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for Visiting Scholars and Fellows**

**First Annual album  
2014/2015**



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The Mortimer and Raymond Sackler Institute of Advanced Studies

Professor Marek Karliner, Head of the Institute

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29 December, 2015

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Dr. Michael Shaoul and Dr. Nirit Weiss  
105 Avenue B, Apt 6  
New York, NY 10009

Dear Drs. Shaoul and Weiss,

I am delighted to present you with the first album of the Nirit and Michael Shaoul Fund for Visiting Scholars and Fellows. The album summarizes the academic year 2014/15, which was full of excellent and productive academic sharing and collaborations.

While much academic exchange is done by email and at conferences, nothing is as good as working together for a substantial period of time. It is also beneficial for TAU to host scholars from other parts of the world, to show them the Israeli academic scene in action, and to form academic relationships with them. These days, some scholars are reluctant to come to Israel, either for political reasons or because they fear that it is not safe. Your fund provides an encouragement to visit TAU.

Last year we were honored to have these outstanding scholars with us:

**Stephen E. Fienberg**, Statistics and Social Science, Carnegie Mellon University;

**Jarrad Harford**, School of Business, University of Washington;

**Stephen Holmes**, School of Law, New York University;

**Christopher F. McKee**, Astronomy and Physics, University of California, Berkeley;

**Edward Mocarski**, Microbiology and Immunology, Emory University;

**Jeffrey Segal**, Political Science, State University of New York;

**Claus Schwechheimer**, Biology, Technische University Munchen.

I would like to thank you again for your generous donation which enables us to bring these prominent scholars to TAU and will serve as ambassadors of good will when they return to their home countries.

Yours respectively,

Prof. Marek Karliner  
Head of the Institute

cc: Research authorities

Ms. Ronit Nevo, Administrative Director, IAS

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**Academic Year 2014 – 2015**

Professor JARRAD HARFORD ..... May 12 – 2015

Professor CHRISTOPHER F. MCKEE ..... May 15 – 2015

Professor JEFFREY SEGAL ..... May 25 – 2015

Professor STEPHEN E. FIENBERG ..... May 29 – 2015

Professor STEPHEN HOLMES ..... June 2 – 2015

Professor EDWARD S. MOCARSKI ..... June 14 – 2015

Professor CLAUD SCHWECHHEIMER ..... August 12 – 2015



## PROFESSOR JARRAD HARFORD



Prof. Jarrad Harford, Nirit and Michael Shaoul fellow 2014/2015, is the Paul Pigott - PACCAR Professor of Finance at the University of Washington's Foster School of Business.

Prof. Harford from Pennsylvania State University with a B.S. in Finance and Economics and received his Ph.D. in Finance with a minor in Organizations and Markets from Rochester University. Before arriving at Washington at 2001 he taught at University of Oregon. Since 2013 he serves as Chair of the Department of Finance and Business Economics at Washington.

His primary research areas are mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance and payout policy. He has consistently published work on these topics in the top finance journals. He is a member of the American Finance Association and a director at the Financial Management Association and was involved in many Program Committees. He currently serves as a Managing Editor of the *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis* and as an Associate Editor for the *Journal of Financial Economics*, the *Review of Financial Studies* and the *Journal of Corporate Finance*.

Professor Harford has won numerous awards for his teaching, and in 2014, Pearson-Prentice Hall published the third edition of an undergraduate finance textbook co-authored by him.



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**Professor Jarrad Harford**  
**Michael G. Foster School of Business**  
**University of Washington**  
**Seattle, Washington**  
**USA**

**פרופסור ג'רד הרפורד**  
**בית הספר לעסקים ע"ש מיכאל פוסטר**  
**אוניברסיטת וושינגטון**  
**סיאטל, וושינגטון**  
**ארה"ב**

*Lecture*

הרצאה

**" CORPORATE FINANCIAL POLICIES  
IN OVERVALUED CREDIT MARKETS "**

The lecture will be held on Monday,  
12 May 2015, at 11:00, in Room 408,  
Recanati Building,  
School of Management,  
Tel-Aviv University, Ramat-Aviv

ההרצאה תתקיים ביום שני,  
12 במאי 2015, בשעה 14:00  
בחדר 408, בניין רקנאטי,  
בית הספר לניהול,  
אוניברסיטת תל אביב, רמת אביב





Prof. Jerrard Hartford, Prof. Moshe Zviran and Dr. Jacob Oded



Prof. Jerrard Hartford at his lecture



June 30, 2015

Professor Marek Karliner  
Director of the Mortimer and Raymond Sackler Institute for Advanced Studies

Dear Professor Karliner,

I am writing to summarize briefly for you the very successful visit of Professor Jarrad Harford, who came here as a Nirit and Michael Shaoul Fellow last month.

Professor Harford is a leading finance researcher with international reputation. He is the Marin B. Ingersoll Professor of Finance, and the chair of the Department of Finance and Business Economics in Foster School of Business, University of Washington. His specialties are corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions, payout policy and corporate governance. He has published in all top finance journals. Some of his papers are considered seminal in corporate finance and corporate governance. He is a co-editor in one of the top three finance journals "The Review of Financial Studies."

During his visit, Professor Harford had fruitful personal conversations with all the finance faculty here at TAU. On May 12, Professor Harford presented a two-hour seminar titled "Corporate Financial Policies in Overvalued Credit Markets" at Recanati Business School, Tel Aviv University. In his talk, Professor Harford describe a state of the art study he is working on. The study provides evidence that firms take advantage of credit rating inaccuracies by issuing more debt, rolling over more debt, and lengthening debt maturities. The study also shows that this effect has real investment implications: the funds raised are then used by firms to finance capital expenditures and cash acquisitions. More generally, the study helps understand how firms determine their capital structure.

About 25 people attended in the seminar. The seminar was very successful. In addition to TAU school of management faculty and students, we drew participants from the Hebrew University, Bar Ilan University, the Bank of Israel, and the Israeli Stock Exchange, as well as several fund managers.

I would like to again thank the Institute and to the Nirit and Michael Shaoul Fund for your generous financial support and for making this visit happen.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jacob Oded





## PROFESSOR CHRISTOPHER F. MCKEE



Prof. Christopher F. McKee, Nirit and Michael Shaoul fellow 2014/2015, is Professor Emeritus of Astronomy and Physics at the University of California, Berkeley. He received his AB degree from Harvard and his Ph.D. in physics from UC Berkeley. After a year as a postdoctoral fellow at Caltech and several years as an assistant professor of Astronomy at Harvard, he joined the Physics and Astronomy departments at UC Berkeley, where he has been since 1974.

Professor McKee has received a number of honors for his work: He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and of the American Physical Society and a Guggenheim Fellow. At Tel Aviv University he has been the Sackler Fellow, a guest lecturer at the Emilio Segre Distinguished Lectures in Physics of the Raymond and Beverly Sackler Foundation and the Bahcall Lecturer. He has also been the Sackler Lecturer at Harvard and at the University of Toronto, and the Antoinette de Vaucouleurs Medalist and Lecturer at the University of Texas. With Joseph Taylor, he co-chaired the decadal survey in astronomy and astrophysics in 2000 under the auspices of the National Research Council. At UC Berkeley, he served as founding Director of the Theoretical Astrophysics Center, Director of the Space Sciences Laboratory, Chair of the Physics Department, and Interim Dean of Mathematical and Physical Sciences. He serves as an Interim Vice Chancellor for Research since April 2015.

Professor McKee has carried out theoretical investigations of a wide variety of astrophysical phenomena, ranging from the interstellar medium of the Galaxy to quasars and cosmic gamma-ray bursts. His current research focuses on the formation of stars: How do low mass stars like the Sun form? How do the massive stars that create most of the heavy elements form? What determines the rate of star formation in galaxies? How did the first stars form?



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Professor Christopher McKee  
Physics Department  
University of California  
Berkeley, California  
USA

פרופסור כריסטופר מקיי  
המחלקה לפיסיקה  
אוניברסיטת קליפורניה  
ברקלי, קליפורניה  
ארה"ב

*Lecture*

הרצאה

**"The Local Baryon Budget:  
Implications for a Thin Disk of Dark Matter in the Milky Way"**

The lecture will be held on Monday,  
18 May 2015, at 12:20, in Room 118,  
Shenkar Building for Physics,  
Faculty of Exact Science,  
Tel-Aviv University, Ramat-Aviv

ההרצאה תתקיים ביום שני,  
18 במאי 2015, בשעה 12:20  
בחדר 118, בניין שנקר לפיסיקה,  
פקולטה למדעים מדויקים,  
אוניברסיטת תל אביב, רמת אביב





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## Seminar Day at TAU (McKee visit)

### Seminar Day at TAU

Prof. Chris McKee (UCB) will be visiting Tel Aviv University in May, as a Nirit and Michael Shaoul Fellow 2014/15, and we will be holding a special ICORE seminar day for the entire Israeli community, on Monday 18 May, starting at 09:30, at TAU ending around 17:45.

Students and postdocs are especially encouraged to attend. Please register for this meeting, at the link: [Press HERE](#)

Program of talks is below.

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#### Special Seminar Day: Monday 18 May

**Location: Tel Aviv University, Kaplun Building, Room 118.**

**Organizer: Prof. Amiel Sternberg**

#### 09:30-10:00

Eli Waxman (WIS)

IceCube Neutrinos: What We Have Learned

#### 10:05-10:35

Hagai Netzer (TAU)

Thin Disks Slim Disks and Super-Eddington Accretion in AGNs

#### 10:40-11:10 coffee

#### 11:10-11:40

Tal Alexander (WIS)

Rapid Black Hole Formation in the Early Universe

#### 11:45-12:15

Boaz Katz (WIS)

How Do Stars Explode?

#### 12:20-13:00

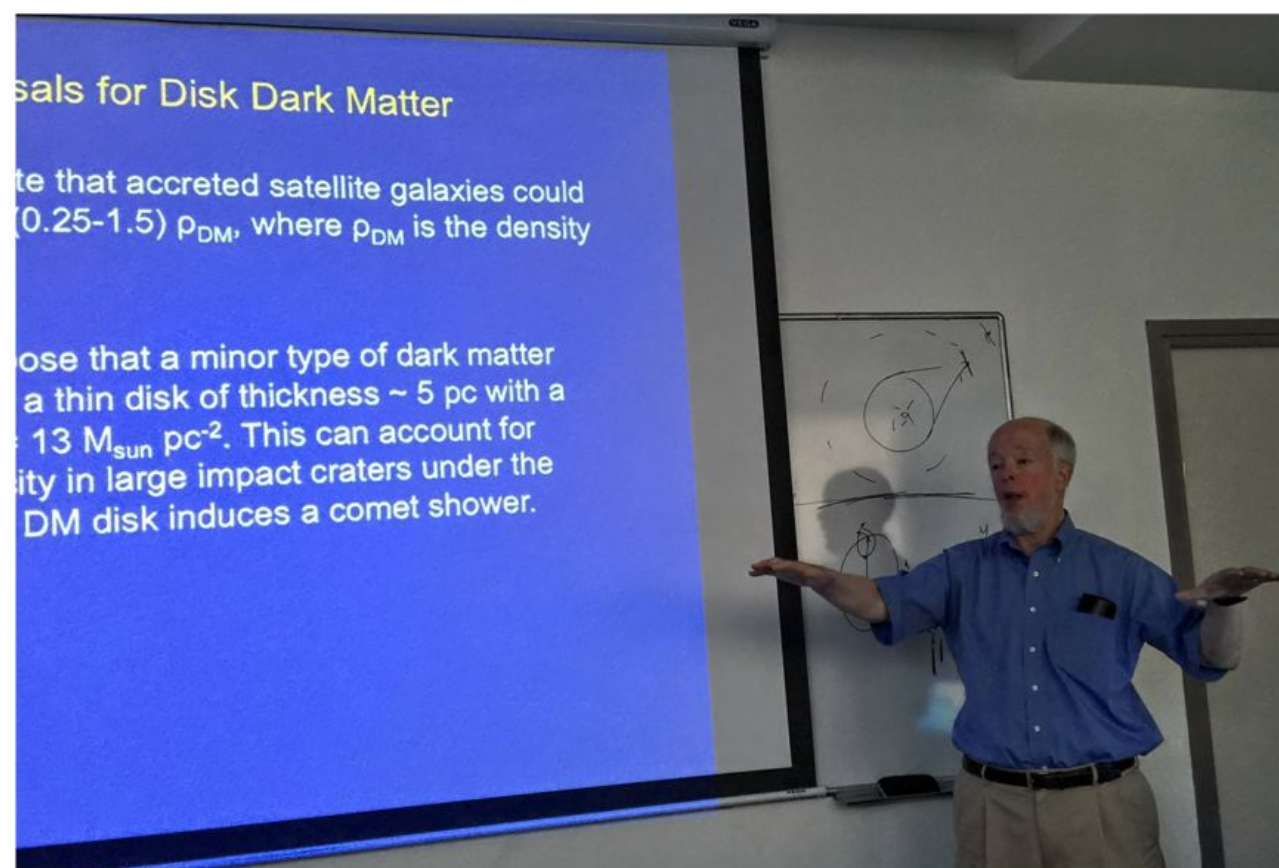
Chris McKee (UCB)

Magnetic Fields in Molecular Gas





Prof. Christopher McKee and Prof. Amiel Sternberg



Prof. Christopher McKee at his lecture



Tel Aviv, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Prof. Marek Karliner, Head  
Institute for Advanced Studies  
TAU

Dear Marek,

I am pleased to report that Prof. McKee's recent visit to our Astrophysics Department, and with generous support from the Nirit and Michael Shaoul funds, was highly stimulating and productive. The special Israel-wide seminar day we held on 18 May in honor of Prof. McKee's visit was especially successful, with extraordinary participation - standing room only! During his visit with us as Shaoul Fellow, Prof McKee interacted with our group members, faculty, and especially students. I think Prof. McKee was suitably impressed by the broad range of research interests in our group and the excellence of our students. Our scientific collaboration was deepened. In my opinion, Prof. McKee is precisely the kind of world renowned scientist that should be supported by the new fund, and I am personally grateful to Dr. Nirit Weiss and Dr. Michael Shaoul for creating and enabling the new opportunity for attracting such distinguished scientists to our university.

With all best wishes,

Prof. Amiel Sternberg



## PROFESSOR JEFFREY SEGAL



Prof. Jeffrey Segal, Nirit and Michael Shaoul fellow 2014/2015, is SUNY Distinguished Professor at Stony Brook University and chair of the Department of Political Science.

Prof. Segal received his Ph.D. from Michigan State University in 1983. For 2011-12 he was Senior Visiting Research Scholar at Princeton University. He also held a Guggenheim Fellowship for 2011-12. Segal is best known, with Harold Spaeth, as the leading proponent of the attitudinal model of Supreme Court decision making.

Prof. Segal has twice won the Wadsworth Award for a book (*The Supreme Court and the Attitudinal Model*, 1993, Cambridge University Press, with Harold Spaeth) or article ("Predicting Supreme Court Cases Probabilistically: The Search and Seizure Cases, 1962-1981, 1984) 10 years or older with lasting influence on law and courts. His work on the influence of precedent (*Majority Rule or Minority Will*, Cambridge University Press, 1999, with Harold Spaeth) won the C. Herman Pritchett Award for best book on law and courts. His work on the influence of strategic factors on Supreme Court decision making won the Franklin Burdette Award from APSA. With Lee Epstein, Kevin Quinn and Andrew Martin he won Green Bag's award for exemplary legal writing. He has also won an award sponsored by the American Bar Association for innovative teaching and instructional methods and materials in law and courts.



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**Professor Jeffrey A. Segal**  
**Chair, Department of Political Science**  
**Stony Brook University**  
**Stony Brook, NY, USA**

**פרופסור ג'פרי סגל**  
**יושב ראש, המחלקה למדע המדינה**  
**אוניברסיטת סטוני ברוק**  
**סטוני ברוק, ניו-יורק, ארה"ב**

*Lecture*

הרצאה

### **"THE SAME SEX CERTIORARI GAME"**

The lecture will be held on Monday,  
25 May 2015, at 14:00, in Room 412,  
Naftali Building, Faculty of Social Sciences,  
Tel-Aviv University, Ramat-Aviv

ההרצאה תתקיים ביום שני, 25 במאי  
2015, בשעה 14:00, בחדר 412,  
בבניין נפתלי, הפקולטה למדעי החברה,  
אוניברסיטת תל אביב, רמת אביב

Light refreshments will be served  
at 13:45 before the lecture

כיבוד קל יוגש לפני ההרצאה  
בשעה 13:45

*Lecture in the framework of the Department of  
Political Sciences' departmental seminar*

הרצאה במסגרת הסמינר המחלקתי  
של החוג למדע המדינה

### **"MOTIVATED COGNITION ON THE BENCH: DOES CRIMINAL EGREGIOUSNESS INFLUENCE JUDGES' BELIEFS ABOUT POLICE WRONGDOING?"**

The lecture will be held on Monday,  
1 June 2015, at 16:00, in Room 527,  
Naftali Building, Faculty of Social Sciences,  
Tel-Aviv University, Ramat-Aviv

ההרצאה תתקיים ביום שני, 1 ביוני  
2015, בשעה 16:00, בחדר 527,  
בבניין נפתלי, הפקולטה למדעי החברה,  
אוניברסיטת תל אביב, רמת אביב

Light refreshments will be served  
at 15:30 before the lecture

כיבוד קל יוגש לפני ההרצאה  
בשעה 15:30





Prof. Udi Sommer and Prof. Jeffrey Segal



Prof. Jeffrey Segal at one of his lectures



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DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE



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June 21, 2015

*Scientific Report*

Professor Jeffrey Segal  
Nirit and Michael Shaoul Fellow for 2014/15

Fellow at the Department of Political Science  
Faculty of Social Sciences  
Tel Aviv University

Professor Segal is a SUNY distinguished professor and chair at Stony Brook University. His visit at Tel Aviv University in May and June of 2015 was a major contribution to the academic community at the Faculty of Social Science in general and at the Department of Political Science in particular. In addition, professor Segal interacted extensively with the academic and professional communities in Israel writ large.

Professor Segal presented his research at the department of political science several times. He interacted with faculty members concerning his scientific endeavors both on Monday, May 25, at the formal reception held by the Sackler Institute. At this reception, professor Segal discussed the decision on certiorari on the Supreme Court of the United States in the gay marriage case. This research project examines the political considerations and strategic calculus of granting review in this case. On June 1, professor Segal presented his work at the department seminar. The seminar is a weekly event, where all senior faculty members as well as graduate students are in attendance. The topic of this talk was 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment search and seizure cases and the effects of various cognitive and psychological mechanisms on judicial decision making at the level of the Supreme Court. The discussion that followed brought up both theoretical and methodological issues of great interest to the department as a whole. Apart from those formal events, professor Segal had an office at the department, where he was continually interacting with faculty members and students



throughout his time here. He was extremely generous with his time and shared lunch or had coffee with various members of the department numerous times.

Professor Segal interacted with the body of graduate students at the department several times. Given the new PhD program opened at the department last year, this was particularly valuable. On May 25 he met with the research team of Dr. Udi Sommer as well as other graduate students whose research areas pertain to his expertise. This was a mentoring event, where the students presented their work and research projects. Professor Segal both made comments about their work as well as shared his mentoring insights from decades of conducting research and advising political science students at the graduate level. In addition, on June 4, professor Segal led a PhD survey class on comparative political institutions. He focused on Robert Dahl's work and its implications for our understanding of democratic political institutions.

At Tel Aviv University, professor Segal also participated in a conference on empirical legal studies on June 2-4. He took part in a panel on the Israeli Supreme Court that included researchers and practitioners (including Israeli judges) on May 26. Finally, he gave talks at the Law School and the political science departments at the Hebrew University.

Overall, his visit in Israel was a major contribution to faculty members, graduate students and even practitioners at Tel Aviv University and beyond. We are truly grateful to Dr. Michael Shaoul and Dr. Nirit Weiss for their generous support.

Best regards,

Udi



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## PROFESSOR STEPHEN E. FIENBERG



Prof. Stephen E. Fienberg, Nirit and Michael Shaoul fellow 2014/2015, is Maurice Falk University Professor of Statistics and Social Science at Carnegie Mellon University, and co-director of the Living Analytics Research Centre (jointly operated by Carnegie Mellon and Singapore Management University), with appointments in the Department of Statistics, the Machine Learning Department, the Heinz College, and Cylab. He joined the faculty of Carnegie Mellon in 1980. He received his Ph.D. in Statistics from Harvard University in 1968, and has taught at the University of Chicago, the University of Minnesota, and York University, where he served as Vice President Academic.

Fienberg is Editor-in-Chief of the *Annals of Applied Statistics*, co-founder and Editor-in-Chief of the online *Journal of Privacy and Confidentiality*, and founding Editor of the *Annual Review of Statistics and its Applications*. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, and a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Academy of Political and Social Science, and the Royal Society of Canada.

Fienberg's research includes the development of statistical methods, especially tools for the analysis of categorical data, networks, privacy protection (from both likelihood and Bayesian perspectives), the history of statistics, statistics and the law and methodology for census taking and surveys. His work on confidentiality and privacy protection views them as statistical problems and focuses on the tradeoff between data protection and data utility. He is the author or editor of over 20 books and 500 papers and related publications.



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**Prof. Steven Fienberg**  
**Maurice Falk University Professor**  
**Carnegie Mellon University**  
**United States**

**פרופסור סטיבן פיינברג**  
**פרופסור ע"ש מוריס פאלק**  
**אוניברסיטת קרנגי מלון**  
**ארה"ב**

*Workshop*

סדנה

## PRIVACY PROTECTION AND RECORD LINKAGE

Privacy protection and record linkage remain joined at the hip. Statisticians do record linkage to enhance the information available on individuals beyond that in individual databases. Doing such linkage well enhances the scientific credibility and statistical validity of any resulting analyses. But if we are concerned about privacy protection we think in terms of protecting individuals in a database from identification through linkage attacks by an intruder! This two-part short course will review recent advances in these two domains, especially efforts to ensure that methods in both domains scale to as the size of databases grow. On the linkage side we will discuss propagating linkage error into subsequent analyses. On the privacy protection side we will describe the technique of differential privacy which protects "probabilistically" against all linkage attacks.

The seminar will be held on Friday,  
29 May 2015, at 9:00,  
in Melamed Auditorium,  
Tel-Aviv University, Ramat-Aviv

הסמינר יתקיים ביום שישי,  
29 במאי 2015, בשעה 9:00,  
באולם מלמד,  
אוניברסיטת תל-אביב, רמת-אביב

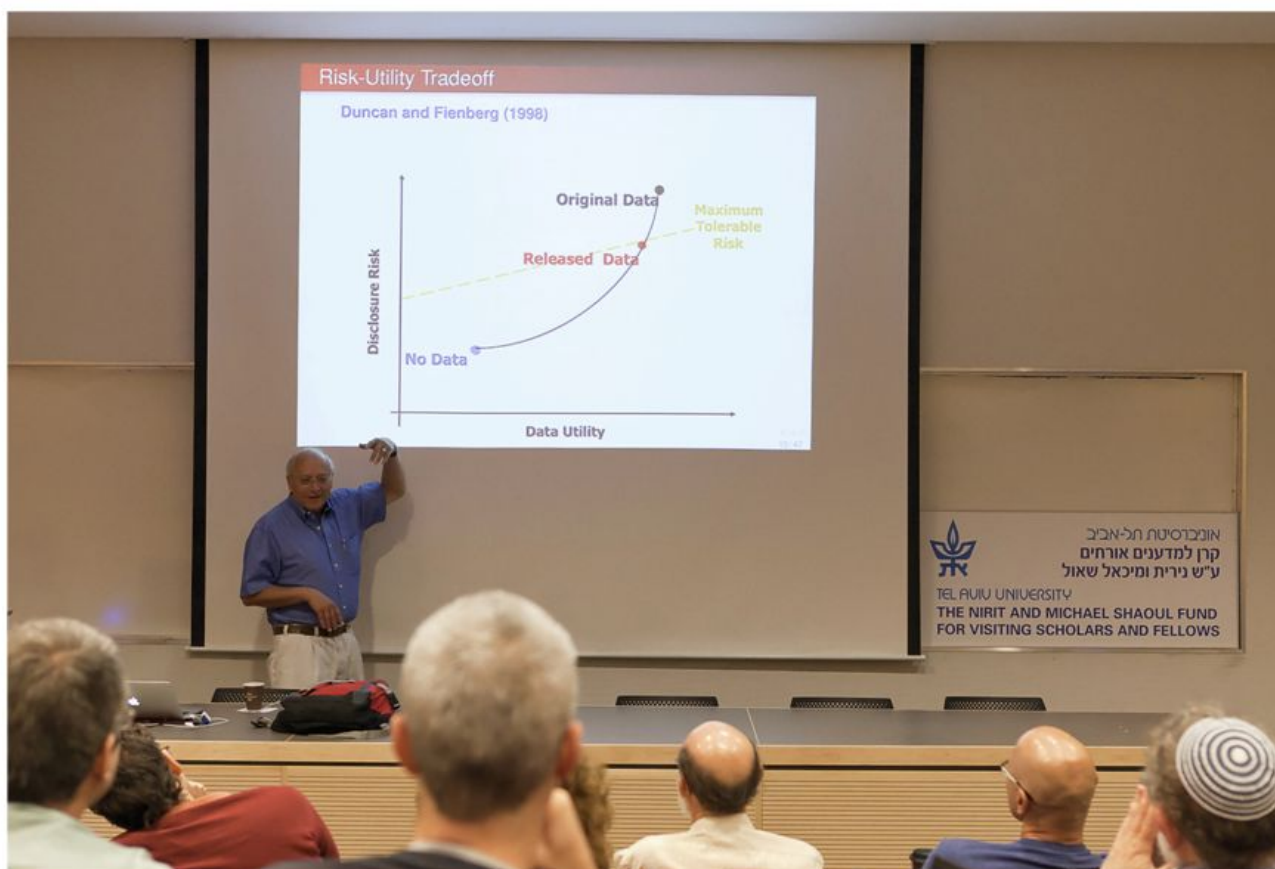
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Prof. David Steinberg and Prof. Stephen Fienberg



Prof. Jeffrey Segal at his lecture





16 June 2015

Professor Marek Karliner  
Director of the Mortimer and Raymond Sackler Institute for Advanced Studies

Dear Professor Karliner,

I want to summarize briefly for you the very successful visit of Professor Stephen Fienberg, who came here as a Nirit and Michael Shaoul Fellow last month.

Professor Fienberg is one of the leading statisticians in the world. He presented the keynote address at the annual meeting of the Israel Statistical Association (which co-sponsored his visit). His lecture addressed a major theme "The Promise and Perils of Big Data for Statistical Inference". And it lived up to its own promise as a fascinating commentary on how the availability of data, in volume, velocity and variety, is affecting how we approach statistics. Professor Fienberg rooted his talk with many fascinating applications in which he is involved. These include a "people mapping" project (using real-time GPS sensors) at a university in Singapore, data on social networks, and high-resolution biometric data used in forensic science. One of the interesting frames for the talk was the emphasis that Professor Fienberg placed on the role for many classical statistical ideas in experiment and survey design in the world of big data. The lecture was very well received and many participants engaged in personal discussion with Professor Fienberg.

On 29 May Professor Fienberg presented a three-hour workshop on Privacy Protection and Record Linkage at Tel Aviv University, areas in which he is an international expert. About 30 people attended in the workshop. Professor Fienberg covered many aspects related to privacy protection, including theoretical bounds on how much information can be exposed without compromising privacy and on practical methods to achieve protection. He also explored problems in record linkage – which arise when access to more than one data source allows someone to "link" information and thereby compromise what should be confidential records. The workshop was very successful. In addition to TAU faculty and students, we drew participants from the Hebrew University, the Weizmann Institute, Teva, the Central Bureau of Statistics and the National Center for Cyber Security.

During his stay, Professor Fienberg had fruitful personal conversations with all the statistics faculty here at TAU. He gave me and one of my Ph D students some very good ideas for problems that we are researching in the area of "active learning". He also found time to meet with representatives of the Central Bureau of Statistics and the National Center for Cyber Security.

This was a very productive academic visit. I want to again extend my sincere thanks to the Institute and to the Nirit and Michael Shaoul Fund for your generous financial support.

Sincerely,

Professor David Steinberg



## PROFESSOR STEPHEN HOLMES



Prof. Stephen Holmes, Nirit and Michael Shaoul fellow 2014/2015, is Walter E. Meyer Professor of Law at NYU School of Law. He previously taught at Harvard, Princeton, and the University of Chicago.

Prof. Holmes received his Ph.D. from Yale University in 1976. His fields of specialization include the history of liberalism, the disappointments of democratization after communism, and the difficulty of combating terrorism within the limits of liberal constitutionalism.

He is the author of *Benjamin Constant and the Making of Modern Liberalism* (1984), *The Anatomy of Antiliberalism* (1993), *Passions and Constraint: On the Theory of Liberal Democracy* (1995), and *The Matador's Cape: America's Reckless Response to Terror* (2007). He is co-author (with Cass Sunstein) of *The Cost of Rights: Why Liberty Depends on Taxes* (1999).

Prof. Holmes received numerous fellowships and academic honors since he graduated from Denison University with B.A. Summa cum Laude. He is also a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences since 1992, and a member of the New York Council on Foreign Relations since 1998.





The Minerva Center for Human Rights  
The Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics  
The Nirit and Michael Shaoul Fund for Visiting Scholars and Fellows

The Forum on  
Law, Globalization and the Transnational Sphere:  
**Prof. Stephen Holmes, NYU**

**“The Constitutional Law  
of Territorial Expansion and  
Indian Dispossession”**

**Chair:** Prof. Shai Lavi, Director of  
The Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics

**Speaker:** Prof. Stephen Holmes, NYU

**Tuesday, June 2nd, 2015, 16:00**

The Event will take place at  
Elga Cegla Conference Room  
(near the Dean's office), at the  
Faculty of Law, Trubowicz Building,  
Tel Aviv University

The event will be held in English and  
is open to the general public

**For Details: [Minerva@post.tau.ac.il](mailto:Minerva@post.tau.ac.il)**



Prof. Holmes's research centers on the history of European liberalism, the 1787 Constitution as a blueprint for continental expansion, the incoherence of the deep state in the Russian Federation, and the difficulty of combating international terrorism within the bounds of the Constitution and the rule of law. In 1988, he was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship to complete a study of the theoretical foundations of liberal democracy. He was named a Carnegie Scholar in 2003-05 for his work on Russian legal reform. Prof. Holmes is Nirit and Michael Shaoul Fellow 2014/15.

Prof. Holmes wrote numerous articles on the history of political thought, democratic and constitutional theory, state building in post-Communist Russia, and the war on terror, and several books, including *The Cost of Rights: Why Liberty Depends on Taxes*, co-authored with Cass Sunstein (1998), and *The Matador's Cape: America's Reckless Response to Terror* (2007).

Link to full Bio: <https://its.law.nyu.edu/facultyprofiles/profile.cfm?personID=20000>





Prof. Ron Harris and Prof. Stephen Holmes



Stephen Holmes at his lecture



August 12, 2015

**Visiting Professor Prof. Stephan Holmes / NYU**

Prof. Stephen Holmes was a joined guest of The Buchmann Faculty of Law and The Nirit and Michael Shaoul Fellow for the academic year 2014/2015. Prof. Holmes visit took place on May 13 to June 4 2015.

During his visit Prof. Holmes taught a condense course in English: [The Deep State and the Constitution](#), which explored the myriad difficulties of subordinating covert agencies to democratic control.

In addition to teaching the course, Prof. Holmes met with several faculty members and research students for more casual talks and idea exchange. Prof. Holmes also gave a talk at the Forum on Law, Globalization and the Transnational Sphere, about [The Constitutional Law of Territorial Expansion and Indian Dispossession](#)

Stephen Holmes's research centers on the history of European liberalism, the 1787 Constitution as a blueprint for continental expansion, the incoherence of the deep state in the Russian Federation, and the difficulty of combating international terrorism within the bounds of the Constitution and the rule of law. In 1988, he was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship to complete a study of the theoretical foundations of liberal democracy.

He was named a Carnegie Scholar in 2003-05 for his work on Russian legal reform. Prof. Holmes wrote numerous articles on the history of political thought, democratic and constitutional theory, state building in post-Communist Russia, and the war on terror, and several books, including *The Cost of Rights: Why Liberty Depends on Taxes*, co-authored with Cass Sunstein (1998), and *The Matador's Cape: America's Reckless Response to Terror* (2007).

(Link to full Bio: <https://its.law.nyu.edu/facultyprofiles/profile.cfm?personID=20000>)

Yours sincerely,

*Ron Harris*

Prof. Ron Harris,  
Dean, Faculty of Law



## PROFESSOR EDWARD S. MOCARSKI



Prof. Edward S. Mocarski, Nirit and Michael Shaoul fellow 2014/2015, is the Robert W. Woodruff Professor of Microbiology and Immunology at Emory University.

Prof. Mocarski received his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa and conducted his postdoctoral study at The University of Chicago. He started his career at Stanford University in 1983 where he served as Chairman of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology and Associate Dean for Research, before becoming Professor Emeritus in 2006.

Prof. Mocarski's research has focused on the biology, pathogenesis and latency of cytomegalovirus (CMV), an opportunistic herpesvirus of significant medical importance, in particular, on integrating biochemical, molecular, cellular and intact animal approaches to investigate the biological properties of this virus and its close relatives. He has made key contributions to the identification of replication functions, latent reservoir in myelomonocytic progenitors, immunomodulatory functions, and cellular response to viral infection. Recent studies of CMV-encoded inhibitors of cell death brought to light novel programmed cell death pathways that play out in mammals. These alternative pathways effectively eliminate pathogens that encode suppressors of apoptosis. He has also discovered that mammalian cell death machinery may become dysregulated to cause developmental failure as well as inflammatory disease.

Prof. Mocarski's research has been instrumental in bringing new understanding of cell autonomous host defense mechanisms, particularly the alternate programmed cell death pathway called necroptosis. He is an internationally recognized leader with broad understanding of herpesviruses and host control mechanisms. He was selected as a Georgia Cancer Coalition Senior Scholar (2006 – 2011) and as a Fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology (2012), among other honors. He also serves on the editorial boards of *Virology*, *Journal of Biological Chemistry*, *PLoS Pathogens* and *Journal of Virology*. He has organized major conferences dealing with viral immune modulation. He is the author and coauthor of more than 180 peer-reviewed articles; other publications include review articles and book chapters; and he is coauthor and editor of the major textbook, *Human Herpesviruses: Biology, Therapy and Immunoprophylaxis* (Cambridge Press, 2007), as well as the lead author on the *Fields Virology* chapter on *Cytomegaloviruses* (Lippincott, Williams and Wilkins, 2013). Most recently, he was selected to receive an NIH Directors Award to explore the benefits of eliminating cell death pathways in mammals, in 2015.



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**& Immunology**  
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**Atlanta, Georgia, USA**

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**אטלנטה, ג'ורג'יה, ארה"ב**

*Seminar*

סמינר

### "HERPESVIRUS SUPPRESSION OF CELL DEATH PATHWAYS"

The seminar will be held on Sunday,  
14 June 2015, at 13:00, in room 645,  
Sackler Faculty of Medicine building,  
Tel-Aviv University, Ramat-Aviv

הסמינר יתקיים ביום ראשון, 14 ביוני  
2015, בשעה 13:00, בחדר 645,  
בבניין הפקולטה לרפואה ע"ש סאקלר,  
אוניברסיטת תל-אביב, רמת-אביב

Light refreshments will be served  
at 12:45 before the lecture

כיבוד קל יוגש לפני ההרצאה  
בשעה 12:45





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Prof. Edward Mocarski at his lecture





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July 20, 2015

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RE: Nirit and Michael Shaoul Fellow (Visiting Professor), Tel Aviv (2015)

Dear Drs. Shaoul:

I am writing to thank you for your gracious gift to the University of Tel Aviv establishing the Nirit and Michael Shaoul Fellowship Program. The gift made it possible for me to visit for 10 days this past June. I was invited and nominated by Dr. Motti Gerlic, an Assistant Professor appointed within the past year to the Department of Clinical Microbiology. Selection for the visiting fellow program was under the direction of Prof. Marek Karliner, Head of the Institute of Advanced Studies. My career experience, expertise is in virology and recent contributions to the discovery of a novel, caspase-independent programmed cell death pathway called necroptosis all contributed to the selection. My work with herpesviruses revealed the first natural suppressors of necroptosis encoded by these viruses. The suppressors allow the virus to countermand this type of host defense. If you would like to learn more about my experience or contributions, my Curriculum Vitae can be downloaded at <https://med.stanford.edu/profiles/edward-mocarski>.

The visit presented a wonderful opportunity for access to faculty at the University of Tel Aviv, deliver seminars and student tutorials, as well as to interact directly with Dr. Gerlic as well as his trainees. I was pleased to meet the Dean of the Sackler Faculty of Medicine, Prof. Ehud Grossman, as well as to visit and discuss projects with a long time colleague and friend Prof. Niza Frenkel, in the Department of Biology, who I have known for over 40 years. Each of these interactions was valuable, and overall, it was a tremendously enriching experience. The intensity and perspective of a young, promising scientist such as Dr. Gerlic can be reinforced by strong collaborations that help in defining clear goals and collecting appropriate resources to attack the problems of interest. I certainly give you kudos if it was in your plan to have such an impact on the career of a budding junior faculty member who has already made a mark as a scientist.

Only six months before my visit to Israel, Dr. Gerlic had himself been a postdoctoral fellow at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute, located in Melbourne, Australia. Although Dr. Gerlic and I have known each other for about two years through our common research interest in cell death signal transduction and the manipulation of these pathways by infectious disease pathogens, I had never been in the position to help mentor his career. Dr. Gerlic's prior training interactions were with a renowned investigator, Prof. John Silke, leaving him with a range of fundamentally significant as well as practically important projects to pursue.

Suffice to say that the travel and per diem support provided through the fellowship fund you established will promote collaborations and interactions, both formal and informal. In addition to spending several days at the University of Tel Aviv, the funding also made it possible for me to visit, present seminars and interact



with faculty at the Weizmann Institute (host, Prof. David Wallach) as well as at the Hadassah University School of Medicine (host, Prof. Dana Wolf). Both of these established investigators made it possible for me to interact with a host of their faculty colleagues, both established and in the process of establishing research programs. I found the time well spent and informative.

On a lighter side, this was my first visit to Israel. My wife, Dr. Christine Martens, joined me for the first part of the visit. Dr. Gerlic hosted a trip to the desert and the Dead Sea (from the south), including a walk up to the top of Masada, all through striking scenery, as I am sure you know. Prof. Wolf, who I have known for 25 years and who was herself a Visiting Professor at Stanford University during the early part of my scientific career, arranged a fantastically informative and enjoyable guided tour of Jerusalem. All-in-all, the total experience was memorable and well-balanced.

I do want to express my sincere gratitude for having enjoyed an opportunity made possible by your thoughtful philanthropy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Edward MocarSKI". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent, stylized "E" and "M".

Edward MocarSKI

cc: Motti Gerlic. Ronit Nevo



Tel Aviv, December 1, 2015

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**Summary of Prof. Mocarski visit (6/6/2015-18/6/2015)**

To whom it may concern,

Prof. Mocarski visit as a Nirit and Michael Shaoul Scholars was a great success and went according to plan.

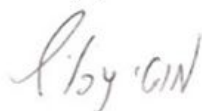
Prof. Mocarski gave two seminars in our Medical Faculty which included a formal seminar on his major research "Herpesvirus suppression of cell death pathways" and an informal seminar for our "Midrasha" M.Sc and Ph.D students on his perspective on research and academic career in this days, and how they can prepare themselves for their next stage.

During his visit Prof. Mocarski engage my laboratory, contributing his knowledge and expertise to my lab and students by personal meeting with my students and me. We were able to enhance our future collaboration in studies that were recently awarded (my ISF grant) as well as future grants. Furthermore, Prof. Mocarski discusses future collaboration with other members of our faculty (Prof. Fishelson and Dr. Kobilier) and the life science faculty (Prof. Niza Frankel).

Not less important during these days, as this was the first visit of Prof. Mocarski to Israel, we were also able to show Prof. Mocarski the true Israel. Prof. Mocarski visit the old city of Jerusalem, Tel-Aviv and Jaffa, Beit Hatfuzut museum, Weizmann museum, Masada, the dead see and the Sea of Galilee.

Finally, I want to personally thank Drs. Shaoul for their gracious gift for this program, which allow a young investigator, as myself, to bring a leading expert in my field, to establish collaborations and give me another scientific mentoring that are very important in my early days as an independent researcher in the Sackler Faculty of Medicine.

Sincerely yours



Mordechay (Motti) Gerlic



## PROFESSOR CLAUS SCHWECHHEIMER



Prof. Claus Schwechheimer, Nirit and Michael Shaoul fellow 2014/2015, is Professor of Biology at Technische Universität München, Freising, Germany.

He had studied biology and biotechnology at the Universities of Heidelberg (Germany) and Strasbourg (France) before he moved to the John Innes Centre (Norwich, United Kingdom) where he received his Ph.D. degree from the University of East Anglia in 1998. After a three year postdoc at Yale University (New Haven CT, USA) he became an Independent Research Group leader at the Center for Plant Molecular Biology in Tübingen, Germany. Since 2008, he serves as the Chair for Plant Systems Biology at the Weihenstephan Campus of the Technische Universität München, Germany.

Prof. Schwechheimer has published 60 scholarly articles on signal transduction processes in plants related to the ubiquitin-proteasome system and the response and transport pathways of the plant hormones gibberellins and auxins. He has lectured in most countries of the world, Israel, USA, Japan, China and Australia.

Since 2011, Prof. Schwechheimer is the coordinator of the Collaborative Research Center SFB924 "Molecular mechanisms regulating yield and yield stability in plants" which was renewed in 2015 for another four years.



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*Seminar*

סמינר

**"PIN-NING DOWN THE ROLE OF D6PK  
PROTEIN KINASE AND PHOSPHORYLATION IN  
AUXIN TRANSPORT"**

The seminar will be held on Wednesday,  
12 August 2015, at 14:00, in room 105,  
Sherman building,  
Tel-Aviv University, Ramat-Aviv

הסמינר יתקיים ביום רביעי, 12 באוגוסט  
2015, בשעה 14:00, בחדר 105,  
בניין שרמן לביולוגיה,  
אוניברסיטת תל-אביב, רמת-אביב

Light refreshments will be served  
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בשעה 13:45

<http://www.tau.ac.il/institutes/advanced/>





Prof. Daniel Chamovitz, Prof. Dr. Claus Schwechheimer and Dr. Eilon Shani



Prof. Dr. Claus Schwechheimer at his seminar





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To

Professor Marek Karliner

Head of The Mortimer and Raymond Sackler Institute of Advanced Studies  
Tel Aviv University

**The Nirit and Michael Shaoul Fund for Visiting Scholars and Fellows**

**Professor Dr. Claus Schwechheimer; July 20 – August 30, 2015**

**Final report**

Dear Drs. Nirit and Michael Shaoul,

Dear Prof. Karliner,

Dear Madame, dear Sir,

I would like to express my deepest gratitude for having been able to spend the last six weeks at Tel Aviv University with financial support from *The Nirit and Michael Shaoul Fund for Visiting Scholars and Fellows*. I would like to take this opportunity to briefly summarize my activities. As can be seen from the list below, this stay has been very productive and highly successful with regard to the goals of the fund to foster scientific exchange between Israeli institutions and academia from abroad.

***Seminar presentations***

July 27, 2015

Seminar presentation at the Technion Haifa and the University of Haifa (Haifa)

Seminar title: Deneddylation in plants - let's just get rid of it.

Hosts: Michael Glickmann (Technion Haifa) and Elah Pick (University of Haifa)

August 12, 2015

Seminar presentation at Tel Aviv University

Seminar title: PIN-ning down the role of D6PK protein kinase and phosphorylation in auxin transport.

Hosts: Eilon Shani and Daniel Chamovitz (Tel Aviv University)



August 25, 2015

Seminar presentation at the Weizmann Institute for Science and the Agricultural Faculty of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Rehovot)

Seminar title: PIN-ning down the role of D6PK protein kinase and phosphorylation in auxin transport.

Hosts: Yuval Eshed (Weizmann Institute) and David Weiss (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)



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### ***Scientific discussions***

Asaph Aharoni (Weizmann Institute) - Plant metabolome analysis

Daniel Chamovitz (Tel Aviv University) - Departmental matters

Assaf Distelfeld (Tel Aviv University) - Flowering time control in monocot and dicot plants

Yuval Eshed (Weizmann Institute) - Developmental biology of auxin transport during flower initiation

Michael Glickmann (Technion Haifa) - Biochemistry of NEDD8 modifications

Hinanit Koltai (Volcani Institute) - Cell biology of auxin transport and polarity in plant cells

Thimo Kurz (Visiting professor at Technion Haifa) - Biochemistry of NEDD8 modifications

Elah Pick (University of Haifa) - Biochemistry of NEDD8 modifications

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David Weiss (Hebrew University) - Biology of DELLA proteins and GA in plant development

### ***Experimental work***

with Eilon Shani (Tel Aviv University)

- assistance in establishing immunostaining of Arabidopsis roots including provision of the specific antibody
- assistance in the establishment of anti-DELLA western blots including provision of the specific antibody
- experimental design of an experiment demonstrating altered GA sensitivity in gene



expression responses

- experimental design for an experiment to demonstrate the effects of GA on a GA transporter



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-with Shaul Yalovsky (Tel Aviv University)

- phosphorylation experiments with D6PK and ICR1 including recombinant protein expression and purification

- analysis of D6PK transport to the plasma membrane using focal FRAP



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***Discussions with regard to finding future joint funding possibilities***

German-Israeli project cooperation (DIP) - Daniel Chamovitz, Eilon Shani, Yuval Eshed, Michal Sharon, David Weiss

German-Israel Foundation (GIF) - Eilon Shani

***Publications prepared or finalized during the tenure at Tel Aviv University  
acknowledging support***

Modulation of Ambient Temperature-Dependent Flowering in *Arabidopsis thaliana* by Natural Variation of FLOWERING LOCUS M

Ulrich Lutz, David Posé, Matthias Pfeifer, Heidrun Gundlach, Jörg Hagmann, Congmao Wang, Detlef Weigel, Klaus F.X. Mayer, Markus Schmid, Claus Schwechheimer

Revised version submitted to *PLOS Genetics*

LLM-domain containing *Arabidopsis thaliana*

Quirin L. Ranftl, Emmanouil Bastakis, Carina Klermund and Claus Schwechheimer

Under review at *Plant Physiology*

*Arabidopsis thaliana* LLM-domain B-GATA transcription factors promote stomata development downstream from light signaling

Carina Klermund, Quirin L. Ranftl, Emmanouil Bastakis, René Richter and Claus Schwechheimer

Will be submitted to *The Plant Cell* shortly

Should there be any questions or should there be the need for in-depth information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Tel Aviv, August 30, 2015



November 2, 2015

**Nirit and Michael Shaoul Fund for Visiting Scholars and Fellows**  
**Tel Aviv University - Prof. Claus Schwechheimer**

**Scientific Report**

I wish thank **Nirit and Michael Shaoul Fund** for Visiting Scholars and Fellows for supporting the visit if Prof Claus Schwechheimer, Professor (W3), chair of the Plant Systems Biology at the Technische Universität München at Tel Aviv University, summer 2015.

Prof. Schwechheimer is coordinator of two research networks whose scientific missions are of immediate interest to Tel Aviv University and the Manna Center for Plant Science as well as its research mission within the state of Israel. In the SFB924 about 20 laboratories from Munich and Regensburg collaborate under the coordination of Prof. Schwechheimer to contribute to the understanding of "Molecular mechanisms regulating yield and yield stability in plants". From 2011 until 2014, this research network has published a total number of 60 in many cases collaborative articles in peer-reviewed journals including, Science, Developmental Cell, eLife, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences etc. As a coordinator of the BMBF-funded Plant-KBBE IV DELLA-STRESS, Prof. Schwechheimer oversees and coordinates the activities of five research groups from Germany, Spain, and Portugal that center around the role of the plant hormone gibberellin in abiotic stress control. Abiotic stress is a constant threat in the state of Israel and using technical means and plant breeding, agriculture in Israel has been well-adapted to cope with these stresses. At the same time, using gibberellins for the control of abiotic stresses in agriculture is very



attractive since the respective chemicals have already been approved for use in agriculture whereas their use may not have been tested with regard to abiotic stress responses. The interests of Prof. Schwechheimer overlap with various interests of the Manna Center for Plant Science and that of several colleagues at TAU, notably Dr. Eilon Shani and Dr. Roy Weinstain.

Prof. Schwechheimer has published recently very important research articles on the control of auxin transport through protein kinases in plants. Furthermore, Prof. Schwechheimer is an expert in gibberellin research and the cross-talk between auxin and gibberellins. In this respect, Prof. Schwechheimer is thematically very close to the research of Dr. Eilon Shani, Dr. Roy Weinstain and Prof. Shaul Yalovsky. Prof. Schwechheimer was actively hosted by Dr. Eilon Shani with whom he has recently received a research proposal to the German-Israeli Foundation (GIF) on the cell biological control of a recently identified gibberellin transporter. During Prof. Schwechheimer stay, research activities have been initiated and several key experiments have been carried. We expect that a collaborative paper will be submitted during Nov 2015. Prof. Schwechheimer is an exceptional scientist with a warm personality. Prof. Schwechheimer has engaged multiple scientists around the country to facilitate future collaborations which are essential for the future development of the Israeli science. It was a great honor to host Prof. Schwechheimer in Tel Aviv. I wish to thank Nirit and Michael Shaoul Fund for Visiting Scholars and Fellows for supporting this important collaboration.

#### **Summarized activities during Prof. Claus Schwechheimer stay:**

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Sincerely,

Eilon Shani

Life Sciences,

Tel Aviv University









