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Curriculum Vitae

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Areas of Research

AOS: 18th/19th Century Philosophy (esp. German Idealism), Jewish Philosophy
AOC: Early Modern Philosophy, 20th Century European Philosophy, Ethics, Philosophy of Religion, Philosophy of Film

Employment

2024- Assistant Professor (tenure-track), UC Riverside, Philosophy
Affiliated Faculty, Department for the Study of Religion
2023-2024 Postdoctoral Fellow (SSHRC), Yale University, Philosophy
Project: *Hegel and Judaism: God, the Law, Exile, and Redemption*
Supervisor: Paul W. Franks

Education

2023 PhD, University of Toronto, Philosophy
Thesis: *Hegel's Concept of Reconciliation: On Absolute Spirit*
Committee: Rebecca Comay (chair), Robert B. Gibbs, Michael A. Rosenthal
Examiners: William Paris, Adrian Johnston (external)
2018 MA, The New School for Social Research, Philosophy
2016 MSc, University of Oxford, Social Anthropology
2015 Hon. BA, University of Toronto, Anthropology

Publications

Journal Articles

forthcoming "Hegel's Ontological Argument Reconsidered," *Hegel Bulletin*.
forthcoming "Why There Must Be Something Rather than Nothing: A New Argument from the PSR," *European Journal of Philosophy*. ([Early View](#))
forthcoming "Kant on the 'Wise Adaptation' of Our Cognitive Faculties: The Limits of Knowledge and the Possibility of the Highest Good," *Kantian Review*. ([Early View](#))
forthcoming "Derrida's Neoplatonic Critique of Hegel: On the Gift of Being in *Glas*," *Hegel Bulletin*. ([Early View](#))

- forthcoming "Hegel's Critique of Jewish Law: A Maimonidean Response," *Jewish Quarterly Review*.
- forthcoming "War and Peace in the Marx Brothers' *Duck Soup*: The Redemption of Comedy and the Comedy of Redemption," *Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies*.
- forthcoming "From Nature to Spirit in Hegel's *Encyclopedia*: Sex, Death, and Quantum Physics," *Crisis and Critique*.
- forthcoming "Rosenzweig and Purim: Jewish History, Divine Hiddenness, and the Other Holiday of Redemption," *Journal of Jewish Thought and Philosophy*.
- forthcoming "Hegel after Post-Structuralism: From Absolute Idealism to Speculative Materialism," *The Owl of Minerva*.
- forthcoming "Hegel and the Hollywood Western: Violence, Law, and the Right of Heroes in *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance*," *Film-Philosophy*.
- 2024 "Hegel, Badiou, and Cinema: On the Absolute Art," *Journal of Continental Philosophy* 5(2): 263-289. doi.org/10.5840/jcp202533158.
- 2023 "Plato and Descartes in Levinas's *Totality and Infinity*: Teaching the Good and the Infinite," *Idealistic Studies* 53(1): 53-74. doi.org/10.5840/idstudies2023629150.
- 2022 "Repentance and God's Pardon in Spinoza's *Theological-Political Treatise*: On the Truth of Doctrine 7 of Universal Faith," *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 60(4): 591-608. doi.org/10.1353/hph.2022.0054.
- 2022 "Hegel and Hitchcock's *Vertigo*: On Reconciliation," *Film-Philosophy* 26(2): 196-218. doi.org/10.3366/film.2022.0195.
- 2021 "Kristeva vis-à-vis Hegel: Forgiveness as Psychoanalytic Interpretation and Absolute Knowing," *Philosophy Today* 65(3): 673-690. doi.org/10.5840/philtoday2021521413.
- 2021 "Levinas, Adorno, and the Light of Redemption: Notes on a Critical Eschatology," *Puncta: Journal of Critical Phenomenology* 4(2): 43-62. doi.org/10.5399/PJCP.v4i2.4.
- 2021 "'Everyone Says I Love You': Four Comic Encomia on Love in the Marx Brothers' *Horse Feathers*," *Canadian Journal of Film Studies* 30(2): 22-48. doi.org/10.3138/cjfs-2020-0041.
- 2019 "Recognition and Hospitality: Hegel and Derrida," *Symposium: Canadian Journal of Continental Philosophy* 23(2): 159-182.
- 2019 "Adorno on Kierkegaard on Love for the Dead: Mourning and Melancholia," *Idealistic Studies* 49(2): 189-213. doi.org/10.5840/idstudies2019820102.

- 2019 “Faith in/as the Unconditional: Kant, Husserl, and Derrida on Practical Reason,” *Derrida Today* 12(2): 171-191. doi.org/10.3366/drt.2019.0208.
- 2018 “‘Ulysses’ Craft’: Euripides and Levinas,” *Journal of Dramatic Theory and Criticism* 32(2): 7-25. doi.org/10.1353/dtc.2018.0001.
- 2017 “With ‘the delicacy of a bear’: Lévi-Strauss, Derrida, and the logic of anthropology,” *Distinktion: Journal of Social Theory* 18(1): 18-40. doi.org/10.1080/1600910X.2016.1276467.
- 2017 “On shipwrecks and sea nymphs: Fragments of Maltese hospitality,” *Hospitality & Society* 7(1): 3-18. doi.org/10.1386/hosp.7.1.3_1.
- 2016 “In Search of a Schema: Derrida and the Rhythm of Hospitality,” *Colloquy: Text, Theory, Critique* 31: 16-33.

Book Chapters

- forthcoming “Love and the Family in the *Philosophy of Right*: Hegel’s Final Critique of Morality” in *New Perspectives on Hegel’s Philosophy of Right*, ed. Sebastian Rand and Andrew A. Davis (London: Bloomsbury).

Commentaries

- 2021 Randi Zlotnik Shaul, **Dylan Shaul**, James Anderson, and Melissa McCradden, “The Gift in Precision Medicine: Unwrapping the Significance of Reciprocity and Generosity,” *American Journal of Bioethics* 21(4): 78-80.

Book Reviews

- 2019 Review of Jacques Derrida, *Advances*, trans. Philippe Lynes (Minneapolis and London: University of Minnesota Press, 2017), *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review* 58(4): 786-787. doi.org/10.1017/S0012217318000641.
- 2016 Review of Christoph Antweiler, *Our Common Denominator: Human Universals Revisited*, trans. Diane Kerns (New York and Oxford: Berghahn, 2016), *Journal of the Anthropological Society of Oxford* 9(1): 165-167.

Works in Progress

- under review *Hegel on Reconciliation and Absolute Spirit* (book proposal)
- under review A paper on Kant’s objections to knowledge of God and the immortal soul
- under review A paper on the immortal soul in Mendelssohn, Kant, and Hegel
- under review A paper on Hegel’s envy objection to Kant’s moral philosophy

under review A paper on a new argument for the existence of God

under review A paper on Schelling, Hegel, and the proofs of the existence of God

under review A book chapter on Hegel, Spinoza, and Kabbalah

Presentations

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Papers

- upcoming “Metaphysics without Ontology: A Reply to Marion on Anselm’s Ontological Argument,” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP), 63rd Annual Meeting (virtual), Oct 17-18 & 24-25.
- 2025 “Schelling and Hegel on the Proofs of the Existence of God: The Systematic Unity of Rational Theology,” History of Philosophy Roundtable, University of California, San Diego, San Diego, CA, USA, May 9. *
- 2025 “Kant on the Practical Dangers of Theoretical Knowledge of God and the Immortal Soul,” North American Kant Society, Pacific Study Group, San Francisco, CA, USA, Mar 14-15. *
- 2025 “Why There Must Be Something Rather than Nothing: A New Argument from the PSR,” American Philosophical Association (APA) Central Division Meeting, Feb 20-22 & Feb 27-Mar 1.
- 2024 “Hegel after Post-Structuralism: From Absolute Idealism to New Materialism,” 27th Biennial Meeting of the Hegel Society of America, Hegel’s Relevance Today, Boston, MA, USA, Oct 11-13.
- 2024 “Schelling and the Kabbalah Controversy: Between Judaism and German Idealism,” North American Schelling Society (NASS), 8th Biannual Conference: Controversial Schelling, Gonzaga University, Spokane, WS, USA, May 23-25.
- 2024 “Realizing the Absolute in Hegel and Schelling: On the Identity of Identity and Non-Identity,” Metaphysical Society of America (MSA), 74th Annual Meeting: Identity, Difference, and the Difference that Metaphysics Makes, Fordham University, New York, NY, USA, Mar 7.
- 2024 “Hegel and Heidegger on the Future: Time, Forgiveness, Decision”
- Logic and Time Conference, UC Riverside, Department of Philosophy, Riverside, CA, USA, Feb 18. *
 - Continental Philosophy Research Interest Group, University of Toronto, Department of Philosophy, Toronto, ON, Canada, Dec 11. *

- 2023 “Hegel’s Critique of Jewish Legalism: A Response,” Post-Kantian European Philosophy Working Group, Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA, Dec 6. *
- 2022 “Hegel on Jewish Theocracy and the Kingship of God,” Theocracy Workshop, Anne Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Studies, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada, Nov 6. *
- 2022 “The *Jouissance* of the Absolute Idea: From Logic to Nature in Hegel’s *Science of Logic*”
- Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP), 59th Annual Meeting, College Station, TX, USA, Oct 13-15.
 - Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy (CSCP), King’s University College, Western University, London, ON, Canada, Oct 27-30.
- 2022 “Love and the Family in the *Philosophy of Right*: Hegel’s Final Critique of Morality,” 26th Biennial Meeting of the Hegel Society of America, Hegel’s Social and Political Philosophy: 200 Years of the *Philosophy of Right*, Nashville, TN, USA, Oct 21-23.
- 2022 “Derrida’s Neoplatonic Critique of Hegel: On the Gift of Being in *Glas*,” Beyond Idealism: Perspectives on Hegel’s Philosophical Legacy, University of Sheffield, Sheffield, UK, Jul 15-17.
- 2022 “On Philosophy’s Relation to Art in the ‘Oldest Systematic Programme’ and Schelling’s *System of Transcendental Idealism*. From Old to New Mythology,” North American Schelling Society (NASS), 7th Annual Meeting: Philosophies of Life, University of Toronto and York University, Toronto, ON, Canada, May 24-26.
- 2022 “Hegel’s Reading of Aristotle: The Absolute Idea and Absolute Spirit,” Metaphysical Traditions in Dialogue, Metaphysical Society of America (MSA), Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, USA, Mar 24-27.
- 2021 “Derrida on Forgiving the Unforgivable: Forgiveness Terminable and Interminable,” The Im/Possibility of Forgiveness in Modern Jewish Thought, Anne Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Studies, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada, Nov 14-15.*
- 2021 “Hegel and Deleuze on Spinoza and the Fall: Beyond Good and Evil,” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP), 59th Annual Meeting, Sep 23-25.
- 2021 “Hegel’s Critique of Kant’s Ethics: Love and the True Infinite,” Canadian Philosophical Association (CPA) Congress, Edmonton, AB, Canada, May 31-Jun 3.
- 2021 “The Absolute Idea and Absolute Spirit: Hegel on the Enjoyment of Philosophy,” Joining the Circle of the System: Philosophy and Being, University of Warwick, Warwick, UK, Mar 15.

- 2020 “Teaching the Good and the Infinite: Plato and Descartes in Levinas’s *Totality and Infinity*,” North American Levinas Society (NALS): 15th Annual Conference, The Face and the Interface: Levinas, Teaching, and Technology, Jul 21-24.
- 2019 “Tragedies of Mortality and Immortality: Heidegger, Plato, and Nietzsche on Prometheus,” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP), 58th Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, USA, Oct 31-Nov 1.
- 2019 “Adorno’s Critique of Hegel: Melancholia Contra Mourning,” Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy (CSCP), 2019 Annual Conference, Bishop’s University, Lennoxville, QC, Canada, Sep 26-28.
- 2019 “Hegel on the Metaphysics and Politics of Love,” Metaphysical Society of America (MSA), 70th Annual Meeting: Metaphysics and Political Thought, Seattle University, Seattle, WA, USA, Mar 28-31.
- 2017 “Recognition as Hospitality: Hegel and Derrida,” Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy (CSCP) Annual Conference, Ryerson University, Toronto, ON, Canada, Sep 28-30.
- 2017 “Sacred Space and Sacred Time in Judaism and Christianity: Heschel, Hegel, and Derrida,” Mountains and Sacred Landscapes Conference, International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture (ISSRNC) and India China Institute (ICI), The New School, New York, NY, USA, Apr 20-23.
- 2016 “Smelling the Unconscious: Freud, Malinowski, Derrida,” Ninth Annual Conference of the International Society for Psychoanalysis and Philosophy, The New School, New York, NY, USA, Nov 10-12.
- 2016 “The Gift of Justice: A Graceful Emptiness,” Spirituality, Morality and Justice: East and West, New York Theological Seminary, New York, NY, USA, Oct 7-8.
- 2016 “On Shipwrecks and Sea Nymphs: Fragments of Maltese Hospitality,” Eleventh International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, Imperial College London, London, UK, Aug 2-4.

Comments

- 2025 Invited Symposium: Philosophy of Film, Justin Khoo (MIT) and Sam Shpall (Sydney), American Philosophical Association (APA) Pacific Division, Ninety-Eighth Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, USA, Apr 16-19. *

Teaching

Assistant Professor, UC Riverside

- 2024 Fall Hegel’s *Phenomenology of Spirit* (graduate seminar)
- 2024 Fall 20th Century Continental Philosophy (3rd year undergraduate)

Course Instructor (Instructor of Record), University of Toronto

2023 Summer Introduction to Continental Philosophy (2nd year undergraduate, 50 students)
 2022 Summer 17th and 18th Century Philosophy, co-taught (2nd year undergraduate, 49 students)
 2021 Summer Introduction to Ethics (2nd year undergraduate, 112 students)

Scholarships, Fellowships, Awards, and Grants

Yale University

2023-2024 SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowship

University of Toronto

2021-2023 Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship (CGS) Doctoral Award
 2020-2021 Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)

The New School for Social Research

2016-2018 The Dean's Merit Scholarship

Summer Programs

2022 The New School for Social Research, Institute for Critical Social Inquiry (ICSI), Summer Seminar, New York, NY, USA, Jun 2022.
 2021 Birkbeck University of London, Birkbeck Institute for the Humanities, London Critical Theory Summer School, London, UK, Jun-Jul 2021.
 2020 École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), Critical Theory Workshop/Atelier de Théorie Critique, Paris, France, Jun-Jul 2020.
 2019 Collegium Phaenomenologicum, 44th Annual Session, Citta di Castello, Italy, Jul 2019.
 2018 Kingston University, London Graduate School, Summer Academy, London, UK, Jun 2018.
 2017 Cornell University, School of Criticism and Theory, Summer Session, Ithaca, NY, USA, Jun-Jul 2017.
 2016 Birkbeck University of London, Birkbeck Institute for the Humanities, London Critical Theory Summer School, London, UK, Jul 2016.
 2015 Off the Beaten Track Summer Field School for Anthropology and Ethnography, Gozo, Malta, Jun-Jul 2015.

Professional Service

Journal Peer-Reviewer

Journal of the History of Philosophy, Kantian Review, Puncta: Journal of Critical Phenomenology, Parrhesia: A Journal of Critical Philosophy

UC Riverside, PhD Student Supervision

Dissertation Committee Member:

- John Green, *Doubt, Contradiction, and Negativity in Hegel's 'Absolute': A Study of the Role of Skepticism in the Establishment of the Philosophical Standpoint*

Prospectus Committee Member:

- L. J. Johnston, *Knowledge and the Good: Kant and the Primacy of Practical Reason*
- Roy Chamorro Pinel, *A Spinozist Analysis of Undocumentedness*

Third-Year Paper Committee Member:

- Anthony Stoner, "Hermann Cohen's Infinitesimals"

UC Riverside, Departmental Service

2024-2025 Colloquium Committee, Department of Philosophy

University of Toronto

2021-2023 Junior Fellow, Massey College

2019-2021 Secretary, Graduate Philosophy Student Union (GPSU), Department of Philosophy

Professional Memberships

American Philosophical Association (APA); Canadian Philosophical Association (CPA-ACP); Hegel Society of America (HSA); Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP); Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy (CSCP); Metaphysical Society of America (MSA).

Public Philosophy

- 2025 "Reason vs. Revelation: The Great Debate" with Benjamin Miller, MNJCC Tikkun Leil Shavuot, Toronto, ON, Canada, Jun 1.
- 2025 "The Return of Special Metaphysics?", UCR Philosophy Club (undergraduate), University of California, Riverside, CA, USA, May 5.
- 2024 "Return to Plato? (w/ Dylan Shaul)", Philosophy Portal, >1,000 views, https://youtu.be/Zs7wp4_1PR4?si=R1Y_JrtNNF2KkW8Q, Dec 3.
- 2024 "On the Life & Philosophy of Derrida & His Relation to German Thought with Dr. Dylan Shaul (UCR)" The Young Idealist, >2,100 views, <https://youtu.be/PnNjE9Sawcw?si=zOxQCJ77ODgMhuky>, Aug 30.
- 2024 "Rosenzweig and Shavuot: The Holiday of Revelation in *The Star of Redemption*," MNJCC Tikkun Leil Shavuot, Toronto, ON, Canada, Jun 11.
- 2024 "Benedict de Spinoza: A Philosophical Introduction," Haberdashers' Girls' School, Esltree, Hertfordshire, UK, Jun 6.
- 2023 "Interview – Dylan Shaul – Mystical Philosophy," Kontemplatio, <https://youtu.be/uqXceSs66bw?si=UwsUk-VpwWGNvxuc>, Oct 21.

- 2023 “Hegel’s Philosophy from Nihilism to Enlightenment,” Seekers of Unity, >8,500 views, https://youtu.be/P8TE6-jlAU0?si=ILSoZ9kFF_UJdaMI, Oct 12.
- 2023 “Kant’s God of Reason,” Seekers of Unity, >5,000 views, <https://youtu.be/MY8Y2Fl0Ouc?si=1qfvRcZ4m0UUaGKd>, Oct 5.
- 2023 “Spinoza and the Death of God,” Seekers of Unity, >23,000 views, <https://youtu.be/iE6jZo7TN7uE?si=avGK-a11ogWOX9GS>, Sep 28.
- 2023 “Hegel’s Concept of Reconciliation: On Absolute Spirit,” Actual Spirit Podcast, >1,000 views, https://youtu.be/_wpXle24ysA, Jul 10.
- 2023 “Judaism and Platonism: A Match Made in Heaven?,” [Limmud Toronto](#), Apr 30.
- 2022 “Was Hegel a Mystic?,” Seekers of Unity, >47,000 views, <https://youtu.be/P1D-ZpJH4Q0>, Dec 22.

Languages

English (native)
 French (reading)
 German (reading)
 Hebrew (reading)

References

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