

Curriculum Vitae

Avraham Sommer

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Areas of Interest

17th- and 18th-Century Philosophy, Logic, Philosophy of Language, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Religion, Jewish Philosophy, Teaching Philosophy

Education

B.A. 2021, Rutgers University, New Brunswick (magna cum laude, with high departmental honors)

Publications

"Mitzvot," co-authored with Israel Cohen, forthcoming in *The Encyclopedia of Skepticism and the Jewish Tradition* (Brill)

"Should We Continue to Read and Honor Immoral Historical Philosophers?" Blog of the APA, April 29, 2024, <https://blog.apaonline.org/2024/04/29/should-we-continue-to-read-and-honor-immoral-historical-philosophers/>

Conference Presentations

"A Neo-Maimonidean Theory of Prophecy," presented at the meeting Association for the Philosophy of Judaism at the 2023 APA Central Division meeting and at the 2023 meeting of the Long Island Philosophical Society

"Descartes' Case that We Have an Idea of God," presented at the Natural Theology graduate conference at St. Louis University, Fall of 2023

"Degrees of Divine Revelation," presented at the meeting of the Association for the Philosophy of Judaism at the 2024 APA Eastern Division meeting

"An Argument of Hutcheson on Moral Motivation," presented at the 2024 meeting of the Long Island Philosophical Society

Other Presentations

"Francis Hutcheson's Moral Philosophy," presented to the Rutgers undergraduate philosophy club, Spring 2023

Service

Member of the climate committee, Rutgers Philosophy Department, 2021-2022

Member of the colloquium committee, Rutgers Philosophy Department, 2022-2023

Co-chair of the colloquium committee, Rutgers Philosophy Department, 2023-2024

Logistical assistant for a summer school on God and Spacetime in 2022 funded by the

John Templeton Foundation

Logistical assistant for a summer school on God and Fine Tuning in 2023 funded by the John Templeton Foundation

Honor Societies

Phi Beta Kappa, NJ Alpha Chapter

Phi Sigma Tau, NJ Theta Chapter

Languages

English, Hebrew, Latin, some French, some Aramaic