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Research Interests

- AOS Metaethics, Metaphysics, Epistemology
AOC Normative Ethics, Philosophy of Language

Education

- 2022–present Ph.D. Candidate, Philosophy, Rutgers University–New Brunswick
 Dissertation: *Normativity and Its Grounds*
 Committee: Jonathan Schaffer & Andy Egan (co-chairs), Karen Bennett, Gideon Rosen (Princeton)
- 2019–2021 M.A., Philosophy, *magna cum laude*, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
 Thesis: *Moral If-Thenism*
 Advisors: David Enoch, Preston Werner
 Visiting Graduate Student, Yale University (Spring 2021)
- 2016–2019 B.A., Philosophy and Sociology & Anthropology, *summa cum laude*, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Publications

(† = invited contribution; unmarked papers were refereed)

- forthcoming “[Knowledge and Action: What Depends on What?](#)”
 Oxford Studies in Epistemology
 • Finalist for the Marc Sanders Prize in Epistemology
- 2023 “[Evolutionary Debunking of \(Arguments for\) Moral Realism](#)” (with Arnon Levy)
 Synthese 201 (168): 1–22
- 2023 “[Oh, All the Wrongs I Could Have Performed! Or: Why Care about Morality, Robustly Realistically Understood](#)”† (with David Enoch)
 In *Oxford Handbook of Moral Realism*, eds. Paul Bloomfield and David Copp, Oxford University Press, 434–62
- 2022 “[A Dilemma for De Dicto Halakhic Motivation: Why Mitzvot Don’t Require Intention](#)”
 Journal of Analytic Theology 10: 76–97

Papers in Progress

- under review A paper on metaphysical explanations of normative supervenience
- in preparation A paper on essentialist characterizations of normative non-naturalism
- in preparation “Laws as Partial Grounds” (with Karen Bennett and Audrey Powers)
 Invited for submission to *Reductionism in Metaphysics, Meta-Ethics, and Philosophy of Mind*, eds. Ralf Bader and Alex Moran, Oxford University Press

Selected Talks

(† = invited presentation; unmarked talks were refereed)

“How to Ground Supervenience: General and Specific”

- European Congress for Metaphysics, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, July 2026
- Groningen Metaethics Workshop, University of Groningen, April 2026

“Laws as Partial Grounds” (with Karen Bennett and Audrey Powers)

- Reduction in Mind and Metaethics Workshop, University of Fribourg, June 2025†

“Knowledge and Action: What Depends on What?”

- Rutgers–Tel Aviv Personal Identity Workshop, Tel Aviv University, May 2025†
- Israeli Philosophical Association, University of Haifa, July 2024
- Chapel Hill Normativity Workshop, UNC Chapel Hill, March 2024

“Responsibility, Causation, and Reversing the Order of Explanation”

- Eastern APA, New York, NY, Jan 2024
- Israeli Philosophical Association, Ben-Gurion University, July 2023
- Syracuse Philosophy Graduate Conference, Syracuse University, March 2023
- Free Will, Moral Responsibility & Agency Conference, Florida State University, Feb 2023

“A Dilemma for De Dicto Halakhic Motivation: Why *Mitzvot* Don’t Require Intention”

- Israeli Philosophical Association, The Open University, July 2021

Teaching

PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR

Summer 2026	Introduction to Ethics, Rutgers University
2021–2022	Critical Reading in Philosophical Texts, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
2020–2021	Critical Reading in Philosophical Texts, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
2019–2020	Critical Reading in Philosophical Texts, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Fall 2024	Introduction to Philosophy, Rutgers University (Michael Glanzberg)
2020–2021	Introduction to Logic, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Meir Buzaglo)

Awards, Honors & Fellowships

2023	Finalist for the Marc Sanders Prize in Epistemology, Marc Sanders Foundation
2022	Pepita Haezrahi Prize, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
2021–2022	President’s Fellowship, Mandel School, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
2021–2022	The Dean’s Award for Excellence in Teaching, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
2020, 2021, 2022	Switzerland–Israel Philosophy Fellowship, JNF-KKL

2019–2021	Mandel School M.A. Honors Program Fellowship, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
2019	Rose and David Baumgart Prize, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
2018	Shmaryahu Rivyer Prize, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
2017, 2018, 2020, 2021	The Dean's Prize, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Service

2024–2026	Chair of the Colloquium Committee (with Avi Sommer), Rutgers University
2024–2025	Convener of Rutgers Metaethics Reading Group (with Audrey Powers), Rutgers University
2023–2025	Editorial Assistant for <i>Noûs</i> and <i>Philosophy & Phenomenological Research</i>
2023–2024	Member of the Colloquium Committee, Rutgers University
2022–2023	Philosophy Representative for the Graduate Student Association, Rutgers University
2021–2023	Chair of the Association for the Philosophy of Judaism (with Dar Triffon-Reshef)

REFEREEING

Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Journal of Moral Philosophy, Philosophy & Phenomenological Research, Synthese

References

JONATHAN SCHAFER
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Rutgers University

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KAREN BENNETT
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GIDEON ROSEN
Professor of Philosophy
Princeton University

ERNEST SOSA
Professor of Philosophy
Rutgers University

DAVID ENOCH
Professor of Philosophy
Hebrew University & Oxford University

MICHAEL GLANZBERG (teaching)
Professor of Philosophy
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