

Jed Lewinsohn, *curriculum vitae*

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TEACHING & RESEARCH	AOS Moral Philosophy, Social & Political Philosophy, Private Law Theory AOC Philosophy of Action, Jewish Philosophy		
EMPLOYMENT	Fall 2024– 2017–2024 Fall 2023 Spring 2023 2015–2019	University of Pittsburgh , Associate Professor of Philosophy University of Pittsburgh , Assistant Professor of Philosophy University of Chicago Law School , Visiting Professor Harvard Law School , Visiting Professor Harvard Society of Fellows , Junior Fellow	
EDUCATION	2015 2012 2005 2004	New York University , Ph.D. in Philosophy Yale Law School , J.D. Cornell University , B.A. <i>summa cum laude</i> with majors in Philosophy and German Studies Freie Universität Berlin , Visiting Exchange Student	
FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS	Fellowships 2014–15 2013–14 2014 2010–13 2013–15 2012–13 Undergraduate Prizes 2005 2005	Fellow , Dworkin-Balzan Fellowship in Law and Philosophy NYU School of Law Fellow , Mellon Dissertation Fellowship Fellow , Summer Dissertation Writing Fellowship, Global Research Institute, NYU Berlin Graduate Fellow , New Directions in Political Philosophy Project, New York Institute of Philosophy, NYU Graduate Fellow , Center for Jewish Law and Civilization, Cardozo Law School Tikvah Scholar , Tikvah Center for Law & Jewish Civilization, NYU School of Law Phi Beta Kappa Goethe Prize (awarded annually for best German paper)	

- PUBLICATIONS
1. “‘I Didn’t Know It Was You’: The Impersonal Grounds of Relational Normativity,” *Noûs* (2025)
 2. “On the ‘Natural Unintelligibility’ of Normative Powers,” *Jurisprudence* (2024, special issue in memory of Joseph Raz, with commentary by Felix Koch)
 3. “By Convention Alone: Assignable Rights, Dischargeable Debts, and the Distinctiveness of the Commercial Sphere,” *Ethics* (2023)
 4. “Limited Assurance,” *Philosophy & Public Affairs* (2021)
 5. “Paid on Both Sides: Quid Pro Quo Exchange and the Doctrine of Consideration,” *Yale Law Journal* (2020)
 6. “Reasons for Keeping the Commandments: Maimonides and the Motive of Obedience,” in Dan Frank and Aaron Segal, eds, *Jewish Philosophy Past and Present: Contemporary Responses to Classical Sources* (Routledge, 2017)
 7. “Philosophy in Halakha: The Case of Intentional Action,” *Torah U-Madda* 14:97 (2007) (Subject of weeklong online symposium hosted by the Association for the Philosophy of Judaism, January 22–29, 2012)

WORK-IN-
PROGRESS

1. *Quid Pro Quo: A Theory of Exchange* (HUP, under contract)
2. “Debt Before Money: The Primacy of Debt and the Logic of Payment” (final preparations, forthcoming OUP volume on the *Property-Contract Interface*)
3. “The Artificial Character of Preemptive Obligation” (final preparations)
4. “The Exchange of Widgets: On the Conferral of Benefits and the Meeting of Minds” (committed to OUP volume on the work of Richard Moran)
5. “Hume’s ‘Natural Unintelligibility’ Arguments, Reconstructed”
6. “Characterizing *A Priori* Transactions: Reinach’s Second-Order Functionalism” (draft available)

INVITED
TALKS, ETC.

“Philosophical Foundations of Fiduciary Law”
Four-week intensive course at Tel Aviv University Law School (May 2026)

“TBD”
Workshop on Theory of Rights, Florida State University (March 2026)

“The Artificial Character of Preemptive Obligation”
Liberalism Rekindled workshop (July 2025); Legal Philosophy Trident Series, Torcuato di Tella University (July 2025); Guest Seminar on Kant’s Ethics, University of Chicago (March 2025); Colloquium in Colloquium in Legal, Political, and Social Philosophy, New York University (October 2024)

“Debt Before Money: The Primacy of Debt and the Logic of Payment”
The Property-Contract Interface: Historical and Theoretical Perspectives, National University of Singapore (December 2024)

***“The Exchange of Widgets: On the Conferral of Benefits and the Meeting of Minds”**
Action, Reflection, and Response: Themes from the Philosophy of Richard Moran,

(ASTERISK
INDICATES THAT
AN ENGAGEMENT
HAS BEEN
CANCELLED OR
POSTPONED)

Harvard University (September 2024)

“The Conventional-Artificial Distinction”

Seminar on Hume’s Moral Philosophy, University of Texas Austin (April 2024)

“Characterizing *A Priori* Transactions: Reinach’s Second-Order Functionalism”

Reinach and Private Law Workshop, Max Planck Institut (August 2023)

“I Didn’t Know It Was You’: The Impersonal Grounds of Relational Normativity”

MIT Department of Philosophy (May 2023); Conference in Honor of Samuel Scheffler, UC Berkeley (May 2023); Private Law Theory Workshop, Harvard Law School (April 2023); Philosophy & Private Law Discussion Group (Autumn 2023)

“By Convention Alone: Assignable Rights & Dischargeable Debts”

Yale-Toronto Private Law Theory Discussion Group (February 2023)

“On the ‘Natural Unintelligibility’ of Normative Powers”

Practical Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago (December 2022, postponed until November 2023)

“On the ‘Natural Unintelligibility’ of Normative Powers”

Workshop on Reasons and Normativity, ERC Project (Roots of Responsibility), UCL (June 2022)

“Assignable Rights and Dischargeable Debts”

Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania (April 2022)

“On the ‘Natural Unintelligibility’ of Normative Powers”

Moral Philosophy Seminar, Oxford University (June 2021)

“By Convention Alone: Assignable Rights, Dischargeable Debts”

USC Private Law Theory Colloquium (November 2020)

Seminar Guest, “Quid Pro Quo Exchange”

Foundations of Economic Thought, University of Fribourg, Switzerland (Dr. Micha Glaeser) (September 2020)

***“*Quid Pro Quo* Exchange: A Philosophical Account”**

Workshop on Exchange, Stanford University Department of Philosophy (June 2020)

***“A Theory of Debt”**

The Tenth Biennial Conference on the Law of Obligations: Harvard Law School (June 2020)

***“*Quid Pro Quo* Exchange: A Philosophical Account”**

Future of Jurisprudence: New Directions, Oxford University (June 2020)

***“Exchange and Official Corruption”**

Political Philosophy Workshop, University College London (March 2020)

“*Quid Pro Quo* Exchange: A Philosophical Account”

UCLA Law and Philosophy Workshop (February 2020)

“Paid on Both Sides: *Quid Pro Quo* Exchange and the Doctrine of Consideration”

YLJ Legal Scholarship Workshop, Yale Law School (2018)

“On the ‘Natural Unintelligibility’ of Normative Powers”

Conference on Normative Powers, Oxford University (2017)

“Paid on Both Sides: *Quid Pro Quo* Exchange and the Doctrine of Consideration”

North American Workshop in Private Law Theory, Yale Law School (2016)

“Transactional Forms and Imputed Motives”

New Work in Political Philosophy, Hebrew University (2015)

Workshop on the Future of State Sovereignty

Columbia Law School (organized by Joseph Raz) (2015)

“A Social Conventionalism”

Harvard Law and Philosophy Colloquium; Center of Law and Philosophy, NYU Law School

“It’s Nothing Personal: Transferable Rights and the Distinctiveness of Commercial Relationships”

University of Pittsburgh (philosophy); MIT (philosophy); UNC-Chapel Hill (philosophy); Columbia University (philosophy) (2015)

Panelist, “Underdetermination of Content” and “Canons of Construction and Pragmatic Maxims”

Round Table on Law and Language, University of Oslo (2008)

INVITED
COMMENTS

Discussant on Samantha Berstler, “Philosophy of Erving Goffman”

Manuscript Workshop, University of Chicago (May 2025)

Comments on Mark Greenberg, “What Makes a Moral Duty Legal?”

Workshop, *Law’s Empire* Revisited, Oxford University (November 2021)

Comments on Niko Kolodny, “Is There an Objection to Workplace Hierarchy?”

“Working as Equals” Conference (March 2021)

Comments on Sabine Tsuruda, “Resistance and Recognition”

North American Workshop in Private Law Theory, Brooklyn Law School (November 2020)

Comments (paper-length) on Tommie Shelby, “Work-For-Welfare”

Workshop on Tommie Shelby’s *Dark Ghettos: Injustice, Dissent, and Reform*, Humanities Center, University of Pittsburgh (2015)

Comments on Carlos Rosenkrantz, “Dworkin and Political Obligation”

University of Buenos Aires, Faculty of Law (2015)

Comments on Silvia Jonas, “Ineffability Assertions in Halakha”

APA Eastern Division (2012)

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Law School Teaching (HLS, UChicago Law, Tel Aviv University)

2026	Foundations of Fiduciary Law (Tel Aviv)
2023	Advanced Topics in Contracts: Third Parties (HLS)
2023	Advanced Contracts (UChicago)
2023	Secured Transactions (HLS)

Philosophy Graduate Level

Fall 2025	Free Riding
Fall 2024	Artificial Virtues
Spring 2024	Aristotle on Justice (co-taught with Jacob Rosen)
Spring 2022	Cooperation in Normative Ethics
Fall 2020	Hume on Justice
Spring 2020	Topics in Political Philosophy: Reciprocity
Fall 2017	Ethics Core (co-taught with Michael Thompson)
Fall 2016	Natural and Artificial Rights in Moral & Political Philosophy (co-taught with Japa Pallikkathayil)

Philosophy Undergraduate Level

Spring 2025	Honors Seminar: Hobbes, Hume, and Hart
Spring 2025	Introduction to Social Philosophy
Spring 2024	Introduction to Political Philosophy
Spring 2022	Philosophy of Law
Fall 2021	Topics in Political Philosophy: The Scope of Justice
Fall 2020	Philosophy of Law
Fall 2019	Markets and Morals
Spring 2018	Property and Sovereignty
Summer 2013	Philosophy of Mind: Self and Self-Knowledge (NYU)
Summer 2009	History of Modern Philosophy (NYU)

LEGAL EMPLOYMENT	Summer 2011	Summer Associate , Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP
	Summer 2010	Summer Intern , U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York, Civil Division
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	Referee , Journal of Social Ontology, Ethics, Nous, Philosophical Quarterly, Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy, Hume Studies, Yale Law Journal, American Journal of Jurisprudence, Legal Theory, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Journal of Analytic Theology (special issue), Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press	
LANGUAGES	Hebrew, German (angerostet)	