



MEET OUR AMBASSADORS

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Field of Research:

Theories of Justice, Educational Equality, Human Rights

SHORT BIO

I completed my post-doctoral research at New York University and Columbia University (NYC), and I was a visiting Professor at the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education.

My research tackles issues of distributive justice, and especially educational justice, from both legal and philosophical perspectives. I am interested in investigating the moral duties we owe individuals from various social groups—race, gender, ethnicity, social class, as well as what justice demands with relation to students with low academic abilities. I also research how legal rules affect individuals from these groups, for example through enrollment policy, ability grouping, and funding.

Alongside research and teaching, I am also the Academic Director of the Legal Clinics, which brings together my passion for teaching, research and activism.

FUNDRAISING NEEDS

The Clinics for Law and Social Change were established twenty years ago to promote three goals: 1) create positive social change and promote human rights using a wide variety of legal tools--pro bono legal services, mediation, high impact litigation, legislative change, public outreach and advocacy, and more; 2) provide law students with quality experiential legal education; and 3) perform applied legal research that addresses social injustices.

The clinics employ 6 full time lawyers, all leading jurists in their field, who carry out the legal work, teach and tutor the students, initiate coalitions with other civil society organizations, and perform legal research. The Clinics enroll about 100 students every year who are involved in more than 500 cases and projects every year that affect thousands of people in Israel.