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Current Position

Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, Ono Academic College (Since 1/2005)

Areas of teaching and research: Constitutional law, Philosophy of Law, Law and Culture

Previous Position

Clerk, the Chief Justice of the Israeli Supreme Court, Aharon Barak (7/2005-12/2006)

Education

Ph.D. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Philosophy, 12/2004

Dissertation Title: State Neutrality and Collective Self-Government

Chair of the Dissertation Committee: Professor Gerald J. Postema

M.A. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Philosophy, 12/2002

Dissertation Title: Concepts and Understanding

Chair of the Dissertation Committee: Professor William Lycan

LL.M. *Magna Cum Laude*, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, Faculty of Law, 9/1999

Dissertation Title: The Philosophical Foundations of Tort Law

Chair of the Dissertation Committee: Professor Alon Harel, Professor David Heyd

LL.B. *Cum Laude*, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, Faculty of Law, 5/1994

- Member of the editorial board of the *Hebrew University Law Review*, 1998-9
- Member of the Israeli Bar Association since 1995

Fellowships and Awards

- The Royster Society of Fellows Fellowship, UNC Chapel Hill, 2004-5
- Research abroad fellowship, UNC Chapel Hill, The Graduate School, 2003
- Research and Dissertation fellowships, UNC Chapel Hill, Department of Philosophy, 2003-4
- Horace Williams Fellowship, UNC Chapel Hill, 1999-2003
- Julius and Ricca Stone Award for the Outstanding Graduate Student in Law and Philosophy, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1998-9

Teaching Awards

- The Tanner Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, UNC Chapel Hill, 2003

Academic Publications

In English:

- "The Emmanuel Affair – The Dilemma Faced by Shas", forthcoming in *Democratic Culture* (2013)
- "Immigration Rights and the Demographic Consideration", 2 *Law and Ethics of Human Rights* (2008) (32 p.)
- "Law and Internal Cultural Conflicts" 1 *Law and Ethics of Human Rights* 271-308 (2007)
- "Neutrality without Autonomy" 24 *Law and Philosophy* 435-466 (2005)
- "Religion and the Democratic Tradition [Review Essay]" 30 *Social Theory and Practice* 429-443 (2004)

In Hebrew:

- "The Emmanuel Affair – The Dilemma Faced by Shas", forthcoming in *Democratic Culture* (2013)
- "The Deficiencies of Balancing: Restricting Speech due to Offense to Feelings", forthcoming in a book on recent developments in Israeli Constitutional Law (Aharon Barak, Daphne Barak-Erez and Gideon Sapir, eds., 2013)
- "Law and the Forming on Collective Memory - The Case of the Messianic Jews", 10 *Aley Mishpat* (2012), 177-213
- "Individualism and Post-Nationalism in the Kaadan Case", 3 *Maasey Mishpat* (2010)
- "Conflict of Interests: Between Private and Public Interests", (2008) in **Conflict of Interests: Theoretical Perspectives** (D. Barak-Erez and M. Kremnitzer, editors)
- "Constitutional Rights, Immigration, and Demography", 10 *Haifa University Law Review*, 47-85 (2008)
- "The Power of Nationalism and the Limitations of Philosophical Argumentation" [Review Essay], 10 *Haifa University Law Review*, 25-43 (2008)
- "State Neutrality and the Right to Language", 8 *Haifa University Law Review*, 347-371 (2005)
- "Local Language, National Language", 22 *Theory and Criticism*, 199-207 (2002)

Work Experience

- Legal advisor, the Constitution for Israel Project, the Knesset, 2004
- Instructor, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2000-2003. Classes taught: Morality and Law, Feminist Philosophy, Applied Ethics, Symbolic Logic
- Research Assistant, The Hebrew University Faculty of Law, 1997-9

Other Activities

- Board member, vice-chairperson, and legal advisor of the Jerusalem Open House, the Jerusalem gay and lesbian center (since November 2004)
- Member of the Disciplinary Court, the Ono Law School (since September 2006)
- Member of the Provost Advisory Board for the implementation of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Climate Report, UNC Chapel Hill, 2002-2004
- Cabinet Member, Graduate and Professional Student Federation, UNC Chapel Hill, 2002-3