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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Stanford University, Stanford, CA
Postdoctoral Fellow, Stanford Civics Initiative, September 2022—present

EDUCATION

Stanford University, Stanford, CA
Ph.D., Political Science, 2022
Primary Field: Political Theory
Dissertation Title: *Democratic Phantasies: Political Imagination and the Athenian Democracy*
Dissertation Committee: Josiah Ober (chair), Alison McQueen, Andrea Nightingale

Stanford University, Stanford, CA
M.A., Classics, 2020

Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel
M.A., *Summa Cum Laude*, Political Science, 2016

Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel
B.A., *Summa Cum Laude*, 2013, Political Science and Economics (double major)

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journals

“Towards a Democratic Imagination” (forthcoming, *Polity*)

“Divine Epiphany and Political Authority in Plato’s *Republic*,” *History of Political Thought*, vol. 44, no. 2 (2023): 213-233

“Leviathan Versus Beelzebul: Hobbes on the Prophetic Imagination,” *History of European Ideas*, vol. 49, no. 3 (2023): 543-560

“Political *Phantasies*: Aristotle on Imagination and Collective Action,” *American Journal of Political Science* (published online, September 2022)

“Political Imagination and Its Limits,” *Synthese*, vol. 199 (2021): 3325-3343

“The Sleeping Subject: On the Use and Abuse of Imagination in Hobbes’s *Leviathan*,” *Hobbes Studies*, Vol. 33, no. 2 (Fall 2020): 153-175

Edited Volumes

“Imagination and Creativity in the Political Realm,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Philosophy of Imagination and Creativity*, eds. Amy Kind and Julia Langkau (Oxford, forthcoming).

Olga Lenczewska & Avshalom M. Schwartz, “Disagree to Agree: Forming Consensus Around Basic Income in Times of Political Divisiveness,” in *Political Activism and Basic Income Guarantee*, ed. Richard Caputo and Larry Liu (Palgrave Macmillan, 2020)

Book Reviews

Review of Gerald M. Mara, *Between Specters of War and Vision of Peace: Dialogic Political Theory and the Challenges of Politics* (Oxford University Press, 2019). *Polis* Vol. 39, no. 2 (2022)

Review of Nick Srnicek and Alex Williams, *Inventing the Future: Postcapitalism and a Future Without Work* (Verso, 2015). *The Public Sphere* 11 (Fall 2016): 175-181 [Hebrew].

WORK IN PROGRESS

Books

Democratic Phantasies: Political Imagination and the Athenian Democracy (under consideration, OUP)

The Catching of Beelzebub: Thomas Hobbes’s Philosophy of Imagination (in preparation)

Editorial Work

Special issue of *Polity* on the “Political Imagination,” co-edited with Alicia Steinmetz (expected 2024)

Translation

Plato’s *Republic*, A New Hebrew Translation (in preparation)

Articles

“Pericles’ Funeral Oration and the Struggle Over Athenian Identity” (under review)

“Revisiting the Meaning of *sylogos* at Thucydides 2.22” (in progress)

“Du Bois’ Platonic Egalitarianism,” with Desmond Jagmohan (in progress)

“*Persona civitatis* and *persona Dei*: Hobbes on Religious Representation and Misrepresentation,” with Kajetan Kubala (in progress)

INVITED TALKS

“Pericles’ Funeral Oration and the Struggle Over Athenian Identity,” Western Political Science Association, Political Theory Virtual Community (online), January 2023

“Imagining Monsters, Together and Alone,” Pathologies of Solitude Colloquium: Solitude and Interiority, Queen Mary University London, January 2022

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2023** Ethics and Politics of Imagination workshop, University of Vienna (scheduled)
 Association for Political Theory annual meeting, Union College (scheduled)
 Western Political Science Association Political Theory Mini-Conference (online)
 American Political Science Association annual meeting, Los Angeles (scheduled)
 Stanford Imagination workshop, Stanford University
 Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago
 Western Political Science Association annual meeting, San Francisco
- 2022** Association for Political Theory annual meeting, Huston
 American Political Science Association annual meeting, Montréal
 Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago
 Western Political Science Association annual meeting, Portland
 West Coast Plato Workshop, The Department of Philosophy, Stanford University
- 2021** Western Political Science Association annual meeting (online)
 American Political Science Association annual meeting, Seattle
 International Hobbes Association Annual Meeting (online)
 Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting (online)
 The Lexical Conference for Critical Political Thought, Tel Aviv University (online)
- 2020** American Political Science Association annual meeting (online)
 Western Political Science Association annual meeting (online)
 The Asia Regional International Plato Society Meeting (online)
 Cambridge Graduate Workshop in Political Theory and Intellectual History, Cambridge
- 2019** Association for Political Theory annual meeting, Irvine
 American Political Science Association annual meeting, Washington DC
 Princeton Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Princeton University, Princeton
 Imagination and Social Change conference, Claremont McKenna College, Claremont
 Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago
- 2018** New Direction in Basic Income Research, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, May 2018
 Harvard Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Harvard University, Cambridge
 The 7th London Summer School in Intellectual History, Queen Mary University of London

IN-RESIDENCE CAMPUS TALKS

2023	Stanford Political Theory Workshop
2022	Stanford Ethics and Politics Ancient and Modern Workshop (EPAM)
2021	Stanford Political Theory Workshop
2020	Stanford Political Theory Workshop
2019	Stanford's Research Workshop on The History of Political Thought Stanford Ethics and Politics Ancient and Modern Workshop (EPAM)

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

Gerald J. Lieberman Fellowship, Stanford University Vice Provost for Graduate Education (*by department nomination*), 2021-22

Stanford Centennial Teaching Award (recognizes outstanding teaching assistants in the schools of Humanities and Sciences, Earth Sciences, and Engineering), 2020

Ric Weiland Graduate Fellowship in the Humanities and Sciences, 2019-2021 (*by department nomination*)

SPICE Grant (Student Projects for Intellectual Community Enhancement), Stanford University, March 2019 (with Joan O'Bryan and Joseph Cloward)

Graduate Student Fellow, The McCoy Family Center for Ethics in Society, Stanford University, 2018-2019

Top 100 Lecturers List, Tel Aviv University, 2015, 2016

Dean's Award for Outstanding Achievements in Graduate Studies, Tel Aviv University, 2015

The Tali Gordon Scholarship for Outstanding Achievements in Graduate Studies, Tel Aviv University, 2015

Full M.A Tuition Scholarship, The Department of Political Science, Tel Aviv University, 2014-2016

Dean's Award for Outstanding Achievements in Undergraduate Studies, Tel Aviv University, 2012, 2013, 2014

TEACHING

Department of Political Science, Stanford University

Primary Instructor

- Origins of Political Thought (undergraduate/graduate seminar, winter 2024), with Josiah Ober
- Misinformation and Democracy: Past and Present (undergraduate seminar, spring 2023, fall 2023)

- Selection in Modern Political Thought (graduate seminar, fall 2022)

Course co-designer and administrator

- Pathways to Public Service, Winter 2020 (Prof. Larry Diamond)

Head Teaching Assistant

- Justice, Fall 2019 (Dr. Brian Coyne)

Teaching Assistant

- Modern Political Thought, Spring 2019, Spring 2020 (Prof. Alison McQueen)
- Justice, Fall 2017 (Prof. Rob Reich); Fall 2018 (Dr. Brian Coyne)

Department of Political Science, Tel Aviv University

Primary Instructor

- Scientific Writing Instruction, Fall 2014; Fall 2015; Fall 2016

Teaching Assistant

- Introduction to Political Philosophy, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016 (Prof. Tamar Meisels); Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2017 (Dr. Golan Lahat)
- Contemporary Political Thought, Fall 2015, Fall 2016 (Prof. Tamar Meisels); Spring 2016, Spring 2017 (Dr. Golan Lahat)

SERVICE

Organizer

Co-organizer, Stanford Political Theory Workshop, 2023-present

Stanford Imagination Workshop, Stanford University, Stanford, May 2023

Panel Organizer, American Political Science Association annual meeting, September 2020

Co-founder and co-organizer, The Stanford Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Stanford University, January 2020 (Co-organizer, June 2021)

Graduate Student Coordinator, The Marta Sutton Weeks Research Workshop on The History of Political Thought, Stanford University, 2019-2022

Selected Discussant Roles

“Political Emotions and Ancient Political Theory” (panel), Western Political Science Association annual meeting, San Francisco, April 2023

“Affects and Self-Reflection” (panel), Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago, April 2023

Naomi Campa, “Antiphon and Autonomy,” Ethics and Politics, Ancient and Modern workshop, Stanford, May 2023

“Affect” (panel), Western Political Science Association annual meeting, Portland, April 2022

Demetra Kasimis, “The Democratic Crisis of a Sexual Conspiracy: A Political Reading of Lysias 1,” Stanford’s Political Theory Workshop, October 2021

“Religion and Political Theory” and “Seeing, Hearing, and Speaking” (panels), American Political Science Association annual meeting, Seattle, September 2021

Alicia Steinmetz, “Thomas Hobbes’s Material Imagination,” Stanford’s Political Theory Workshop, October 2020

“Issues in Political Philosophy” (panel), Western Political Science Association, April 2020

“Preserving Popular Government Through Proper Citizenship” (panel), Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago, April 2019

Adrian Blau, “The Logic of Thought Experiments in Political Philosophy,” Stanford’s Political Theory Workshop, October 2018

Other Professional Activities

Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Political Theory*, *Polity*, *Polis: The Journal for Ancient Greek and Roman Political Thought*, *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy (CRISPP)*, *Analysis*

TA mentor, Mentors in Teaching (MinT) program, Stanford University, 2018-2019

Graduate Research Fellow, Stanford Basic Income Lab, 2017-2019

Co-Founder, Program for Advancement of Arab-Israeli Students in the Department of Political Science, Tel Aviv University, 2016

Executive editor, *The Public Sphere Journal*, Tel Aviv University, 2014-2016

Research assistant for Prof. Yoav Peled, The Department of Political Science, Tel Aviv University, 2013-2016

SKILLS

Languages: Hebrew (native), English (fluent), Ancient Greek (proficient), German (advanced)
Software: R, LaTeX, STATA

REFERENCES

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