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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, East Lansing, MI

Assistant Professor, July 2024 –

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

Postdoctoral Fellow, 2022 – 2024

ALBRIGHT COLLEGE, Reading, PA

Visiting NEH Chair in Humanities & Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2019 –2022

BARUCH COLLEGE, CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, New York, NY

Substitute Lecturer in Philosophy (Full-Time), 2018- 2019

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Torts, Evidence, Law & Philosophy, Private Law Theory, Contracts, Remedies

EDUCATION

GRADUATE CENTER, CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, New York, NY

Ph.D., Philosophy, 2020

Dissertation: *Production, not Dependence: The Metaphysics of Causation and its Role in Explanation, Responsibility, and the Law*

Activities: Doctoral Students Council Representative
Student Steering Committee Representative

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

LL.M., January 2009

Activities: Research Assistant, Prof. Diane Zimmerman

HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM, Jerusalem, Israel

LL.B./B.A. (joint degree) in Law and Philosophy, January 2006

Awards: Magna Cum Laude

Activities: *Hebrew University Law Review* (“Mishpatim”), Articles Editor
Research Assistant, Professor Alon Harel
Research Assistant, Dean (at the time) Israel Gilead

PUBLICATIONS

Reasonable Doubt and Reasonable Priors (EPISTEME, forthcoming) (peer reviewed)

[*Touchdowns, Safeties, and the Jurisprudence of Fouls*](#) (reviewing MITCHELL N. BERMAN AND RICHARD D. FRIEDMAN, *THE JURISPRUDENCE OF SPORT: SPORTS AND GAMES AS LEGAL SYSTEMS* (2021), BALKINIZATION, June 3rd, 2022

[*Omissive Overdetermination: Why the Act-Omission Distinction Makes a Difference for Causal Analysis*](#), 49 U. W. AUSTL. L. REV. 57 (2022), Special Issue: Causation (peer reviewed)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Relative Proximity and Proximate Causation

Omissions, Causation, and Responsibility (under review)

Corrective Justice and Market Share Liability (co-authored with Cosim Sayid)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Primary Instructor: Law

- Torts: Michigan State University

Primary Instructor: Undergraduate

- Business Ethics: CUNY-Brooklyn College
- Crime and Punishment (Philosophy of Criminal Law): CUNY-Baruch College
- Critical Thinking: CUNY-Baruch College
- Early Modern Philosophy: Albright College
- Ethics, Economics, and the Business System (PPE): CUNY-Baruch College
- Ethics: CUNY-Baruch College
- Introduction to Philosophy: Albright College; CUNY-Baruch College; CUNY-Brooklyn College; CUNY-Lehman College
- Law & Philosophy: Albright College
- Moral Psychology (co-taught): Albright College
- Political Theory: Albright College
- Public Morality (Moral & Political Philosophy): Albright College
- Science, Pseudoscience, and Knowledge (Philosophy of Science): Albright College

Preceptor

- Bioethics (master's level): NYU
- Conversations of the West (freshman great books course): NYU
- Jurisprudence: Hebrew University Law School

CLERKSHIPS

SUPREME COURT OF ISRAEL, Jerusalem, Israel
Clerk to Hon. Ayala Procaccia, 2004-2005

OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE

LABATON SUCHAROW LLP, New York, NY
Staff Attorney, August 2013 – November 2013

FRANKEL & ABRAMS, New York, NY
Law Clerk, 2009 –2010

LEGAL DEPARTMENT, RD MANAGEMENT LLC, New York, NY
Law Clerk, 2007- 2008

ES SHIMRON, I. MOLHO, PERSKY & CO., Jerusalem, Israel
Articles Clerk, 2003- 2004

OTHER EXPERIENCE

ISRAELI SUPREME COURT PROJECT, BENJAMIN CARDOZO SCHOOL OF LAW, YESHIVA UNIVERSITY, New York, NY
Consultant, 2015 –2018

SHALOM HARTMAN INSTITUTE, Jerusalem, Israel
Junior Fellow, 2005-2006

INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL LAW, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, LONDON, London, UK
Research Assistant, 2002

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“Relative Proximity and Proximate Causation”,

Chicagoland Junior Scholars Conference, September 2024, Loyola University of Chicago,
Seminar in Advanced Topics in Criminal Law Theory, March 2024, University of Pennsylvania Carey
Law School /University of Illinois College of Law

“Corrective Justice and Market Share Liability” (with Cosim J. Sayid)

Colloquium on Market Institutions & Economic Processes, October 2023, Department of Economics,
New York University

“Value-Free Causation”

Causality for Ethics and Society, July 2023, Center for Mathematical Philosophy, Ludwig
Maximilian University, Munich, Germany

“Positive Causes All the Way Down: The Role of Physical Causes and Mechanisms in Handling
Schaffer Disconnection Cases”

Ernst Mach Workshop XI: Causation – Structure, Models, Realism, May 2023, Czech Academy of
Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic

“Only the Best Explanation Wins: Legal Proof, Explanation, and Probability” (with Cosim J. Sayid)

Excited Utterance Evidence Summer Workshop, May 2023, Vanderbilt Law School, Nashville, TN

“Causation in the Law of Torts”, (guest lecture)

Graduate Seminar in Legal Theory, September 2022, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School
/University of Illinois College of Law

"Act/Omission Distinction in Causal Analysis"

Western Australia Causation Conference, September 2022, Perth, Western Australia (online)

SERVICE

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

- Academic Standards Committee

NEH CHAIR, ALBRIGHT COLLEGE

- Faculty Medical Humanities Curriculum Development Committee (Member)
- Faculty Philosophy Reading Group (Organizer)

JOURNAL REFEREE

European Journal for Philosophy of Science

Law and Philosophy

University of Western Australia Law Review

BAR ADMISSIONS

Israel (Inactive), New York

LANGUAGES

English (Native), Hebrew (Native)