## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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# **PERSONAL**

Date of birth: March 21, 1971

Citizenship: German, Brazilian, Canadian

# **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

# **McGill University**

# James McGill Professor, 2016-present

Departments of Philosophy and Jewish Studies

# Full Professor, 2016-present

Departments of Philosophy and Jewish Studies

# **Oxford University**

# Professor of Comparative Religion, 2013-16

Faculty of Theology and Religion

# Professor of Philosophy (Member of the "Philosophy Panel"), 2013-16

Faculty of Philosophy

# Professorial Fellow, 2013-16

Lady Margaret Hall

# **McGill University**

## Associate Professor (tenured), 2007-2013

Departments of Philosophy and Jewish Studies

# William Dawson Scholarship for Outstanding Young Professors, 2004-13

Departments of Philosophy and Jewish Studies

## Chair, 2004-08

Interdisciplinary Program in Philosophy and Religion, Faculty of Arts

## **Assistant Professor**, 2001-07

Departments of Philosophy and Jewish Studies

## Visiting Assistant Professor, 2000-2001

Departments of Philosophy and Jewish Studies

#### **FU Berlin**

# Instructor and Graduate Supervisor, 2013-14

International MA program "Intellectual Encounters in the Medieval Islamicate 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-Hāʾirīn* into the *Moreh ha-Nevukhim* 

Awarded the **Shlomo Pines Prize for Outstanding Young Scholars** by the Faculty of Humanities at The Hebrew University

# Magister Artium (Philosophy), 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<sup>e</sup> 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)

# Visiting Student, Brazilian History and Literature, 1991

Universidade de São Paulo (São Paulo, Brazil)

# High school diploma ("Abitur"), 1990

Best grade in my high school until 1990 Primary and secondary education in Germany and Brazil

## **VISITING POSITIONS / FELLOWSHIPS**

# Faculdade de Filosofia, Letras e Ciências Humanas, Universidad de São Paulo, 2025 [invited]

Visiting Professorship (São Paulo, Brazil)

# Department of Humanities, Technion Haifa, 2024 [invited]

Visiting Professorship (Haifa, Israel)

# Cohn Institute for the History of Science and Ideas, Tel Aviv University, 2023

Silverman Visiting Professorship (Tel Aviv, Israel)

## Institute of Human Sciences (IWM), Vienna, 2022

Guest of the Institute (Vienna, Austria)

# Maimonides Centre for Advanced Studies, University of Hamburg, 2021

Senior Research Fellowship (Hamburg, Germany)

# I Tatti Harvard University Center of Renaissance Studies, 2020

I Tatti Visiting Professorship (Florence, Italy; deferred due to the pandemic)

## Humboldt-Universität Berlin, 2012-13; 2015

Senior Research Fellowship of the Humboldt Foundation (Berlin, Germany)

# 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 History 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)

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

The Hebrew University (Jerusalem, Israel)

# AWARDS, DISTINCTIONS, AND GRANTS

# SSHRC Insight Grant [in preparation for submission in October 2024]

"Public Philosophy: A New Approach"

Co-Applicants: Dietlind Stolle and Daniel Weinstock

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Ottawa, Canada)

# SSHRC Partnership Grant, 2013-19 (\$2.297.800)

"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 (\$338.725)

"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 (\$81.394)

Project: "Religion as the Handmaid of Philosophy: The Impact of Plato's Political Thought on the Interpretation of Religion in Antiquity, the Middle Ages, and the Early Modern Period"

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Ottawa, Canada)

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

Heinrich-Heine-Universität, Düsseldorf (Germany)

# FQRSC Team Grant for Interdisciplinary Research, 2006-08 (\$52.800)

"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 (\$25.000)

"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 (\$5000)

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

# **FQRSC** New Researcher Grant, 2004-07 (\$34.994)

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 (\$3965)

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

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

University of Heidelberg (Heidelberg, Germany)

# Koret Foundation, Award for Book publication, 2003 (\$3500)

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

# McGill Internal SSHRC Grant, 2002 (\$2540)

Project: Preparation of dissertation for publication

McGill University (Montreal, Canada)

# McGill Travel Grants: Conferences, Washington and Los Angeles, 2001-02 (\$1649)

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 alḤāʾirīn 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; Faith and Philosophy; Foro Interno: Anuario de Teoría Política; Humanities and Social Sciences Online (H-Judaic); Iyyun: Jerusalem Philosophical Quarterly; Journal of the History of Philosophy; Journal of Modern History; Journal of Religious Studies; Philosophisches Jahrbuch; Plurilogue: Philosophy and Politics Review; Reviews in Religion and Theology; 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 (Paperback with new afterword 2016).

Winner: Mavis Gallant Prize for Non-Fiction (2015)

Finalist: Sheikh Zayed Book Award in Arabic Culture in Other Languages (2016)

Best books lists 2015: The Independent; The Australian

Reviews: El Medio; The Hedgehog Review; Journal for Contemporary Thought and the Islamicate World; Los Angeles Review of Books; The Key Reporter of the Phi Beta Kappa Society; Kirkus; Library Journal; Literary Review of Canada; Mint; Montreal Review of Books; Philosophers' Magazine; PopMatters; Reason Papers; Synthesis Philosophica; Times Literary Supplement; Toronto Star; Wall Street Journal.

Interviews / Features / Literature Festivals: Blickpunkt Diesseits (NDR, Germany); Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona; Consider This (KZYX Radio Program, California); The Conversation; Five Books; Irish Times; Jewish Museum Berlin; New Books in Philosophy; PEN World Voices International Literature Festival; The Philosopher's Zone (ABC Radio National, Australia); To the Best of Our Knowledge (Wisconsin Public Radio); Vienna Humanities Festival; Voice of Israel.

(3a) Mit Platon in Palästina: Vom Nutzen der Philosophie in einer zerrissenen Welt (German translation of 3), Munich: Carl Hanser Verlag, 2016.

#### One of the best German non-fiction books in March 2016 (No. 2)

Selected by Norddeutscher Rundfunk and Süddeutsche Zeitung

Reviews / Interviews: Alpha Forum (ARD alpha; German TV); "Das philosophische Radio" (WDR 5, German Radio); Deutschlandradio Kultur (German Radio); Forschung & Lehre; Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung; "Guttenbergs Welt" (WDR 3, German Radio); Hohe Luft; Humanistischer Pressedienst; "Im Zeit-Raum" (ORF 1, Austrian Radio); Islam Aktuell; Jüdische Allgemeine Zeitung; "Kontext" (SRF 2 Kultur, Swiss Radio); Neue Zürcher Zeitung; Die Presse; Religionsphilosophischer Salon; "Sein und Streit" (Radio program on Deutschlandradio Kultur); "Sternstunde Philosophie" (SRF, Swiss TV); Tagesanzeiger.

(3b) Enseñar Platón en Palestina: Filosofía en un mundo dividido (Spanish translation of 3), Barcelona: Ariel, 2016.

Reviews / Interviews: 8 al dia (8TV, Spanish TV); ABC Cultural; Acento; Aceprensa; "Artesfera" (RNE, Spanish Radio); "Coordenadas" (Radio 3, Spanish Radio); Carne Cruda (Spanish Radio); Diari Ara; El Cultural; El Español; El Huffington Post; El País; El Periódico de Aragón; El Punt Avui; infoLibre; La 2 Noticias (TVE, Spanish TV); La brecha digital; La Nueva España; "La Noche" (Cadena Cope; Spanish Radio); La Vanguardia ("La Contra"); Núvol: el digital de cultura; "Punto de Fuga" (Cadena Ser; Spanish Radio); "Viaje al centro de la Noche" (RNE, Spanish Radio).

- (3c) Bersama Plato di Palestina: Manfaat Filsafat di Dunia yang Terbelah (Indonesian translation of 3), Jakarta: Marjin Kiri, 2022.
- (3d) Korean translation of *Teaching Plato in Palestine*, forthcoming with Chaek-Se-Sang.
- (3e) Arabic translation of *Teaching Plato in Palestine* (in progress)
- (3f) French translation of *Teaching Plato in Palestine* (in progress)
- (4) Radical Ancients: Philosophy as Experiments in Living (forthcoming with Princeton University Press, 2025).

# B. PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP: ESSAYS, REVIES, COMMENTARY

- (1) "Teaching Plato in Palestine," *Dissent*, Spring 2007, 32-39.
  - (1a) German translation in *Lettre International: Europas Kulturzeitung* 74 (2006), 25-30.
  - (1b) Italian translation 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, *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, July 28, 2008, "Feuilleton," 23.
  - (3b) French translation in *Philosophie Magazine* 32 (2009).
  - (3c) Italian translation in Reset: Un Mese di Idee 113 (2009).
- (4) "No body," Review Essay of Sarah Stroumsa, *Maimonides in His World: Portrait of a Mediterranean Thinker* for *Times Literary Supplement*, November 19, 2010.
- (5) "Does Brazil Still Need a Revolution?" Dissent, Winter 2011, 27-32.
- (6) "Divine reasoning," Review Essay of Jacob Howland, *Plato and the Talmud* for *Times Literary Supplement*, November 4, 2011.
- (7) "Citizen Philosophers: Teaching Justice in Brazil," *Boston Review*, January-February 2012. **One of** *Boston Review*'s "Best Essays of 2012"
  - (7a) German translation in *Lettre International: Europas Kulturzeitung* 98 (2012).
  - (7b) Romanian translation in Lettre International: Romania 84 (2013).
- (8) "100 Days of Student Protests in Québec: *Printemps Érable* or Much Ado About Nothing?" *Dissent*, May 2012.
- (9) "In Praise of the Clash of Cultures," *New York Times*, "The Stone", September 2, 2012 (also included in *The Stone Reader*, Norton, 2015).
  - (9a) Shorter German version in Die Zeit, April 2013.
  - (9b) Arabic translation in Saudi Philosophy Association, January 11, 2024.
- (10) "Spinoza in Shtreimels: An Underground Seminar," *Jewish Review of Books*, Fall 2012, 38-43 (featured preview in *Jewish Ideas Daily*, September 4, 2012).
  - (10a) French translation in *Books: Livres et Idées du Monde Entier* 50, December 26, 2013.
- (11) "A Guerrilla-Gentleman," *The Nation*, January 20, 2014.
  - (11a) German translation in Lettre International: Europas Kulturzeitung 102 (2013).
  - (11b) Romanian translation in Lettre International: Romania 88 (2014).
  - (11c) Portuguese translation in Revista Brasileiros 80 (2014).
- (12) "We hear and we disobey," Review Essay of David Nirenberg's *Anti-Judaism* and *Neighboring Faiths* for the *London Review of Books*, May 21, 2015.
  - (12a) French translation in Books: Livres et Idées du Monde Entier 69, October 2015.

- (13) "Imagine His Dismay," Review Essay of Salman Rushdie, *Two Years Eight Months and Twenty-Eight Nights* for the *London Review of Books*, February 18, 2016.
- (14) "What is Education For?" Discussion of Danielle Allen in the forum on education and democracy in *Boston Review*, May-June 2016.
- (15) "In Defence of Hierarchy," co-authored essay with S. Angle, K.A. Appiah, J. Baggini, D. Bell, N. Berggruen, M. Bevir, J. Chan, S. Macedo, M. Puett, J. Qian, M. Risse, C. Romano, J. Tiwald, R. Wang, in *Aeon*, March 22, 2017.
- (16) "In Québec," (on the 2017 Mosque attack in Québec city), *London Review of Books* (Online blog), February 8, 2017.
- (17) "Deprovincializing Philosophy," Review Essay of Peter Adamson, *Philosophy in the Islamic World* for the *Los Angeles Review of Books*, July 29, 2017.

One of the LARB's "Most-Read Essays of 2017".

- (18) "What, really, is the purpose of philosophy? A Reply to David Papineau," *Times Literary Supplement*, September 1, 2017.
- (19) "On Philosophy and Religion." In conversation with Samuel Loncar and Peter Adamson, *Marginalia Review of Books*, March 2, 2018.

One of the MRB's "Most Read of 2018".

- (20) "Is Germany's New Antisemitism Really New?" Boston Review, May 22, 2018.
- (21) "Can Stoicism Make Us Happy?" Review Essay of Massimo Pigliucci, *How to be A Stoic*, for *The Nation*, February 5, 2019.
- (22) "The Ancients Can't Help Us Now: Why the Consolations of Ancient Philosophy Evaporate Once We Jettison Ancient Metaphysics," *Times Literary Supplement*, June 16, 2020.
- (23) "Can We Deduce Our Way to Salvation?" Boston Review, December 14, 2020.
- (24) "Horrible Heresies?" Review of Clare Carlisle, *Spinoza's Religion*, *Times Literary Supplement*, October 22, 2021, p. 14.
- (25) "Ancient Philosophy and Modern Problems: The Case of Aristotle" *IWM Post* 130, Fall / Winter 2022, 12-13.

# Lead Article in the Fall / Winter Issue

(26) "Outrageous Behaviour: The Moral Power of the Cynics" *The Point Magazine*, December 12, 2022.

- (27) "After the manner of Socrates", Review Essay of Gideon Baker, *Questioning: A New History of Western Philosophy, Times Literary Supplement*, June 9, 2023.
- (28) "What the Night Sky Teaches," *Liberties: A Journal of Politics and Culture* 3, no. 4, July 2023.
- (29) "Church and state: Was Spinoza's Enlightenment so radical after all?", Review Essay of Jonathan Israel, *Spinoza: Life and Legacy, Times Literary Supplement*, March 15, 2024.
- (30) "Is A Public Philosophy Still Possible?" *Liberties: A Journal of Politics and Culture*, Spring 2024.

## C. SCHOLARLY PAPERS PUBLISHED OR ACCECEPTED 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 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 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 in *Traditions of Maimonideanism*, ed. Carlos Fraenkel, Leiden: Brill, 2009, 177-212.
  - (5b) Portuguese translation in *Filosofia Judaica na Idade Média*, ed. Rosalie Pereira, Editora Perspectiva, São Paulo, 2016.
- (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 Islamic and Jewish Philosophy," English translation in *Agents and Agency of Transmission, Translation, and Transformation in Medieval Culture*, eds. Carlos Fraenkel, Jamie Fumo, Faith Wallis, and Robert Wisnovsky, Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2016.
- (13) "On the Concept and History of Philosophical Religion," "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 in Simon-Dubnow-Yearbook 7 (2008), 283-297.
  - (16b) Portuguese trans. in *Diálogo das Civilizações: Cultura e Passagens*, eds. O. Matos et al., São Paulo: Editora Fap-Unifesp, 2016.
- (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 in *Departure for Modern Europe—A Handbook of Early Modern Philosophy (1400-1700)*, ed. Hubertus Busche, Meiner Verlag, 2011.
- (19) "Legislating Truth: Maimonides, the Almohads, and the 13<sup>th</sup> Century Jewish Enlightenment," *Studies in the History of Culture and Science Presented to Gad Freudenthal on his 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday*, eds. R. Fontaine et al., Leiden: Brill, 2010, 209-231.
  - (19a) Portuguese translation in *Filosofia Judaica na Idade Média*, ed. Rosalie Pereira, Editora Perspectiva, São Paulo, 2016.
- (20) "Introduction" (with Jamie Fumo, Faith Wallis, and Robert Wisnovsky) to *Vehicles of Translation, Transmission, 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, 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 Guiglioni, Dordrecht: Springer, 2012, 213-236.
- (23) "Divine Law in the Platonic Tradition—One or Many?" in *Schede Medievali* 51 (2013), 3140.
- (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: MohrSiebeck, 2013, 809-820.
- (25) "Philosophy and Theology," in *Oxford Handbook of the Abrahamic Religions*, ed. Guy Stroumsa et al., Oxford University Press, 2015, 332-354.
- (26) "Spinoza on Miracles and the Truth of Scripture," *Journal of the History of Ideas* 74 (2016), 643-658.
- (27) "Spinoza's Philosophy of Religion," in *Oxford Handbook of Spinoza*, ed. Michael Della Rocca, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017, 377-407.
- (28) "Vom Nutzen der Philosophie in einer zerrissenen Welt," in *Über Gott und die Welt: Philosophieren in unruhiger Zeit*, ed. K.P. Liessmann, München: Szolnay Verlag, 2017, 19-33.

- (29) "Maimonideanism Today? Political Aristotelianism and the Problem of Autonomy: Medieval and Contemporary Perspectives," in *Adam Le-Adam, Homo Homini: Essays in Jewish Philosophy Presented by his Students to Professor Warren Zev Harvey*, eds. Aviram Ravitsky et al., Jerusalem: The Hebrew University Magnes Press, 2019, 46-87.
- (30) "Getting Averroes Wrong: Why Salman Rushdie Misunderstood the Role of Images and the Imagination in Medieval Philosophy," in *Revealing and Concealing in the Premodern Period*, eds. G. Wildgruber et al., Paderbon: Wilhelm Fink Verlag, 2021, 57-71.
- (31) "Philosophy as a Way of Life in Maimonides", *Festschrift for Sarah Stroumsa*, eds. Omer Michaelis and Sabine Schmidtke, Brill, 2023, 202-221.
- (32) "Can Bad Things Happen to Good People? Aristotle, the Stoics, and Maimonides," *Religious Studies*, (forthcoming).
- (33) "Metaphysical Skepticism and the Sufi Alternative: al-Ghazālī, Maimonides, and Abraham ben Maimonides," *Arabic Sciences and Philosophy* (forthcoming).
- (34) "Universalism, Particularism, Exclusivism: Maimonides in the Context of Medieval Arabic Philosophy," *Maimonides Review of Philosophy and Religion* (under review).

# D. 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.

## E. BOOK REVIEWS

- (1) Review of Milad Doueihi, Augustine and Spinoza for Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews, March 19, 2011
- (2) "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

- (3) "Freed from Desire," Review of Emily Austin, Living for Pleasure: An Epicurean Guide to Life for Literary Review, April 2023.
- (4) "Sage of Sepharad," Review of Alberto Manguel, *Maimonides: Faith in Reason* for *Literary Review*, June 2023.
- (5) "The Ancients on Suicide," Review of Edith Hall, Facing Down the Furies: Suicide, the Ancient Greeks, and Me for Literary Review, May 2024.

# F. 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, 2007
- (3) Spinoza, Baruch de, Encyclopedia Judaica (Revised Edition), 2007

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

- "Spinoza: O último dos medievais ou o primeiro dos modernos?" *Universidade de São Paulo*, São Paulo, March 14, 2024.
- "Ship of Fools? Plato's Critique of Democracy Reconsidered," Workshop on Hierarchy and Social Justice in the Modern World, *Fudan Institute for Advanced Study in the Social Sciences*, Shanghai, December 2-3, 2023.
- "Ancient Philosophy and Liberal Freedom," *Institute of Human Sciences*, Vienna, November 21, 2022.
- "Gadflies, Stargazers, Sages in Barrels: Can Ancient Philosophers Help Us Navigate Confusing Times?" *Schloss Elmau*, November 1, 2022.
- "Inwiefern hilft uns die antike Philosophie in Zeiten der Unsicherheit?" *Vienna Humanities Festival*, October 2, 2022.
- "From Moral Self-Examination to Contemplation: The Emergence of the Ideal of *Theoria* in Plato", Maimonides Centre for Advanced Studies, University of Hamburg, August 11, 2021.
- "Averroes on Moral Virtue and *Theoria* in the *Middle Commentary on Aristotle's* Nicomachean Ethics", Maimonides Centre for Advanced Studies, University of Hamburg, July 16, 2021.

- "*Theoria*: Champions and Critics from Antiquity to the 19<sup>th</sup> Century," Maimonides Centre for Advanced Studies, University of Hamburg, April 29, 2021
- "Should we care about the truth?" Invited lecture, Dartmouth College, October 11, 2019.
- "Six Million Jews under my Sandbox: Reflections on Displacement, Identity, and Writing a Memoir," Invited lecture, Centre for Jewish Studies, University of Toronto, October 7, 2019.
- "Philosophy as a Way of Life in Maimonides," Maimonides Conference, Israel Museum, Jerusalem, December 12, 2018.
- "The Literary Work of Robert Menasse," lecture on occasion of the award of the Walter-Hasenclever-Preis to Robert Menasse, Aachen, November 18, 2018.
- "Purpose Lost? On the Transformation of Philosophy's Purpose," University of St. Andrews, November 4, 2017.
- "Universalism, Pluralism, Exclusivism: Maimonides in the Context of Medieval Arabic Philosophy," Freie Universität Berlin, August 24, 2017.
- "Metaphysical Skepticism and the Sufi Alternative: al-Ghazālī, Maimonides, and Abraham ben Maimonides," Maimonides-Lecture, University of Hamburg, July 11, 2017.
- "Philosophy in a Divided World," Elton Lecture, Department of Philosophy, George Washington University, February 24, 2017.
- Discussion of *Mit Platon in Palästina* with Johannes Kaup, Großer Sendesaal des ORF, Wien, September 27, 2016.
- "Vom Nutzen der Philosophie in einer zerrissenen Welt," Keynote Lecture, Philosophicum Lech, Austria, September 22, 2016.
- "Heimatlos? Deutsche Juden in Brasilien," Tarbut-Konferenz, Schloß Elmau, June 4, 2016.
- "Jüdische Geschichte als Migrationsgeschichte: Die islamische Welt," Tarbut-Konferenz, Schloß Elmau, June 3, 2016.
- Einstein-Forum, Potsdam: discussion of *Mit Platon in Palästina* with Susan Neiman, May 24, 2016.
- "Liberal Education: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives," Weissbourd Conference, University of Chicago, May 19-20, 2016.
- "Equality and Hierarchy," Workshop of the Berggruen Institute of Philosophy and Culture, Stanford's Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, March 11-12, 2016.
- Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona: Discussion of *Enseñar Platón en Palestina* with Ahmed Ghazali, February 24, 2016.
- "Between War and Peace: Diversity and a Culture of Debate," Political Theory Workshop, Yale University, December 2, 2015.
- "Images and Imagination in Muslim and Jewish Philosophy," *Eikones* Annual Conference, Universität Basel, November 2015.
- Academy of the Jewish Museum, Berlin: discussion of *Teaching Plato in Palestine* with Refqa Abu-Remaileh, June 23, 2015.
- "Themistius' Paraphrase of Metaphysics 12: Text, Ideas, Reception," Oxford University, June 2015.
- PEN World Voices Festival of International Literature: presentation of *Teaching Plato in Palestine*. New York City, May 9, 2015.
- "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 Elior, 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-politque 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 Iluminisimo: 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 Neuhardenberg, 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*, 12<sup>th</sup> 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-Fârâbî." 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 Phliosophy and the Interpretation of Judaisim, 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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, 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies.
- "Vom Monotheismus Jüdischer Aristoteliker 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 33<sup>rd</sup> 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

• The Good Life

- Introduction to Political Philosophy
- Greek Political Theory
- Introduction to Plato
- 17<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy
- 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

# **B** Advanced Undergraduate

- Ancient Moral Theory
- Freedom, Diversity, Culture—Issues in Political Philosophy [with Adam Etinson]
- Toleration—Historical and Contemporary Perspectives [with Adam Etinson]
- Philosophy as a Way of Life? Spinoza and the Stoics
- Spinoza on Religion and Politics
- 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 Aguinas [with Torrance Kirby]
- Ethics, Politics, and Religion in Maimonides and in some of his Greek and Muslim Predecessors

## C Graduate

- Plato's *Republic* and Averroes's *Commentary on the* Republic
- Spinoza: The Theological-Political Writings [with Hasana Sharp]
- "Dispelling Sorrow"—Philosophical Consolations in Antiquity and the Middle Ages
- The Taste of God: Ghazālī and Judah Halevi [with Eric Ormsby]
- Rationalism in Islam and Judaism: al-Fārābī 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-Kindī to Maimonides
- Moses Mendelssohn

# **Al-Quds University (East Jerusalem)**

## Seminar (2006)

الفلسفة, السياسة والدين في افلاطون, في الفلسفة الاسلامية واليهودية بالعصور الوصطى, وفي الفكر الاسلامي واليهيدو • 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).

## State Islamic University (Makassar, Indonesia)

## Seminar (May 2007)

• مجرت, لاخدا , لاوحتسا: قلاخا , تسايس نيدو يف تفسلفلا قينانويلا , قيملاسلاا قيدو هيلاو
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

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

# **GRADUATE STUDENT SUPERVISION**

#### Ph.D.

## A. Supervisor / Co-Supervisor

- Rafael Nájera: Scientia in 12<sup>th</sup> Century Latin Philosophy (McGill, 2012).
- Rachel Haliva: *Defending the Philosophical Interpretation of Judaism: Isaac Polqar's* Ezer ha-dat (McGill, 2015).
- Yoav Meyrav, *Themistius' Paraphrase of Aristotle, Metaphysics 12* (Tel Aviv University, 2017).
- Erik Dreff, On the Intellectual Love of God in Spinoza (University of Chicago, 2017).

- Bakinaz Khalifa, *Philosophy and Religion in the Jewish Averroist Yitzhak Albalag* (McGill, 2018).
- Thomas Colbourne, *The Joy and Sorrow of Believing: Spinoza on Affect, Power and Belief* (McGill, 2022)
- Thomas Minguy, *Spinoza on Politics and Religion* (McGill, in progress)
- Brandon Smith, Spinoza's Concept of Eudaimonia (McGill, in progress)
- Soroosh Shahriari, *Maimonides's Reception of Avicenna's Metaphysics* (McGill, in progress).
- Daniel Seggie, Spinoza and Althusser on Social Practices and Ideology (McGill, 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 Kalām (2018).

## C. External Committee Member / Internal Examiner

- Yudian Wahyudi, The slogan "Back to the Qur'an and the Sunna": a comparative study of the responses of Hasan Hanafi, Muhammad 'Abid al-Jabari, and Nurcholish Madjid (McGill Institute of Islamic Studies, 2002)
- Mohammed Zakyi Ibrahim, *Prophecy of Women in the Holy Qur'a with a Special Focus on Ibn Hazm's Theory* (McGill Institute of Islamic Studies, 2003)
- Hamid Mavani, Doctrine of Imamate in Twelver Shi'ism: Traditional, Theological, Philosophical and Mystical Perspectives (McGill Institute of Islamic Studies, 2005)
- Damien Janos, *Intellect, Substance, and Motion in al-Fârâbî's Cosmology* (McGill Institute of Islamic Studies, 2008)
- Mehmet Karabela, *The Development of Dialectic and Argumentation Theory in PostClassical Islamic Intellectual History* (McGill Institute of Islamic Studies, 2011)
- Sally Ragep, Maḥmūd ibn Muḥammad ibn 'Umar al-Jaghmīnī's *al-Mulakhkhaṣ fī al-hay 'a al-basīṭa:An Edition, Translation, and Study* (McGill Institute of Islamic Studies, 2014)
- André Martin, The Gaze of the Mind: Cognitive Activity, Attention, and Causal
- Explanation in 13th -14th Century Latin Medieval Psychology (McGill Dept. of Philosophy), 2022.
- Sajjad Nikfahm-Khubravan, *The Reception of Ptolemy's Latitude Theories in Islamic Astronomy* (McGill Institute of Islamic Studies, 2022).

## M.A.

# A. Supervisor / Co-Supervisor

- Zacky Umam, Al-Ghazālī and Maimonides on Allegorical Interpretation (FU Berlin, 2014).
- Ala' Ereigat, Conceiving God as One in al-Kindī and Yaḥyā ibn Adī (FU Berlin. 2015).
- Fares Mujahed, *The Problem of the Eternity of the World in al-Ghazālī*, *Averroes, and Maimonides* (FU Berlin, 2015).
- Nadia Harhash, *Debating Gender: A Study of Medieval and Contemporary Discussions in Islam* (FU Berlin 2016).
- Soroosh Shahriari: Al-Ghazali and Maimonides on Prophecy and Allegorical Interpretation (McGill, 2018).

## B. External Examiner

- Charles Douglas Fletcher (Institute of Islamic Studies): Anti-Christian polemic in early Islam: a translation and analysis of Abu 'Uthman 'Amr B. Bahr al-Jahiz's risala: Radd 'ala al-Nasara (a reply to the Christians) (2002)
- Damian Esteban (Institute of Islamic Studies): *Religion and the State in Ibn Khaldun's* Muqaddimah (2004)
- Kirstin Dane (Institute of Islamic Studies): *Power discourse and heresy in al-Andalus: the case of Ibn Masarra* (2006)
- Muhammad Fariduddin Attar (Institute of Islamic Studies), Fahr al-Dīn al-Rāzī on the Human Soul: A Study of the Psychology Section of al-Mabāḥith al-mashriqiyya fī 'ilm alilāhiyyāt wa-l-tabī'iyyāt (2013)

## OTHER POSITIONS AND ACTIVITIES

- Bavarian Research Center for Interreligious Discourses (Advisory Board Member, 2020-present).
- Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, (Subject Editor, 2017-present)
- Societé Internationale Pour l'Étude de la Philosophie Medievale (Director, Jewish Philosophy Commission, 2017-2020)
- European Society of Early Modern Philosophy (Board Member, 2015-2019)
- Judaism, Christianity and Islam: Tension, Transmission, Transformation, Walter de Gruyter (Book Series Co-Editor, 2015-2018)
- Journal of Euro-Mediterranean Studies (Advisory Board Member, 2012-2015).

## 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]

## **REFEREE (SELECTION)**

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

#### 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)