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EDUCATION

- 1996-2005 **Yale University** - Ph.D., Philosophy (2005). Dissertation: *The Metaphysics of Substance and the Metaphysics of Thought in Spinoza*. Advisor: Michael Della Rocca.
- 1992-1996 **Tel Aviv University** - M.A. in History and Philosophy of Science, *Summa cum laude*. Master's thesis: *The Liar Paradox, Sentence Construction, and the atemporality of Logic*.
- 1991-1995 **Tel Aviv University** - B.A.-M.A. Program, The Elkana-Lautman Interdisciplinary Program for Outstanding Students. Main fields of study: Philosophy, Neuropsychology, and Mathematics.
- 1990-1991 **Tel Aviv University** - B.A. Studies, Psychology and Philosophy.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Early Modern Philosophy; German Idealism.

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Metaphysics (primarily, tropes, mereology, and time); 19th Century Philosophy; Medieval Philosophy; History & Philosophy of Science; Philosophy of Religion; Political philosophy.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- July 2016 - **Johns Hopkins University**. Charlotte Bloomberg Professor of Philosophy & the Humanities.
- 2013 - **Johns Hopkins University**. Professor. Department of Philosophy.
- Courses taught: “The Identity of Indiscernibles”; “Spinoza’s Metaphysics”; “History of Modern Philosophy”; “Spinoza’s *Theological Political Treatise*”; “Spinoza and German Idealism” (co-taught with Eckart Förster); “Topics in Metaphysics: Mereology”; “Spinoza and the Pantheism Controversy” (co-taught with Eckart Förster); “Descartes”; “Kant and the Early Moderns” (co-taught with Eckart Förster); “Possible Worlds: Metaphysics and Logic” (co-taught with Justin Bledin); “Spinoza’s Political Theology”; “Introduction to Contemporary Metaphysics”; “The Principle of Sufficient Reason”; “Fundamental Principles of Metaphysical Rationalism” (co-taught with Justin Bledin); “Hegel’s *Logic* & Spinoza’s *Ethics*” (co-taught with Eckart Förster); “Maimonides’ *Guide of the Perplexed*” (co-taught with David Katz); “The Axiomatization of Spinoza’s *Ethics*” (co-taught with Justin Bledin, twice); “Spinoza, Fichte and Schelling” (co-taught with Eckart Förster); “The Metaphysics of Essence” (co-taught with Elanor Taylor); “Hobbes’ *Leviathan*”; “Descartes and the Early Spinoza”; “Hegel’s *Science of Logic*”; “Berkeley’s Idealism”; “Hume’s *Treatise of Human Nature*” (co-taught with Michael Williams); “Essence” (co-taught with Hashem Morvarid); Crescas’ *Light of the Lord*; Spinoza’s Philosophy of Mind & Psychology.
- 2010-2013 **Johns Hopkins University**. Associate Professor (tenured). Department of Philosophy.
- 2008-2010 **Johns Hopkins University**. Assistant Professor (tenure-track). Department of Philosophy.
- February 2008 Competing tenure-track job offers: **University of Pittsburgh** (Philosophy); **Ohio State University** (Philosophy); **University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill** (Philosophy).
- 2005-2008 **University of Chicago**. Assistant Professor (tenure-track). Department of Philosophy

Courses taught: “Spinoza’s Metaphysics” (co-taught with Jean-Luc Marion); “Spinoza’s *Theological Political Treatise*”; “The Principle of Sufficient Reason in Early Modern and Contemporary Metaphysics”; “Spinoza’s Ethics – Part II”; “Individuation and the Identity of Indiscernibles”; “History of Modern Philosophy”; “Spinoza’s Metaphysics: *Ethics* – Part I”; “Philosophical Perspectives on the Humanities – Part 1 (Ancient Philosophy)” (core curriculum course); “Philosophical Perspectives on the Humanities – Part 2 (Early Modern Philosophy)”; “Philosophical Perspectives on the Humanities – Part 3 (19th and 20th Century Philosophy)”; “Workshop: Early Modern Philosophy (advanced graduate studies).”

- February 2005 Competing tenure-track job offers: **Washington University, St. Louis** (Philosophy); **Syracuse University** (Philosophy).
- 2004-2005 **New York University**. Instructor. Departments of Jewish Studies/Philosophy
Course designed and taught: *Spinoza and Medieval Philosophy*, *Spinoza’s Theological Political Treatise and Its Aftermath*
- Spring 2002 **Wesleyan University**. Visiting Instructor. Department of Philosophy.
Designed and taught a mid-level course: *Philosophy of Religion*.

INTENSIVE SEMINARS AND MASTERCALASSES

- Jacob Neusner Memorial talks in Jewish and Religious Studies. Bard College, April 2024.
- Mytelka Memorial Talks. *Princeton University* – Program in Judaic Studies, Fall 2022.
- Professeur invité. *École des hautes études en sciences sociales* – Centre de recherches historiques, Paris. June 2019.
- Masterclass on Spinoza’s *Ethics*. *Peking University*, Beijing. June 13th-26th, 2017.
- Masterclass on Spinoza’s *Cogitata Metaphysica*. *ENS de Lyon*. June 6th-9th, 2016.
- International Summer School on *Spinoza & German Idealism*. May 2016. *University of Toronto*. Co-taught with Eckart Förster.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- ACLS Burkhardt Fellowship for Recently Tenured Scholars**. 2011-12. Project: “Spinoza and German Idealism: A Metaphysical Dialogue.” Declined.
- National Endowment for the Humanities - NEH Fellowship** 2011-12. Project: “Spinoza and German Idealism: A Metaphysical Dialogue”
- Humboldt Fellowship for Experience Researchers** (2011). Project: “Spinoza and German Idealism: A Metaphysical Dialogue.” Declined.
- Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship - Johns Hopkins University** (2005-7). Research project: “Spinoza’s Critique of Humanism: Untaming the Shrew”. Declined.
- American Academy for Jewish Research**. Post-Doctoral Fellowship to NYU. 2003-2005. Research Project: “The Medieval Background of Spinoza’s Metaphysics”.
- The Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library - Yale University**. Summer Research Fellowship. 2002. Research Project: “Eighteenth Century Anti-Spinozism”.
- The Hebrew University of Jerusalem - The Franz Rosenzweig Research Center**. Summer Research Fellowship. 1999.
- Fulbright Fellowship** (to Yale University). 1996-1998.

GRANTS

Templeton Foundation. 2020-2022. Project: “Panentheism and Religious Life.” \$232,748 [PI].

Templeton Foundation/Immortality Project. 2014-2015. Project: “The Imaginary Nature of Death: A Spinozist View.” \$99,013 [sole PI].

LANGUAGES

High proficiency in German, French, and Latin. Italian and Dutch (reading). Spoken Russian. Native Hebrew.

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY AND WRITING

“What was really the reason for the ban on Spinoza?” *Ha'aretz*, June 10th, 2024.

«Spinoza est-il toujours maudit dans la communauté juive ?» interview at *Philosophie magazine*. September 26th, 2023

“Spinoza Reborn: The Antidote to Humanism’s Delusion.” *The Institute of Arts & Ideas News*. May 12th, 2023.

“Medieval but not Christian.” *Aeon*. October 2022.

“Spinoza, le Grand profanateur de la ‘tradition sacrée’ humaniste.” Interview with N. Weill. *Le Monde*. June 11th, 2020.

“God-Intoxicated Man: The Philosopher who denied the World.” *Times Literary Supplement*. Co-author: Clare Carlisle. May 15th, 2020.

“A Plague on the Shores of the Sea of Galilea.” *The Jewish Review of Books*, Summer 2020, 40-41.

“‘Till the Knower of All Secrets Will Attest to His Sincerity’: Memory and Guilt, or rather *Teshuva*,” *Sabah Ülkesi* (Turkish Literary Magazine in Germany) 60: July 2019, 102-3.

“Does Eternity Have a Future?” *The Philosophers’ Magazine* 81 (2018): 40-44.

“Spinoza’s Metaphysics and His Relationship to Hegel and the German Idealists” An Interview with Richard Marshall. *3:AM Magazine*. Dec. 30th, 2017.

“The Angel and Covenant” – Review essay of David B. Ruderman, *The Book of the Covenant of Pinhas Hurwitz and Its Remarkable Legacy* (University of Washington Press, 2014), *The Jewish Review of Books*, Fall 2016, 21-22.

Review of Salomon Maimon, *Essay on Transcendental Philosophy*, translated by Nick Midgley, Henry Somers-Hall, Alistair Welchman and Merten Reglitz (London: Continuum, 2010). *Times Literary Supplement*. Sept. 17th, 2010.

PUBLICATIONS

(Note: Items marked as ‘forthcoming’ are accepted and submitted in final version to the press/journal and available upon request, while those marked as ‘in preparation’ are either just commissioned, or still in draft form).

Books:

Sole Author:

1. *Spinoza’s Metaphysics: Substance and Thought* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013). xxii+232 pp. Paperback: 2014.

(Reviewed in *Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophical Review*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *European Journal of Philosophy*, *Archive de Philosophie*, *Jewish Quarterly Review*, and *the Jewish Review of Books*).

1a. *LA METAFISICA DI SPINOZA: SOSTANZA E PENSIERO*. Translated into Italian by Emanuele Costa. Milan: Mimesis Edizioni, 2020.

1b. *Spinoza’s Metaphysics: Substance and Thought* [in Chinese]. Translated into Chinese by Hao Dong. Beijing: Commercial Press, 2024. vii+395 pp.

- 1c. *Spinoza. Substance et pensée*. Translated into French by Dan Arbib. Paris: PUF-Épiméthée, 2025. (Reviewed in *Le Monde*, 2.20.25).
- 1d. *Spinoza's Metaphysics: Substance and Thought*. Translated into Japanese by Shozo Kamiya. Shunjusha: Tokyo, in preparation.
2. *Spinoza's Labyrinths: Essays on His Metaphysics*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2026. xxv+253 pp.
3. *Baruch Spinoza: Life, Works and Philosophy* [in Hebrew]. Jerusalem: Shazar Center Press, 2024. 184 pp.
- 3a. *Baruch Spinoza: Life, Works and Philosophy*. Translated from Hebrew by Tomer M. Cherki. Blackwell. In preparation and under contract.
- 3.b *Baruch Spinoza: Vita, opere e filosofia*. Translated into Italian by ***. Milan: Adelphi Edizioni. Under contract.
4. *Spinoza Dictionary* (Oxford: Blackwell, in preparation and under contract).
5. *Spinoza's Compendium of Hebrew Language*. Cambridge University Press (Cambridge Spinoza Elements Series). Co-author: Elnatan Chen. In preparation and under contract.

Edited Volumes:

- The Presence of Spinoza in Hegel*. Eds. Yitzhak Y. Melamed and Goran Vranesevic (Routledge, in preparation).
- The Oxford Handbook of Jewish Philosophy*, eds. Yitzhak Y. Melamed and Paul W. Franks (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2025).
- Modality: A History*, eds. Yitzhak Y. Melamed & Samuel Newlands (New York: Oxford University Press, 2024).
- The Blackwell Companion to Spinoza*, ed. Yitzhak Y. Melamed (Oxford: Blackwell, 2021).
- Spinoza's Political Treatise: A Critical Guide*, eds. Yitzhak Y. Melamed and Hasana Sharp (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018).
- Spinoza's Ethics: A Critical Guide*, ed. Yitzhak Y. Melamed (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017).
- Eternity: A History*, ed. Yitzhak Y. Melamed (New York: Oxford University Press, 2016).
- The Young Spinoza: A Metaphysician in the Making*, ed. Yitzhak Y. Melamed (Oxford: Oxford University, 2015).
- Spinoza and German Idealism*, eds. Eckart Förster and Yitzhak Y. Melamed (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012).
- Spinoza's Theological-Political Treatise: A Critical Guide*, eds. Yitzhak Y. Melamed and Michael Rosenthal (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010).

Critical Editions and Translations:

1. *Salomon Maimon's Autobiography*. Translated by Paul Reitter. Edited and introduced by Yitzhak Y. Melamed and Abraham Socher (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2019).

Articles:

- “Mendelssohn’s Reading of Spinoza and its Reception in German Idealism” in A. Pollok, C. Dick, M. Gottlieb, and P. Guyer (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Mendelssohn*. New York: Oxford University Press. In preparation.
- “Is there Mind-to-Mind Causation in Spinoza?” in Therese Scarpelli Cory and Denis Robichaud (eds.), *Minds in Dialogue*. Springer, in preparation.
- “Spinoza and Hegel on Actual Infinity” in *The Presence of Spinoza in Hegel*. Eds. Yitzhak Y. Melamed and Goran Vranesevic (Routledge, in preparation).
- “Spinoza’s Attributes as Aspects of God” in Karolina Hübner and Antonio Salgado Borge (eds.) *Spinoza’s Theory of Attributes*. New York: Oxford University Press, in preparation.
- “Spinoza and Hume on Human and Animal Reason” in Jonathan Cottrell and Aaron Garretts (eds.), *Naturalism in Modern Philosophy: Spinoza, Hume, Shepherd*. London: Routledge, forthcoming.
- “Spinoza and Leibniz on the Principle of Sufficient Reason” in Michael Della Rocca and Fatema Amjeeb (eds.), *The Principle of Sufficient Reason: A History* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming).
- “Avicenna and Spinoza on the Essence/Existence Distinction, the Principle of Sufficient Reason, and Perfect Ontological Equilibrium.” *Les Études Philosophiques*. Forthcoming.
- “Either Wealth or the ‘Kingdom of God’: The Hebrews’ Xenophobia and the Economic Argument of Spinoza’s *Theological Political Treatise*” *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*. Published on-line. Co-author: Daniel J. Melamed
- “Spinoza’s Divine Democracy” in Rebecca Abrams (ed.), *Out of Exodus*. Brandeis University Press, forthcoming.
- “The Hassidim and the Bedouins: Loving the People of the Land of Israel” in Festschrift in honor of Elhanan Reiner, eds. Y. Mayer, T. Morsel-Eisenberg, I. Harari, I. Stillman. Jerusalem: Sifrei Blima, forthcoming.
- “Spinoza and the Election of the Hebrews” in Michael Rosenthal (ed.), *Spinoza & Modern Jewish Philosophy* (Palgrave: London, forthcoming).
- “Jewish Philosophy as Minority Philosophy” in Yitzhak Y. Melamed & Paul Franks (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Jewish Philosophy* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming).
- “The Return to Nothingness: Hassidism and Philosophy” in Tyron Goldschmidt and Daniel Rynhold (eds.), *The Routledge Companion to Jewish Philosophy* (London: Routledge, 2025), 200-210.
- “God” in the *Cambridge Spinoza Lexicon*, eds. Karolina Hübner and Justin Steinberg (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2025), 206-209.
- “Immanence” in the *Cambridge Spinoza Lexicon*, eds. Karolina Hübner and Justin Steinberg (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2025), 262-263.
- “Existence,” in the *Cambridge Spinoza Lexicon*, eds. Karolina Hübner and Justin Steinberg (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2025), 154-156.
- “H.A. Wolfson’s Reading of Spinoza” *Aleph: Historical Studies in Science and Judaism* 24 (2024): 347-355.
- “Spinoza’s ‘Atheism,’ the *Ethics* and the TTP” in Daniel Garber (ed.), *Spinoza: Reason, Religion, Politics: The Relation Between the Ethics and the Tractatus Theologico-Politicus*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2024, 81-118.
- “The Political Theology of Salomon Maimon” Kristin Gjesdal and Jason Yonover (eds.), *Spinoza’s Political Philosophy in Classical German Philosophy* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2024), 125-136.
- “Crescas and Spinoza on Modality” in Yitzhak Y. Melamed Samuel Newlands (eds.), *Modality: A History* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2024), 85-117.
- “Schopenhauer on Spinoza: Animals, Jews, and Evil” in (eds.) David Bather Woods & Timothy Stoll, *The Schopenhauerian Mind* (London: Routledge, 2023), 390-400.
- “Spinoza’s Anti-Humanism: Human Value and Dignity” in Nandi Theunissen and Sarah Buss (eds.), *Rethinking the Value of Humanity*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2023, 74-96.
- “The Banishment of Accidents from Spinoza’s Paradise.” *Acta Philosophica* 31 (2022): 47-60.

- “Spinoza’s Metaphysics of Substance” in Don Garrett (ed.), *The Cambridge Companion to Spinoza*. 2nd edition. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2021, 61-112.
- “Spinoza and Some of His Medieval Predecessors on the *summum bonum*” in Yehuda Halper (ed.), *The Pursuit of Happiness in Medieval Jewish and Islamic Thought*. Brepols Press, 2021, 377-392.
- “Spinoza, Althusser, and the Question of Humanism.” *Crisis & Critique* 8 (2021, Spinoza issue), 170-177.
- “Spinoza’s *causa sui*” in *The Blackwell Companion to Spinoza*, ed. Yitzhak Y. Melamed (Oxford: Blackwell, 2021), 116-125.
- “Maimon’s ‘Law of Determinability’ and the Impossibility of Shared Attributes” *Revue de Métaphysique et de Morale* (2021): 49-62.
- “Spinozian Model Theory.” *Advances in Modern Logic* 13 (2020): 133-147. Co-author: Justin Bledin.
- “Teleology in Jewish Philosophy: Early Talmudists to Spinoza” in Jeffrey K. McDonough (ed.), *Teleology: A History* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020), 123-149.
- “*Deus sive Vernunft*: Schelling’s Transformation of Spinoza’s God” in G. Anthony Bruno (ed.), *Schelling’s Philosophy: Freedom, Nature and Systematicity* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020), 93-115.
- « Le premier travail préparatoire de l’Éthique de Spinoza » in Chantal Jaquet, Pierre-François Moreau and Pascal Sévérac (eds.), *Spinoza transatlantique, Les interprétations américaines de Spinoza aujourd’hui*. Paris: Les Editions de la Sorbonne, 2020, 143-165.
- “The Enigma of Spinoza’s *Amor Dei Intellectualis*” in Noa Naaman-Zaudrer (ed.), *Freedom, Action and Motivation in Spinoza’s Ethics*. London: Routledge, 2020, 222-238.
- “The Earliest Draft of Spinoza’s *Ethics*” in Charles Ramond and Jack Stetter (eds.), *Spinoza in 21st-Century French and American Philosophy. Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind, Moral and Political Philosophy*. Bloomsbury, 2019, 93-112 [Slovenian translation: “Najzgodnejši osnutek Spinozove *Etike*” in *Spinoza: Kratka Razprava*. Ljubljana: Analecta, 2023, 125-148].
- “A Guide to Reading Salomon Maimon’s *Autobiography*” in *Salomon Maimon’s Autobiography*, translated by Paul Reitter, edited and introduced by Yitzhak Y. Melamed and Abraham P. Socher (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2018), xiii-xxxvi. Co-author: Abraham P. Socher
- “‘A Substance Consisting of an Infinity of Attributes’: Spinoza on the Infinity of Attributes” in Ohad Nachtomy and Reed Wieneger (eds.), *Infinity in Early Modern Philosophy*. Springer, 2018, 63-75.
- “Hermann Cohen, Spinoza, and the Nature of Pantheism” *Jewish Studies Quarterly* 25 (2018): 171-180.
- “Spinozism, Acosmism and Hassidism: A Closed Circle” in Amit Kravitz and Jörg Noller (eds.), *The Concept of Judaism in German Idealism*. Suhrkamp Verlag, 2018, 75-85.
- “When having *too much* Power is Harmful? - Spinoza on Political Luck” in *Spinoza’s Political Treatise: A Critical Guide*, eds. Yitzhak Y. Melamed and Hasana Sharp (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018), 161-174.
- “The Building Blocks of Spinoza’s Metaphysics: Substance, Attributes, and Modes” in Michael Della Rocca (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Spinoza* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017), 84-113.
- “The Causes of Our Belief in Free Will: Spinoza on Necessary, Innate, yet False Cognitions” in Yitzhak Y. Melamed (ed.), *Spinoza’s Ethics: A Critical Guide* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017), 121-141.
- “The Principle of Sufficient Reason,” [The Stanford Online Encyclopedia of Philosophy](http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/sufficient-reason/), Edward N. Zalta (ed.), URL=<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/sufficient-reason/>.(Co-author: Martin Lin). First published: Sept. 2010. Substantial Revision: Sept. 2016.
- “Hegel, Spinoza, and McTaggart on the Reality of Time” *International Yearbook of German Idealism* 14 (2016): 211-234.
- “Idolatry and its Premature Rabbinic Obituary” in Aaron Segal and Daniel Frank (eds.), *Debates in Jewish Philosophy - Past and Present* (Routledge, 2016), 126-136.
- “Eternity in Early Modern Philosophy” in Yitzhak Y. Melamed (ed.) *Eternity: A History* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016), 129-167.

- “Mendelssohn, Maimon, and Spinoza on Ex-Communication and Toleration: Dispelling Three Enlightenment Fairytales” in *Moses Mendelssohn: Enlightenment, Religion, Politics, Nationalism*, eds. Michah Gottlieb and Charles Manekin (College Park: University of Maryland Press, 2016), 49-60.
- “Method,” in the *Cambridge Descartes Lexicon*, ed. Larry Nolan (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016), 508-513.
- “Spinoza, Benedict,” in the *Cambridge Descartes Lexicon*, ed. Larry Nolan (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016), 692-695. Co-author: John Brandau.
- “A Glimpse into Spinoza’s Metaphysical Laboratory: The Development of Spinoza’s Concepts of Substance and Attribute” in Yitzhak Y. Melamed (ed.), *The Young Spinoza* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015), 272-286.
- “Hasdai Crescas and Spinoza on Actual Infinity and the Infinity of God’s Attributes” in Steven Nadler, *Spinoza and Jewish Philosophy* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014), 204-215.
- “‘Let the Law Cut through the Mountain’: Salomon Maimon, Moses Mendelssohn, and Mme. Truth” in Lukas Muehlethaler (ed.), *Höre die Wahrheit, wer sie auch spricht* (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2014), 70-76.
- “Spinoza, Tschirnhaus et Leibniz: Qu’est un monde?” in Pierre-François Moreau, Raphaële Andraut, and Mogens Laerke (eds.), *Spinoza/Leibniz: Rencontres, controverses, réceptions*, (Paris, Presses universitaires de Paris, 2014), 85-95.
- “What is Time?” in Aaron Garrett (ed.), *The Routledge Handbook of Eighteenth Century Philosophy* (London: Routledge, 2014), 232-244.
- “Baruch Spinoza.” In *Oxford Bibliographies in Philosophy*. Ed. Duncan Pritchard. New York: Oxford University Press, 2014.
- Response to Colin Marshall and Martin Lin in a Symposium on Yitzhak Y. Melamed, *Spinoza’s Metaphysics*, *Leibniz Review* 23 (2013), 207-222.
- “Spinoza’s *Respublica divina*” in Otfried Höffe (ed.), *Baruch de Spinozas Tractatus theologico-politicus* (Berlin: Akademie Verlag, 2013), 177-192.
- “Mapping the Labyrinth of Spinoza’s *Scientia Intuitiva*” in Johannes Haag and Markus Wild (eds.), *Übergänge – Diskursiv oder intuitiv: Essays zu Eckart Försters Die 25 Jahre der Philosophie*. Frankfurt a.M.: Klostermann: 2013, 99-116.
- “Spinoza’s Metaphysics of Thought: Parallelisms and the Multifaceted Structure of Ideas,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 86 (2013), 636-683.
- “Charitable Interpretations and the Political Domestication of Spinoza, or, Benedict in the Land of the Secular Imagination” in Eric Schliesser, Mogens Laerke and Justin Smith (eds.), *The Methodology of the History of Philosophy* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013), 258-279.
- “Spinoza’s Deification of Existence”, *Oxford Studies in Early Modern Philosophy* 6 (2012), 75-104.
- “‘*Omnis determinatio est negatio*’ – Determination, Negation and Self-Negation in Spinoza, Kant, and Hegel” in Eckart Förster and Yitzhak Melamed (eds.), *Spinoza and German Idealism* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012), 175-96.
- “The Sirens of Elea: Rationalism, Idealism and Monism in Spinoza” in Antonia LoLordo and Stewart Duncan (eds.), *The Key Debates of Modern Philosophy* (New York and London: Routledge. 2012), 78-90.
- “Inherence, Causation, and Conception in Spinoza” *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 50 (2012), 365-86.
- “Why Spinoza is Not an Eleatic Monist (Or Why Diversity Exists)” in Philip Goff (ed.), *Spinoza on Monism* (London: Palgrave, 2012), 206-22.
- “‘*Christus secundum spiritum*’: Spinoza, Jesus, and the Infinite Intellect” Neta Stahl (ed.), *The Jewish Jesus* (New York: Routledge, 2012), 140-151.
- “Two Letters by Salomon Maimon on Fichte’s Philosophy, Kant’s Anthropology and Mathematics,” *International Yearbook of German Idealism* 9 (2011), 379-87.
- “« Et revera »: Spinoza, Maïmonide et la signification du Tétragramme» in Frédéric Manzini (ed.) *Spinoza et les scolastiques* (Paris: PUPS 2011), 133-47.

“Crescas, Hasdai” in Judith Baskin (ed.), *The Cambridge Dictionary of Jewish History, Religion, and Culture* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011), 120-121.

“The Metaphysics of Spinoza’s *Theological Political Treatise*”, in Melamed and Rosenthal (eds.), *Spinoza’s Theological-Political Treatise: A Critical Guide* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010), 128-42.

“Acosmism or Weak Individuals? Hegel, Spinoza, and the Reality of the Finite”, Journal of the History of Philosophy 48 (2010), 77-92.

“Spinoza’s Anti-Humanism: An Outline” in Carlos Fraenkel, Dario Perinetti, and Justin Smith (eds.) *The Rationalists*. Dordrecht: Springer – New Synthese Historical Library: 2010, 147-66.

“Spinoza’s Metaphysics of Substance: The Substance-Mode Relation as a Relation of Inherence and Predication”, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research (78:1) January 2009, 17-82.

“Salomon Maimon et l’échec de la philosophie juive moderne,” *Revue germanique internationale* 9 (2009) (*Haskala et Aufklärung – Philosophes juifs des Lumières allemandes*), 175-87.

“Inherence and the Immanent Cause in Spinoza,” *The Leibniz Review* 16 (2006), 43-52.

“Hegelianism”, *The New Dictionary of the History of Ideas*, Maryanne Cline Horowitz (ed.) (New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2004). (Co-author: Peter Thielke).

“Salomon Maimon and the Rise of Spinozism in German Idealism,” Journal of the History of Philosophy 42 (January 2004), 67-96.

“Salomon Maimon”, The Stanford Online Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Edward N. Zalta (ed.), URL=<http://plato.stanford.edu/archives/maimon/> (co-author: Peter Thielke). January 2002. Substantial Revisions: July 2007, July 2015, September 2019.

“Leaving the Wound Visible: Hegel and Marx on the Rabble and the Problem of Poverty in Modern Society”, Iyyun - The Jerusalem Philosophical Quarterly, January 2001, 23-39.

“The Exact Science of Non-Beings: Spinoza’s View of Mathematics”, Iyyun - The Jerusalem Philosophical Quarterly 49, January 2000, 3-22

Reviews:

Review of Matthew Homan. *Spinoza’s Epistemology through a Geometrical Lens*. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2021. Journal of the History of Philosophy 61 (2023): 329-31.

Review of Martin Lin, *Being and Reason: An Essay on Spinoza’s Metaphysics* (Oxford University Press, 2019). Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews. April 1st, 2021.

Review of Yaacob Dweck, *Dissident Rabbi: The Life of Jacob Sasportas* (Princeton University Press, 2019). Journal of Religion 101 (2021): 130-2.

Review of Don Garrett, *Necessity and Nature in Spinoza* (Oxford University Press, 2018). Philosophical Review 129 (2020), 469-473.

Review essay of Alexander X. Douglas, *Spinoza and Dutch Cartesianism* (Oxford University Press, 2015), Mind 126 (2017), 1244-1251.

Review of Miquel Beltràn’s *The Influence of Abraham Cohen de Herrera’s Kabbalah on Spinoza’s Metaphysics* (Brill, 2016), Journal of the History of Philosophy 55 (2017), 544-545.

Review of Samuel Fleischacker, *Divine Teaching and the Way of the World* (Oxford University Press, 2011), Philosophical Review 125 (2016): 151-154.

Review of Joseph Almog, *Everything in Its Right Place: Spinoza and Life by the Light of Nature* (Oxford, 2014), in Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews. September 12th, 2014.

Review of Ezequiel L Posesorski, *Between Reinhold and Fichte: August Ludwig Hülsen’s Contribution to the Emergence of German Idealism* (Karlsruhe: KIT, 2012). Journal of the History of Philosophy 52 (2014), 382-383.

- Review of David J. Wertheim, *Salvation through Spinoza: A Study in Jewish Culture in Weimar Germany* (Leiden: Brill, 201). Journal of Modern Jewish Studies (2013).
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“Crescas’ Defense of Actual Infinity.” A paper to be presented at the Notre-Dame-Hopkins-Chicago Seminar in Jewish Philosophy. University of Notre Dame, March 2026.

“Spinoza and Maimon on the *Summum Bonum*.” A paper to be presented at a workshop on the highest good in Kantian and post-Kantian philosophy. University of Notre Dame, February 2026.

“Are there Wholes that are Prior to their Parts in Spinoza?” A paper to be presented at a workshop on Spinoza and the life Sciences. ETH, Zurich. February 2026.

“Spinoza’s Infinite Multiverse.” A paper presented at the conference “Primeras Jornadas Spinozianas.” Morella, Mexico. October 2025.

“German Idealist responses to Spinoza’s *mos geometricus*.” A paper presented at a conference on “Construction and Experiment: post-Kantian philosophical method and the sciences.” Heidelberg University, September 2025.

“Is there Mind-to-Mind Causation in Spinoza?” A keynote talk at the Italian Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy. Vita-Salute San Raffaele University, Milan. June 2025.

“The *Apikorsut* of the Void: A Heresy Beyond All Heresies.” A paper presented at the National Library of Israel, Jerusalem. May 2025.

“The *Apikorsut* of the Void: A Heresy Beyond All Heresies.”. A paper to be presented at a conference on “Other Epistemics: Global Perspectives.” University of Toronto. May 2025.

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“McNulty’s *Hegel’s Logic and Metaphysics*.” A paper presented at the Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association. New York, January 2025.

“The Rehabilitation of Actual Infinity: Crescas, Spinoza, Hegel, and Cantor” A paper presented at a conference on Spinoza and the History of Actual Infinity. University of Bologna. November 2024.

“How to be a non-antisemitic non-Zionist?” A paper presented at the Séminaire Pol’Ethique sur la politique juive en exil. Paris. November 2024.

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“Modality in Spinoza and Avicenna.” A paper presented at the conference “The Arabic-Islamic Sources of Spinoza’s Thought.” Sorbonne, Paris. November 2024.

“Systematic and Commentaristic Writing: The Cases of Spinoza and Salomon Maimon.” Keynote talk at a conference on the philosophy of Salomon Maimon, Heidelberg University, September 2024.

“*Ai’n* [אֵין], Acosmism, and the Return to Nothingness in Hassidism, Salomon Maimon, and Spinoza.” Jacob Neusner Memorial talk. Bard College/NYC. April 2024.

“Spinoza, the Pharisee.” A paper presented at the Colloquium of the Religion Department. Bard College. April 2024.

“Spinoza’s Transcendent God.” A paper presented at the Post-Kantian Philosophy Workshop. Warwick University. March 2024.

“Spinoza’s Transcendent God.” A paper presented at the Colloquium of the Philosophy Department. University of York. March 2024.

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“Spinoza’s Transcendent God.” A paper presented at the early modern philosophy workshop. University of British Columbia. February 2024.

“Spinoza’s PSR, the cogito, and Munitz’s ‘Ultimate Source of Our Being’.” A paper presented at the Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association. New York, January 2024.

“Spinoza and Hegel on Actual Infinity.” Keynote Lecture at the conference “Between Substance and Subject: The Presence of Spinoza in Hegel.” University of Ljubljana, October 2023.

“Spinoza and ‘Temporal’ Modality”. Keynote Lecture at the Collegium Spinozanum. University of Groningen. July 2023.

“Spinoza’s Necessitarianism: Modality and Time.” A paper presented at a conference on Modern Philosophy in honor of Don Garrett. Department of philosophy. New York University. May 2023.

“*Ai’n* [אין], Acosmism, and the Return to Nothingness in Hassidism, Salomon Maimon, and Spinoza.” A paper presented at a conference on acosmism and panentheism. University of Toronto, May 2023.

“Why Wasn’t Spinoza *Excommunicated*?” A paper presented at the Royal Academy of the Arts, Stockholm. April 2023.

“The Political Theology of Salomon Maimon.” A paper presented at the philosophy department. Södertörn University, Stockholm. April 2023.

“Spinoza’s Transcendent God.” A paper presented at the Colloquium of Philosophy Department at Georgetown University. February 2023.

“Schopenhauer on Spinoza: Animals, Jews, and Evil.” 2022 Mytelka Memorial Lecture at the Jewish Studies Program. Princeton University. November 2022.

“The Political Theology of Salomon Maimon.” A paper presented at the Colloquium of the Jewish Studies Program. Princeton University. November 2022.

“Spinoza’s Anti-Humanism: The Real and False Significance of the Human Perspective.” A paper presented at the Spinoza Society of Washington D.C. October 2022.

“The Political Theology of Salomon Maimon.” A paper presented at the Leuven Seminar in Classical German Philosophy. October 2022.

“The Principle of Sufficient Reason in Early Modern Metaphysics.” A paper presented at the Spinoza & Early Modern Philosophy Virtual Workshop. Johns Hopkins University. September 2022

“Spinoza’s Critique of Gersonides’ view on Divine Omniscience”. A paper presented at the Spinoza & Early Modern Philosophy Virtual Workshop. Johns Hopkins University. July 2022

“The Principle of Sufficient Reason in Early Modern Metaphysics.” A paper presented at a conference on the principle of sufficient reason. Yale University. June 2022.

“Spinoza’s Paul.” A paper presented at a conference on Spinoza on Religion. Istituto per il Lessico Intellettuale Europeo e Storia delle idee – Rome. May 2022.

“Expression in Spinoza’s Early Works.” A paper presented at a virtual workshop on Spinoza’s concept of expression. Vanderbilt University, May 2022.

“Spinoza’s Transcendent God.” A paper presented at a conference in honor of Eckart Förster. Johns Hopkins University. May 2022.

“Spinoza’s *Herem* Revisited.” Princeton-Bucharest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy. April 2022.

“Spinoza on the Nature of Necessity.” A paper presented at the Virtual Spinoza & Early Modern Philosophy Workshop. Johns Hopkins University. December 2021.

“Spinoza (and Aquinas) on Divine Persona.” A paper presented at the conference, “From Logos to Person.” Polis Institute, Jerusalem. October 2021.

“Spinoza on the Epistemic Status of Euclidean Proofs.” A paper presented at a workshop on Spinoza and the Sciences. Technion – Israel’s Institute of Technology. Haifa, Israel. July. 2021

“The Political Theology of Salomon Maimon.” A paper presented at the Spinoza & Early Modern Philosophy Virtual Workshop. Johns Hopkins University. July 2021.

“Spinoza’s Anti-Humanism: The Real and False Significance of the Human Perspective.” A paper presented at a workshop on human action, human nature and Spinoza’s metaphysics. University of Graz. June 2021.

“Why Wasn’t Spinoza *Excommunicated?*” A paper presented at the Maimonides Center for Advanced Studies, Hamburg University. April 2021.

Comments at a symposium on Jonathan Garb’s 2020 book, *A History of Kabbalah*. Johns Hopkins University. February 2021.

Comments at an invited symposium on Sandra Field’s 2020 book, *Potentia: Hobbes and Spinoza on Power & Popular Politics*. North American Spinoza Society. February 2021.

“Messianism in Hassidism: After Scholem’s ‘Neutralization of Messianism’ Paradigm.” A virtual presentation at the New Moon Forum (*Forum Rosh Hodesh*). Jerusalem/Baltimore. December 2020.

“The Banishment of Accidents from Spinoza’s Paradise.” A paper presented at the Virtual Spinoza & Early Modern Philosophy Workshop. Johns Hopkins University. December 2020.

“Spinoza’s Metaphysics of Thought.” A talk in the Philosophy Department, Catania University, Italy. October 2020.

“Spinoza on *causa sui*.” A talk presented at the Princeton-Bucharest Zoom Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy. September 2020.

“Spinozian Model Theory.” A paper presented at the Advances in Modal Logic 2020 conference. University of Helsinki. Co-author: Justin Bledin.

“Spinoza’s Transcendent God.” A paper presented as a keynote talk at the Virtual Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy. University of Pennsylvania. August 2020.

“Spinoza and the Election of the Hebrews.” A paper presented at the National Library of Israel, Jerusalem. August 2020.

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Comments on a book manuscript by Sonya Ozbey. Workshop at the University of Michigan, Ann Marin. March 2020.

“Spinoza’s Rabbinic Lenses.” A public lecture at the College of William & Mary. March 2020.

“Contingency and conceivability in Spinoza.” A paper presented at an invited symposium on Samuel Newlands 2018 book *Reconceiving Spinoza*. American Philosophical Association: Central Division. February 2020.

“The Political Theology of Salomon Maimon.” A paper presented at a conference on the reception of Spinoza’s Political Philosophy in Classical German Philosophy. Johns Hopkins University. February 2020.

“Spinoza’s *causa sui*.” A paper presented at a Spinoza Workshop. Hamburg University. January 2020.

“Systematic and Commentaristic Writing: The Cases of Spinoza and Salomon Maimon.” A paper presented at a conference on “Commentary: Philosophical and Literary Genealogies.” University of Pennsylvania. December 2019.

“Spinoza’s ‘Atheism’.” A paper presented at the Washington D.C. Spinoza Society. Bethesda. September 2019.

“The Hassidic Reception of *the Guide of the Perplexed*.” A paper presented at the Colloquium at the *École des hautes études en sciences sociales* – Centre de recherches historiques, Paris. June 2019.

“Spinoza’s Paul: Paulus *sive* Benedictus” A paper presented at the Colloquium at the *École des hautes études en sciences sociales* – Centre de recherches historiques, Paris. June 2019.

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“Spinoza’s Transcendent God.” A keynote talk at the Princeton-Penn-Columbia Graduate Conference in Early Modern Philosophy. Princeton University. May 2019.

“*Ethica more logico demonstrata*: Formalizing Spinoza’s *Ethics*.” A paper presented at a meeting of the Society for Early Modern Philosophy. Yale University. April 2019. Co-author: Justin Bledin.

“Spinoza’s Equation of Right and Power.” A paper presented at a conference on “Rights, the Human, and Literature in Early Modernity.” Johns Hopkins University, English Department. November 2018.

“Spinoza and Leibniz on Necessity.” A paper presented at a workshop on the history of the philosophy of modality. Johns Hopkins University. October 2018. Co-author: Samuel Newlands.

“Spinoza’s Transcendent God.” Keynote talk at the International Summer School on Naturalism in Classical German Philosophy. Bonn University, Department of Philosophy. July 2018.

“A Concise Grammar of Pantheism.” A paper presented at a Workshop on Philosophy of Religion and Pantheism. Rutgers University. June 2018.

“Spinoza on Right and Power.” A paper presented at a conference on “Spinoza’s Universe.” Baruch College-CUNY. April 2018.

“Why Wasn’t Spinoza *Excommunicated?*”. A paper presented at a conference on the Theory, Practice and Image of *Herem* (Rabbinic Ban). Johns Hopkins University. April 2018.

“Spinoza’s Transcendent God.” A paper presented at the History of Philosophy Seminar, King’s College, London. February 2018.

“Spinoza’s Mereology.” A paper presented at the London Spinoza Circle, London. February 2018.

“Spinozism, Acosmism and Hassidism: A Closed Circle.” A paper presented at the Colloquium of the Institute of Jewish Studies, University College, London. February 2018.

“Spinoza’s *Girsa de-Yankuta*’ or Spinoza, the Pharisee.” A paper presented at the Colloquium of the Department of Jewish Thought, Hebrew University of Jerusalem. December 2017.

“Spinoza and the Will to Power.” A paper presented at the Colloquium of the School of Philosophy, Catholic University of American, November 2017.

“ ‘God is Nature’: Rabbinic Pantheism and Its (very few) Critics, 1200-1970.” A paper presented at the Colloquium of the Center for Advanced Jewish Studies, University of Pennsylvania. November, 2017. Co-author: Jonathan Garb.

“Spinoza’s Transcendent God.” A paper presented at a Colloquium of the Philosophy Department, Marist College. November 2017.

“On the Fish’s Knowledge of God’s Essence, or Why Spinoza Was Not a Skeptic.” A paper presented at a Colloquium of the Philosophy Department, Loyola University of Baltimore. November 2017.

“Teleology in Medieval Jewish Philosophy and Spinoza.” A paper presented at a Workshop on Teleology. Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies. Harvard University, September 2017.

“Hegel, Spinoza, and McTaggart on the Reality of Time.” A paper presented at a Conference on Hegel and Metaphysics. Oxford University, September 2017.

“When having *too much* Power is Harmful? - Spinoza on Political Luck.” A Keynote talk at the Chinese National Conference in Early Modern Philosophy, Renmin University, Beijing, June 2017.

“Spinoza’s ‘Atheism.’ ” Inaugural Lecture in the Philosophy of New Generation Lecture Series. Philosophy Department at Peking University. Beijing, June 2017.

“Spinoza’s Mereology.” A paper presented at the Colloquium of the Philosophy Department, University of Washington, Seattle. May 2017.

“Spinoza and the Election of the Hebrews.” A paper presented at a conference on Spinoza and Modern Jewish Philosophy. University of Washington, Seattle. May 2017.

“A Road not Taken: Why was Spinoza not a Skeptic?” A paper presented at a conference on Modern Skepticism. University of Hamburg, May 2017.

“Spinoza’s ‘Atheism’ ”. A paper presented at a conference on Spinoza’s *TTP* and *Ethics*. Princeton University, May 2017.

“The Indivisibility of Extension in Spinoza.” A paper presented at a conference on Late Scholastic and Early Modern Theories of Material Substance. Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris. March 2017.

“Spinoza and Abraham Cohen Herrera on the Infinite.” A paper presented in a symposium on Early Modern Platonism and the Kabbalah. American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting. March 2017.

“Spinoza’s ‘Atheism’ ” The Jacob Perlow Lecture at Skidmore College. February 2017.

“Spinoza’s ‘Atheism.’” A keynote paper presented at conference on *Pantheists, Spinozists, Jews, and the Formation of German Idealism*. Hebrew University of Jerusalem. November 2016.

“Spinoza’s ‘*Girsa de-Yankuta*’ or Spinoza, the Pharisee.” A paper presented at the Colloquium of the Jewish Studies Program, Brandeis University.

“Spinoza’s ‘Atheism’ and the Ideology of Secularism.” Keynote Talk presented at the Workshop: *Historiographie de la philosophie: Histoire, Méthodes, Pratiques*. ENS de Lyon, June 2016.

“The First Draft of Spinoza’s *Ethics*?” A paper presented at conference on Spinoza’s Philosophy. Paris 1-Sorbonne. June 2016.

“Spinoza’s Paul.” A paper presented at a conference on Spinoza’s *Theological Political Treatise*. Princeton University. May 2016.

“Spinoza Against the Law (or Spinoza on Laws of Nature as Brute Necessities).” A paper presented as the Annual Hans Larsson Lecture at the School of Law, Lund University, Sweden. April 2016.

“Spinoza on the Value of Humanity.” A paper presented at a Workshop on the Value of Humanity. Johns Hopkins University. April 2016.

“Hermann Cohen, Spinoza, and the Nature of Pantheism.” A presented at a conference on Spinoza and Hermann Cohen. Princeton University. April 2016.

“Spinoza’s Mereology.” A paper presented at the Colloquium of the Philosophy Department, University of Notre Dame. February 2016.

“Spinozism, Acosmism and Hasidism: A Closed Circle.” A paper presented at the Buber Society of Fellows – Hebrew University of Jerusalem. January 2016.

“The Causes of our Belief in Free Will: Spinoza on Necessary, ‘Innate,’ yet False Cognition.” A paper presented at the Colloquium of the Philosophy Department, Hebrew University of Jerusalem. December 2015.

“Salomon Maimon on the Acosmism of the Hasidism (and Why They Were not Entitled to Such a Lofty View).” A paper presented at a conference on the Concept of Judaism in Classical German Philosophy. Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München. December 2015.

“Spinoza’s Mereology.” A paper presented at the Colloquium of the Philosophy Department, Washington University in St. Louis. November 2015.

“Spinoza and the Kabbalah.” A paper presented at a conference on Jewish Mysticism’s Role in Early Modern Philosophy and Science: Kabbalah, “Atheism” and Non-Mechanical Philosophies of Nature in the 17th-18th Centuries. École des hautes études en sciences sociales, Paris. October 2015.

“Spinoza’s Encyclopedia.” A paper presented at the conference “Die Bestimmung der Philosophie — Zur Theorie und Praxis philosophischen Erkennens.” Bochum University (Germany), June 2015.

“Spinoza on Death and the Imagination.” A paper presented at the Immortality Conference. University of California, Riverside. May 2015. Co-author: Oded Schechter.

“*Deus sive Veruft*: Schelling’s Transformation of Spinoza’s God.” A paper presented at the Townsend Humanities Center, UC Berkeley. March 2015.

“Spinoza’s *Aeternitas* as a Modal Concept.” A paper presented at a workshop on eternity. Princeton University. February 2015.

“Spinoza Against the Law (or Spinoza on Laws of Nature as Accidental Necessities).” A paper presented at the Institute for Advanced Studies. Hebrew University of Jerusalem. January 2015.

“Spinoza’s Mereology.” A paper presented at the Philosophy Department, Ohio State University. October 2014.

“Spinoza Against the Law (or Spinoza on Laws of Nature as Accidental Necessities).” A paper presented at a conference on Early Modern Philosophy and Science in Honor of Dan Garber. Princeton University. September 2014.

“Being, Existence, and Reality in Spinoza and His Medieval Predecessors.” A paper presented at a conference on the Origin and Nature of Logic and Language in Medieval Philosophy. Freiburg University. August 2014.

“Spinoza’s Anti-Cartesianism.” A paper presented at the New England Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy. Brown University. May 2014. Co-author: Oded Schechter.

“Spinoza’s Metaphysics: Substance and Thought.” Response to critics at a symposium on my 2013 book. American Philosophical Association: Pacific Division. April 2014.

“*Causa efficiens*: Spinoza’s Monster Cause.” A paper presented at the New York City Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Fordham University. March 2014.

“Gersonides and Spinoza on God’s Knowledge of Universals and Individuals.” A paper presented at a conference on Gersonides’ Philosophy. University of Geneva. February 2014.

“Spinoza’s Paul: Paulus sive Benedictus.” A paper presented at a conference on the Judeo-Christian Tradition. University of Antwerp. February 2014.

“Spinoza’s Mereology.” A talk given at the Modern Philosophy Workshop, University of Pennsylvania. October 2013.

“*Deus sive Veruft*; Schelling’s Transformation of Spinoza’s God.” A paper presented at a conference on Schelling’s Philosophy. Temple University, Philadelphia. October 2013.

“Spinoza’s Mereology.” A paper presented at the departmental colloquium of the Department of Philosophy, Freiburg University. June 2013.

“Spinoza’s *amor Dei intellectuals*.” A paper presented at the Israeli-Atlantic Canada Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy. Tel Aviv and Jerusalem Universities. May 2013.

“Spinoza’s *Respublica divina*.” A paper presented at a conference on Spinoza’s *Theological Political Treatise*. February 2013. Tübingen University

“Spinoza’s Mereology.” A talk given at the departmental colloquium of the Department of Philosophy, Hebrew University, Jerusalem. December 2012.

“Spinoza’s Mereology.” A talk given at the departmental colloquium of the Department of Philosophy, Bar Ilan University, Israel. December 2012.

“Spinoza’s Mereology.” A talk given at the departmental colloquium of the Department of Philosophy, Central European University, Budapest. November 2012.

“Hear the Truth from whoever Speaks It.” A talk given at the opening ceremony of the Academy of the Jewish Museum of Berlin. November 2012.

“Spinoza’s Mereology.” A paper presented at the departmental colloquium of the Department of Philosophy, Ben Gurion University, Beer Sheva. October 2012.

“How to Become a Spinozist?” A paper presented at a Conference on Eckart Förster’s *Twenty-Five Years of Philosophy*. Humboldt-University, Berlin. July 2012.

“Spinoza’s Metaphysics of Thought.” A paper presented at a Spinoza Workshop. Humboldt-University, Berlin. June 2012.

“Spinoza’s Mereology.” A keynote talk at the Scottish Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy. University of Aberdeen. May 2012.

“Maimon's Law of Determinability and the Derivation of the Categories of Thought." A paper presented at a Conference on *Pure Forms of Thought: Categories in Kant and German Idealism*. University of Pennsylvania, April 2012.

“Eternity in Early Modern Metaphysics.” A paper presented at a conference on Eternity. Bochum University. December 2011.

“The Myth of Spinoza’s Secularism.” A paper presented at a Spinoza Workshop. Princeton University. December 2011.

“Spinoza’s Mereology.” A paper presented at the History of Philosophy Workshop. Harvard University. Nov. 2011.

“Mendelssohn, Maimon, and Spinoza on Ex-Communication and Toleration: Dispelling Three Convenient Myths.” A paper presented at a conference on Moses Mendelssohn. University of Maryland College Park. Nov. 2011.

“Why could the Cause-of-Itself not possibly have limited itself? – On the First Appendix to Spinoza’s *Korte Verhandlung*.” A paper presented at a conference on the Young Spinoza, ENS-Lyon, Nov. 2011.

“Be Aware of the Charitable Interpreter: Charitable Interpretations, the History of Philosophy, and Gettier’s Problem” A paper presented in a conference on the Methodology of the History of Philosophy, Concordia University. Montreal, Oct. 2011.

“The Development of Spinoza’s Concepts of Substance and Attribute.” A paper presented at a Conference on the Young Spinoza. Johns Hopkins University. Sept. 2011.

“Mendelssohn and the Kabbalah.” A paper presented at a conference on the Jewish Enlightenment. Goethe Universität, Frankfurt a.M., July 2011.

“Spinoza’s Mereology.” A paper presented at an Invited Session. American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting. April 2011, Minneapolis.

“Spinoza’s Metaphysics of Thought.” A paper presented at a Colloquium of the Philosophy Department, New York University. February 2011.

Comments - in an Author meets Critics session - on Michael Della Rocca’s, *Spinoza* (Routledge, 2008). *American Philosophical Association*, Eastern Division Meeting. December 2010.

“Spinoza’s Deification of Existence.” A paper presented at the Early Modern Philosophy Workshop, UNC-Chapel Hill, December, 2010.

“*Causa efficiens*: Spinoza’s Monster Cause.” Featured talk at the South-Central Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Texas A&M University, Nov. 12, 2010.

“Spinoza’s Deification of Existence.” A paper presented at the meeting of Washington D.C. Spinoza Society - Goethe Institute. Fall, 2010.

“Determination, Negation, and Self-Negation from Spinoza to Hegel.” A paper presented at an International Conference on *Spinoza and German Idealism*. May 2010. John Hopkins University.

“Spinoza’s Deification of Existence.” A paper presented at the Colloquium of the Jewish Studies Department at New York University. April, 2010.

“Inherence-Causation-Conceivability in Spinoza or On Spinoza's Well-Grounded Bifurcations.” A paper that was the subject of a symposium session at the *American Philosophical Association*, Pacific Division Meeting. March-April 2010.

“*Christus secundum spiritum*: Spinoza, Jesus, and the Infinite Intellect.” A paper presented at the International Conference: “The Jewish Jesus”. Johns Hopkins University. November 2009.

“Acosmism or Weak Individuals? Hegel, Spinoza, and the Reality of the Finite.” A paper presented at the Colloquium of the Philosophy Department at Temple University. November 12th, 2009.

“Spinoza’s Metaphysics of Thought”. A paper presented at the Oxford Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Oxford, October 2009.

“Spinoza on Inherence-Causation-Conceivability.” A paper presented at the Southwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, February-March 2009, Caltech, Pasadena.

“Secular Mythologies: Spinoza and the Secular Imagination.” A paper presented in a presidential panel on “Political Theologies” at the American Historical Association convention. January 2009, New York.

“Spinoza on Inherence-Causation-Conceivability.” A paper presented at the Leiden-Duke workshop on Early Modern Philosophy, September 2008, Leiden.

“Salomon Maimon, and the Failure of Modern Jewish Philosophy.” A paper presented at the International Conference “Haskalah et Aufklärung: philosophes juifs des Lumières allemandes”. Ecole normale supérieure, Paris. May 2008.

“Spinoza and Crescas on the Infinite”. A paper presented at the International Conference “Spinoza et les scolastiques” – Paris IV-Sorbonne. March 2008. Organized by the *Centre d’Etudes Cartésiennes* and *le Groupe de Recherches Spinozistes*

“From the Gate of Heaven to the Field of Holy Apples: Spinoza and the *Kabbalah*” A paper presented at an Invited Symposium (Main Program) on Kabbalism in Early Modern Philosophy. American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting. December 2007.

“Spinoza and the Deification of Existence.” A paper presented at the Atlantic Canada Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy. Halifax, Nova Scotia. July 2007.

"Spinoza, Negative Theology, and the Fish's Knowledge of God's Essence." A paper presented at the Philosophy of Religion Workshop. University of Chicago. Spring 2007.

“Spinoza, Tschirnhaus and Leibniz on ‘What is a World?’ ” – A paper presented at the International Conference “Leibniz and Spinoza” – Lyon, France. March 2007. Organized by the *Ecole Normale Supérieure* (Lyon) and *CNRS*.

Commentator in an Author Meets Critics Sessions on Steven Nadler, Spinoza’s Ethics – An Introduction (Cambridge UP, 2006). University of Chicago, March 2007.

“Spinoza’s Metaphysics of Thought”. An invited paper presented at a Colloquium of the Philosophy Department, Tel Aviv University. December 2006.

“On Existence (or Eternity) as the Essence of Spinoza’s God.” A paper presented at the Early Modern Philosophy Workshop. University Chicago. October 2006.

“The Metaphysics of Spinoza’s *Theological-Political Treatise*”. A paper presented at an Invited Symposium (Main Program). American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting. March 2006.

“Spinoza’s Anti-Humanism”. A paper presented at the Franke Institute for the Humanities – The University of Chicago. January 2006.

“Spinoza’s Metaphysics of Thought”. An invited paper presented at a Colloquium of the Philosophy Department, Columbia University. April 2005.

“Spinoza’s Metaphysics of Thought”. An invited paper presented at the History of Philosophy Workshop, Rice University. April 2005.

“Spinoza on God’s Intellectual Love”. An invited paper presented at a conference on "Seventeenth-Century Passions". Washington University, St. Louis, April 2005.

“Rationalism in German Idealism”. Commentator on a paper by Paul Franks in an invited session of the American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division meeting). March 2005.

“Spinoza’s Metaphysics of Thought.” An invited paper presented at a Colloquium of the Philosophy Department, University of Chicago. February 2005.

“Spinoza’s Metaphysics of Thought.” An invited paper presented at a Colloquium of the Philosophy Department, Syracuse February 2005.

“Spinoza’s Metaphysics of Thought”. An invited paper presented at a Colloquium of the Philosophy Department, Washington University, St. Louis, January 2005.

“Spinoza on Substance and Mode: A Critique of Curley”. A paper presented at the meeting of the American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division. North America Spinoza Society Session). December 2004.

“The Substance-Mode Relation in Spinoza as a Relation of Inherence and Predication”. A paper presented at the Montreal Inter-University Workshop in the History of Philosophy. November 2004.

“Spinoza’s *Two* Doctrines of Parallelism”. A paper presented at the joint meeting of the Midwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy and the Central Canada Seminar for the Study of Early Modern Philosophy. University of Western Ontario. September 2004.

“Spinoza’s Anti-Humanism”. A paper delivered at the meeting of the American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division. North America Spinoza Society Session). December 2003.

"The Principle of Determinability (*Satz der Bestimmbarkeit*)". A paper presented at the meeting of the North America Kant Society (Pacific Study Group). November 2003 (UC Berkeley) (*Winner of the Graduate Student Travel Stipend*).

“Parallelism and Idealism in Spinoza”. A paper delivered at the meeting of the American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division). December 2002, Philadelphia.

“Hegel’s Critique of Spinoza’s Anti-Humanism”. A paper delivered at the 8th Conference of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas. University of Wales, July 2002.

“The Substance-Mode Relation in Spinoza, and Material Causation”. A paper presented at the New England Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy. Dartmouth College. June 2002.

“Kinds of Infinities: Attributes and Infinite Modes in Spinoza”. A paper presented at the Southeastern Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy. Wake Forest University. November 2001.

“Parallelism and Idealism in Spinoza”. A paper presented at the Midwest Seminar in the History of Early Modern Philosophy. University of Chicago. April 2001.

“The Metaphysical Grounds of Kant’s Defense of Capital Punishment”. A paper delivered at the Isaiah Berlin International Conference: “Enlightenment and Counter-Enlightenment”. Tel-Aviv University, May 2000.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIP

Gross Library of Jewish Philosophy/Oxford University Press [A 50-volumes series of bilingual editions of medieval and early modern Jewish philosophical works] – General Editor. 2022 – .

Spinoza Elements. Co-editor of 30-volume series with Cambridge University Press.

American Philosophical Association - Eastern Division. Program Committee, 2019-2021.

European Journal of Philosophy – Editorial Board. 2018 –.

Referee (often many times) for Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Princeton University Press, Routledge, University of Chicago Press; Brill, Springer, Mossad Bialik Press; *Philosophers’ Imprint*, *Philosophical Review*, *Mind*, *Nous*, *Philosophy & Phenomenological Research*, *Journal of Philosophy*, *Analysis*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *British Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *European Journal of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, *Philosophy Compass*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *History of Philosophy & Logical Analysis*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Oxford Studies in Early Modern Philosophy*, *Hegel Bulletin*, *Journal of the History of Ideas*, *History of Political Thought*, *Journal of Modern Philosophy*, *Jewish Studies Quarterly*; British Academy Election; British Academy Grants, Research Foundation Flanders (FWO), Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study, Israeli Science Foundation; National Endowment for the Humanities; ANR: The French National Research Agency, Minerva Stiftung.

Oxford Philosophical Concepts Book Series (OUP) – Member of the Editorial Board. 2009 - .

American Philosophical Association - Eastern Division, Advisory Program Committee (Field: Modern Philosophy), 2007-2010.

Mid-Atlantic Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy - Conference organizer. February 2009, April 2010.

Spinoza and German Idealism – Conference organizer. Johns Hopkins University. May 2010.

Co-Director of the *Midwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy*. 2005-2008. (See <http://cas.uchicago.edu/workshops/emodphil/empw-events.html>)

Director and founder of the *Early Modern Philosophy Workshop*. The University of Chicago. 2006-8.

Università di Bologna, Philosophy Department: *Sive Natura. International Center for Spinozan Studies*. Member of the Scientific International Committee.

Johns Hopkins University, Graduate Board Member. 2021.

Johns Hopkins University, Alexander Grass Humanities Institute. Board Member 2016-2019.

Johns Hopkins University, Singleton Center for Pre-Modern Studies. Board Member 2009- .

Johns Hopkins University, Arts and Humanities Campaign planning committee (2010-2011).

Johns Hopkins University, Department of Philosophy. Graduate admissions committee (2009, 2012).

Undergraduate Program Committee. Department of Philosophy - University of Chicago (2006-8).

Harper Schmidt Society of Fellows – Selection Committee. Division of the Humanities - University of Chicago (2006-7).

Director of the Common-Core sequence: “Philosophical Perspectives on the Humanities”. The University of Chicago (2007-8).

Tenure/promotion evaluation: NYU (x2); Columbia University; U. of Washington, Seattle; North Carolina State University; Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Drew University; CUNY; U. of South Carolina; Temple University; Rochester University; King’s College, London; Rice University; U. of South Florida; Yale-NUS; Tel Aviv University; University of Aberdeen; Stanford University; Georgetown University; University of British Columbia; University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; University of Sidney; Monash University.

External evaluation of departments: Open University of Israel.

Conferences organized:

Midwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy (University of Chicago, 2006); Midwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy (University of Chicago, 2007); Mid-Atlantic Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy (Johns Hopkins University, 2009); Mid-Atlantic Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy (Johns Hopkins University, 2010); Spinoza and German Idealism (Johns Hopkins University, 2010); The Young Spinoza (Johns Hopkins University, 2011); The Theory, Practice and Image of *Herem* [Rabbinic Ban] (Johns Hopkins University, 2018); History of the Philosophy of Modality (Johns Hopkins University, 2018).

Dissertations Advised:

Primary Advisor:

Karolina Hübner (The University of Chicago, Philosophy, 2010): “Spinoza’s Spiritual Automata”. (Currently, Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, UCLA)

John Brandau (Johns Hopkins University, Philosophy, 2016): “Spinoza on Essence.” (Currently, Director for Research Administration Operations, Morgan State University).

Zachary Gartenberg (Johns Hopkins University, Philosophy, 2022): “Prospects for Nothing: Representing Nonbeing and the Metaphysics of Intentionality in Aquinas, Spinoza, and Leibniz.” Currently, Assistant Professor, (tenure-track). Department of Philosophy. St. John’s College.

Jason Yonover (Johns Hopkins University, Philosophy, 2022): “Hegel and Spinoza on Freedom and Right.” (Currently, Assistant Professor (tenure-track). Department of Philosophy, Tel Aviv University).

Luce DeLire (Johns Hopkins University, Philosophy 2023): “Spinoza’s Concept of Infinity.”

Shozo Kamiya (Johns Hopkins University, 2025): “The Problem of Agency in Spinoza’s Metaphysics.”

Committee Member:

Meng Li (The University of Chicago, Committee on Social Thought, 2008): “Leibniz and Locke on Natural Law”
Currently, Professor, Department of Philosophy, and Dean of Honors College, Peking University.

Marius Stan (Johns Hopkins University, 2009): “Kant’s Theory of Motion: Metaphysical Foundations of Leibnizian Science.”
Currently, Associate Professor, Boston College.

Matthew Holtzman (Johns Hopkins University, Philosophy, 2012): “Berkeley on Religion, Common Sense, and the Nature of the Mind.”
Currently, Associate Professor, (tenured). Department of Philosophy. St. John’s College.

Patrick R. Leland (Johns Hopkins University, Philosophy, 2012): “Kant and the Origins of Semantic Pragmatism.”
Currently, Assistant Professor (tenure-track), Loyola University, New Orleans.

Alison Peterman (Northwestern University, 2012): “Spinoza’s Physics.” (Currently, Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Rochester).

David Wollenberg (The University of Chicago, Committee on Social Thought, 2012): “Desire and Democracy: Spinoza and the Politics of Affect.”

Alex Silverman (Yale University, Philosophy, 2014): “The Union of Thought and Being in Spinoza.” (Currently at the Society of Fellows, University of Chicago).

Arash Abazari (Johns Hopkins University, Philosophy, 2017): “Hegel’s Logic of Essence and the Ontology of Power in Capitalism.” (Currently, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Emory University).

Sanja Sarman (University of Hong Kong, Philosophy 2019): “Spinoza and the Inevitable Perfection of Being.”

Member of the *American Philosophical Association*, the *North American Leibniz Society*, the *North American Kant Society*, and the *North American Hegel Society*.