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Lydia B. Amir - Curriculum Vitae

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School of Media Studies, The College of Management Academic Studies

Academic Education:

1976-1979 Tel-Aviv University, Degree courses in Philosophy, Mathematics, History, Psychology.

1980 B.A. Magna Cum Laude, Philosophy. Tel-Aviv University.

1979-1986 Tel-Aviv University, Philosophy, Master and Doctoral Student.

Ph.D Details:

1987 Ph.D. Philosophy, Tel-Aviv University. Thesis Title: "Personal Redemption according to Spinoza and Nietzsche". Advisor: Prof. J. Agassi.

Academic Experience - teaching:

1979-1984 Tel Aviv University, Philosophy. Teaching Assistant.

1980-1983 Tel Aviv University, Education. Assistant.

1985-1989 Tel Aviv University, Philosophy. Doctoral Teaching Fellow.

1989-1990 Tel Aviv University, Business Administration. T.E.C. Top Executive Course (Lahav). Lecturer.

1989-1990 The Zinman College of Physical Education, Wingate Institute. Lecturer.

1989-1993 The College of Management Academic Studies, School of Business Administration.

1993- The College of Management Academic Studies, School of Media Studies.

- 1994-2007 The College of Management Academic Studies, Department of Behavioral Sciences.
- 1995-2003 Ruppin Institute, Department of Behavioral Sciences. Senior Lecturer.
- 1998-2008 The School of Business Administration, Graduate Studies. Course: Ethics in Management.
- 2002-2004 Tel-Aviv University, Department of Business Administration, Graduate Studies. Lecturer. Course: Ethics in Management.
- 2007-2010 The College of Management Academic Studies, Department of Behavioral Sciences, Graduate Program of Family Studies. Senior Lecturer. Course: Philosophical Issues of the Family.
- 2008-2009 Haifa University, Department of Education. Lecturer. Course: Philosophical Practice.

Additional Academic Teaching

Abroad

Courses:

- 2000 Helsinki University, School of Economics, MBA Program, Mikkeli Campus, Finland. Visiting Senior Lecturer. Course: Business Ethics.
- 2002 Helsinki University, School of Economics, Mikkeli Campus, Finland. Visiting Senior Lecturer. Course: Intercultural Communication.
- 2003 University of Edinburgh, Scotland, Summer School of Humor Studies, International Society for Humor (SSH3). Visiting Senior Lecturer. Courses: The Ethics of Humor; History of Humor; Religion, Mysticism and Laughter: East and West; Humor as a Worldview: Theory and Practice.
- 2008 Universitat de Barcelona, Master en Practica Filosofica i Gestio Social, Barcelona, Spain. Taking Philosophy Seriously; A Method for Philosophical Practice.

Lectures, Seminars, and Workshops:

- 2000 Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan. Lecture: Practical Philosophy.
- 2004 The Educational University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark. Seminar: Philosophy as Adult Education.

- 2006 Universidad de Ciencias Empresariales y Sociales. Buenos Aires, Argentine. Lecture: La Filosofía y el Humor.
- 2007 Università Ca Foscari di Venezia, Dipartimento di Filosofia e Teoria delle Scienze, Venice, Italy. Lecture: A Method for Philosophical Consultancy.
- 2007 Società Italiana di Counseling Filosofico (SICoF), Rome, Italy. Lecture and Workshop.
- 2008 Universitat de Barcelona, Facultat de Filosofia, Departament d'Historia de la Filosofia, Estètica i Filosofia de la Cultura, Barcelona, Spain. Lecture: The Comic in the History of Philosophy.
- 2008 ASEPRAF (Asociación Española para la Práctica y el Asesoramiento Filosóficos), Madrid, Spain. Workshops: Educating the Will; Further Tools for Philosophic Humor.
- 2009 National Chiayi University, Chiayi, Taiwan. Lecture: The History of the Comic in Philosophy.

In Israel

- 1985 Art Teachers Seminar, Ramat Hasharon. Lecturer.
- 1987 Kibbutzim Movement Teachers Seminar, Tel Aviv. Lecturer.
- 1989-2000 The Open University, Tel Aviv, Supervisor of seminar papers in Business Ethics - Social Responsibility in Management; Advertisement Management.
- 1992-1994 The Popular University in Tel Aviv, Lecturer.
- 1998-2001 The School of Alternative Medicine, The College of Management, Tel Aviv Campus. Senior Lecturer.

Academic Appointments:

- 1997- Tenure, School of Media Studies, the College of Management Academic Studies, Rishon LeZion, Israel.
- 2000- Senior Lecturer, School of Media Studies, the College of Management Academic Studies, Rishon LeZion, Israel.
- 2013- Adjunct Researcher, Institute of Advanced Humanistic Studies, Hubei University, Wuhan, Hubei, China.

Academic/Administrative Positions:

- 1997- Head of Humanities, School of Media Studies, the College of Management Academic Studies, Rishon LeZion, Israel.
- 1997- Teaching Committee Member, School of Media Studies, the College of Management Academic Studies, Rishon LeZion, Israel.
- 2000- Appointments Committee Member, School of Media Studies, the College of Management Academic Studies, Rishon LeZion, Israel.
- 2000-2005 Steering Committee, Teaching Authority, the College of Management Academic Studies, Rishon LeZion, Israel.
- 2000-2005 School of Media Studies Liaison to College-wide Disciplinary Committee, the College of Management Academic Studies, Rishon LeZion, Israel.
- 2008- School of Media Studies Liaison to College-wide Disciplinary Committee, the College of Management Academic Studies, Rishon LeZion, Israel.

Doctoral Supervision:

- 2013- Co-Supervisor with Professor José Bragança Miranda for Constantinos Martins' Doctoral Thesis, "Do humor. Uma Lógica da Singularidade no Dispositivo Cinematográfico" (On Humor: A Logic of Singularity on the Cinematic Apparatus). Department of Communication, Humanities Faculty, Nova University, Lisbon, Portugal.

Previous Professional Experience (Non Academic)

- 1984-1989 The Young Persons' Institute for the Promotion of Art and Science, Tel Aviv, Lecturer in various electives courses: Creative Thinking; Personal Development of Humor; Humor as a Worldview.
- Author of educational handbooks about various Institute courses: Astronomy; Mathematics; Computer Programming; Science Fiction; Creative Thinking; Word Games; Development of Humor.

Visiting Scholarships:

- 2001-2002 Visiting Scholar. The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, U.S.A.
- 2001-2002 Visiting Scholar. The University of Maryland, Maryland, U.S.A.
- 2006 Visiting Scholar. The Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 2009 Invited Visiting Scholar. The Institute for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences, National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan.

Membership in Professional Societies:

- The International Society of Value Inquiry (ISVI).
- The International Society for Humor Studies (ISHS).
- American Philosophical Practitioners Association (APPA).
- The New Israeli Society of Philosophy.
- The Israeli Society for Humor Studies.

Positions and Public Activities:

- 2004- Board Member. The Dove Izraeli Center for Organizational Transparency and Ethics.
- 2006- Member. Audit Committee of SHVIL (Transparency International – TI) Israel.
- 2008- Director in International Relations. International Society for Value Inquiry.
- 2009- Board Member. Israeli Society for Humor Studies.
- 2011-2013 Academic Board. Agora en Afeka: Intellectual Dialogues between Philosophy and Technology. In cooperation with Afeka Tel-Aviv Academic College of Engineering.
- 2011- President. “Am Sameh” (Happy People). The Association for the Promotion of Joy and Happiness.

Academic Counseling and Professional Counseling:

- 1992- Philosophical and Ethical Counseling to Individuals and Organizations. Certified by the American Philosophical Practitioners Association – APPA (Honorary).

Membership on Scientific Editorial Boards of Academic Publications:

- 2005- Board Editor. *Philosophical Practice: Journal of the American Philosophical Practitioners Association*.
- 2008-2010 Board Editor. *Practical Philosophy: Journal of Philosophical Practitioners*.
- 2010 Guest Editor. *Kaveret: Journal of the School of Behavioral Sciences, Beehive*, vol. 18 (in Hebrew).
- 2011- Board Editor. *Philosophy Study*.
- 2011-2012 Board Editor. *The Israeli Journal of Humor Research: An International Journal*.
- 2012- Associate Editor. *The Israeli Journal of Humor Research: An International Journal*.
- 2011-2012 Board Editor. *Humor Mekuvvan: Scholarly Journal in Humor*.
- 2012- Associate Editor. *Humor Mekuvvan: Scholarly Journal in Humor*.
- 2012 Associate Editor. *The Journal of Global Studies*. Vol. 4, issue 1.
- 2012 Associate Editor. *The Journal of Global Studies*. Vol. 4, issue 2.
- 2012 Associate Editor. *The Journal of Global Studies*. Vol. 4, issue 3.
- 2012- Board Editor. *The European Journal of Humor Research*.

Publications:

Books and Monographs

Published

Amir, L.B. *Humor and the Good Life in Modern Philosophy: Shaftesbury, Hamann, Kierkegaard*. Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 2014.

Completed

Amir, L.B. *Spinoza and Nietzsche as Alternative Redeemers*.

Reprints and Translations

Translation into German of Amir, L.B. *Humor and the Good Life in Modern Philosophy: Shaftesbury, Hamann, Kierkegaard*. Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 2014. Munich: Accedo (forthcoming).

Refereed Journal Articles

Published

- Dascal, M., Amir, L.B. Inadequacies of Chisholm's Definitions of the Evident. *Crítica: Revista Hispanoamericana de Filosofía*, vol. 13(37): 69-76, 1981.
- Amir, L.B. Rationality as Passion: Plato's Theory of Love. *Practical Philosophy*, vol. 4(3): 6-14, 2001.
- Amir, L.B. Pride, Humiliation and Humility: Humor as a Virtue. *International Journal of Philosophical Practice*, vol. 1(3):1-22, 2002. <http://npcassoc.org/journal>
- Amir, L.B. Philosophical Practice: A Method and Some Cases. *Practical Philosophy*, vol. 6(1): 36-41, 2003.
- Amir, L.B. The Affective Aspect of Wisdom: Some Conceptions of Love of Humanity and their Use in Philosophical Practice. *Practical Philosophy*, vol. 7(1): 14-25, 2004.
- Amir, L.B. Three Questionable Assumptions of Philosophical Counseling. *International Journal of Philosophical Practice*, vol. 2(1): 1-32, 2004. <http://npcassoc.org/journal>
- Amir, L.B. Morality, Psychology, Philosophy. *Philosophical Practice*, vol. 1(1): 43-57, 2005.
- Amir, L.B. How Can Philosophy Benefit from Philosophical Practice? *Practical Philosophy*, vol. 9(2): 3-12, 2008.
- Amir, L.B. Philosophers, Ethics, and Emotions. *Philosophical Practice*, vol. 4(2): 447-458, 2009.
- Amir, L.B. ¿Que Podemos Aprender de la Filosofía Helenista? (What Can We Learn from Hellenistic Philosophy?) [in Spanish]. *Sophia: Revista de Filosofía*, vol. 5:81-89, 2009. Much longer English version in www.revistasophia.com, 1-32.
- Amir, L.B. The Value of Spinoza's Ethics in a Changing World. *Journal of Axiology and Ethics*, vol. 1: 301-320, 2010.
- Amir, L.B. Epistemology as a Practical Activity. *Haser*, vol. 2: 41-65, 2011.
- Amir, L.B. Spinoza's Ethics in Global Management. *The Journal of Global Studies*, vol. 4(1): 123-138, 2012.
- Amir, L.B. Humor in Philosophy – Theory and Practice. *Philosophical Practice*, vol. 7(3): 1015-1029, 2012.

Amir, L.B. Philosophy's Attitude towards the Comic. A Reevaluation. *European Journal of Humor Research*, vol. 1(1): 6-21, 2013.

Amir, L.B. Kierkegaard and the Philosophical Traditions of the Comic. *Kierkegaard Studies Yearbook* 2013, 377-401, 2013.

Amir, L.B. A "Dangerous Idea" – Taking Seriously Thomas Magnell's Moral Injunction to Direct Thought to Thought. *Homo Oeconomicus*, 30(4): 475-479, 2013.

In Hebrew

Amir, L.B. When Nietzsche Laughed: The Sanctification of Laughter in Nietzsche's Thought. *Metaphora*, vol. 6: 109-125, 2006.

Amir, L.B. When Did You Last Satirize a Mouse to Death? On the Magical Power of Humor, *Kaveret*, vol. 18: 30-31, 2010.

Amir, L.B. Humor – A Salvation from Salvations? *Humor Mekuvvan: Scholarly Journal in Humor*, vol. 1(1): 4-757, 2011.

Accepted for Publication

Amir, L.B. Shaftesbury as a Popperian: Critical Rationalism before its Time? *Analiza I Egzystencja: Czasopismo Filozoficzne*, 2014.

Amir, L.B. The Value of Dissatisfaction – Maintaining the Tension that Unites Desires and Reason. *Journal of Axiology and Ethics*, 2014.

Amir, L.B. Taking the History of Philosophy on Humor and Laughter Seriously. *The Israeli Journal of Humor Research: An International Journal*, vol. 5, 2014.

Amir, L.B. Shaftesbury – A Forgotten Important Indirect Source for Kierkegaard. *Kierkegaard Studies Yearbook*, 2014.

Amir, L.B. The Enlightenment Roots of Philosophical Practice: Shaftesbury as a Practical Philosopher. *Philosophical Practice* 9(1), 2014.

Reprints and Translations

"Plato's Theory of Love: Rationality as Passion". In *Philosophers as Philosophical*

- Practitioners*. J. Barrientos Rastrojo (ed.). Vol. I. Sevilla: Ediciones X-XI, 77-90, 2006.
(Reprint of L.B. Amir, Rationality as Passion: Plato's Theory of Love. *Practical Philosophy: The Journal of Philosophical Practitioners*, vol. 4(3): 6-14, 2001).
- "Plato's Theory of Love: Rationality as Passion". In *Love and Forgiveness* (trans. in Greek).
Matina Pascou (ed. and trans.). Athens, Greece: Holistic Harmony, 71-75, 2007.
(Reprint of L.B. Amir, "Rationality as Passion: Plato's Theory of Love". *Practical Philosophy: The Journal of Philosophical Practitioners*, vol. 4(3): 6-14, 2001).
- "Three Questionable Assumptions of Philosophical Counseling". In *Philosophy, Psychotherapy and Counseling*, Elliot D. Cohen and Samuel Zinaich, Jr. (eds.). Newcastle upon Tyne, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 44-60, 2013. (of Reprint L.B. Amir, Three Questionable Assumptions of Philosophical Counseling. *International Journal of Philosophical Practice*, vol. 2(1): 1-32, 2004).
- "Philosophy's Attitude towards the Comic. A Re-evaluation". Translation in Hungarian. *Kritikai elmélet*, issue on "Antik nevetés" (Ancient laughter), May 2014 (Translation of L.B. Amir, Philosophy's Attitude towards the Comic. A Reevaluation. *European Journal of Humor Research*, vol. 1(1): 6-21, 2013).
- "Epistemology as a Practical Activity". *Third Program*. August 2014. Translation in Serbian.
(Translation of L.B. Amir, "Epistemology as a Practical Activity. *Haser*, vol. 2: 41-65, 2011).

Chapters in Books

Published

- "Don't Interrupt My Dialogue!" In *Thinking through Dialogue*. T. Curnow (ed.). Oxted, Surrey: Practical Philosophy Press, 239-243, 2001.
- "The Role of Impersonal Love in Everyday Life". In *Philosophy in Society*. H. Herrestad, A. Holt and H. Svare (eds.). Oslo: Unipub, 217-242, 2002.
- "Dialogo Moral y Etico - ¿Una Tarea para los Orientadores Filosoficos?". *La Filosofía a las Puertas del Tercer Milenio*. J. Barrientos Rastrojo, J. Ordonez Garcia, F. Macera Garfia (eds.). Sevilla: Fenix, 103-126, 2005.
- "The Unconscious: Freud versus Sartre". In *Philosophical Practice and the Unconscious*. Peter Raabe (ed.). Amherst, NY: Trivium Publications, 23-78, 2006.

- “Taking Philosophy Seriously: Perfectionism *versus* Meliorism”. In *Philosophy and Practice*. J. Barrientos Rastrojo (ed.). Sevilla: Grupo de Investigación Universitario “Filosofía Aplicada: Sujeto, Sufrimiento y Sociedad” (HUM 018), 11-32, 2006.
- “Søren Kierkegaard and the Practice of Philosophy”. In *Philosophers as Philosophical Practitioners*. J. Barrientos Rastrojo (ed.), vol. II. Sevilla: Ediciones X-XI, 31-45, 2006.
- “Amicus Plato, sed Magis Amica Veritas (Plato I Love, but I Love Truth More)”. In *Philosophische Lehrjahre: Beiträge zum kritischen Selbstverständnis Philosophischer Praxis*. T. Gutknecht, T. Polednitschek, T. Stölzel (Hg.) (eds.). Münster: LIT-Verlag (Schriften der Internationalen Gesellschaft für Philosophische Praxis, Band 1), 151-172, 2009.
- “Rethinking Philosophers’ Responsibility”. In *Creating a Global Dialogue on Value Inquiry*. J. Yan and D. Schrader (eds.). Lewiston, NY: The Edwin Mellen Press, 21-56, 2009.
- “The Role of the Teacher in Philosophers’ Self-Education”. In *Die Sprache der Freiheit. Philosophische Praxis und Kunst und Religion*. T. Gutknecht, T. Polednitschek, P. Morstein (eds.). Münster: LIT-Verlag (Jahrbuch der Internationalen Gesellschaft für Philosophische Praxis, Band 4), 143-183, 2011.
- “Lydia Amir”. In *Philosophical Practice: 5 Questions*. J. Bresson Ladegaard Knox and J. Kyrre Berg Olsen Friis (eds.). Birkerød, Denmark: Automatic Press, 1-14, 2013.

In Hebrew

- “The Good Life Is the Good Laugh: The Comic in the History of Philosophy”. In *The Importance of Not Being Earnest*. A. Ziv and A. Sover (eds.). Jerusalem: Carmel Press, 206-253, 2012.

Accepted for Publication

- “The Individual”. In *Kierkegaard’s Concepts, Tome IV: Individual to Novel*, S. Emmanuel, W. McDonald and J. Stewart (eds.), (*Kierkegaard Research: Sources, Reception and Resources*, vol. 15, an Official Publication of the Søren Kierkegaard Research Center at the University of Copenhagen). Aldershot, UK: Ashgate.

- “Stages”. In *Kierkegaard's Concepts, Tome VI: Salvation to Writing*, S. Emmanuel, W. McDonald and J. Stewart (eds.), (*Kierkegaard Research: Sources, Reception and Resources*, vol. 15, an Official Publication of the Søren Kierkegaard Research Center at the University of Copenhagen). Aldershot, Ashgate.
- “Philosophic Humor for Women – (and Men)”. In *Women in Philosophical Counseling: The Anima of Thought into Action*, Peter Raabe and Luisa de Paula (eds.), Lanham, MD: Lexington Books. Rowman & Littlefield.
- “A New Skeptical Worldview for Contemporary World Cultures”. In *China and World: Culture Development Forum*, Jian Chang (ed.). Beijing, China: Chian Social Scientific Academic Press.

In Hebrew

- “The Good Life”. In *Education – The Human Questions*, Yeshayahu Tadmor and Amir Freimann (eds.). Tel-Aviv: Mofet.

Papers Published in Proceedings of Academic Conferences

- Amir, L.B. “Rethinking Philosophers’ Responsibility”. *Proceedings of the XXII World Congress of Philosophy*, Seoul, Korea (July 30 - August 5, 2008), vol. 49: 19-29, 2008.
- Amir, L.B. “Humor and Time”. *Refereed Conference Proceedings on Time, Transcendence, Performance*, Melbourne, Australia (October 1-3, 2009), 1-31, 2010.
<http://arts.monash.edu.au/ecps/conferences/ttp/#proceedings>
- Amir, L.B. “Humor in Philosophy – Theory and Practice”. *Proceedings of the 11th International Conference on Philosophical Practice and the 4th International Conference on Humanities Therapy*, Chuncheon, Korea (July 16-19, 2012), vol. 2: 23-42, 2012.
- Amir, L.B. “A New Skeptical Worldview for Contemporary World Cultures”. In *China and World: Culture Development Forum*. Proceedings of the Forum of Contemporary World Culture Development: The Status and Future of Mainstream Cultures in the World (September 23rd, 2013). The Institute for Advanced Humanistic Studies, School of Philosophy, School of Marxism, Hubei University, Wuhan, China, 239-258, 2013.

Other publications

Amir, L.B. “What’s it all about? A Guide to Life’s Basic Questions and Answers”. Review article. *Philosophical Practice*, vol. 2(2): 125-127, 2006.

In Hebrew

Amir, L.B. On the Nature of Love. *Makom Lemahshava Basha’ar*, vol. 10, 2000 (in Hebrew).

Amir, L.B. Virtue, Management and Happiness: On the Difficulty of Teaching Ethics to Unhappy People. *Transparency in Management* 5: 4, 7, 2003 (in Hebrew).

Accepted for Publication

Amir, L.B. “Doing Philosophy”. *Philosophical Practice* 9(1), 2014.

Other

2008- Lecturer and Editor. Audio Internet Encyclopedia based on a Weekly Radio Program of Philosophy in Everyday Life, “Diotima: Thought in Action.” More than a hundred programs with bibliographies (www.106fm.co.il). List of Programs: Philosophy; Love; Sexuality (3 programs); Friendship; Good and Evil (2 programs); Freedom; Autonomy; Justice; Death (2 programs); Suicide; Tolerance; Art (2 programs); Painting; Photography; Theatre; Literature; Dance; Music; Beauty; Childhood; Education; Globalization; Conflict; Play; Luck; Happiness; Flourishing; Peace of Mind; Redemption; Therapy; Psychoanalysis; Empathy; Pessimism/Optimism. Humor; Philosophy of Humor; Humor in Religions; Humor in Everyday Life; Religion (2 programs); God (2 programs); Evil; Mysticism; New Age; Time (2 programs); Eternity; Body; Mind; Environment; Oriental Philosophies; Hinduism (2 programs); Yoga; Buddhism (2 programs); Zen Buddhism; Chinese Philosophy (2 programs); Confucianism; Taoism; Mohism and Legalism; Chinese Medicine; Martial Arts; Power; Politics; State; Law; Money; Feminism; Language; Representation; Logic; Sustainability; Fate; Truth; Knowledge; Reason (2 programs); Science; Mathematics; Physics; Biology; Social Sciences; Economics; Technology; The Other; Manipulation; Irony; The Self;

Skepticism; Data Mining; Conscience; Democracy; Immigration; Taste (2 programs); Pornography (2 programs); Generosity; Grace; Secular Grace (2 programs); Commons; Old Age; Old Old Age; Health; Gender; Body/Soul; Picture; Compassion; Feeling; Compromise...

Work in Process:

Monographs

Laughter and the Good Life: Montaigne, Nietzsche, Santayana.

Nietzsche's Laughing French Followers: Bataille, Deleuze, Rosset.

Philosophy and the Comic

Philosophy in the 21st Century: A Program.

Articles

Morality, Conflicts, and Humor. For *The Journal of Value Inquiry*.

The Laughter of Ecstasy Doesn't Laugh: Bataille on Laughter. For *Continental Philosophy Review*.

Spinoza and the Classical Theory of Laughter. For the *Journal of the History of Ideas*.

Getting the Divine Joke: Humor and Irony as Hamannian Categories of the Understanding. For the *Journal of Religion*.

Happiness – Normative versus Descriptive views.

Socrates' Eroticism Revisited.

Lying: A Forgotten Subject in Ethical Education. For *Taiwan Journal of East Asian Studies*.

Papers Presented at Academic Conferences:

International Conferences

Organization of Conferences

2008 Scientific Committee. 20th International Congress of Humor Studies, Alcalá de Henares, Spain.

2004 Co-organizer. 1st Iberoamerican Congress of Philosophical Practice, Sevilla,

Spain.

Invited Key-Note Speaker

- 2006 “Taking Philosophy Seriously”. Key-note Lecture. 8th International Congress of Philosophical Practice and 2nd Iberoamerican Congress, Sevilla, Spain.
- 2008 “The Comic in the History of Philosophy”. Key-note Lecture. 20th Conference of the International Society for Humor Studies, Alcala de Henares, Spain.
- 2010 “The Philosopher in Society: A Humorous War of Values”. Key-note Lecture. 10th International Conference on Philosophical Practice, Leusden, The Netherlands.
- 2011 “Ética y Educación”: Conferencia Magistral. Conversatorio: “Identidad Profesional y Ética”. Taller: “Humor para el Aprendizaje”. Key-note lecture, Discussion, and Workshop. Gobierno de Estado de Mexico, Segunda Feria Cultural de Experiencias Pedagógicas: Ciencia, Arte y Filosofía. En Conmemoración del CXXIX Aniversario de la Educación Normal en el Estado de Mexico. Toluca, Mexico.
- 2012 “Humor in Philosophy – Theory and Practice”. Seminar. The 11th International Conference on Philosophical Practice and the 4th International Conference on Humanities Therapy, hosted by Kangwon National University and Fu Jen Catholic University, Chuncheon, Korea.
- 2013 “A New Skeptical Worldview for Contemporary World Cultures”. The Forum of Contemporary World Culture Development: “The Status and Future of Mainstream Cultures in the World”, The Institute for Advanced Humanistic Studies, Hubei University, Wuhan, China.
- 2013 “Skepticism in the World Today”. The Forum of Contemporary Chinese Culture Development: “The Connotation, Characteristic and Basic Spirit of Contemporary Mainstream Culture in China”, The Institute for Advanced Humanistic Studies, Hubei University, Wuhan, China.
- 2014(forth) “Humor and Truth in Shaftesbury, Hamann, Kierkegaard”. Humor and Religion (Humor und Religiosität). Bergische Universität Wuppertal, Wuppertal, Germany.
- 2014(forth) “Rationality and Truth in Philosophy and its Practice”. The 13th International Conference on Philosophical Practice, Belgrade, Serbia.

Papers presented

- 1984 “How to Be Saved from Salvations?”. 4th Conference of the International Society for Humor Studies, Tel Aviv, Israel.
- 1990 “Humor, Humiliation and Humility”. 8th Conference of the International Society for Humor Studies, Sheffield, England.
- 1994 “Some Problems of Philosophical Counseling”, and “Humor in Philosophical Counseling” (Workshop). 1st International Congress on Philosophical Counseling, Vancouver, Canada.
- 1996 “Eros, Agape, Philia - the Nature of Love in Philosophy”. 2nd International Congress on Philosophical Practice, Leusden, The Netherlands.
- 1997 “Philosophy as Counselee: a Re-evaluation of Philosophy”; and “Using Stoicism in Philosophical Practice” (Workshop). 3rd International Congress on Philosophical Practice, New York, U.S.A.
- 1998 “Humor as a Virtue”. 4th International Congress on Philosophical Practice: The Role of Values in the Life of the Individual, Bensberg, Germany.
- 1999 “Don’t Interrupt My Dialogue!”. 5th International Congress on Philosophical Practice: Thinking through Dialogue, Oxford, England.
- 2000 “Humor as a Worldview – a Philosophy for Our Time”. 12th Conference of the International Society for Humor Studies, Osaka, Japan.
- 2001 “Virtue, Happiness and Management – A Spinozistic-Nietzschean Approach”. 1st Conference on Philosophy in Management, St. Anne College, Oxford, England.
- 2001 “What Can Philosophy Learn from Philosophical Practice?”. The American Philosophical Association (APA) Eastern Division Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A.
- 2001 “When Nietzsche Laughed: Tragic Philosophy and Laughter”. 13th Conference of the International Society for Humor Studies, University of Maryland, Maryland, U.S.A.
- 2001 “The Role of Impersonal Love in Everyday Life”. 6th International Congress on Philosophical Practice: Philosophy in Society, Oslo, Norway.
- 2002 “A Method for Philosophical Counseling”. National Conference of Italian Philosophical Practitioners, Florence, Italy.
- 2002 “Nietzsche’s Sanctification of Laughter”. 14th Conference of the International

- Society For Humor Studies, Forli, Italy.
- 2003 “Humor within a Philosophic Perspective: A New Approach”. 15th Conference of the International Society for Humor Studies, Chicago, U.S.A.
- 2004 “Morality, Conflicts and Humor”. 2nd International Congress of Axiology: Value Choice and Human Existence, Wuhan, China.
- 2004 “Educaciòn Moral y Emotional – Un Papel para Filósofos Practicos?”. 1st Iberoamerican Congress of Philosophical Practice, Seville, Spain.
- 2004 “The Role of Humor in Self-Education: Handling Moral Conflicts with a Smile”. 7th International Congress of Philosophical Practice: Philosophical Practice – A Question of Building?, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 2005 “Moral and Emotional Education”. 9th East-West Philosophers Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A.
- 2006 “More Philosophy, Less Counseling”. 8th International Congress of Philosophical Practice and 2nd Iberoamerican Congress, Seville, Spain.
- 2006 “The Importance of Being Earnest: Kierkegaard’s Ethics of the Comic”. 17th International Congress of Humor Studies, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 2006 “No Laughing Matters: The French Reception of Nietzsche as a Philosopher of Laughter”. Nietzsche: V Jornadas filosoficas – La Recepciòn Francesa de Nietzsche, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- 2006 “La philosophie à l’oeuvre – perfectioner l’individu ou améliorer le citoyen?”. Congrès de l’Unesco pour la journée internationale de philosophie, Paris, France.
- 2007 “A Global Criticism of Moral and Emotional Education”. 3rd International Congress of Axiology, Value in a Global World, Alcalà de Henares, Spain.
- 2008 “Willing Well, Living Well” (Lecture and Workshop). Participant and Moderator in Invited Sessions: “Philosophical Practice in Israel – A Report” in “Reports from around the World”; “The Philosophical Life: What it Means to Live a Philosophical Life?” (Participant); “Counseling for Individuals” (Moderator). 9th International Conference on Philosophical Practice, The Philosophical Life, Carloforte, Sardinia.
- 2008 “Rethinking Philosophers’ Responsibility” session CP49-05 of Philosophy of Values; “Philosophers’ Responsibility towards the New Age Movement” the

- Society meeting SM17 of the International Society for Value Inquiry; Participant at the Invited Session “Changeable Peace: The Threat of Weapons of Mass Destruction”, and Invited Participant at the Round Table “Challenging New Directions in Philosophy”. 22nd World Congress of Philosophy, Seoul, Korea.
- 2009 “Ethics, International Law, and the Family – Philosophers’ Theoretical and Practical Contributions”. The Concord Research Center for the Integration of International Law, Family – An International Affair, The College of Management, School of Law, Rishon LeZion, Israel.
- 2009 “Humor and Time”. Time, Transcendence, Performance Conference, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2010 “Setting Time in Motion – Humor, Time, Transcendence and Eternity”. Lecture and Chair, 22nd Conference of the International Society for Humor Studies, Hong Kong, China.
- 2010 “The Value of Spinoza’s Ethics in a Changing World”. 4th International Conference on Axiology and 12th Chinese Congress on Axiology, Wuhan, China.
- 2011 “Shaftesbury on Humor: Truth, Criticism, and Rationality”. 23rd Conference of the International Society for Humor Studies, Boston, USA.
- 2011 “Spinoza’s Ethics in a Global World”. 4th Global Studies Conference, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- 2012 “The Laughter of Ecstasy Doesn’t Laugh: Bataille on Laughter”. Lecturer and Chair of Philosophy session. 24th Conference of the International Society of Humor Studies, Krakow, Poland.
- 2012 “Kierkegaard and the Philosophical Traditions of the Comic”. Kierkegaard and the Philosophical Traditions, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Faculty of Humanities, Trondheim, Norway. (Sponsored by the Nordic Network of Kierkegaard Research [NordForsk], in cooperation with the Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre and NTNU’s Theory of Science Forum).
- 2012 “One World, One Ethic? – On the Relevance of Spinoza’s Ethics for Social Justice”. The 14th Biennial Conference of the International Society for Justice Research (ISJR): Social Justice in a Complex Reality, Rishon LeZion, Israel.

- 2013 “Philosophy, Spirituality, and Globalization”. 5th Global Studies Conference, New Delhi, India (Virtual Presentation).
- 2013 “*Homo risibilis* – A Philosophic Way of Life”. The Society Meeting of the International Society for Value Inquiry: Re-assessing Value of Human Life; Invited Participant at the Roundtables: Philosophical Dialogue between World Religions and World Irreligions; Feminism as a Way of Life; Invited commentator in the session on Freedom, Responsibility, and Science; Initiator, chair, and lecture at the Roundtable “Humor and the Philosophic Ways of Life.” 23rd World Congress of Philosophy, Athens, Greece.
- 2013 “The Value of Dissatisfaction – Maintaining the Tension that Unites Desires and Reason”. Conference of the International Society for Value Inquiry: The New Frontiers of Philosophical Value, Athens, Greece.
- 2013 “Shaftesbury – A Forgotten Important Source for Kierkegaard”. Jubilee Congress: “Reconsidering Kierkegaard in a Global World,” Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 2013 Chair. Israel-Atlantic Canada Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy Theme: Reason, Freedom and the Passions in Descartes and Spinoza. Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, Israel.
- 2014(forth) “Humor and the Good Life – Shaftesbury, Hamann, Kierkegaard... and Me”. The 26th Conference of the International Society of Humor Studies, Utrecht, the Netherlands.
- 2014(forth) “Between Religion and Philosophy: Humor and Truth”. The 14th Conference of the International Society of European Ideas, Porto, Portugal.
- 2014(forth) Participation in the Forum of Contemporary World Culture Development, St. Paul University, Minnesota, USA.

National Conferences (Hebrew)

Organization of Conferences

- 2005 Organizer. Conference on “Teaching Ethics in Management, Business and Organizations”, Transparency International Israel, Tel-Aviv University, Israel.

2010 Co-organizer. 1st Congress of the Israeli Society for Humor Studies, Ashkelon College, Israel.

Papers presented

- 1995 “Honesty: Truth or Lies?”. The Academic Forum for Ethics and Social Responsibility, Tel Aviv, Israel.
- 1998 “A Re-evaluation of Philosophy”, International Society for Philosophical Practice in Israel Conference, Tel-Aviv, Israel.
- 1999 “One of Us at Least Is Wrong: An Argument Against Relativism”. 30th Annual Israeli Sociological Association, The College of Management, Israel.
- 2000 “The Role of Philosophy in the 21st Century”. International Society for Philosophical Practice in Israel Conference, Tel-Aviv, Israel.
- 2002 “The Role of Impersonal Love in Everyday Life”. International Society for Philosophical Practice in Israel Conference, Tel-Aviv, Israel.
- 2002 “Virtue, Happiness and Management – On the Difficulty of Teaching Ethics to Unhappy Persons”. Conference in Honor of Prof. Dove Israeli, The School of Business Administration, Tel-Aviv University, Israel.
- 2003 “Moral and Emotional Education – A Role for Philosophical Practitioners”. International Society for Philosophical Practice in Israel Conference, Tel-Aviv, Israel.
- 2004 “When Nietzsche Laughed: The Sanctification of Laughter in Nietzsche’s Thought”; “Philosophy and Everyday Problems”, Session Organizer and Chair. 7th Congress of the New Israeli Society of Philosophy, Tel-Aviv University, Israel.
- 2005 “Moral Conflicts and Humor”. 8th Congress of the New Israeli of Philosophy, Haifa University, Israel.
- 2005 “Philosophy, Psychology, and Morality”. International Society for Philosophical Practice in Israel Conference, Tel-Aviv, Israel.
- 2006 “Having the Last Laugh: Kierkegaard’s Ethics of the Comic”. 9th Congress of the Israeli Congress of Philosophy, Ben-Gurion University, Israel.
- 2007 “How Philosophy Became a Fable: The French Reception of Nietzsche as a Philosopher of Laughter”. 10th Congress of the New Israeli Society of Philosophy, Bar-Ilan University, Israel.

- 2009 “What Has Philosophy to Do with the Comic?”. Funny Art Conference, Midrasha Leomanut, Beit Berl, Israel.
- 2009 “The Roles of the Comic in the History of Philosophy”. 12th Congress of the New Israeli Society of Philosophy, The Open University, Israel.
- 2010 “The Comic: Truth or Lies?”. 13th Congress of the New Israeli Society of Philosophy, Ben-Gurion University, Israel.
- 2010 “Philosophy and the Comic”. Congress of the Israeli Society for Humor Studies, Ashkelon College, Israel.
- 2014 Chair. The 17th Congress of the New Israeli Society of Philosophy, Tel-Aviv University, Israel.

Grants:

- 1991-1993 Grant. The Spinoza Research Program, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- 2001 Grant. The School of Media Studies and the Department of Behavioral Studies, the College of Management Academic Studies, Rishon LeZion.
- 2007 Grant. The Research Fund of the Research Authority, the College of Management Academic Studies, Rishon LeZion, Israel.
- 2009 Grant. The Research Fund of the Research Authority, the College of Management Academic Studies, Rishon LeZion, Israel.

Scholarships, Prizes and Awards:

- 1980-1986 Doctoral Student Fellowship, Philosophy Department, Tel-Aviv University.
- 2006-2007 Best Teacher Award. The School of Media Studies, the College of Management Academic Studies, Rishon LeZion.
- 2007-2009 Reduced Teaching Award. President’s Award, the College of Management Academic Studies, Rishon LeZion.
- 2012-2013 Best Scholar Award. The School of Media Studies, the College of Management Academic Studies, Rishon LeZion.

Languages:

French, English, Hebrew, Spanish, Latin (Reading).