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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

SMU Dedman School of Law, Dallas, TX
Assistant Professor of Law, 2024–present
Courses: Copyright; Contracts; IP Survey

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA
Graduate Program Fellow, 2017–23
Teaching Fellow, Legal Research, Writing, and Analysis
Teaching Fellow, IP & Technology Writing Workshop
Fellow, Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society
Fellow, Harvard Project on the Foundations of Private Law
Teaching Fellow, Copyright–X, Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.), 2024
Dissertation: *History, Custom, and Procedure: Essays on Copyright Policy*
Committee: William Fisher, Rebecca Tushnet
Honors: Irving Oberman Memorial Prize (best paper in intellectual property law)
Foundations of Private Law Prize (best paper on a private law subject)
Summer Academic Fellowship (two–time recipient)

Harvard Law School, Master of Laws (LL.M.), 2017 (degree waived)
Honors: Dean’s Scholar Prize, Constitutional Law
Dean’s Scholar Prize, International Commercial Arbitration
Summer Academic Fellowship

Tel Aviv University, Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.), *magna cum laude*, 2014
Honors: Prize for Best Student Paper, 2014 (co–recipient)
Merit–Based Scholarship
Memorial Scholarship for Academic Excellence
Dean’s List
Accelerated Program for Outstanding Students
Activities: Articles Editor, Tel Aviv University Law Review
Associate Editor, LGBTQ LAW IN ISRAEL (Sacher Institute Press, 2016)

PUBLICATIONS

Copyright’s Dominion
100 NEW YORK UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW (forthcoming 2025)

Infringement Episodes
97 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW 1029 (2024)

Commercializing Copyright
65 BOSTON COLLEGE LAW REVIEW 453 (2024)

- “Recommended” on the Legal Theory Blog (Apr. 3, 2024) ([link](#))
- Featured on the Private Law Theory Blog (Mar. 13, 2024) ([link](#))

The Folklore of Copyright Procedure

36 HARVARD JOURNAL OF LAW & TECHNOLOGY 61 (2023)

- Selected as one of the best intellectual property articles of 2023 (reprinted in INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW REVIEW by Thomson Reuters/West)
- Winner, Irving Oberman Memorial Prize in Intellectual Property, Harvard Law School
- Featured on the Media Law Prof Blog (Aug. 16, 2022) ([link](#))

The Copyright Wasteland

47 BYU LAW REVIEW 1721 (2022)

- Winner, Project on the Foundations of Private Law Prize, Harvard Law School
- Selected as one of “the most important and timely articles on computers, technology, and the law” of 2022 by the Rutgers Computer and Technology Law Journal

Fairness, Copyright, and Video Games: Hate the Game, Not the Player

31 FORDHAM INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT LAW JOURNAL 694 (2021)

Bodas de Sangre: Reflections on Family, Privacy, and the Right to Protest

39 THE LAW: HUMAN RIGHTS 4 (2015) (with Aeyal Gross) (in Hebrew)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Copyright as the Law of Intuition

Copyright Thickness

Intellectual Property Hierarchy

Copyright Relativism

MEDIA COMMENTARY

Quoted in *‘Dungeons & Dragons’ Uproar Shows Risks of Tighter IP Licensing*, BLOOMBERG LAW (2023)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Commentator, Niel W. Netanel, The EU Press Publishers’ Right: A Failed Migration?

Texas L. Rev. Symposium, The Politics of IP, University of Texas School of Law, Jan. 2025

Copyright’s Dominion

UNLV School of Law, Works in Progress for IP Scholars Colloquium, Jan. 2025 (scheduled)

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Nov. 2024

SMU Dedman School of Law, Junior Faculty Workshop, Sept. 2024

Berkeley School of Law, Intellectual Property Scholars Conference, Aug. 2024

Commercializing Copyright

Boston University School of Law, IP Workshop, Feb. 2024
SMU Dedman School of Law, Nov. 2023
Cornell Law School, Nov. 2023
University of Wisconsin Law School, Oct. 2023
Harvard Law School, Art of the Response Paper Workshop, Sept. 2023
Harvard Law School, Copyright–X Summit, Jun. 2023

Infringement Episodes

Harvard Law School, Art of the Response Paper Workshop, Sept. 2022

The Folklore of Copyright Procedure

Harvard Law School, S.J.D. Colloquium, Dec. 2022
UC Davis School of Law, Oct. 2022
University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law, Oct. 2022
Harvard Law School, Intellectual Property Writing Group, Mar. 2022
Cardozo Law School, Intellectual Property Scholars Conference, Aug. 2021

The Copyright Wasteland

Harvard Law School, Intellectual Property Writing Group, Mar. 2021
Stanford Law School, Intellectual Property Scholars Conference, Jul. 2020

Fairness, Copyright, and Video Games

Harvard Law School, S.J.D. Colloquium, Oct. 2020
Tel Aviv University, Israeli Intellectual Property Scholars Conference, Sept. 2019

Taking a Cue from the People: Social Norms and Copyright Law

Tel Aviv University, Feb. 2014

LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Tadmor & Co., Tel Aviv, Israel

Associate and Clerk, 2014–16

Tel Aviv University Law School, Tel Aviv, Israel

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Jewish Law, 2015
Research Assistant to Professor Aeyal Gross, 2013–15
Research Assistant to Professor Leora Bilsky, 2012–14

Bar Ilan University Faculty of Law, Ramat Gan, Israel
Teaching Assistant, Law and Society, 2014–15