 2013 “A Diasporic Critique of Diasporism,” Association for Political Theory
- 2013 Roundtable, “Force and Persuasion in the Thought of Hobbes,” American Political Science Association
- 2013 “A Diasporic Critique of Diasporism,” Western Political Science Association
- 2012 “A Diasporic Critique of Diasporism,” Association for Jewish Studies
- 2012 Commentator, “Adam Smith: Philosophical Perspectives,” Institute for the Humanities at the University of Illinois, Chicago
- 2012 Panelist, “Author Meets Critics: Frederick Neuhouser’s *Rousseau’s Theodicy of Self-Love*,” Midwestern Political Science Association
- 2011 “Was Spinoza Intolerant of Atheists or the Religious?” Midwestern Political Science Association (Discussant)

- 2010 “The Question of Unity in Moses Mendelssohn’s Thought,” Princeton University (Respondent)
- 2009 “Spinoza and Rousseau on Vanity and Self-Esteem,” American Political Science Association
- 2008 “Vainglory, Modesty, and Political Agency in Thomas Hobbes’ *Leviathan*,” Renaissance Society of America
- 2008 “Vainglory, Modesty, and Political Agency in Thomas Hobbes’ *Leviathan*,” Western Political Science Association
- 2007 “*Amour-propre, Amour de Soi*, and Autobiography in the Texts of Jean-Jacques Rousseau,” American Political Science Association
- 2007 “*Amour-propre, Amour de Soi*, and Autobiography in the Texts of Jean-Jacques Rousseau,” Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities
- 2006 “Maimonides and Spinoza on the Politics of Self-Esteem,” Hebraic Political Studies Conference, Jerusalem
- 2006 “Spinoza on the Politics of Self-Esteem,” American Political Science Association
- 2006 “‘You Are Not Yet Humble Enough For Me’: Self-Assertion and Self-Effacement in Nietzsche’s *Ecce Homo*,” American Political Science Association
- 2006 “*Hobbius de se*: Thomas Hobbes on the Political Theorist’s Vocation,” Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities
- 2006 Panelist, “Roundtable on Shai Lavi’s *The Modern Art of Dying*,” Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities
- 2004 “Moses: The Politics of Modesty,” Association for Jewish Studies
- 2004 “The Modesty of Mosaic Politics,” American Political Science Association
- 2004 Panelist, “Roundtable on the *Jewish Political Tradition*, Vol. II,” American Political Science Association
- 2004 “Spinoza: Freedom of Speech as a Philosophical Ethos,” Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities
- 2002 “Nietzsche’s ‘Art of Silence,’” American Political Science Association
- 2002 “Moses the Modest Law-Giver,” Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities
- 2001 “Coercion and Consent at Sinai: Reading the Sinai Covenant as a Problem of Political Obligation,” Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities
- 2000 “Prophecy, Philosophy, and Political Theory in Spinoza’s *Theologico-Political Treatise*,” *Beyond Understanding: Reconsidering Knowledge and Belief*, University of California, Berkeley
- 2000 “Vainglory, Modesty, and Negative Theology in Hobbes’ *Leviathan*,” Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities

Professional Activities and Service

- 2019-2021 Member, Program Committee, Association for Jewish Studies
 2015- Member, Editorial Board, *Political Theology*
 2014-2018 Member, Steering Committee, Secularism and Secularity Group,
 American Academy of Religion
 2013-14 Faculty coordinator, Jewish Studies workshop
 2011 Faculty Member, Tikvah undergraduate summer seminar in Jewish
 Thought and Enduring Human Questions, Princeton University
 2011 Center for Jewish Studies undergraduate prize essay committee;
 Fuerstenberg Fellowship selection committee
 2010-14 Senior Fellow, Society of Fellows in the Liberal Arts
 2010-14 Co-Placement Director, Department of Political Science
 2009-14 Member, Center for Jewish Studies
 2009 SSSDR Selection Committee
 2008-9 Graduate Admissions Committee, Political Science
 2008-9 Working Group on Jewish Studies
 2008 Goettler Prize Selection Committee
 2006-7 Committee on Promotions and Tenure, Department of Political Science,
 Syracuse University
 2005-6 Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science, Syracuse
 University
 2005-7 Advisory Committee for Jewish Studies, Syracuse University
 2005 Member, Selection Committee, Columbia University Society of Fellows
 in the Humanities
 2002-3 Graduate Student Representative to the Search Committee for a Tenure-
 Track Appointment in the History and Theory of Rhetoric
 2002 Graduate Student Representative to the Department of Rhetoric's
 Graduate Admissions Committee

Manuscript referee for: *Law, Culture, and the Humanities*; *Feminist Theory*; *PSC-CUNY Awards – Women's Studies Panel*; *American Political Science Review*; *Law and Social Inquiry*; *AJPS*; *Epoche*; *Review of Politics*; *Journal of Moral Philosophy*; *Constellations*; *Journal of Politics*; *Oxford Bibliographies in Jewish Studies*; *University of Chicago Press*; *Israel Science Foundation*; *ERC*; *Political Theology*; *Journal of Modern Jewish Studies*; *European Journal of Political Theory*; *History of Political Thought*; *AJS Review*; *Political Theory*

Languages

Hebrew: Fluent
 French: Reading proficiency, speaking ability
 Latin: Reading knowledge
 German: Reading knowledge
 Yiddish: basic