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## Curriculum Vitae

Columbia University  
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### EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Department of Middle Eastern, South Asian and African Studies  
Institute for Comparative Literature and Society, Columbia University (2017)  
Dissertation title: “How to Believe in Nothing: Moses Mendelssohn’s  
Subjectivity and the Empty Core of Tradition.”
- M.Phil. Department of Middle Eastern, South Asian and African Studies  
Institute for Comparative Literature and Society, Columbia University (2013)
- M.A. Department of Middle Eastern, South Asian and African Studies  
Columbia University (2012)  
Title: “Walter Benjamin's Moment of Truth: Kairos and The Realization of  
History”
- B.A. Department of Philosophy and the Program for General and Interdisciplinary Studies  
Tel Aviv University, *Summa Cum Laude* (2006)

### PUBLICATION LIST

#### **Book Chapters/Edited Volumes**

- 2016** “Poverty and Experience: Sullivan's Travels in the Real” (“Revščina in izkustvo: Sullivanova potovanja v Realno”) book chapter in “To the last laugh: Preston Sturges”, (“Do zadnjega smeha : Preston Sturges”) ed. Ivana Novak, Ljubljana: Slovenska kinoteka, 2016, 31-52.

## **Refereed Journal Articles**

- 2018** “Mendelssohn’s Difference: Unwritten Law and The Political Theological Difference”, Special Issue on Jews and Melancholia, *Journal of Jewish Identities*, forthcoming, Spring 2018.
- 2018** “Inside, The Real: Mendelssohn's Speculative Realism”, *Problemi International* Vol 2, forthcoming.
- 2015** “Living on the Edge: Notes on Israel and the Critique of Ideology”, trans. Lidija Šumah, *Problemi*, Vol. LIII, nos. 9-10, Ljubljana: Society for Theoretical Psychoanalysis, 2015, 155-72.

## **Other Publications**

- 2011** “A Polish State in The Land of Israel” in *A Cookbook for Political Imagination*, Sternberg press 2011, Sebastian Cichocki and Galit Eilat ed.

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

- 2018** The Minerva Institute for German History, Tel Aviv University
- 2014** Institute of Israel and Jewish Studies fellowship, Columbia University
- 2013** Gordon Gray, Jr. Fellowship award, Columbia University
- 2008** Faculty Fellowship, Columbia University

## **INVITED TALKS**

- 2018** Visiting Scholar, Center for Literary and Cultural Research Berlin (ZFL)
- 2018** “The Princess Learns to Wink: Lubitsch and the Politics of the Implicit”, Ernst Lubitsch's Comedy Conference, Babylon, Berlin.
- 2018** “After the Truth: Reflections on Critical Thinking and Media Literacy in the Age of Post Truth”, David Yellin College, Department of Communications.
- 2017** “Owning Up to Exile: Bialik on Ownership and Exchange in the Aftermath of the October Revolution”, Haifa University, Department of Jewish History and thought.
- 2016** “Guilt History: Freud and the Jewish Sin”, To Think a Sin: International Symposium, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana.
- 2015** “Fate and Character: The Future of Disillusion”, Preston Sturges Conference, Ljubljana Kinoteka, Ljubljana.

- 2012** “Nihilism between Tragedy and Comedy in Agnon's Writing”, The Concept of Nihilism and the Limits of Political Critique Conference, Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem.
- 2012** “The Dialectics of Exile and Return: Jewish Messianism in Bartana’s Aesthetics”, Jewish Renaissance Movement in Poland Conference, UC Irvine.

## **CONFERENCE ACTIVITY**

### **Papers Presented**

- 2017** “Moses Mendelssohn’s Critique of Progress: The Limits of Better Knowledge”, Narratives of Progress Conference, Van Leer And Minerva, Jerusalem
- 2016** “Bialik’s Duality: Stasis and Dialectics in Bialik’s reflections on Jewish History”, American Comparative Literature Association Annual Conference, Harvard University.
- 2016** “The Tale of the Scribe: Agnon and the beginnings of Literature”, National Association of Professors of Hebrew, Brown University.
- 2014** “The Power of Division: The Political-Theological Difference as a Temporal one in Mendelssohn’s Jerusalem”, Association for Jewish Studies annual conference, Baltimore.
- 2013** “What have I in common with the Jews? Kafka and Jewish Subjectivity”, World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem.
- 2012** “Only Angels may Laugh in This Way: Humor and Jewishness in Kafka’s Writing”, Association for Jewish Studies annual conference, Chicago.
- 2012** “A sense of the common: Kant and Mendelssohn”, Columbia University Jewish and Israel Studies Colloquium, Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem.
- 2010** “Sovereignty beyond Boundaries”, Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference on the Middle East, South Asia and Africa, Columbia University.
- 2008** “Timing”, Political Philosophy beyond the Horizon of liberal thought 2nd conference, The Cohen Institute for the history and Philosophy of science and ideas and the Cegla center for Interdisciplinary legal studies, Tel Aviv University.
- 2008** “Time beyond the bounders of the Law – Israel's exceptional sovereignty”, Time beyond Boundaries, The Van Leer Institute and Haifa University.

### **Conference/Symposia Organized**

- 2013** Neighbors in Jewish Studies Young Scholars Conference, Institute for Israel and Jewish Studies, Columbia University.
- 2013** Interdisciplinary Jewish Studies Seminar on *Neighbors*, MESAAS, Columbia University.
- 2012** “The New” in Jewish Studies Colloquium, The Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem.
- 2012** Interdisciplinary Jewish Studies Seminar on *The New*, MESAAS, Columbia University.
- 2011** Interdisciplinary Jewish Studies Seminar on *Thought and Language*, MESAAS, Columbia University.
- 2010** Uselessness, Graduate Student Conference, Institute for Comparative Literature and Society, Columbia University.

## **Panels Organized**

- 2016** “Back to the Beginning: Beginnings in/of Hebrew Literature.” 2016 National Association of Professors of Hebrew Annual Conference on Hebrew Language, Literature and Culture, Brown University.
- 2014** Perceptions of Time in Modern Jewish Historiography and Literature, Association for Jewish Studies annual conference, Baltimore, MD.
- 2013** In Search for a Collective Jewish Subject, World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem.
- 2012** Law and Comedy in Jewish Traditions Colloquium, Lehigh University.

## **Discussant**

- 2008** On the Power between Politics and Religion, Minerva Institute for German History, Tel Aviv University.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 2014 - 2015** The school of The Art Institute of Chicago  
Sole Instructor: “Comedy and Tragedy in Literature and Philosophy”
- 2012 - 2013** Columbia University  
Teaching Associate: “Theories and Culture”, “Palestinian and Israeli Societies and Politics”

- 2011 - 2012** Columbia University  
Teaching Associate: “Introduction to Israeli Literature”, “Zionism from a Cultural Perspective”
- 2010 - 2011** Columbia University  
Teaching Assistant: “Modern Hebrew: Elementary”, “Modern Hebrew: Intermediate”
- 2008 - 2009** Tel Aviv University  
Teaching Associate: “Trauma and History”
- 2004 - 2008** Tel Aviv University  
Lecturer: The Dov Lautman Unit for Science Oriented Youth.

### **SERVICE TO PROFESSION & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- 2017 - 2018** Tel Aviv University  
Research fellow: “Life and Mind: An Exploration of the Metamorphoses of the Kantian Moment in Philosophy”, Prof. Haag Johannes, University of Potsdam, Prof. Friedlander Eli.
- 2008 - 2009** Tel Aviv University  
Research Assistant: “Stalin avec Lacan: The Logic of Communist Sacrifice, Study of the Soviet subjectivity during the purges”, Professor Igal Halfin.
- Tel Aviv University  
Editorial board member: “Lexicon for political concepts”, Chief Editor: Professor Adi Ophir.

### **EXTRA TRAINING**

- 2015** University of Chicago  
“Freud and Hegel”, University Seminar, Instructors: Mladen Dolar and Eric Santner, participant.
- 2014** University of Chicago  
“Materialism old and New” and “Avarice, After all”, University seminars, Instructors: Mladen Dolar and Eric Santner, participant.

### **NON-ACADEMIC WORK**

- 2002 - 2006** “The Seventh Eye” Magazine, writer.
- 2006 - 2008** Israel Democracy Institute, Political Education, researcher. Supervisor: Professor Eyal Naveh.

## **LANGUAGES**

Hebrew (native)  
English (fluent)  
German (fluent)  
Spanish (fluent)  
Arabic (advanced)  
Yiddish (research capacity)

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Association for Jewish Studies  
American Comparative Literature Association  
National Association of Professors of Hebrew

## **REFERNCES**

### **Dan Miron**

Leonard Kaye Professor Emeritus of Hebrew and Comparative Literature  
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