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RESEARCH INTERESTS

History and philosophy of life sciences; processes of model-formulation; models as epistemic instruments; history of behavioral genetics; controversies over sociobiology; epistemic and non-epistemic commitments; naturalization of commitments into science; values in science and inductive risk; sociology of scientific knowledge.

EDUCATION

Tel Aviv University

PhD, School of Philosophy, Linguistics and Science Studies; Cohn Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Ideas; Inter-University Program for the History and Philosophy of Life Science. Ongoing, started October 2019.
Instructor: Dr. Ehud Lamm.

University of Chicago

MA, Social Science (MAPSS), Concentration: Science Studies, GPA: 91/100, December 2018
Thesis: “Whose Bias is it anyway? Reservations on the Historiography of the Neoclassical Turn in Economics”

Tel-Aviv University, Cohn Institute

MA, History and Philosophy of Science, GPA: 95/100, December 2017
Thesis: “Statistical Considerations for Re-evaluation the Historiography of Ancient Greek Science”
Graduation Summa cum Laude

The Open University of Israel

BA, General Studies in Social Studies and Humanities, GPA: 94/100, June 2013
Graduation with honors, Dean’s list.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Chicago, Division of the Social Sciences

Graduate Student Researcher, MA Thesis Research Project, September 2017 - Present

- Authored MA thesis: “Whose Bias is it anyway? Reservations on the Historiography of the Neoclassical Turn in Economics”
- Advisor: Prof. Paul Cheney, University of Chicago

Tel-Aviv University, Cohn Institute

Graduate Student Researcher, MA Thesis Project, January 2015 – December 2017

- Authored MA thesis: “Statistical Considerations for Re-evaluation the Historiography of Ancient Greek Science”
- Advisors: Dr. Ido Yavetz (Cohn Institute, Tel-Aviv University) & Prof. Matteo Valleriani (Max Planck Institute, Berlin)
- Thesis graded 97/100, winner of the Amos Funkenstein Prize for 2017-2018 academic year.
- Overall GPA 95/100, graduation Summa cum Laude.

Research Assistant, Prof. Shaul Katzir, March 2014 – June 2017

- Provided research support to professor and team (Cohn Institute, Tel Aviv University)

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TEACHING & EDITING EXPERIENCE

The University of Chicago

Teaching Assistant for Dr. John McCallum, July 2018 – December 2018

- Co-designed a course on the philosophy of history; reviewed the field and selected appropriate readings

Tel-Aviv University, Cohn Institute

Teaching Assistant, October 2020 – present

- Teaching assistant for Prof. Leo Corry and Prof. Shaul Katzir in the course Intellectual History.

Editor, March 2019 – Present

- “From Sonar to Quartz Clock: Technology and Physics in War, Academy and Industry” (forthcoming):
 - Book by Prof. Shaul Katzir; assisted with the editing of the manuscript.
- Open University textbook, “Chapters in the History of Science”:
 - Assisting Prof. Shaul Katzir with the technical editing of the textbook.
 - Assisted Dr. Ori Belkind in re-writing the chapter on the scientific revolution of the 17th century.
 - Assisted Dr. Ori Belkind in re-writing the chapter on Isaac Newton.
- “Plato and the Moving Image”, edited by Shai Biderman and Michael Weinman (Brill, July 2019) – created an index for the volume.

Teaching Assistant, March 2014 – June 2017

- Managed courses’ websites and edited reading materials for Prof. Shaul Katzir.
- Instructor, Youth for Science, Tel Aviv University