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EDUCATION

Balliol College, University of Oxford

DPhil in Law, 2005 – 2009

- Thesis title: Statistical Evidence – In Search of a Principle
- Supervisors: Professor John Gardner and Professor Adrian Zuckerman

University College London

LLM in Procedural Law (Distinction), 2004 – 2005

- Subjects: Evidence Law, Principles of Civil Procedure, Epistemology, Thesis
- Thesis title: The Nature of Statistical Evidence and its Usage in the Criminal Court

Hebrew University, Israel

LLB (*Summa cum Laude*, 5th/241), 2000 – 2004

- LLB combined with “Amirim” programme for outstanding students
- Dean’s list (top 10 per cent) in 2001, 2002, 2003

Hebrew University, Israel

Conversion Course to MA in Philosophy, 2003 – 2004

- Included all the mandatory courses for BA plus several advanced seminars.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Articles

- "Rethinking the Use of Statistical Evidence to Prove Causation in Criminal Cases: A Tale of (Im)Probability and Free Will", 40(2) *Law & Philosophy* 97-128 (2021)
- "Predictive Evidence and Unpredictable Freedom", 40(2) *Oxford Journal of Legal Studies* 238-264 (2020)
- "Sex for Money: Is the Criminalisation of Consuming Sexual Services Justifiable?", *Mishpatim* (forthcoming) [in Hebrew]
- "Can Self-determined Actions be Predictable?", 15(2) *European Journal of Analytic Philosophy* 121-140 (2019)
- "Should Murder Be More Difficult to Prove than Theft? Beccaria and Differential Standards of Proof" (forthcoming in Re-reading Beccaria, eds. Antje du Bois-pedain and Shachar Eldar, Hart)
- "Proving Causation with Statistical Evidence" 41 *Tel Aviv University Law Review* 253 [in Hebrew]
- "Coercion and Volition in Law and Philosophy", 31 *Canadian Journal of Law and Jurisprudence* 107 (2018)
- "The Law of Deception", 93 *Notre Dame Law Review Online* 172 (2018)
- "Freedom and Generalisation", 37 *Oxford Journal of Legal Studies* 189-216 (2017)
 - Response paper: Federico Picinali, “Generalisations, Causal Relationships, and Moral Responsibility” (2016) 20:2 *International Journal of Evidence & Proof* 121
- "Against Racial Profiling", 67 *University of Toronto Law Journal* 175-205 (2017)
- "Coercion and Deception in Sexual Relations", (2015) 28 *Canadian Journal of Law and Jurisprudence* 97
- "Should Criminals be convicted of Unspecific Offences? On Efficiency, Condemnation, and Cognitive Psychology", (2015) 9 *Criminal Law and Philosophy* 207
- "Between Coercion and Deception: Rape by Deception in respect to the Perpetrator’s Identity" (2013) 36 *Tel Aviv University Law Review* 213 [in Hebrew]
- "Was it Wrong to use Statistics in R v Clark? A Case Study of the Use of Statistical Evidence in Criminal Courts" in Zenker ed, *Bayesian Argumentation: The practical side of probability* (Synthese Library, Springer, 2013).
- "The Epistemology of Statistical Evidence", (2011) 15 *International Journal of Evidence and Proof* 117
- "Statistical Evidence and Individual Litigants: A Reconsideration of Wasserman’s Argument from Autonomy", (2008) 12 *International Journal of Evidence and Proof* 303
- "What is Wrong with Statistical Evidence? The Attempts to Establish an Epistemic Deficiency", (2008) 27 *Civil Justice Quarterly* 461
- "Can One Deny both Causation by Omission and Causal Pluralism? The Case of Legal Causation" in Russo and Williamson eds, *Causality and Probability in The Sciences* (Texts in Philosophy Series, College Publications, London, 2007), reprinted in *Legal Pluralism: Concepts and Critique* (Icfa University Press, 2008)
- "Epistemology and the Law of Evidence: Four Doubts about Alex Stein’s *Foundations of Evidence Law*" (2006) 25 *Civil Justice Quarterly* 504

Book Reviews, Case Notes, and Short Papers

- *Legal Evidence and Proof: Statistics, Stories, Logic* (Book Review), (2009) 126 *Law Quarterly Review* 152
- Editorial & Interview with Professor Hanoch Dagan, 8(1) *The Reasoner*, August 2011
- Editorial & Interview with Professor Matthew Kramer, 5(8) *The Reasoner*, August 2011
- “The Admissibility of Evidence about Previous Convictions in Court; Part II: The Rationale for Exclusion”, 2 *The Reasoner*, June 2008
- “The Admissibility of Evidence about Previous Convictions in Court; Part I: Setting the Problem”, 2 *The Reasoner*, May 2008
- Editorial & Interview with Professor Frederick Schauer, 2(4) *The Reasoner*, April 2008
- “*United States vs. Shonubi*: Statistical Evidence and ‘The Same Course of Conduct’ Rule”, 1 *The Reasoner*, July 2007
- “*R v Adams* and the Conclusiveness of DNA Evidence”, 1(2) *The Reasoner*, June 2007
- “*R v Sally Clark*: Some Thoughts on Probability, Law and their Intersection”, 1 *The Reasoner*, May 2007

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Senior Lecturer (with tenure), The Buchmann Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University	2017 – present
• Criminal Law, Evidence Law, and Sexual Offences Seminar	
Academic Visitor, Faculty of Law, University of Oxford	2019 - 2020
Visiting Professor, Cornell Law School, Cornell University	2015
Lecturer, BCL Evidence Course, University of Oxford	2014 - 2016
Lecturer (tenure-track), The Buchmann Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University	2011 – 2017
PHG Foundation College Lecturer in Law, Hughes Hall, University of Cambridge	2007 – 2011
• Lectures in Clinical Negligence, Medical Law paper, final year undergraduates	
• Supervisions in Tort Law, first year undergraduates	

OTHER ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

The Reasoner

- Member of the editorial board 2007 – present
- Guest Editor April, 2008 & August 2011

“Mishpatim” Student Law Review

- Editor in Chief 2003 – 2004
- Member of the editorial board 2001 – 2003

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

Tel Aviv University

- Marie Curie Career Integration Grant, the European Commission (100,000 EUR) 2012 – 2016
- Elected for the Israel’s Inaugural Junior Law Faculty Workshop 2014
- Cegla Prize for the Best Article of Young Legal Scholar in Hebrew 2013
- Term-long research leave, Cegla Center for Interdisciplinary Research of the Law 2013

DPhil, Oxford

2005 – 2009

- Clarendon Scholarship (full home tuition)
- Overseas Research Scholarship (difference between overseas and home tuition)
- Gregory Kulkes Scholarship in Law (maintenance)

LLM, University College London

2004 – 2005

- Chevening Scholarship – Leonard Sainer (full tuition and maintenance)
- Sir Jack Jacob Prize for the best result in Civil Procedure
- Derby/Brice Prize in Law

LLB, Hebrew University

2000 – 2004

- Amirim Scholarship (full tuition and maintenance for three years)
- Judge Toby Miller's Prize for the most outstanding student amongst the interdisciplinary programs
- Outstanding student prize in Family and Succession Law

LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE

- Lord Chief Justice Woolf, The High Court July 2005
- 4 Pump Court Chambers April 2007
- Mr Martyn Day, Leigh Day & Co Solicitors April 2005
- Mr Michael Mylonas, 3 Serjeants' Inn September 2006

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Software Expert (The BBC, SintecMedia, Banter) 1998 – 2007

- Oracle specialist and technical consultant for the R&D departments
- Represented these companies in meetings with current and potential clients
- Technical consulting to the hardware procurements (mainly for the BBC)

C/C++ Programmer (Computer Unit, IDF) 2000 – 2004

- Including eight month intensive course in computer science, mathematics and statistic

INTERESTS & OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Ockham Society, Jurisprudence Discussion Group, the unofficial Israeli Society, History Society, Public Debates at the Oxford Union
- Vice Chairman Debating Society, including participation in international competitions in Toronto, Singapore, and Zagreb (2000-2004)
- Participation in the educational and social activities of the Jewish Association (Hillel House) (2000-2004)
- Member, B'nei Brith Youth Organization, International Leadership Training Camp, Pennsylvania, USA

Languages: Hebrew – mother tongue; English – fluent; Spanish & Italian – basic