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EMPLOYMENT

2026-2028 Tel Aviv University
Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Project: Mental Agency from the Bottom Up
Supervisor: Yair Levy

EDUCATION

2020-2026 University of Maryland, College Park
PhD in Philosophy, 2026
Dissertation: Cares in Action
Committee: Peter Carruthers (chair), Lizzie Schechter, Rachel Singpurwalla, Dan Moller, and Nick Laskowski

2018-2020 George Washington University
MA in Philosophy

2012-2016 California State University, Sacramento
BA in Philosophy and English

AREAS

Areas of specialization: Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science; Philosophy of Action; Moral Psychology

Areas of competence: Philosophy of Race; Ancient Philosophy; Animal Ethics; Animal Minds; Epistemology; Bioethics; Applied Ethics

PUBLICATIONS

"Animal Freedom and Its Importance in the Lives of Persons." *Philosophical Psychology* 1-26 (2026).
<https://doi.org/10.1080/09515089.2026.2708115>

"The Importance of Self-Knowledge for Free Action." *European Journal of Philosophy* 31(4): 996-1013 (2023).
<https://doi.org/10.1111/ejop.12812>

MANUSCRIPTS

Revise and Resubmit

"Beyond Hedonic Adaptation: The Role of Values in Determining Compensation for Suffering." *Social Theory and Practice*

Minor Revisions Requested

"The Virtues and Vices of Contrarianism." With Dan Moller; lead author. *Episteme*

Under Review

"Cares as Valuational States."

"Moral Worth and Moral Motivation: Challenging the Right-Reasons Account."

Selected Work in Progress

"Plato's Political Account of Psychological Freedom." With Rachel Singpurwalla; lead author

"Internalizing the Right Norms in the Wrong Way." (Working title)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- 2026** "Animal Freedom and Its Importance in the Lives of Persons." International Society for Moral Psychology (poster).
- 2026** "Animal Freedom and Its Importance in the Lives of Persons." Society for the Study of Ethics and Animals Mini-Conference.
- 2025** "Absence Does Not Make the Heart Grow Fonder: The Bi-Directional Dependence Between Values and Their Objects." Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology.
- 2025** "Is Knowing Yourself Always Good for You (Morally)?" APA Central Division, colloquium paper.
- 2024** "Plato's Account of Psychological Freedom in the Republic." APA Pacific Division, panel on The Reach of Ancient Ethics; with Rachel Singpurwalla.

Commentary and Chairing

- 2025** Chair, Oscar North-Concar and Kirk Surgener, "Addressing Metaskepticism." Moral Metaphysics at Maryland Workshop.
- 2023** Commentary on Lavalley, "Affective Scaffolding and the Loss of Control in Addiction." Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology.
- 2019** Commentary on Goffin, "Better Scared Than Sorry: A Pragmatic Account of Emotional Representations." Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Maryland, College Park

Primary instructor: Philosophy of Mind; Philosophy of Race (three times); Contemporary Moral Issues; Theory of Knowledge; Bioethics; Are Sports Ethical?

Teaching assistant: Are Sports Ethical?; Wisdom through Cognitive Science; Early Modern Philosophy; Arbitrating Our Bodily Rights: What It Means to Consent; Bioethics

George Washington University

Primary instructor: Introduction to Philosophy

Teaching assistant: Introduction to Philosophy; Philosophy of Mind

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2025** Wylie Dissertation Fellowship, University of Maryland
- 2020-2024** Flagship Fellowship, University of Maryland
- 2020** Dean's Fellowship, University of Maryland
- 2018-2020** Graduate Assistantship and University Fellowship, George Washington University

SERVICE

Professional Service

- 2025 Referee, Synthese
2025 Referee, The Journal of Ethics
2023 Referee, Asian Journal of Philosophy

University Service

- 2023-2026 Graduate Student Representative, Committee for Diversity and Inclusion, Department of Philosophy, University of Maryland
2021-2025 Graduate Student Representative, Department of Philosophy, University of Maryland

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Philosophical Association, 2016-present | Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, 2019-present

REFERENCES

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