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Appointments

- 2012– Professor, Department of Philosophy, UBC
2021–2022 Visiting Professor, Jean Nicod Institute, CNRS-ENS-EHESS
2006–2012 Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, UBC
2004 Visiting Professor, Department of Philosophy, UCLA
2002–2006 Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, UBC
1999–2002 Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, Yale University

Education

- 1999 PhD, Philosophy, Harvard University
1993 MA, Philosophy of Science, *summa cum laude*, Tel Aviv University

Writings

BOOKS

- forthcoming *Philosophical Representation: Studies in Attitudinal Instrumentalism*
(New York: Routledge Press)
2017 *Semantics, Metasemantics, Aboutness*
(Oxford: Oxford University Press)
2012 *Necessary Intentionality: A Study in the Metaphysics of Aboutness*
(Oxford: Oxford University Press); paperback 2015

ARTICLES

- 2022 “Instrumentalism About Structured Propositions”, in A. Murray and C. Tillman (eds.),
The Routledge Handbook of Propositions (New York: Routledge Press)

- “Narrow Content and Parameter Proliferation”, *Analytic Philosophy*
- “The bang was not as loud as I had expected”, *Philosophical Investigations* 45: 161-174
- 2021 “The Content Program Through an Instrumentalist Lens”, *Synthese* 199: 14599-14615
- “On Performatives Being Statements Too”, *Thought* 10: 275-281
- 2020 “Modeling Truth for Semantics”, *Analytic Philosophy* 61: 28-36
- 2019 “Realism and Instrumentalism in Philosophical Explanation”, *Metaphysics* 2: 1-15
- 2018 “The Hierarchy of Fregean Senses”, *Thought* 7: 255-261
- 2017 “Metasemantics and Singular Reference”, *Noûs* 51: 175-195
- 2015 “Metasemantics and Legal Interpretation”, in G. Pavlakos and V. Rodriguez-Blanco (eds.), *Reasons and Intentions in Law and Practical Agency* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press): 72-92
- 2013 “Token-Reflexivity”, *Journal of Philosophy* 110: 173-193
- “The Barcan Formula in Metaphysics”, *Theoria* 78: 375-392
- 2012 “Necessity in Reference”, in W. Kabasenche, M. O’Rourke, and M. Slater (eds.), *Reference and Referring* (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press): 209-233
- 2010 “Polyadic Quantification via Denoting Concepts”, *Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic* 51: 373-381
- 2008 “Comment on David Enoch’s ‘Luck Between Morality, Law and Justice’”, *Theoretical Inquiries in Law* 9: 8-11
- 2007 “Metasemantics and Objectivity”, in Enrique Villanueva (ed.), *Law: Metaphysics, Meaning, and Objectivity* (Netherlands: Brill Publishers): 215-234
- 2006 “Actualist Essentialism and General Possibilities”, *Journal of Philosophy* 103: 5-26
- 2004 “On the Impossibility of Nonactual Epistemic Possibilities”, *Journal of Philosophy* 101: 527-54
- 2003 “Meaningfulness and Contingent Analyticity”, *Noûs* 37: 278-302
- “Law” (with J. Coleman), *Legal Theory* 9: 1-41
- 2001 “Rules and Mention”, *Philosophical Quarterly* 51: 455-73
- 1999 “Quotational Mixing of Use and Mention”, *Philosophical Quarterly* 49: 325-36

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

- 2006 “Hilary Putnam”, in S. Sarkar and J. Pfeifer (eds.), *The Philosophy of Science: An Encyclopedia* (New York: Routledge Press): 620-627

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2012 Barry Lee (ed.), *Philosophy of Language: The Key Thinkers* (London: Continuum, 2011), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*

OTHER

- 2017 “Past Possibility Cross-Linguistically” (with S. Chen, V. Hohaus, R. Laturnus, M. Louie, L. Matthewson, H. Rullmann, C. Turner, and J. Vander Klok), in A. Arregui, M. Rivero, and A. Salanova (eds.), *Modality Across Syntactic Categories*, Oxford Studies in Theoretical Linguistics (Oxford: Oxford University Press): 235-287

Talks (since 2002)

- 2022 “Rules and Self-Citation”, Institute of Philosophy, University of Neuchâtel
- 2020 “‘The bang was not as loud as I had expected’: Formal Semantics and Natural Language”, 4th Annual TiLPS History of Analytic Philosophy Workshop, Tilburg University (remotely)
- “Metaphilosophical Instrumentalism”, Center for Logic, Language, and Cognition, University of Turin (remotely)
- “Metaphilosophical Instrumentalism”, Philosophy Mountain Workshop, Banff (cancelled due to COVID-19)
- “Replies to Critics”, Author Meets Critics session on *Semantics, Metasemantics, Aboutness*, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division
- 2019 “Realism and Instrumentalism in Philosophical Explanation”, Research Seminar, Mind, Language, and Action Group (MLAG), University of Porto
- 2018 *Philosophical Explanation*, 3-part lecture series, Cukier-Goldstein-Goren Center for Mind, Cognition, and Language, Tel Aviv University
- “Realism and Instrumentalism in Philosophical Explanation”, Department of Philosophy, UC Santa Cruz
- 2016 “Semantic Determinacy”, Workshop on Intentionality and Modality, University of Turin
- “On Conflating Representation and Represented”, Workshop on Logic, Meaning and Language, Hebrew University
- “Semantic Determinacy”, Department of Philosophy, Stockholm University
- 2015 “Semantic Determinacy”, Department of Philosophy, University of Victoria
- “Metasemantics and Semantic Ascent”, Banff Metaphysics Workshop
- “Metasemantics and Semantic Ascent”, 1st Epistemology of Metaphysics Workshop, University of Helsinki
- 2014 “Semantic Endowment”, Department of Philosophy, University of Alberta
- 2013 “Semantic Endowment”, Department of Philosophy, Princeton University
- “Replies to Critics”, Author Meets Critics session on *Necessary Intentionality*, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division

- “Semantic Endowment”, Department of Philosophy, Tel Aviv University
- “Semantic Endowment”, Department of Philosophy, Lund University
- “Semantic Endowment”, Department of Philosophy, Bar Ilan University
- “Semantic Endowment”, Research Seminar, Cogito, University of Bologna
- “Things of Semantic Value”, Workshop on Things, UC Santa Cruz
- 2012 “Interpreting the Barcan Formula”, Department of Philosophy, Lewis and Clark College
- “Interpreting the Barcan Formula”, Department of Philosophy, CUNY
- “Token-Reflexivity”, Department of Philosophy, Yale University
- “*De Re* and *De Dicto*”, Department of Linguistics, UBC
- 2010 “Necessity in Reference”, Workshop on Reference, University of Parma
- “Necessity in Reference”, Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference
- “Polyadic Quantification Via Denoting Concepts”, *Principia Mathematica* @ 100, McMaster University
- “Generic Belief”, Department of Philosophy, Tel Aviv University
- 2009 “Modal Fact Realism”, Department of Philosophy, University of Alberta
- 2008 “How to Be a Realist About Modality”, Department of Philosophy, Tel Aviv University
- “The Intentionality of Words”, Department of Linguistics, UBC
- 2007 “Cognitive Relations”, Department of Philosophy, University of Manitoba
- “Cognitive Relations”, Department of Philosophy, Ben-Gurion University
- “Cognitive Relations”, Department of Philosophy, Hebrew University
- “Cognitive Relations”, Department of Philosophy, University of Haifa
- “What the Philosophy of Language Can Contribute to the Philosophy of Law”, Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University
- “*De Dicto* Attitudes from Above”, Cognitive Science, Hebrew University
- 2006 “Disagreement about the Grounds of Law”, Yale Center for Law and Philosophy, Yale Law School
- 2005 “Coordination and Disagreement in Law, Language, and Mind”
(with J. Coleman), Department of Philosophy, Rutgers University
- “Actualist Essentialism and General Possibilities”, Western Canadian Philosophical Association Meeting
- “Marcus’s Robust Sense of Reality”, Philosophy of Language Workshop, UCLA
- 2004 “Cognitive Relativity”, Department of Philosophy, Ben-Gurion University
- “On the Impossibility of Nonactual Epistemic Possibilities”, Department of Philosophy, UC Santa Barbara
- “On the Impossibility of Nonactual Epistemic Possibilities”, Department of Philosophy, UCLA

- “On the Impossibility of Nonactual Epistemic Possibilities”, Department of Philosophy, University of Calgary
- 2003 “On the Impossibility of Nonactual Epistemic Possibilities”, Northwest Philosophy Conference, Reed College
- “On the Impossibility of Nonactual Epistemic Possibilities”, Department of Philosophy, Simon Fraser University
- “On the Impossibility of Nonactual Epistemic Possibilities”, Department of Philosophy, Tel Aviv University
- “On the Impossibility of Nonactual Epistemic Possibilities”, Department of Philosophy, Western Washington University
- “Metasemantics and Objectivity”, Keynote Address, Sofia Conference, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
- 2002 “Meaningfulness and Contingent Analyticity”, Department of Philosophy, University of Vermont
- “Acknowledging Cavell”, Center for the Humanities, Wesleyan University
- “Law’ and Other Common Nouns” (with J. Coleman), Yale Law School
- “How Does the Social Environment Contribute to Semantic Content?”, Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference
- “How Does the Social Environment Contribute to Semantic Content?”, Department of Philosophy, UT Austin
- “How Does the Social Environment Contribute to Semantic Content?”, Department of Philosophy, UBC

Comments

- 2019 Juhani Yli-Vakkuri and John Hawthorne, *Narrow Content*, Author Meets Critics, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division
- 2017 Ephraim Glick, “Cross-Contextual Semantics”, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division
- 2014 Jeremy Wyatt, “The Paradox of Truth-Aptness and the Meaning of “True””, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division
- 2010 Joseph Almog and Antonio Capuano, “From Having in Mind to Direct Reference”, Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference
- 2009 Stephen Neale, “The Intentionalism of Textualism”, Law and Philosophy Workshop, University of Michigan
- Joseph LaPorte, “Pessimism Sustained: Psychophysical Identities”, Colorado Conference on Dependence

- 2008 Timothy Williamson, “Is Logic a Neutral Arbiter?”, MetaMetaphysics Conference, LOGOS, University of Barcelona
- 2007 David Enoch, “Luck Between Morality, Law and Justice”, Law and Philosophy Forum, Hebrew University
- 2005 Gideon Rosen, “Three Conceptions of Culpability”, Western Canadian Philosophical Association
Sven Bernecker, “Rule-Following and Externalism”, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division
- 2004 David Kaplan, “*De Re* Belief”, Philosophy of Language Workshop, Queen’s University
- 2003 Stavroula Glezakos, “The *A Priority* of True Name-Containing Identity Sentences”, Northwest Philosophy of Conference, Reed College

Grants, Fellowships, Awards

- 2017 Killam Research Prize, VP Research and Innovation, UBC
- 2017–2021 Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Insight Grant
- 2010–2014 Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Research Grant
- 2005–2009 Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Research Grant
- 2006 Faculty Fellowship, Cegla Center for Interdisciplinary Research of the Law, Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University
- 2006 Just Desserts Award for Excellence in Teaching, UBC Alumni Association, UBC
- 2003–2004 Hampton Fund Research Grant, Large Grant Award, UBC
- 2002–2003 Hampton Fund Research Grant, Bridging Grant Award, UBC
- 1998 Martin Prize, Department of Philosophy, Harvard University
- 1996–1997 Program for the Study of Law, Philosophy, and Social Theory Doctoral Fellowship, NYU School of Law
- 1992–1993 Visiting Scholar, Philosophy, Columbia University
- 1990–1993 Adi Lautman Interdisciplinary Program for Outstanding Students (full tuition waver and living stipend), Tel Aviv University