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Appointments

Visiting Researcher (2015-2016)

Harvard Law School

Exploring the Final Transition of the Talmud into a Purely Written Form

Sponsor: Noah Feldman

Education

Ph.D. Columbia University (2014)

Religion

Halevy, Halivni and the Oral Formation of the Babylonian Talmud

Sponsor: David Weiss Halivni Committee: Robert Somerville (Chair), Beth A. Berkowitz, Michael Stanislawski, Jeffrey L. Rubenstein (NYU)

M.Phil. Columbia University (2009)

Religion

M.A. Columbia University (2006)

Liberal Studies: Jewish Studies

Ets Haim: Tradition and Innovation in Jewish Education

Sponsor: Yosef Hayim Yerushalmi

CPA State of Maryland (1981)

B.T.L. Ner Israel Rabbinical College (1980)

Talmudic Law

Publications

“The Sabbatical Year,” (Hebrew) in Beit Hillel (Issue V), 2014.

“The End to the Bull Markets in Bonds,” in Pensions & Investments, 2012.

“Parsing the Confusion of Confusions,” in FINalternatives, 2012.

“Where is the ‘Hedge’ in Hedge Funds?,” in The Hedgefund Journal, 2008.

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Fellowship

Center for Jewish Law and Contemporary Civilization Graduate Fellowship, Cardozo Law School (2008-2009)

Languages

Fluent in Portuguese, Spanish and Modern Hebrew. Reading ability in Babylonian Aramaic, Palestinian Aramaic, Biblical Hebrew, Rabbinic Hebrew, Pahlavi, German

Teaching Experience

Visiting Lecturer

University of Pennsylvania, Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations (2016-Present)

Great Books of Judaism – Re-Reading Legal Passages of the Talmud

Great Books of Judaism – Re-Reading Aggadah Talmud

Great Books of Judaism – Family and Gender in the Talmud

Great Books of Judaism – Talmudic Perspectives in Context

Great Books of Judaism – Lifecycle in the Talmud

Great Books of Judaism – The Power of Speech in the Talmud

Adjunct Lecturer

Columbia University, Department of Religion (2014-5)

The Formation of the Talmud

Re-Reading the Talmud

Instructor

New York University SCPS (2011)

Systemic Risk and Its Impact on the Markets

Instructor, Adult Education

Congregation Shaaray Tefila (1998-Present)

Jewish Thought and Rabbinic Literature (weekly class to over 75 students)

The Development of the Oral Law (weekly summer classes to over 100 students)

Invited Presentations

“*Peshat and Derash: Two Dimensions of Perception*,” National Council of Synagogue Youth Annual Retreat, Stamford CT (December 2017)

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“The Pursuit of a Career and Personal Growth,” Kucin Executive Lecture Series - Sy Syms School of Business, New York, NY (May 2017)

“*Peshat and Derash*: Examining Justice Antonin Scalia’s Originalism in Rabbinical Interpretation,” Hillel Orthodox Community at Penn, Philadelphia PA (March 2016)

“Fragility as an Indicator of Future Market Turbulence,” Drobny MIA Conference, Miami (January 2016)

“Distorting the Truth: Does the End Justify the Means?,” Five Towns Community Education Conference, Woodmere NY (June 2015)

“Networking and Career Development,” Mir Alumni Association, New York (March 2014)

“Halevy, Halivni and the Oral Formation of the Bavli,” Center for Advanced Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem (February 2014)

“The Danger of Fat-Tail Funds,” Institutional Investor Video Interview, New York (April 2012)

“Investing in Tail-Risk Funds,” Bloomberg Television, New York (April 2012)

“The End of the BRIC Decade: China and Emerging Market Debt,” Bloomberg Sovereign Debt Conference, New York (September 2011)

“Strategy and Risk Management,” Bloomberg Television, New York (June 2011)

“The Thought of the Maharal of Prague,” Jewish Enrichment Center U (April 2011)

“The Hidden Message of Purim,” Yeshiva University (March 2011)

“Inside Track,” Bloomberg Television, New York (December 2010)

“Buddhism and Judaism,” Jewish Enrichment Center U (December 2010)

“Science and the Bible,” Jewish Enrichment Center U (May 2010)

“The Case for US Banks,” Canadian Business News Network, Toronto (March 2009)

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“Investing after Madoff,” CNBC, New York (December 2008)

“The Financial Industry,” CNBC, New York (March 2008)

“Critical Talmudic Readings,” Villanova Law School, Philadelphia (March 2008)

Conferences

“Diversifying Your Learning Portfolio: The Use of Multiple Methodologies for Effective Torah Study,” *Torah in New York - Orthodox Union*, Queens, NY (April 2018)

“Bridging Public and Private Collections,” *Association of Jewish Libraries*, New York, NY (June 2017)

“Understanding the Evolution of *Torah Shebe'al Peh*: Are All Views Equally Acceptable?,” *Torah in the City - Orthodox Union*, Queens, NY (January 2017)

“The Early *Rishonim* and their Reframing of the Talmud as a Written Text,” *Association for Jewish Studies*, San Diego, CA (December 2016)

“Orality and the Two Voices of the Talmud,” *Association for Jewish Studies*, Baltimore, MD (December 2014)

“*Shmita* – The Altruistic Message of the Sabbatical Year,” *Conference on Socio-Economic Values sponsored by The Marker*, Tel Aviv, Israel (September 2014)

“Maimonides and the Talmud: A Paradoxical Relationship,” *Association for Jewish Studies*, Los Angeles, CA (December 2009)

“The Proto-Talmud and the *Stam*,” *Association for Jewish Studies*, Washington DC (December 2008)

“Were Abaye and Rava the Editors of the Talmud?,” *Association for Jewish Studies*, Toronto, ON (December 2007)

Public Engagement

Blog: <http://blog.aribergmann.com/> (2009-present)

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Community Lectures

- "The Development of the Mesorah - Oral Tradition," Ten-Part Seminar Series, Young Israel of Woodmere, Woodmere NY (10/2018 – 4/2019)
- "The Formation of the Babylonian Talmud," Five-Part Seminar Series, Young Israel of Woodmere, Woodmere NY (6/2018 – 9/2018)
- "Cryptocurrencies in Light of Talmudic Monetary Theory," Congregation Shaaray Tefilah, Lawrence NY (5/20/18)
- "The Mystical Journey from the Patriarchs to the Exodus from Egypt II," Ten-Part Seminar Series, Young Israel of Woodmere, Woodmere NY (10/2017 – 5/2018)
- "The Five Components of the Soul," Five-Part Seminar Series, Young Israel of Woodmere, Woodmere NY (6/2017 – 9/2017)
- "The Mystical Journey from Genesis to the Exodus from Egypt I," Ten-Part Seminar Series, Young Israel of Woodmere, Woodmere NY (10/2016 – 5/2017)
- "The Building Blocks of Jewish Mystical Thought," Seminar Series, Young Israel of Woodmere, Woodmere NY (10/2015 – 8/2016)
- "The Formation of Talmud Bavli," Four-Part Seminar Series, Machon Basya Rochel, New York (4/30/2014 – 5/31/2014)
- "Coexisting with Differences: Community and the Individual," Congregation Kneseth Israel (5/15/13)
- "The Jewish Attitude towards Theodicy," Bais Medrash of Harborview, New York (5/26/12)
- "Messianic Controversies: Nehemia Hayun and R. Moshe Hayyim Luzzatto," Bais Medrash of Harborview, New York (6/7/11)
- "The Sinai Revelation and the Relevance of Man," Congregation Bnai Torah, New York (5/18/10)
- "The Impact of the Maharal on Jewish Thought," Congregation Shaaray Tefila, New York (4/26/10)

Business Experience

Penso Advisors, LLC (2010-Present)
CEO – Founder

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- Systemic Risk Management Advisory to large hedge funds, pensions and endowments

Penso Capital Markets, LLC Sentinel Advisors, LLC (1997-2010)
Senior Managing Member

- Alpha Risk Overlay portfolio hedging

Bankers Trust Company (1989-1997)
Senior Managing Director

- Responsible for Risk Merchant Bank and Risk Management Advisory

Drexel Burnham Lambert (1987-1989)
Associate

- Commodities and currencies trading

Price Waterhouse (1986-1987)
Staff Accountant

- Metropolitan Services Group