

Nir Eisikovits
Curriculum Vitae

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Employment

- 2006 – Assistant Professor of Philosophy (tenure track), Suffolk University, Boston, MA
Director, Graduate Program in Ethics and Public Policy.
- 2005 - Fellow, International Center for Conciliation
- 2005-2006 Lecturer in the humanities and social sciences (full time), Boston University Core Curriculum, Boston, MA

Education

- Ph.D. Philosophy, Boston University (1999-2005).
- Negotiation, Mediation and Conflict Resolution training, Harvard Law School, Program on Negotiation (2003-2004)
- L.L.B. Cum Laude, College of Management School of Law, Tel Aviv, Israel (1994-1998)

Research Interests

Legal Philosophy, Political Philosophy, Applied Ethics

Professional Accreditation

Attorney – Admitted to the Israeli Bar May 1999

Languages

English, Hebrew, Hungarian, Latin (reading)

Fellowships and Awards

- 2009: National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer grant
- 2009: Faculty Development Grant, Suffolk University, Summer 2009
- 2007: Faculty Development Grant, Suffolk University (research release for fall, 2007)
- 2006: Service Learning Fellow, Suffolk University
- 2006: Nominee – Faculty of the Year, National Society of Collegiate Scholars
- 2004: Boston University, Robert Fitzgerald Literary Translation Prize (3rd place)
- 2004: Boston University Humanities Foundation Award (\$5000)

- 2004: Woodrow Wilson Foundation (Finalist, Newcomb Dissertation Fellowship)
- 2003-2004: Dissertation Fellowship, Department of Philosophy, Boston University
- 2000-2003: Scholarship Teaching Fellowships, Department of Philosophy, Boston University
- 2002: Outstanding Teaching Fellow Award, Department of Philosophy, Boston University
- 1999: David Asseo Foundation Scholarship for Excellence in the Humanities (\$5000)
- 1997: College of Management School of Law award for academic excellence
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Teaching Experience

- Suffolk University Department of Philosophy: Introduction to Ethics, History of Modern Philosophy, Contemporary Moral Issues, Philosophy of Law (graduate, undergraduate), Transitional Justice (graduate, undergraduate) War and Truce (graduate, undergraduate), History of Ethics and Political Philosophy (graduate), Idea of Human Rights (graduate, cross listed with Law), Business Ethics (graduate, undergraduate)
- Boston University Core Curriculum: The Ancient World, The Individual and Modernity
- Boston University Department of Philosophy, Summer Term: Business Ethics, Medical Ethics
- Teaching Fellow, Boston University Department of Philosophy: Introduction to Ethics, Introduction to Philosophy, Great Philosophers

Research Assistantships

- Research assistant: Racism and American Law, Prof. David Lyons, Boston University School of Law and Boston University Philosophy Department, 1999-2001. Duties included: help in preparation of reading materials and researching background historical materials.
- Teaching and research assistant: Philosophy of Law, Prof. Orna Ben Naftali, College of Management School of Law, 1996-1999. Duties included: assistance in the preparation of reading materials, grading, and answering students' questions in office hours.
- Teaching and research Assistant: Constitutional Law, Foundations of Israeli Law, Prof. Suzy Navot, College of Management School of Law, 1995-1996. Duties included assistance in the preparation of course reading materials and writing drafts for class lectures.

Professional Experience

Tel-Aviv Criminal District Attorney's Office, 1998- 1999. Duties included: prosecution of crimes in magistrate courts, preparation of legal briefs and criminal indictments, participation in teams prosecuting large scale murder and rape cases.

Publications

Books

Sympathizing with the Enemy: Reconciliation, Negotiation and Transitional Justice forthcoming, Brill (to be published in 2010 as part of the series "International Negotiation")

Articles

1. "Forget Forgiveness: On The Benefits of Sympathy for Political Reconciliation", Theoria vol. 52(1), 2004 - special issue on Democracy and Social Justice, marking 10 years of democracy in South Africa.
2. "Moral Luck and The Criminal Law," in Law and Social Justice, J. Campbell, M. O'Rourke, D. Shier, eds. (MIT Press, 2006).
3. "Forensic, Grammatical, and Corporate Persons: A Family Relationship," Personalism, April, 2004.
4. "So Tired of the Future: Free Will in Spielberg's Minority Report," Movies and the Meaning of Life, Blessing and Todiko eds. (Open Court Press, 2005). This paper is co-authored with Shai Biderman.
5. "Arms and the Man: On Sympathizing with Socrates' Apology," in Tel Aviv University Law School's Journal of Law and Culture- Special Issue on Law and Love (Hebrew), Orna Ben Naftali guest editor.
6. "I am the Enemy you Killed, My Friend: Rethinking the Legitimacy of Truth Commissions" Metaphilosophy vol. 37, 2006. This article has been reprinted in Genocide's Aftermath: Responsibility and Repair, A. Marsoobian and C. Card eds.,(Blackwell, 2007)
7. "Transitional Justice" Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy
8. "Proportionality and Self Interest" Forthcoming, Human Rights Review
9. "When Should We Reconcile?" Forthcoming in Public Forgiveness, B. Stokkom, N. Doorn, P. Tongeren eds. (Intersentia, Series in Transitional Justice)
10. "Truce!" Forthcoming in The Aftermath of War A. Speight ed. (Notre Dame University Press, 2010)

Under Review

"Boundless, Aimless: Aristotle on Israel"

Op-eds

1. "A war of two worlds," Harvard Crimson (11/26/2001).
2. "Apathy looms as main threat to mid-east peace process," Boston Herald (1/12/2002).
3. "War for war's sake," The Miami Herald (4/10/2002), In These Times (4/12/2002), Common Dreams News Center (4/12/2002), Boston Herald (3/31/2002).
4. "Suicide Terrorism and Political Power," In The National Interest, Volume 1, Issue 16/17, December 2002.
5. "When Judgment is Sacrificed to Opinion: Israel's Likud Referendum," In The National Interest (5/4/2004)
6. "By the World Forgotten: *Realpolitik* and the Armenian Genocide," In The National Interest (9/1/2004)
7. "Hand Over the Keys," In These Times (6/23/2005)
8. "Dear Mr. Mahmoud Ahmedinejad," The Forward (5/26/2006). Co-written with Hillel Levine
9. "If it's apartheid, who's the Palestinian Mandela?" The Forward (1/19/2007)

10. "Is it Always Necessary to Reconcile?" Boston Globe, International Herald Tribune (9/24/2007)
11. "Israel's Slipping Democracy" Christian Science Monitor (9/23/2008). This piece was featured, among other outlets, on abc News online, Yahoo news online, and realclearpolitics.com
12. "The Two State Trap in the Mideast" with Ehud Eiran. Providence Journal (6/6/2009)
13. "What Israel Needs from Palestinians" with Ehud Eiran. Providence Journal (7/6/2009)

Poetry

6 poems in **Iton 77** – a Hebrew literary monthly, December 1995.

1 poem in **Moznayim** – a Hebrew literary monthly, February 1997.

Presentations

1. 4/3/2009 "Law's Circle: Heidegger and Dworkin on Interpretation" Conference of the Association of Law Culture and the Humanities, Suffolk University
2. 3/21/2009 "Truce!" Delivered at the Focal Conference on Reconciliation, Moral Obligation and Moral Reconstruction in the Wake of Conflict, Boston University, Institute for Philosophy and Religion
3. 11/ 19/2008 "Religion and Public Life in Israel" Invited lecture, Tufts University Hillel Association.
4. 4/2/2008 "Ethics and the Public Lawyer" Invited participant on a panel organized by the Rappaport Center for Law and Public Service at Suffolk University. Other panelists: Rhode Island Attorney General Patrick Lynch, Thomas Kiley, Esq., Peter Sturges, former Executive Director of the Massachusetts State Ethics Commission.
5. 4/4/2008 "Aimless Boundless: Aristotle on Israel" The Association of Core Texts and Courses, 14th Annual Conference, Plymouth, MA.
6. 4/13/2008 "Ethical Action in an Unethical Setting" Invited participant in a panel commemorating the legacy of Chiune Sugihara. Temple Emeth, Brookline, MA. Other panelists: Dr. Yasushi Toda, a research associate at the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Harvard University and Father Walter Cunin Catholic chaplain at Brandeis University.
7. 4/23/2008 "Ethical Dilemmas in the Israeli Palestinian Conflict" Invited Presentation for the Andover Ethics Society, Philips Academy, Andover, MA.
8. 3/29/2008 "International Tribunals and Truth Commissions" Invited workshop for the American Red Cross of Massachusetts Bay.
9. 4/2/2008 "Ethics and the Public Lawyer" Invited participant on a panel organized by the Rappaport Center for Law and Public Service at Suffolk University. Other panelists: Rhode Island Attorney General Patrick Lynch, Thomas Kiley, Esq., Peter Sturges, former Executive Director of the Massachusetts State Ethics Commission.
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13. 11/14/2007 "Jackpot? Legalizing Gambling in Massachusetts" Suffolk University, Boston Forum.
14. 10/24/2007 "Stem Cell Research' Suffolk University, Food for Thought
15. 9/26/2007 "Easy Does it: Military Proportionality and Self Interest" Suffolk University, Faculty Seminar
16. 8/9/2007 "Teaching about the Israeli Palestinian Conflict" Invited Lecture to participants of a summer seminar for high school teachers on dealing with Bias in the Classroom. The seminar took place at Framingham State College.
17. 6/21/2007 "Truce!" Invited lecture, faculty seminar of the Department of Government and Political Theory, Haifa University, Israel.
18. 5/2/2007 "Truce!" Invited lecture in a panel titled "The War in Lebanon 2006:Identities and Reconciliation." The panel was sponsored by the BU philosophy department and the BU Faculty for Humane Foreign Policy.
19. 4/13/2007 "Eaves-Dropping and the Problem of Dirty Hands." Invited participant in a panel with James Bamford organized by the government department at Suffolk University.
20. 4/12/2007 "Proportionality and the War in Lebanon" guest lecture in Maria Granik's Political Philosophy course, Boston University.
21. 3/29/2007 "Rawlsian Politics." Invited Core Curriculum Lecture, Boston University.
22. 11/21/2006: "Proportionality and the War in Lebanon" guest lecture in Greg Fried's Ethics of Peace and War seminar, Suffolk University.
23. 11/16/2006: "Truth Commissions and Transitional Justice" guest lecture in Patrick Shin's Jurisprudence seminar, Suffolk University School of Law.
24. 11/9/2006: "Punishment, Luck and Sympathy" invited lecture for Glenn Loury's Political Economy of Punishment seminar, Brown University.
25. 7/16/2006 "Coming to Terms with the Past: Lessons from South Africa" presentation to participants of workshop for advanced mediators, The International Institute for Mediation and Historical Conciliation.
26. 5/3/2006: "Democracy and the War on Terror." Invited lecture at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy.
27. 3/23/2006: "John Rawls on Public Reason." Invited Core Curriculum Lecture, Boston University.
28. 3/3/2006: "I am the Enemy You Killed My Friend: Rethinking the Justification of Truth Commissions." Invited presentation to the Boston Area Ethics Reading Group, Boston University.
29. 2/14/2006: "Can South Africa's TRC teach us anything about peace in the Middle East?" Invited lecture at the College of the Holy Cross - part of a six part series titled "Islam and the West: A Clash of Civilizations or a Search for Common Ground?"

30. 11/2/2005: "Israel's Disengagement from Gaza – Moral and Political Implications" Invited lecture at faculty and students colloquium organized by Political Science and History Departments, Providence College, RI.
31. 11/11/2004: "Political Reconciliation: A Philosophical framework." Northeastern Political Science Association, International Relations Section, Boston, MA.
32. 4/5/2003: "Games Without Frontiers: Some Aristotelian Reflections on Israel's Predicament." Philosophy in the Classical Tradition, Boston College Graduate Student Conference.
33. 3/24/2003: "Some Notes on the Phenomenology of Terrorism." Fourth Global Conference on Evil and Human Wickedness, Prague, Czech Republic.
34. 4/6/2002: "Moral Luck and the Criminal Law." 5th Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference in Pullman, WA and Moscow, ID.
35. 3/30/2002: "Moral Luck and the Criminal Law." Boston University Graduate Student Colloquium.

Service

- Committees: Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Educational Policy Committee, Suffolk.
- Pearl Lecture Series in Philosophy and Public Affairs: Initiated and organized lectures by:
 - Rami Kaplan "Conscientious Objection in the IDF"
 - Glenn Loury "Are Black Americans a People?"
 - David Lyons "Duty and Disobedience: Thoreau, Gandhi, and King"
 - Nadav Tamir, Consul General of Israel to New England, "Recent Developments in the Middle East: An Israeli Perspective"
 - Friedrich Firsov, "Comintern: Secrets of International Communism."
 - Predrag Cicovacki, "World Government - Is it Possible? Is it Necessary?"
 - David Roochnik, "In Defense of the Local: Aristotelian Reflections on a Politics of Place."
 - Steven Esposito, "Sophocles and Thucydides on the Limits of the Human City"
 - Linda Meyer, "Mercy in the Law"
- Boston Ethics Forum: initiated a forum for students to discuss ethical concerns as they arise in local and regional contexts. Topics have included gay marriage in Massachusetts, legalizing gambling in Massachusetts, testing Massachusetts fire fighters for drugs and alcohol.
- Suffolk University, Masters in Ethics and Public Policy: co- designer and director.
- Helped design new applied ethics track for philosophy majors.
- Selected as service learning fellow (one of two in the university). Helped to promote service learning among faculty and students. Designed and taught a service learning class in the philosophy of law. Participated in presentation to department chairs about the mechanics and benefits of service learning. Organized a presentation to members of the philosophy department about philosophy and service learning.
- Tenure track search committees (logic, applied ethics).
- Graduate Students Thesis Committee (International Relations): Theresa Goretti, Carlyn Jorgensen.
- Reviewer: *Theroia*, *Journal of Human Rights*, *The University Press of Kentucky*
- Advisor to Helen Whitney, Producer and Director of upcoming Frontline documentary film on forgiveness (PBS).