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PERSONAL

Date of birth: March 21, 1971
Citizenship: German, Brazilian, permanent resident of Canada

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

McGill University

James McGill Professor, 2015-present
Joint appointment in the Departments of Philosophy and Jewish Studies

Department Chair, 2015-present
Department of Jewish Studies

Oxford University

Professor of Comparative Religion and Philosophy, 2013-15
Faculty of Theology and Religion and Faculty of Philosophy
Professorial Fellow, Lady Margaret Hall

McGill University

Associate Professor (tenured), 2007-2015
Joint appointment in the Departments of Philosophy and Jewish Studies

William Dawson Scholarship (for outstanding young professors), 2004-14
Departments of Philosophy and Jewish Studies

Chair, 2004-08
Interdisciplinary Program in Philosophy and Western Religions, Faculty of Arts

Assistant Professor, 2001-07

Joint appointment in the Departments of Philosophy and Jewish Studies.

FU Berlin

Instructor and Graduate Supervisor, 2013-14

International MA program “Intellectual Encounters in the Medieval Islamic World”
(in collaboration with the The Hebrew University and Al-Quds University)

EDUCATION

Academic Degrees

Doctor of Philosophy (Dr. phil.), *summa cum laude*, 2000

Freie Universität Berlin (Berlin, Germany) in collaboration with The Hebrew University (Jerusalem, Israel). Title of dissertation: From Maimonides to Samuel ibn Tibbon: The Transformation of the *Dalālat al-Ḥā'irīn* into the *Moreh ha-Nevukhim* [in Hebrew]

Awarded the **Shlomo Pines Prize for outstanding young scholars** by the Faculty of Humanities at The Hebrew University

M.A. in Philosophy and Jewish Studies, *summa cum laude*, 1999

Freie Universität Berlin (Berlin, Germany) in collaboration with The Hebrew University (Jerusalem, Israel)

Additional diplomas, courses, and educational experiences

Arabic language school (highest level of proficiency), 2005

Middlebury College (Middlebury, Vermont)

Three months intensive study of Arabic and medieval Islamic philosophy, 2000

Private teacher from University of Cairo (Cairo, Egypt)

Graduate Studies and intensive Arabic language studies, 1995-97; 1999-2000

The Hebrew University (Jerusalem, Israel)

Greek, Latin, Hebrew Diploma (Graecum, Latinum, Hebraicum), 1994-95

Freie Universität Berlin (Berlin, Germany)

Diplôme d'études françaises de l'université de Paris-Sorbonne, 2^e degré, 1993

Université de Paris-Sorbonne (Paris, France)

Erasmus exchange program, Philosophy and Literature, 1992-93

Université de Paris-Sorbonne (Paris IV and Paris III) and École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (Paris, France)

High school diploma (“Abitur”), 1990

Best grade in my high school until 1990

Primary and secondary education in Germany and Brazil

VISITING POSITIONS / FELLOWSHIPS

Humboldt-Universität Berlin, 2012-13; 2015

Senior Research Fellowship of the Humboldt Foundation

Max-Planck-Institut für Wissenschaftsgeschichte, 2013

Visiting Research Fellowship (Berlin, Germany)

École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, 2010

Professeur invité (Paris, France)

Princeton Institute for Advanced Study, 2009-10

Leibowitz Fellow, School of Historical Studies (Princeton, New Jersey)

Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, 2009-10

Adjunct Fellow, University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich, 2008

Visiting Professor (“Universitätsprofessor”), Classes cross-listed in the Departments of Jewish Studies and Philosophy (Munich, Germany)

Université de Genève, Département de Philosophie, 2008

Associate Researcher (Geneva, Switzerland)

Institute for Research in the Humanities, 2007

Friedrich Solmsen Fellow

University of Wisconsin (Madison, Wisconsin)

State Islamic University Makassar, 2007

Visiting Professor as part of the CIDA-funded McGill-Indonesia Social Equity Project (Makassar, Indonesia)

Al-Quds University, 2006

Visiting Professor, invited to teach joint seminar with Sari Nusseibeh (East Jerusalem)

The Hebrew University, 2006

Associate Researcher (Jerusalem, Israel)

McGill University, 2000-01

Visiting assistant professor in the Department of Jewish Studies, (Montreal, Canada)

The Lady Davis Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2000-01 [declined]

The Hebrew University (Jerusalem, Israel)

AWARDS, DISTINCTIONS, AND GRANTS

SSHRC Partnership Grant, 2013-19

“Early Modern Conversions: Religions, Cultures, Cognitive Ecologies”

Co-Applicant (PI: Paul Yachnin)

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Ottawa, Canada)

FQRSC Team Grant for Interdisciplinary Research, 2008-12

“Translation, Transformation, and Transmission in Medieval Cultures”

Co-researchers: J. Fumo, F. Wallis, and R. Wisnovsky

Fonds Québécois de la Recherche sur la Société et la Culture (Quebec, Canada)

SSHRC Standard Research Grant, 2008-12

Project: “Philosophical Religions from Plato to Spinoza: Reason, Religion, and Autonomy”

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Ottawa, Canada)

W-3 Professur (Lehrstuhl), 2009 [declined]

Departments of Jewish Studies and Philosophy

Heinrich Heine Universität, Düsseldorf (Germany)

FQRSC Team Grant for Interdisciplinary Research, 2006-08

“Translation, Transformation, and Transmission in Medieval Cultures”

Co-researchers: J. Fumo, F. Wallis, and R. Wisnovsky

Fonds Québécois de la Recherche sur la Société et la Culture (Quebec, Canada)

SSHRC Team Grant for Interdisciplinary Conference, 2006-07

“Vehicles of Transmission, Translation, and Transformation in Medieval Cultures”

Conference held in April 2007, co-organized with J. Fumo, F. Wallis, and R. Wisnovsky

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Ottawa, Canada)

Lucius N. Littauer Foundation, Award for Book publication, 2005

Awarded for *From Maimonides to Samuel ibn Tibbon: The Transformation of the Dalālat al-Ḥā'irīn into the Moreh ha-Nevukhim*

FQRSC New Researcher Grant, 2004-07

Project: “The Place of Themistius and Solomon Maimon in the History of the *Deus sive Natura* Doctrine”

Fonds Québécois de la Recherche sur la Société et la Culture (Quebec, Canada)

McGill New Researcher Grant, 2003

Project: “*Deus sive Natura* in the History of Metaphysical Thought”
McGill University (Montreal, Canada)

C-4 Professur (Lehrstuhl), 2003 [declined]

Institute of Jewish Studies (Heidelberg, Germany)

Koret Foundation, Award for Book publication, 2003

Awarded for *From Maimonides to Samuel ibn Tibbon: The Transformation of the Dalālat al-Ḥāi’rīn into the Moreh ha-Nevukhim*

McGill Internal SSHRC Grant, 2002

Project: Preparation of dissertation for publication
McGill University (Montreal, Canada)

McGill Travel Grants: Conferences, Washington and Los Angeles, 2001-02

McGill University (Montreal, Canada)

DAAD [German Academic Exchange Agency] scholarship, 1999-2000

Awarded for conducting research at The Hebrew University in Jerusalem

Scholarship of the Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes, 1995-99

Awarded by national foundation to outstanding students at German universities

DAAD [German Academic Exchange Agency] scholarship, 1995-96

Awarded for one academic year at The Hebrew University in Jerusalem

Erasmus scholarship of the European Community, 1992-93

Awarded to study one academic year at the Sorbonne in Paris

LANGUAGES

Mother tongues:

German, Portuguese

Fluent:

English, French, Hebrew, Arabic

Proficient:

Spanish

Good reading competence:

Ancient Greek, Latin, Italian

PUBLICATIONS

A. MONOGRAPHS

(1) [Hebrew] *From Maimonides to Samuel ibn Tibbon: The Transformation of the Dalālat al-Ḥā'irīn into the Moreh ha-Nevukhim*, Jerusalem: The Hebrew University Magnes Press, 2007.

Reviews: *AJS Review*; *Aleph: Historical Studies in Science and Judaism*; *Iyyun: The Jerusalem Philosophical Quarterly*; *Revue des études juives*.

(2) *Philosophical Religions from Plato to Spinoza: Reason, Religion, and Autonomy*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012 (Paperback 2014).

Reviews: *Anabases: Traditions et Réceptions de l'Antiquité*; *British Journal of the History of Philosophy*; *Bruniana & Campanelliana*; *Bryn Mawr Classival Review*; *Bulletin de bibliographie spinoziste*; *Foro Interno: Anuario de Teoría Política*; *Humanities and Social Sciences Online (H-Judaic)*; *Journal of the History of Philosophy*; *Journal of Religious Studies*; *Philosophisches Jahrbuch*; *Plurilogue: Philosophy and Politics Review*; *Studia Philonica Annual*; *The New Republic*; *Toronto Journal of Jewish Thought*; *WebJudaica: Revista do Instituto Judaico Cultural Marc Chagall*.

(3) *Teaching Plato in Palestine: Philosophy in a Divided World*, Foreword by Michael Walzer, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2015.

(3a) German translation of 3: Munich: Carl Hanser Verlag, forthcoming in 2016.

(3b) Spanish translation of 3: Barcelona: Ariel, forthcoming in 2016.

B. EDITED VOLUMES

(1) *Traditions of Maimonideanism*, ed. Carlos Fraenkel, Leiden: Brill, 2009.

(2) *The Rationalists: Between Tradition and Innovation*, eds. Carlos Fraenkel, Dario Perinetti, and Justin Smith, The New Synthese Historical Library, Dordrecht: Springer, 2010.

(3) *Vehicles of Transmission, Translation, and Transformation in Medieval Textual Culture*, eds. Carlos Fraenkel, Jamie Fumo, Faith Wallis, and Robert Wisnovsky, *Cursor Mundi* Series of the UCLA Center of Medieval Studies published by Brepols, 2012.

(4) *Agents and Agency of Transmission, Translation, and Transformation in Medieval Textual Culture*, eds. Carlos Fraenkel, Jamie Fumo, Jamil Ragep, Faith Wallis, and Robert Wisnovsky, Berlin: Walter de Gruyter (forthcoming 2015).

C. SCHOLARLY TRANSLATIONS IN PROGRESS

(1) Themistius, *Paraphrase of Metaphysics*, Book Lambda, Introduction, Translation, and Notes, Carlos Fraenkel and Yoav Meyrav (under contract for the Ancient Commentaries on Aristotle Series, ed. Richard Sorabji, Cornell University Press and Duckworth).

D. SCHOLARLY PAPERS PUBLISHED OR ACCEPTEED FOR PUBLICATION

(1) "The Problem of Anthropomorphism in a Hitherto Unknown Passage from Samuel ibn Tibbon's *Ma'amar Yiqqawu ha-Mayim* and in a Newly-Discovered Letter by David ben Saul," *Jewish Studies Quarterly*, 2004, pp. 83-126.

(2) "Maimonides' God and Spinoza's *Deus sive Natura*," *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 44 (2006), 169-215.

(3) [Hebrew] "Beyond the Faithful Disciple: Samuel ibn Tibbon's Criticism of Maimonides," *Daat. A Journal of Jewish Philosophy and Kabbalah* 56-58 (2006), 61-82.

(3a) Expanded English translation of (3), in *Maimonides after 800 Years: Essays on Maimonides and His Influence*, ed. J. Harris, Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2007, 33-63.

(4) "Maimonides and Spinoza as Sources for Maimon's Solution of the 'problem *quid juris*' in Kant's Theory of Knowledge," *Kant-Studien* 100 (2009), 212-240.

(4a) Shorter version of (4) was published in *Sepharad in Ashkenaz: Medieval Knowledge and Eighteenth-Century Enlightened Jewish Discourse*, eds. R. Fontaine, A. Schatz, and I. Zwiep, Royal Netherlands Academy of Art and Sciences, Amsterdam, 2007, 193-220.

(5) [Hebrew] "From Maimonides to Samuel ibn Tibbon: Interpreting Judaism as a Philosophical Religion," in *Maimonides: Conservatism, Originality, Revolution*, ed. A. Ravitzky, Jerusalem: Zalman Shazar, 2008, vol. 2, 531-556.

(5a) English translation of (5) in *Traditions of Maimonideanism*, ed. Carlos Fraenkel, Leiden: Brill, 2009, 177-212.

(5b) Portuguese translation of (5) in *Filosofia Judaica na Idade Média*, ed. Rosalie Pereira, Editora Perspectiva, São Paulo (forthcoming).

(6) "Maimonides, Averroes, and Samuel ibn Tibbon on a 'Skandalon' of Medieval Science," in *Aleph: Historical Studies in Science and Judaism* 8 (2008), 283-300.

(7) [Hebrew] "A New Examination of the Attribution to Samuel ibn Tibbon of two Collections of Glosses on *The Guide of the Perplexed* and of a Commentary on the *Account of the Beginning* with an Appendix Containing a Partial Edition of the Commentary," *Aley Sefer* 20 (2008), 45-68.

- (8) “Could Spinoza Have Presented the *Ethics* as the True Content of the Bible?” *Oxford Studies in Early Modern Philosophy* 4 (2008), eds. Daniel Garber and Steven Nadler, 1-50.
- (9) “From the Pythagorean Void to Crescas’ God as the Place of the World,” *Zutot: Perspectives on Jewish Culture* 5 (2008), 87-94.
- (10) “Philosophy and Exegesis in al-Fārābī, Averroes, and Maimonides,” Special Issue of *Laval Théologique et Philosophique* 64 (2008) on “The Philosophical Commentary in Antiquity and Beyond,” 105-125.
- (11) “God’s Existence and Attributes,” in *The Cambridge History of Medieval Jewish Philosophy*, eds. S. Nadler and T. Rudavsky, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009, 561-589.
- (12) “Zur Integration von islamischem und jüdischem Denken: Eine unbekannte Projektbeschreibung von Shlomo Pines,” in *Münchener Beiträge zur Jüdischen Geschichte und Kultur* 4 (2008), 23-31.
- (12a) “On Shlomo Pines’ Outline for an Integrated History of Medieval Islamic and Jewish Philosophy,” English translation of (12), in *Agents and Agency of Transmission, Translation, and Transformation in Medieval Culture*, eds. Carlos Fraenkel, Jamie Fumo, Faith Wallis, and Robert Wisnovsky (forthcoming).
- (13) “On the Concept and History of Philosophical Religions,” “Introductory Essay” in *Nature and Scripture in the Abrahamic Religions*, eds. Scott Mandelbrote and Jitse van der Meer, Leiden: Brill, 2009, 35-82.
- (14) “Hasdai Crescas on God as the Place of the World and Spinoza’s Notion of God as *Res Extensa*,” *Aleph: Historical Studies in Science and Judaism* 9 (2009), 319-353.
- (15) “Introduction” to *Traditions of Maimonideanism*, ed. Carlos Fraenkel, Leiden: Brill, 2009, vii-x.
- (16) “Theocracy and Autonomy in Medieval Islamic and Jewish Philosophy,” *Political Theory* 38 (2010), 340-366.
- (16a) Shorter German version of (16) in *Simon-Dubnow-Yearbook* 7 (2008), 283-297.
- (17) “Introduction” (with Dario Perinetti and Justin Smith) to *The Rationalists: Between Tradition and Innovation*, eds. Carlos Fraenkel, Dario Perinetti, and Justin Smith, The New Synthese Historical Library of Springer Academic Publishers, 2010, 1-9.
- (18) “Spinoza on Philosophy and Religion: The Averroistic Sources,” *The Rationalists: Between Tradition and Innovation*, eds. Carlos Fraenkel, Dario Perinetti and Justin Smith, The New Synthese Historical Library of Springer Academic Publishers, 2010, 58-81.

- (18a) Shorter German version of (18) in *Departure for Modern Europe—A Handbook of Early Modern Philosophy (1400-1700)*, ed. Hubertus Busche, Meiner Verlag, 2011, 564-76.
- (19) “Legislating Truth: Maimonides, the Almohads, and the 13th Century Jewish Enlightenment,” *Studies in the History of Culture and Science Presented to Gad Freudenthal on his 65th Birthday*, eds. R. Fontaine et al., Leiden: Brill, 2010, 209-231.
- (19a) Portuguese translation of (19) in *Filosofia Judaica na Idade Média*, ed. Rosalie Pereira, Editora Perspectiva, São Paulo (forthcoming).
- (20) “Introduction” (with Jamie Fumo, Faith Wallis, and Robert Wisnovsky) to *Vehicles of Translation, Transmission, Transformation in Medieval Textual Culture*, eds. Carlos Fraenkel, Jamie Fumo, Faith Wallis, and Robert Wisnovsky, *Cursor Mundi* Series of the UCLA Center of Medieval Studies published by Brepols, 2012, 1-22.
- (21) “Integrating Greek Philosophy into Jewish and Christian Contexts in Antiquity: The Alexandrian Project” in *Vehicles of Translation, Transmission, Transformation in Medieval Textual Culture*, eds. Carlos Fraenkel, Jamie Fumo, Faith Wallis, and Robert Wisnovsky, *Cursor Mundi* Series of the UCLA Center of Medieval Studies published by Brepols, 2012, 23-47.
- (22) “Reconsidering the Case of Elijah Delmedigo’s Averroism and its Impact on Spinoza,” in *Renaissance Averroism and its Aftermath: Arabic Philosophy in Early Modern Europe*, eds. Anna Akasoy and Guido Guigliani, Dordrecht: Springer, 2012, 213-236.
- (22a) “*Duplex Veritas?* Elijah Delmedigo’s Relationship to Averroes and Christian Averroists Reconsidered,” shorter version of (22) to be published in *Jewish Averroism*, ed. Vasileios Syros, Brill (forthcoming).
- (23) “Divine Law in the Platonic Tradition - One or Many?” in *Schede Medievali* 51 (2013), 31-40.
- (24) “Philo of Alexandria, Hasdai Crescas, and Spinoza on God’s Body,” in *Envisioning Judaism: Studies in Honor of Peter Schäfer*, eds. Ra‘anan Boustan et al., Tübingen: Mohr-Siebeck, 2013, 809-820.
- (24a) Hebrew trans. of (24) in *Hasdai Crescas*, eds. Esti Eisenmann and Zeev Harvey, Jerusalem: Zalman Shazar (forthcoming).
- (25) “Spinoza on Miracles and the Truth of Scripture,” *Journal of the History of Ideas* 74 (2013), 643-658.
- (26) “Maimonideanism Today? Political Aristotelianism and the Problem of Autonomy: Medieval and Contemporary Perspectives,” Jerusalem: The Hebrew University Magnes Press, eds. Aviram Ravitsky et al. (forthcoming).

(27) “Spinoza’s Philosophy of Religion,” in *Oxford Handbook of Spinoza*, ed. Michael Della Rocca, Oxford University Press (forthcoming).

(28) “Philosophy and Theology,” in *Oxford Handbook of the Abrahamic Religions*, ed. Guy Stroumsa, Oxford University Press (forthcoming).

E. ESSAYS AND POLITICAL COMMENTARY

(1) “Teaching Plato in Palestine,” *Dissent*, Spring 2007, 32-39.

(1a) German translation of (1) in *Lettre International: Europas Kulturzeitung* 74 (2006), 25-30.

(1b) Italian translation of (1) in *Reset: Un Mese di Idee* 103 (2007), 48-54.

(2) “Some Reflections on Philosophy, Democracy, and Religion,” in *Refleksi: Jurnal Kajian Agama dan Filsafat* 9 (2007), 1-9 (Journal of the Faculty of Islamic Theology and Philosophy of the State Islamic University in Jakarta).

(3) “Teaching Aristotle in Indonesia,” *Dissent*, Summer 2008, 5-13.

(3a) “Mit Maimonides in Makassar,” Shorter German version of (3), *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, July 28, 2008, “Feuilleton,” 23.

(3b) French translation of (3) in *Philosophie Magazine* 32 (2009).

(3c) Italian translation of (3) in *Reset: Un Mese di Idee* 113 (2009).

(4) “Does Brazil Still Need a Revolution?” *Dissent*, Winter 2011, 27-32.

(5) “Citizen Philosophers: Teaching Justice in Brazil,” *Boston Review*, January-February 2012.
One of *Boston Review*’s “Best Essays of 2012”

(5a) German translation of (5) in *Lettre International: Europas Kulturzeitung* 98 (2012).

(5b) Romanian translation of (5) in *Lettre International: Romania* 84 (2013).

(6) “100 Days of Student Protests in Québec: *Printemps Érablé* or Much Ado About Nothing?” *Dissent*, May 2012.

(7) “In Praise of the Clash of Cultures,” *The New York Times*, “The Stone” philosophy series, 2 September, 2012 (also included in *The Stone Reader*, Norton, 2015).

(7a) Shorter German version of (7) in *Die Zeit*, April 2013.

(8) “Spinoza in Shtreimels: An Underground Seminar,” *Jewish Review of Books*, Fall 2012, 38-43 (featured preview in *Jewish Ideas Daily*, September 4, 2012).

(8a) French translation of (8) in *Books: Livres et Idées du Monde Entier* 50, 26 December, 2013.

(9) “A Guerrillero-Gentleman,” *The Nation*, January 20, 2014.

(9a) German translation of (9) *Lettre International: Europas Kulturzeitung* 102 (2013).

(9b) Romanian translation of (9) in *Lettre International: Romania* 88 (2014).

(9c) Portuguese translation of (9) in *Revista Brasileiros* 80 (2014).

(10) “Cantankerous Neighbors,” Review Essay of David Nirenberg’s *Anti-Judaism and Neighboring Faiths* for the *London Review of Books*, February 2015.

F. BOOK REVIEWS

(1) “No body,” Review of Sarah Stroumsa, *Maimonides in His World: Portrait of a Mediterranean Thinker* for *Times Literary Supplement*, November 19, 2010, 28

(2) Review of Milad Doueïhi, *Augustine and Spinoza* for *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, March 19, 2011

(3) “Divine reasoning,” Review of Jacob Howland, *Plato and the Talmud* for *Times Literary Supplement*, November 4, 2011, 32

(4) “The Heretic Hebrew” Review of Steven Nadler, *A Book Forged in Hell: Spinoza’s Scandalous Treatise and the Birth of the Secular Age* for *Moment Magazine*, January 2012

G. ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

(1) [German] The following appeared in A. Kilcher & O. Fraisse (Hrsg.), *Lexikon jüdischer Philosophen*, Stuttgart-Weimar: J. B. Metzler, 2003:

Crescas, Hasdai; Ibn Daud, Abraham; Ibn Tibbon, Jehuda / Samuel; Levi ben Gershon; Pines, Shlomo; Spinoza, Baruch de; Wolfson, Harry A.

(2) [German] Willensfreiheit: VII. Judentum, *Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart*, 4. Auflage, vol. 8, Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2005, 1578-1579

(2a) English translation of [8], *Religion Past and Present*, Leiden: Brill [forthcoming]

(3) Spinoza, Baruch de, *Encyclopedia Judaica* (Revised Edition), 2007

PRESENTATIONS

- Academy of the Jewish Museum, Berlin: discussion of *Teaching Plato in Palestine* with Karim Sadek, June 9, 2015 (invited).
- “Themistius’ Paraphrase of Metaphysics 12: Text, Ideas, Reception,” Oxford University, June 2014 (invited).
- PEN World Voices Festival of International Literature: presentation of *Teaching Plato in Palestine*. New York City, May 9, 2015 (invited).
- “Metaphysics, Skepticism, and Sufism in al-Ghazâlî, Maimonides, and Abraham ben Maimonides,” Yale University, February 5, 2015.
- “Did the son rebel against the father? Abraham ben Maimonides and the Sefardi philosophical legacy in the East,” Dept. of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Harvard University, February 2014.
- “*Deus sive Natura* from Themistius to Spinoza”, Max-Planck-Institut für Wissenschaftsgeschichte, Berlin, May 2013.
- “Geschichte der Philosophie als Sokratische Übung,” Dept. of Philosophy, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, April 11, 2013.
- “Teaching Plato in Palestine,” European College of Liberal Arts, Berlin, March 6, 2013.
- “Medieval Philosophy and Sustainability,” Shaar Shalom Inaugural Public Lecture, Dalhousie University, September 20, 2012.
- [Hebrew] “Is there a critique of religion in the *TTP*” Conference in honor of Rachel Elijor, Zeev Harvey, and Aviezer Ravitzky, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, June 5-6, 2012.
- “Is there a critique of religion in the *TTP*?” Midwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Madison-Wisconsin, October 21-23, 2011.
- [Hebrew] “Philo of Alexandria, Hasdai Crescas, and Spinoza on God’s Body and Causality,” International Conference on Hasdai Crescas, Merkaz Zalman Shazar, January 11, 2011.
- *Les religions philosophiques de Platon aux Lumières: raison, religion, autonomie*. Three conferences at the *École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales*, Paris, December 2010: (1) “Sharī‘a et Torah, servantes de la philosophie : l’interprétation de l’islam et du judaïsme comme religions philosophiques au moyen âge”; (2) “Est-ce que le *Traité theologico-politique* serait interdit dans un état Spinoziste?”; (3) “Assimilation à Dieu par la perfection de la raison: le concept d’une religion philosophique” (in collaboration with the Centre d’Histoire des Sciences et des Philosophies Arabes et Médiévales).
- “God, Natural Science and the Good Life in Spinoza and in Medieval Islamic and Jewish Aristotelianism,” International conference on The Notion of Scientific Modernity: Non-Eurocentric Perspectives, ETH Zürich, November, 25-26, 2010.
- “Religiões Filosóficas de Platão ao Iluminismo: Razão, Religião e Autonomia,” October 26-27, 2010, Departamento de Filosofia, Universidade de Campinas [A two-day seminar devoted to my project on philosophical religions].
- “Diversidade Cultural, Debate Filosófico e Autonomia,” Instituto Anísio Teixeira (Salvador, Brazil), September 15, 2010.
- “God, Law, and Autonomy in Spinoza,” Colloquium in Early Modern Philosophy, Princeton University, May 9, 2010.

- “Legislating Truth: Maimonides, the Almohads, and the 13th Century Jewish Enlightenment,” Workshop on “Agents and Agency in Translation, Transmission, and Transformation in Medieval Cultures,” McGill University, April 23-25, 2010.
- Respondent at Colloquium “The Question of Unity in Moses Mendelssohn’s Thought,” Princeton University, April 18, 2010.
- “Legislating Truth: Maimonides, the Almohads, and the 13th Century Jewish Enlightenment,” Divinity School, University of Chicago, January 25, 2010.
- “God, Pedagogy, and Autonomy in Spinoza and Lessing,” Colloquium in Early Modern History, Princeton Institute for Advanced Study, January 20, 2010.
- “Divine Law and Autonomy in Plato’s Political Thought,” Colloquium, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, November, 2 2009.
- “Zeitalter des Kosmopolitismus? Zur Philosophischen Diskussion um den Multikulturalismus.“ Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes, Stipendiatentreffen in Nordamerika, Montreal, October 3, 2009.
- “Spontaneous Generation in Aristotle, Alexander of Aphrodisias, Themistius, and Averroes,” Dept. of Philosophy, University of Ottawa, October 31, 2008.
- “Islam and European Identity,” Lecture at South-Eastern Europe and the EU Leadership Development Program, Transfuse Association and College of Europe, Schloss Neuhausen, Germany, September 7, 2008.
- “Zum intellektuellen Dialog zwischen Juden und Muslimen im Mittelalter,” Keynote-Lecture opening the “Sommeruniversität Judentum und Islam” at the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich, July 20, 2008.
- “Mehr Theokratie wagen! Was al-Fārābī und Maimonides Ayaan Hirsi Ali antworten würden,” Simon-Dubnow-Institut, Universität Leipzig, July 17, 2008.
- “Theokratie und Autonomie in der Mittelalterlichen Islamischen und Jüdischen Philosophie,” Heinrich-Heine Universität, Düsseldorf, July 7, 2008.
- “Theocracy and Autonomy in Medieval Islamic and Jewish Philosophy,” Freie Universität Berlin, July 4, 2008.
- “The Averroistic Legacy in Spinoza and Pierre Bayle,” Conference *Renaissance Averroism and its Aftermath: Arabic Philosophy in Early Modern Europe*, The Warburg Institute, London, June 20-21, 2008.
- “Critical Self-Examination, Socratic Education, and Democracy,” *New Policy School*, Belgrade, May 23, 2008.
- “Theocracy and Autonomy in Medieval Islamic and Jewish Philosophy,” Dept. of Philosophy, University of Toronto, May 5, 2008.
- “From God as the Place of the World in Philo of Alexandria and Hasdai Crescas to Spinoza’s God as *Res Extensa*,” Conference on *Nature et surnaturel. Philosophies de la nature et métaphysique aux XVIIe-XVIIIe siècles*, Luxemburg, February 23-24, 2008.
- “Religion as the Handmaid of Philosophy: The Impact of Plato’s Political Philosophy on the Philosophical Interpretation of Religion in Antiquity, the Middle Ages, and the Early Modern Period,” Werkstattgespräch,” Institut für Philosophie, Universität Würzburg, January 31, 2008.
- “On the Relationship between Philosophy and Religion in Averroes, Elijah Delmedigo, and Spinoza,” Early Modern Philosophy Workshop, The University of Chicago, November 16, 2007.

- “Religion as the Handmaid of Philosophy: On the Philosophical Interpretation of Religion from Antiquity to the Enlightenment,” Institute for Research in the Humanities, University of Madison-Wisconsin, November 20, 2007.
- “Philosophy and Exegesis in al-Fārābī, Averroes, and Maimonides,” Midwest Seminar in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, Marquette University, 2 November 2007.
- Commentator on paper by Alfred Ivry at the 2007 Toronto Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy, September 28-29, 2007.
- “Divine Law in the Platonic Tradition - One or Many?” *Universality of Reason, Plurality of Philosophies in the Middle Ages*, 12th International Congress of Medieval Philosophy, Palermo, September 16-22, 2007.
- “Teaching Maimonides in Makassar and Plato in Palestine.” International Conference “Islam through Jewish Eyes - Judaism through Muslim Eyes,” Schloß Elmau, Germany, June 25-26, 2007.
- “Some Reflections on Philosophy, Religion, and Democracy.” Public Lecture at the State Islamic University, Jakarta, Indonesia, May 31, 2007.
- “Some Reflections on Philosophy, Religion, and Democracy.” Public Lecture at the State Islamic University, Makassar, Indonesia, May 24, 2007.
- “From Philo of Alexandria to Eusebius of Caesarea: The Platonic Transformation of Judaism and Christianity in Late Antiquity and the Transmission of Greek Philosophy.” *Vehicles of Translation, Transmission, and Transformation in Medieval Cultures*, International Conference, McGill University, Montreal, April 26-28, 2007.
- “The Status of Theology: From Philosophy’s Handmaid to an Independent Discipline in Renaissance Averroism and Spinoza.” *Aufbruch ins Moderne Europa - Philosophie zwischen 1400 und 1700*, First International Congress of the European Society for Early Modern Philosophy, Essen, March 2007.
- “Poverty and Human Dignity in the Jewish and Muslim intellectual traditions.” International Conference “The Dignity of the Poor: Concepts, Practices, Representations,” December 7-9, 2006, German Historical Institute, London.
- “Rational Dogmatism and Empirical Skepticism in Solomon Maimon’s Commentary on Maimonides’ Presentation of the Doctrines of *Kalām*,” International Conference on Solomon Maimon, Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, Amsterdam, October 30 – November 2, 2006.
- [In Hebrew] “Religion as the Handmaid of Philosophy in Plato, Philo, and al-Fārābī.” The Hebrew University Jerusalem, June 7, 2006.
- “Platonic Interpretations of Revealed Religion: from Ancient Alexandria to Baghdad.” International Society for Neoplatonic Studies, APA, Eastern Division, December 29, 2005.
- “Plato’s Political Philosophy and the Interpretation of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam as Philosophical Religions.” McGill Medievalists Works in Progress Series, September 29, 2005.
- “Could Spinoza Have Written the *Ethics* as a Commentary on the Bible?” April 22, 2005, Montreal Interuniversity Workshop in the History of Philosophy.
- “Philosophy and Revelation in al-Fārābī and Maimonides” Meeting sponsored by the American Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy at the APA, Eastern Division, Boston, December 27-30, 2004.

- “Philosophy and Revelation in al-Fârâbî and Maimonides.” The Boston University Center of Philosophy and History of Science, November 2004.
- “From Maimonides to Samuel ibn Tibbon: Interpreting Judaism as a Philosophical Religion.” Maimonides Conference at Harvard University, October 2004.
- “From Maimonides to Samuel ibn Tibbon: Interpreting Judaism as a Philosophical Religion.” International Conference “Maimonides, the Man and his Image”, University College London, June 15-17, 2004.
- “Some Remarks on the Role of Human Rights and Human Dignity in Greek Philosophy and the Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Intellectual Traditions,” Workshop Human Dignity, Human Rights and Duties, Historical, Cultural, and Social Aspects sponsored by the International Union of Academies, Barcelona, May 26-27, 2004.
- [Hebrew] “Between Dogmatic Aristotelianism and Scientific Progress: Averroes’ and Maimonides’ Reaction to the Crisis of Aristotelian Cosmology in the 12th Century.” International Conference: Maimonides: Between Tradition and Revolution, Jerusalem, May 2004.
- “Hasdai Crescas and Spinoza on God’s Infinite Extension,” invited lecture to the Spinoza Study Group at the Dept. of Philosophy at Yale University, November 2003.
- “Moses and Christ as Authors of Philosophical Fiction: the Platonic Sources of Philo’s Theory of Scripture and its Influence on Origen of Alexandria,” international conference: *The Changing Face of Judaism, Christianity and Other Greco-Roman Religions in Antiquity*, Faculty of Religious Studies at McGill University, Montreal, September 15-19, 2003.
- “The Metaphysical Foundation of the Study of Nature in Medieval Philosophy.” International Conference: Medieval Jews and the Sciences - A Synoptic View. Institute of Jewish Studies, London, June, 16-19, 2003.
- “Maimonides, Lodewijk Meyer, and Spinoza on the Interpretation of Scripture.” December 16, 2002, 34th Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies.
- “Vom Monotheismus Jüdischer Aristoteler im Mittelalter zu Spinozas Monismus,” invited lecture, July 2002, Philosophisches Institut der Freien Universität Berlin.
- “Maimonides, Spinoza, Solomon Maimon and the Completion of the Copernican Revolution in Philosophy.” International conference: *Sepharad in Ashkenaz* - Medieval knowledge and eighteenth-century enlightened Jewish discourse. Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, February 18-21, 2002.
- “From Monotheism to Monism - The Relationship of the Divine Intellect in Jewish Aristotelianism to Spinoza’s *Deus sive Natura*,” December 17, 2001, Association for Jewish Studies - 33rd Conference.
- “Metaphysics in an Oriental Garb, or how the God of Aristotle became the God of the Hebrews in Spinoza and Hegel,” September 21, 2001, Dept. of Philosophy, McGill University.
- “Hätte Spinoza die *Ethik* als einen Kommentar zur Bibel schreiben können?” invited lecture, Philosophisches Seminar der Universität Hamburg, June 2001.
- [Hebrew] “What is in God’s Mind in the Metaphysical Tradition from Aristotle to Hegel,” lecture on occasion of the award of the prize in memory of Prof. Shlomo Pines at The Hebrew University, Jerusalem, May 2001.
- “Measuring God’s Body: From Medieval Jewish Aristotelianism to Spinoza,” McGill University, Dept. of Jewish Studies, January 16, 2001.

- [Hebrew] “Different Aspects of Samuel ibn Tibbon’s Relationship to the *Guide of the Perplexed*,” colloquium of the Faculty of Philosophy at Bar Ilan University, February 29, 2000.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

McGill University

A Introductory Undergraduate

- History of Jewish Thought: From Antiquity to Early Modern Times
- Philosophy and Western Religions: Greek Philosophy and the Jewish, Christian and Islamic Religious Traditions from Antiquity to the Enlightenment
- Introduction to Plato
- Greek Political Theory
- 17th Century Philosophy

B Advanced Undergraduate

- Maimonides: Philosopher and Rabbi
- Spinoza on Religion and Politics
- The Bible and Philosophy—Strange Bedfellows? [with Lawrence Kaplan]
- Ancient Moral Theory
- Freedom, Diversity, Culture—Issues in Political Philosophy [with Adam Etinson]
- Toleration—Historical and Contemporary Perspectives [with Adam Etinson]
- Philosophy and Exegesis in Maimonides and Muslim Aristotelianism
- Platonism, Philo, and the Philosophical Interpretation of Religion in Alexandria [with Justin Smith]
- The Philosophy of Love: Leone Ebreo’s *Dialoghi d’amore* and the Philosophical Concept of Love from Plato to the Renaissance
- From Spinoza to Mendelssohn
- Spinoza and the Jewish Philosophical Tradition
- Moses Maimonides and Thomas Aquinas [with Torrance Kirby]
- Philosophy and Exegesis in Medieval Jewish Thought
- Ethics, Politics, and Religion in Maimonides and in some of his Greek and Muslim Predecessors

C Graduate

- The Taste of God: Ghazâlî and Judah Halevi [with Eric Ormsby]
- Rationalism in Islam and Judaism: al-Fârâbî and Maimonides [with Lawrence Kaplan]
- Medieval Jewish Mysticism [with Lawrence Kaplan]
- Aristotle’s Philosophical Theology in Greek, Islamic, and Jewish Contexts
- Ethics in Early Medieval Philosophy: From Al-Kindî to Maimonides
- Moses Mendelssohn

Al-Quds University (East Jerusalem)

Seminar (2006)

- الفلسفة, السياسة والدين في افلاطون, في الفلسفة الاسلامية واليهودية بالعصور الوسطى. وفي الفكر الاسلامي واليهودي الحديث
Philosophy, Politics, and Religion in Plato, Medieval Islamic and Jewish Philosophy, and some Modern Muslim and Jewish Thinkers [Seminar in philosophy jointly taught with Sari Nusseibeh, President of Al-Quds University].

State Islamic University (Makassar, Indonesia)

Seminar (May 2007)

- ترجمة, ادخال, استحوال: اخلاق, سياسة ودين في الفلسفة اليونانية, الاسلامية واليهودية
Translation, Integration, Transformation: Ethics, Politics, and Religion in Greek, Muslim, and Jewish Philosophy

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität (Munich, Germany)

Summer Term 2008

- Vernunft, Religion, Autonomie—Philosophische Religionen von der Antike bis zur Aufklärung [Vorlesung]
- Maimonides [Seminar]
- Spinozas *Ethik* [Oberseminar; with Remi Brague]

FU Berlin, MA Program “Intellectual Encounters in the Medieval Islamicate World” (in collaboration with The Hebrew University and Al-Quds University)

Fall 2013-14

- *Falsafa* in the Medieval Muslim, Jewish, and Christian Traditions.

Oxford University

Trinity Term 2014

- Medieval Philosophy and Theology in the Islamic World: Muslims, Jews, and Christians

GRADUATE STUDENT SUPERVISION

Ph.D.

A. Supervisor / Co-Supervisor

- Rafael Nájera: *Scientia in 12th Century Latin Philosophy*, 2012.
- Rachel Haliva: *Defending the Philosophical Interpretation of Judaism: Isaac Pulgar’s Ezer ha-dat* (2015).
- Alex Anderson, *Religion, Politics, and Philosophy in Spinoza* (in progress).
- Bakinaz Khalifa, *Metaphysics and Epistemology in Ibn Kammuna* (in progress).

- [Tel Aviv University with Ilai Alon] Yoav Meyrav, *Themistius' Paraphrase of Aristotle, Metaphysics I2* (in progress).

B. Committee Member

- Jason Kalman: *With Friends Like These: Turning Points in the Jewish Exegesis of the Biblical Book of Job*, 2005.
- Eric Stephenson: *Spinoza and the Ethics of Political Resistance*, 2011.
- Emann Allebban: *The Metaphysical Proof for God's Existence: Avicenna and Kalâm* (in progress)

M.A.

- Soroosh Shahriari: *Josef ibn Caspi between Maimonides and Averroes* (2015).
- [FU Berlin] Zacky Umam, *Al-Ghazālī and Maimonides on Allegorical Interpretation* (2014)
- [FU Berlin] Ala' Ereiqaṭ, *Conceiving God as One in al-Kindī and Yaḥyā ibn Adī* (2015)
- [FU Berlin] Fares Mujahed, *The Problem of the Eternity of the World in al-Ghazālī, Averroes, and Maimonides* (2015).

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

2004-10: Co-Organizer [with Dario Perinetti and Justin E. H. Smith] of the *Montreal Interuniversity Workshop in the History of Philosophy*

2007: *Vehicles of Translation, Transmission, and Transformation in Medieval Cultures*, International Conference, McGill University, Montreal, 26-28 April [Co-organized with Jamie Fumo, Faith Wallis, and Robert Wisnovsky]

2010: *Agents and Agency in Translation, Transmission, and Transformation in Medieval Cultures*, International Conference, McGill University, Montreal, 23-25 April [Co-organized with Jamie Fumo, Jamil Ragep, Faith Wallis, and Robert Wisnovsky]

EDITORIAL BOARDS

Journal of Euro-Mediterranean Studies

Judaism, Christianity and Islam: Conflict, Reception, and Mediation, Walter de Gruyter
Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Subject Editor

REFEREE

Alef: Studies in Science and Judaism
American Political Science Review
British Journal of the History of Philosophy
Cambridge University Press
Canadian Journal of Philosophy
Fond National de la Recherche Luxembourg
Jewish Quarterly Review
Jewish Studies Quarterly
Journal of the History of Philosophy
Oxford University Press
Political Theory
Princeton University Press
The Hebrew University Magnes Press

MEDIA APPEARANCES

- CBC Radio interview with Stephanie Domet for “Mainstreet” on medieval philosophy and sustainability, September 20, 2012.
- CBC Radio interview with Mary Hynes for “Tapestry” on philosophy and a culture of debate, January 13, 2013.

ACADEMIC ASSOCIATIONS

American Philosophical Association (APA)
Association of Jewish Studies (AJS)
European Society for Early Modern Philosophy (ESEMP)
Société Internationale pour l'Étude de la Philosophie Médiévale (SIEPM)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Social volunteer, 1990

Six months volunteering in a favela in North Brazil (Fortaleza), including assisting a lawyer who defended the rights of the inhabitants of the neighborhood and teaching in a local elementary school

Advisor, Projeto Educacional Salva Dor, 2007-2010

Educational social project in Salvador, Bahia (Brazil)