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CURRICULUM VITAE

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Areas of Specialization

Early modern philosophy; metaphysics; philosophy of mind; meta-ontology; philosophical methodology

Areas of Competence

Medieval philosophy; Kant's theoretical philosophy; Jewish Studies; nineteenth-century American philosophy; philosophical approaches and themes in the study of art, literature, and art/literary history and criticism

Education

PhD, Philosophy, Johns Hopkins University, ABD

Dissertation: "Prospects for Nothing: Representing Nonbeing and the Metaphysics of Intentionality in Aquinas, Spinoza, and Leibniz"

Committee: Yitzhak Melamed (Primary Advisor), Michael Della Rocca, Justin Bledin

Doctoral Student, Philosophy, Yale University, 2012-2015

BA, Philosophy, Johns Hopkins University, 2005-2011

Honors Program in Humanistic Studies

Publications

a) *Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles*

"Brandom's Leibniz," *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 102 (2021): 73-102.

"On the Causal Role of Privation in Thomas Aquinas's Metaphysics," *European Journal of Philosophy* 28 (2020): 306-322.

"Spinozistic Expression," *Philosophers' Imprint* 17 (2017): 1-32.

"Intelligibility and Subjectivity in Peirce: A Reading of His 'New List of Categories'," *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 50 (2012): 581-610.

b) *Book Chapters*

"Spinoza on Relations," in *A Companion to Spinoza*, edited by Yitzhak Y. Melamed (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2021).

c) Editing Work

Assistant Editor (with Davide Monaco), *Spinoza's Ethics*, by Baruch Spinoza, translated by George Eliot, edited by Clare Carlisle (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2019)

d) Book Reviews

Review of Clare Carlisle, *Spinoza's Religion* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2021), *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, in preparation.

Review of Samuel Newlands, *Reconceiving Spinoza* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019), *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, DOI: [10.1080/09608788.2019.1649246](https://doi.org/10.1080/09608788.2019.1649246).

Review of Benedict de Spinoza, *Ethics Proved in Geometrical Order*, edited by Matthew J. Kisner (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 27 (2019): 1243-1247.

Review of Michael LeBuffe, *Spinoza on Reason* (Oxford: Oxford University Press), *European Journal of Philosophy* 26 (2018): 1453-1457.

Review of Alexander X. Douglas, *Spinoza and Dutch Cartesianism: Philosophy and Theology* (Oxford: Oxford University Press), *Leibniz Review* 27 (2017): 157-67.

Review of Mateusz W. Oleksy, *Realism and Individualism: Charles S. Peirce and the Threat of Modern Nominalism* (Amsterdam: John Benjamins), *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 25 (2017).

Review of Gabriele Gava, *Peirce's Account of Purposefulness: A Kantian Perspective* (London: Routledge), *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 23 (2015): 594-97.

Review of Hazard Adams, *The Offense of Poetry* (Seattle: University of Washington Press), *Modern Language Notes (Comparative Literature Issue)* 124 (2009): 1211-15.

e) Review Essay

"A Heretic in the Truth" (review essay of Steven Nadler, *A Book Forged in Hell: Spinoza's Scandalous Treatise and the Birth of the Secular Age* (Princeton: Princeton University Press)), *Jewish Review of Books*, Spring Issue 2012.

f) Works in Progress or under Review

i) Under Review

"*Ethica more logico demonstrata*" (with Justin Bledin and Yitzhak Melamed)

"Kant's Twofold Ground of the Distinction between Phenomena and Noumena"

"The faith that looks through death': Wordsworth's 'Tintern Abbey' and Psalm 23"

ii) Works in progress

“Spinoza and Descartes on Words, Ideas, and Expression”

“Spinoza on Mental Acts and Ontological Commitment”

“Spinoza on Truth as Authenticity”

“Notes on a Neglected Distinction: *Ponere* and *Tollere* in Spinoza”

“Order’s Discord? The Multiple Resonance of ‘Order’ (*Ordo*) in Spinoza”

“Spinoza and Hobbes on *Ingenium*”

“Spinoza on Chimeras, Square Circles, and Beings That, by Virtue of Their Essence, Do Not Exist”

“Beyond Extension: The Scale of Spinoza’s *Rerum Natura*”

“Spinoza’s Problem of Universals and Particulars”

“Beyond Mere Belief: Spinoza’s Definition of Faith”

“The Expression of Bare Monads”

“The Priority of Balance: Aesthetics, Morality, and Politics in George Eliot’s *Daniel Deronda*”

Presentations [* = Accepted but did not attend]

“Beauty as the Symbol of Morality,” Western Canadian Philosophical Association, Victoria, BC, Nov. 2021.*

“Lewis, Distance, and Modal Realism,” (Commentary on Alexander W. Kocurek, “Modal Realism and Spatiotemporal Relation”). American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting (online), January 2021.

“Spinoza on Relations,” Spinoza and Early Modern Philosophy Workshop, Johns Hopkins University, November 2020.

“Beyond Mere Belief: Spinoza’s Definition of Faith,” Australasian Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, November, 2019.*

“Beyond Mere Belief: Spinoza’s Definition of Faith,” Franco-American Workshop in Seventeenth-Century Philosophy, École Normale Supérieure, Paris, June 20-23, 2019.

“Beauty as the Symbol of Morality,” Salish Sea Aesthetics Workshop, University of British Columbia, May 10-11, 2019.*

“Beyond Mere Belief: Spinoza’s Definition of Faith,” Princeton Graduate Conference in the History of Philosophy, Princeton University, May 10, 2019.

“Aquinas on Privation,” British Society for the History of Philosophy Annual Conference, King’s College London, April 2016.*

“Spinoza’s Definition of Faith,” Spinoza Workshop, Johns Hopkins University, March 11, 2017.

“Beauty as the Symbol of Morality,” Annual Kent State University Philosophy Graduate Student Conference, Kent State University, 2017.*

“Aquinas on Privation,” Hammond Society Colloquium, Philosophy Department, Johns Hopkins University (September 29, 2017).

“Spinozistic Expression,” Harvard-Yale History of Philosophy Graduate Workshop, Harvard University (April 30-31, 2016).

“Spinozistic Expression,” Society for Early Modern Philosophy at Yale, Yale University (February 1, 2016).

Commentator for Paul Franks, “‘Nothing comes from Nothing’: Judaism, the Orient, and Kabbalah in Hegel’s Reception of Spinoza,” Society for Early Modern Philosophy at Yale, Yale University, 2013.

“Narrative Memory and the Compass of the Self: Religious Self-Knowledge in Augustine’s *Confessions*,” “Ways of Knowing”: The Fourth Annual Graduate Conference on Religion at Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University.*

“‘The faith that looks through death’: Wordsworth’s ‘Tintern Abbey’ and Psalm 23,” *The Natural History of Reading*, University of Washington, Seattle (Spring 2010).

Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Language Study Grant, 2021

Miller Prize for Best Published Graduate Essay in Philosophy (for “Brandom’s Leibniz”), Johns Hopkins University, 2021.

Lovejoy Dissertation Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University, Fall 2021

Alexander Grass Humanities Institute Graduate Research Fellowship, Spring 2021

Research Paper Prize, Singleton Center for the Study of Premodern Europe (for “Aquinas on Privation”), 2017.

Miller Prize for Best Published Graduate Essay in Philosophy (for “Spinozistic Expression”), Johns Hopkins University, 2017.

Tikvah Post-BA Fellowship, New York, NY, 2011-2012.

[Fellowship in Jewish Studies and Politics sponsored by the Tikvah Fund.]

Woodrow Wilson Undergraduate Research Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University, 2007.

[Four-year undergraduate fellowship granting \$10,000 toward the pursuit of a long-term research project in any academic field.]

Teaching

Teaching assistant (Johns Hopkins):

Bioethics (Prof. Hilary Bok), Fall 2020

Introduction to the History of Modern Philosophy (Prof. Michael Williams), Spring 2020

Bioethics (Prof. Hilary Bok), Fall 2019

Introduction to Metaphysics (Prof. Yitzhak Melamed), Spring 2019

Philosophy of Religion (Prof. Steven Gross), Fall 2018

Languages

Intermediate proficiency in Latin, French, German, and Hebrew

Academic Service, Membership, and Professional Employment

Academic Service

Reviewer for *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* and *Dialogue*

Professional Employment:

Graduate Associate in Acquisitions, Johns Hopkins University Press (2021-present)

Copy editor, *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (2015-present) and *Philosophers' Imprint* (2017-present)

Membership:

Johns Hopkins Philological Society

Hammond Society (Johns Hopkins Philosophy Graduate Society)

Society for Early Modern Philosophy at Yale

References

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