

# Olla Solomyak

## *Curriculum Vitae*

Shalem College  
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### **Positions**

Lecturer – Department of Philosophy and Jewish Thought, Shalem College. 2019 – present  
Core-faculty member, 2022 – present

Polonsky Postdoctoral Fellow – Polonsky Academy, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute. 2014 – 2019  
Research Project: *Lessons from the Metaphysics of Perspectives: Temporal experience and the sense of self*

### **Education**

Beit Midrash Har'el  
Rabbinical Ordination, 2022

New York University  
PhD in Philosophy, 2015  
Dissertation: *It's All a Matter of Perspectives: An approach to time, modality, and the first-person*  
Dissertation Committee: Ted Sider (*primary advisor*), Kit Fine, David Chalmers

Brandeis University  
BA in Philosophy, Mathematics, and Psychology. *Summa Cum Laude*, 2006  
Senior Honors Thesis: *Temporal Experience in a Timeless Universe*  
Advisor: Palle Yourgrau

### **Areas of Specialization**

Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Jewish Mysticism and Halakha

### **Areas of Competence**

Philosophy of Cognitive Science, Philosophy of Physics, Jewish Philosophy

### **Honors and Awards**

Polonsky Postdoctoral Fellowship, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, 2014-2019  
Mellon Dissertation Fellowship in Philosophy, New York University, 2013-2014  
Frankel Fellowship in Philosophy, New York University, 2012-2013  
Graduate Fellow, New York Institute of Philosophy:  
Project on the Foundations of Epistemology, 2011-2012  
Henry M. MacCracken Fellowship, New York University, 2008-2013  
Highest Departmental Honors in Philosophy, Brandeis University, 2006  
Departmental Honors in Mathematics, Brandeis University, 2006  
Esther Pine Memorial Prize for Academic Achievement, Brandeis University, 2006

**Publications** (*Philosophy*)

- ‘*Tzimtzum*: The (Meta-)Metaphysics of Divine Contraction.’ (2025). In Daniel Rynhold & Tyron Goldschmidt (eds.) *Routledge Companion to Jewish Philosophy*. Routledge.
- ‘How to be a Perspectival Pluralist.’ (2024). *Philosophy Compass*, 19(5).
- ‘The World to Come: A Perspective.’ (2024). In Yujin Nagasawa & Mohammad Saleh Zarepour (eds.) *Global Dialogues in the Philosophy of Religion: from Religious Experience to the Afterlife*. Oxford University Press.
- ‘A Puzzle for Realism about Ground.’ (2022). *Dialectica*, 76(1): 45-73.
- ‘Above Time: Rabbi Nachman’s *tzaddik* and enlightened temporal experience.’ (2021). *The Monist*, 104(3): 410-425.
- ‘Temporal Ontology and the Metaphysics of Perspectives.’ (2020). *Erkenntnis*, 85(2): 431-453.
- ‘Ground and Realism.’ (2020). In Michael J. Raven (ed.) *The Routledge Handbook of Metaphysical Grounding*. New York: Routledge.
- ‘Presentism and the Specious Present: From temporal experience to meta-metaphysics.’ (2019). *dialectica*, 73(1-2): 247-266.
- ‘Actuality and the Amodal Perspective.’ (2013). *Philosophical Studies*, 164(1): 15-40.

**Publications** (*Neurolinguistics*)

- Lewis, G., **Solomyak, O.**, & Marantz, A. (2011). ‘The neural basis of obligatory decomposition of suffixed words.’ *Brain and Language*, 118(3): 118-127
- Solomyak, O.** & Marantz, A. (2010). ‘Evidence for early morphological decomposition in visual word recognition.’ *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience*, 22(9): 2042-2057
- Solomyak, O.** & Marantz, A. (2009). ‘Lexical access in early stages of visual word processing: An MEG study of homograph recognition.’ *Brain and Language*, 103(3):191-196

**Selected Presentations**

- ‘From (Meta-)Metaphysics to Epistemology: The Case of Perspectival Pluralism’  
Minerva-Gentner Symposium. Tel Aviv University. December 2025
- ‘Temporal Structure and the Perspectival.’  
Time and Perspective Workshop. The Centre for Time, The University of Sydney. Nov. 2024
- ‘Reality as Structured: Two Conceptions.’  
45<sup>th</sup> International Wittgenstein Symposium. Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria. August 2024
- ‘*Tum*’at *Niddah* as an Epistemic Status.’  
Research Group in Philosophy and Halakha. The Hebrew University. June 2024

- ‘Realism and Indeterminacy in the Metaphysics of Halakhic Status.’  
Research Group in Philosophy and Halakha. The Hebrew University. December 2021
- ‘The Perspectives Framework: An Approach to Realism about the Perspectival.’  
Perspectival Facts: Fragmentalism and Rival Approaches. Online Workshop. June 2021
- ‘Perspectives as Holistic Meta-Metaphysics.’  
Systematic Metaphysics: Prospects and Problems. The Hebrew University. January 2020
- ‘The Metaphysics of Perspectives: Worlds, Times, Selves, and Beyond.’  
Polonsky Academy Seminar. The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute. January 2019
- ‘Ground and Realism’  
Hamburg Workshop on Metaphysical Grounding. Hamburg, Germany. May 2018
- ‘Two Senses of Self: Connections and analogies between self- and temporal- experience.’  
The Temporal Dimension of Action Workshop. Edelstein Center, Hebrew University. March 2018  
Polonsky Academy Seminar. The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute. March 2018
- ‘The Meta-Metaphysics of Distant Entities: Unifying the temporal and modal domains.’  
The University of Haifa. March 2018  
APA Eastern Meeting. Savannah, GA. January 2018
- Comments on Michał Klincewicz, ‘Temporal Mental Qualities and the Inheritance Thesis.’  
Conference on the Borders of Perception. VLJI / Hebrew University. January 2018
- ‘A Puzzle for Grounded Facts’  
‘Nothing Over and Above’ Workshop. University of Helsinki, Finland. August 2017
- Comments on Martin Glazier, ‘Being Someone Else’  
Midsummer Philosophy Workshop. Leeds, UK. June 2017
- ‘Presentism and the Specious Present: From temporal experience to meta-metaphysics’  
IAPT Annual Conference. Gargnano, Italy. June 2017  
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. May 2016  
Polonsky Academy Seminar. The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute. January 2016
- ‘The Sense of Self’  
New Israeli Philosophy Association Annual Conference. February 2017  
Polonsky Academy Seminar. The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute. January 2017
- ‘The Metaphysics of Perspectives: Parallel realities in time, possibility, and the self’  
Recalibrating: Experiments in Alternative Realities. Jerusalem Season of Culture. September 2016
- Comments on Silvia Jonas’ *Ineffability and its Metaphysics*  
Book launch at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute. June 2016
- ‘Grounding and Fundamentality: The Perspectives Approach’  
Truth and Grounds Conference. Monte Verità, Switzerland. May 2015

‘Perspectives on the Question of Ontology: A Realist Metaontological Approach’

Polonsky Academy Seminar. The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute. April 2015

Cambridge Metaontology Workshop. Cambridge, UK. May 2014

‘Temporal Ontology and the Metaphysics of Perspectives’

Gargnano Conference in Philosophy of Time. Gargnano, Italy. May 2014

Women in Metaphysics Workshop. Rochester, VT. May 2013

‘Temporal Passage and Realism about the Subjective’

Workshop on Subjectivism, Temporalism, and the Mind-Body Problem. NYU. December 2012

‘Actuality and the Amodal Perspective’

Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference. Bellingham, WA. July 2012

## Teaching

*As Primary Instructor:*

The Inner and the Outer: Perception, Skepticism, and the Boundaries of Consciousness

– Shalem College, Spring 2026

The Subject and the Object – Shalem College, Spring 2025

Analytic Philosophy and Hasidic Thought – Shalem College, Spring 2024

Metaphysics and Epistemology – Shalem College, Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2023

Topics in Analytic Philosophy – Shalem College, Spring 2020, 2021, 2022; Fall 2023, 2024, 2025

Schopenhauer: The World as Will and Representation – Shalem College, Spring 2020

Topics in Analytic Philosophy – with Yuval Dolev, Shalem College, Spring 2019

Topics in the Metaphysics of Time and Modality – Tel Aviv University, Spring 2017

Perspectives on the Sense of Self (graduate seminar) – Hebrew University, Spring 2016

Life and Death (introductory course) – NYU, Summer 2012

Introduction to Philosophy – NYU, Summer 2011

*As Teaching Assistant:*

History of Modern Philosophy – with Kristin Primus, NYU, Spring 2014

Set Theory – with Kit Fine, NYU, Spring 2012

Life and Death – with David Velleman, NYU, Fall 2011

Great Works in Philosophy – with Colin Marshall, NYU, Fall 2010

## Academic Service

Co-Organizer of the Graduate Student Survival Workshop, NYU, 2013-2014

Co-Organizer of the Departmental Colloquium Series, NYU, 2012-2013

Departmental Social Committee, NYU, 2011-2012

Reviewer for NYU/Columbia Graduate Conference, 2009-2012

Reviewer for *Analysis*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *dialectica*, *Ergo*, *Erkenntnis*, *The Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *Metaphysics*, *Noûs*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Papers*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, & *Synthese*.

## **Laboratory Research**

Researcher – KIT / NYU MEG Joint Research Lab, 2006-2008:

Studied the neurolinguistic processes underlying visual word recognition; Developed new algorithms for magneto-encephalography (MEG) data analysis. (P.I.: Alec Marantz)

## **Other Academic Activities**

Participant in the Hebrew University Research Group in Philosophy and Halakha. 2021, 2024

Participant in the XIX Summer School in Philosophy of Physics: *Many-Worlds Interpretations*.

Italian Society for Logic and the Philosophy of Science. Urbino, September 2016

Participant in the UC Santa Cruz Institute for the Philosophy of Cosmology, Summer 2013

**Languages:** English, Hebrew, Russian