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Curriculum Vitae  
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## EDUCATION

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2012           **Ph.D., Politics, Princeton University**  
2005           M. A., Political Science, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, *magna cum laude*  
2001-2003     M. A. studies in Philosophy, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (switched to  
Political Science before completion)  
2001           B. A., Philosophy and the Amirim Interdisciplinary Honors Program in the  
Humanities, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, B.A., *magna cum laude*

## PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

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2015-Present   **Lecturer (tenure-track), Department of Political Science, Hebrew  
University of Jerusalem**  
2013-2015     Postdoctoral Fellow, Yale Center for the Study of Representative Institutions and  
Department of Political Science, Yale University  
2012-2013     Lady Davis Postdoctoral Fellow, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Articles

2015           “Liberty as a Caricature: Bentham’s Antidote to Republicanism,” *Journal of the  
History of Ideas*, vol. 76, No. 3, pp. 417-439  
2014           “Adam Ferguson on Modern Liberty and the Absurdity of Democracy,” *History  
of Political Thought*, Vol. 35, No. 4, pp. 768-787

### Encyclopedia Entrees

2014           “Ferguson, Adam,” in Michael T. Gibbons (ed.), *The Encyclopedia of Political  
Thought*, First Edition (Chichester, UK: John Wiley & Sons), Vol. 3, pp.1297-1298

### Book Reviews

2016           “Silvia Sebastiani, *The Scottish Enlightenment: Race, Gender, and the Limits of Progress*,”  
*The Journal of Modern History*, Vol. 88, No. 2

## GRANTS

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2016           Israel Science Foundation Grant 1970/16, 2016-2019, “The Invention of  
Modern Democracy: Richard Price and His Critics on Liberty and Self-  
Government” (\$96,000)

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

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### **Books**

*The Invention of Self-Government: Richard Price and the Liberty Debate* (in progress)

*Republicanism and the Future of Democracy* (edited volume, with Geneviève Rousselière, under contract with Cambridge University Press)

### **Articles**

“The True Spirit of a Republican: Adam Smith’s Ideal of Impartial Patriotism”  
(under review)

“How Did Negative Liberty Become a Positive Ideal?” (with Efraim Podoksik,  
under review)

“What’s Negative about Negative Liberty? Bentham’s Lockean Argument”

“The Reviving Prospect of Enlightenment: Richard Price on Improvement,  
Utopia, and Revolution”

“Moderation in Principle is Detestable: Cartwright and the Origins of  
Radicalism”

## **SELECTED AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS**

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2010-2011	Andrew W. Mellon Foundation / American Council of Learned Societies Dissertation Fellowship
2009-2010	Graduate Prize Fellowship, Princeton University Center for Human Values
2005-2007	Fulbright Grant, U.S. Dep. of State-Israel Educational Foundation (turned down)
2004-2005	Prize in Political Science, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
2004-2005	Rector’s Prize in Social Sciences, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
2001-2002	Rector’s Prize in the Humanities, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
2001	First Prize in Philosophy, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

## **CONFERENCES, SYMPOSIA AND PANELS ORGANIZED**

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### **Conferences**

2015	“Revolution, Dissent, and Democracy: The Political Thought of Richard Price,” Yale University, New Haven, September 11-12
2015	“Adam Smith: Critic of Capitalism?,” co-organized with Michelle Schwarze (University of Wisconsin-Madison), Yale University, New Haven, April 10
2014	“Liberty, Domination, and Democracy: Rethinking Freedom in Commercial Society,” Yale University, New Haven, April 18

### **Symposia**

2015	“Empire and Revolution: The Political Life of Edmund Burke,” Yale University, New Haven, September 10
2015	“The Intellectual Life of Edmund Burke,” Yale University, New Haven, May 1

## Panels

- 2016 “Inequality, Patriotism, and Progress: Adam Smith’s Moral Economy,” co-organized with Michelle Schwarze (University of Wisconsin-Madison), American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 2
- 2013 “Pettit’s *On the People’s Terms*: Non-Domination and the Power of the People,” co-organized with Geneviève Rousselière (University of Chicago), American Political Science Association, Chicago, August 29

## **SELECTED TALKS**

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- 2017 “Contestatory Citizenship and Republican Democracy,” in “The Future of Republicanism: Liberal, Critical, Radical?” (conference), University of York
- “Self-Government and the Power of Masters: Richard Price on the Free State,” in “Freedom, Liberalism, Republicanism and Beyond: a Workshop in Honor of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Quentin Skinner’s *Liberty Before Liberalism*” (workshop), University of Amsterdam
- “Adam Smith’s Theory of Impartial Patriotism,” departmental seminar, Tel-Aviv University
- 2016 “The Impartial Patriot: Adam Smith’s Theory of Enlightened Patriotism,” American Political Science Association, Philadelphia
- “The Providential Enlightenment of Richard Price,” The Mediterranean Society for the Study of the Scottish Enlightenment, Istanbul
- 2015 “Self-Government and the Power of Masters,” in “Revolution, Dissent, and Democracy: The Political Thought of Richard Price” (conference), Yale University
- “Richard Price on Self-Government,” Political Theory Workshop, Georgetown University
- “Burke and the Wildest Democratic Ideas of Freedom,” in book symposium “The Intellectual Life of Edmund Burke,” Yale University
- 2014 “Contestatory Citizenship,” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago
- 2013 “The Free State and the Power of the People,” American Political Science Association, Chicago
- “Adam Ferguson on Savages, Barbarians, and the Otherness of Democracy,” The Mediterranean Society for the Study of the Scottish Enlightenment, Haifa
- “Republican Liberty, Human Dignity, and Democracy,” Israel Political Science Association, Jerusalem
- “Political Liberty and the Dignity of Man in the Commonwealth Tradition,” Institute of Historical Research, University of London
- 2011 “Every Man is His Own Legislator:’ The 1776 British Liberty Debate and Its Contribution to Democratic Thought,” Jerusalem Seminar for the History of Political Thought, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- “The Dignity of Freedom: Richard Price on the Moral Foundation of Democracy,” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago

- 2010 “Adam Ferguson and the Republican Critique of the American Revolution,” in “Competing for Freedom: Democracy and the Republic” (workshop), Department of Political Science, Columbia University
- “On Moderation in Theory,” in “Animating Moderation” (workshop), University Center for Human Values, Princeton University
- “The American Debate and the Invention of Negative Liberty,” American Political Science Association, Washington
- “From Corporate to Individual Self-Government: Richard Price and Democratic Thought,” Forum for the History of Political Thought and Intellectual History, University of London
- “Richard Price on the Freedom of the Citizen and the Dignity of Democratic Participation,” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago
- 2009 “‘Power to the Wise, and Safety to All:’ Adam Ferguson and the ‘Republican’ Argument against the American Revolution,” American Political Science Association, Toronto

## **REFEREEING**

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*American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, Canadian Journal of Political Science/Revue canadienne de science politique, Comparative Political Theory, Contributions to the History of Concepts, Israel Affairs*

## **TEACHING**

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### **The Hebrew University of Jerusalem**

The Concept of Patriotism in Political Thought (graduate)

Capitalism and Morality: Adam Smith’s Moral and Political Philosophy (graduate)

The Democratic Idea (undergraduate)

Populism, Immigration, and Other Issues in Democratic Theory (undergraduate)

Freedom, Citizenship, and Gender (undergraduate)

### **Yale University**

The Invention of Modern Democracy (undergraduate)

The Contested Idea of Liberty (undergraduate)