

Curriculum Vitae

Education

- 2003- 2009 Ph.D in Semitic Philology at Harvard University, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
Completed an AM in Semitic Philology on June 2007
- Summer 2004 Greek Studies, Latin-Greek Institute, The Graduate School, The City University of New-York
- 2002-2003 Masters Studies in the Hebrew Language department at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem
Minors: The Linguistics department and the Philosophy department
- 1999-2002 BA *summa cum laude*, in the Philosophy department and Hebrew Language department at Hebrew University, Jerusalem
Minors: The Linguistics department and the Talmud department
- 1994-1999 Yeshiva Har Etzion
Study of biblical and talmudic texts, concurrent with mandatory military service

Positions Held

- 2008-Present Lector in Semitics, Yale University, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
- 2005-2008 Visiting Lecturer, Yale University, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
- 2006-2008 Lecturer, Me'ah - Adult Jewish Learning Program of Hebrew College, Newton MA
- 2005-2008 Teaching Fellow and Teaching Assistant, Harvard University
- 2004-2005 Lecturer, Hebrew College, Newton MA
- 2004-2005 Lecturer, Ma'ayan – Torah Studies Initiative for Women, Boston MA
- 2002-2003 Teaching Assistant, Hebrew Language Department, Hebrew University, Jerusalem
- 2000-2001 Talmud teacher, Yeshiva high school, Netiv-Meir, Jerusalem
- For a complete list see p. 5-6.

Dissertation

“A Theory of Argument Realization and its Application to Features of the Semitic Languages”, submitted April 2009.

Advisor: John Huehnergard (Harvard University)

Advising Committee: Wolfhart Heinrichs (Harvard University), Laurence Horn (Yale University) and Malka Rappaport Hovav (Hebrew University).

Publications

- “On the Passiveness of One Pattern in Jewish Babylonian Aramaic – a Linguistic and Philological Discussion”, *Journal of Semitic Studies* (forthcoming)
- “How an Empiricist Finds a New Science: An Epistemological Inquiry in Ferdinand de Saussure’s Linguistic Theory” in Arrivé Michel (ed.), *Du côté de chez Saussure, A l’occasion de ses anniversaires (1857: naissance, 1907: premier Cours de linguistique générale)*, Limoges: Lambert-Lucas, 2008: 23-38; [this is a revision of the paper from 2007]
- “Dual Pronouns in Semitics and an Evaluation of the Evidence for their Existence in Biblical Hebrew,” *Ancient Near Eastern Studies* 46 (forthcoming 2009): 32-49
- “The Imperative Forms of Proto Semitic and a New Perspective on Barth’s Law,” *Journal of American Oriental Society* 128 (2009), 233-255
- “Linguistic Markers in the Book of Ruth,” *Shnaton – An Annual for Biblical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies* 18 (2008), 25-42
- “The Notion of Tradition in the History of Linguistics,” Review Essay, *Beiträge zur Geschichte der Sprachwissenschaft* 17 (2007), 277-288
- “The Origin and the Typology of the Pattern *qtil li* in Syriac and Babylonian Aramaic,” A. Mamman, S. Fassberg and Y. Breuer, (eds.), *Sha’arey Lashon: Studies in Hebrew, Aramaic, and Jewish Languages in Honor of Moshe Bar-Asher*, Hebrew University, vol. II, 360-392 [in Hebrew]
- “How an Empiricist Finds a New Science,” Colloque international 19-22 juin 2007, Révolutions saussuriennes, Documents de travail, 259-267 (<http://www.saussure.ch/preprints/Bar-Asher.pdf>)
- “An Explanation of the Etiology of the Name Ammon in Genesis 19, Based on Evidence from Nabataean Aramaic and the Safaitic Arabian Dialect,” *Zeitschrift für Althebraistik* 17-20 (2004-2007), 3-10
- “Nahmanides’ Hidden Motives in the Treatise ‘*Quntres Dina D’Garme*’,” *Sidra* 20 (2005), 57-67 [in Hebrew]
- “Theodor Herzl’s Theory of Quasi-Contract - Ideological Background to Theodor Herzl’s Theory of the Moral Justification for the Establishment of a State,” *Hayo-Haya* 4 (2004), 7-23 [in Hebrew]
- “Head Covering – Mosaic or Jewish Law?” *Akdamoto* 9 (2000), 101-115 [in Hebrew]
- “A Reexamination of a Talmudical Discussion ‘teqafo kohen’,” *Sinay* 125 (2000), 48-80, (Co-author with Y. Furstenberg) [in Hebrew]

Book Reviews and Entry in a Dictionary

- Sperber Daniel, The Path of Halacha, Women Reading the Torah: A Case of Pesika Policy, *Haaretz’ Book Review*, April 16, 2008
- Sharvit Shimon, Language and Style of Tractate Avoth Through the Ages, *Hebrew Studies* 48 (2007), 101-104

- “Hebrew: Jewish Use of in the Second Temple Period,” in *Dictionary of Early Judaism*, edited by Collins John J. and Daniel C. Harlow (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, expected 2009)

Work in Progress

Books:

- *An Introduction to Jewish Babylonian Aramaic – a grammar book*, to be published in **LEHRBÜCHER ORIENTALISCHER SPRACHEN (LOS)/** *Textbooks of Near Eastern Languages*, edited by Josef Tropper, in Collaboration with John Huehnergard, Leonid Kogan, Daniel Nicolae, and Juan-Pablo Vita, Ugarit-Verlag (Münster).
- the philosophical foundations of the linguistic theory of Ferdinand de Saussure

Articles:

- The Epistolary Terms k't, k'nt in Official Aramaic, the Feminine Endings in Aramaic Dialects and Other Isoglosses in the History of Aramaic (under review)
- “Two Strategies for Expressing Reciprocals”
- “Predicative Possessive Constructions in Semitics – A Typological Approach”

Awards and Honors

- Dean’s List and Dean’s Prize, Hebrew University (1999-2000, 2000-2001)
- Rector’s Prize, Hebrew University (2000-2001)
- Dean’s list, Hebrew University (2001-2002)
- E. Kutscher Prize (Institute of Jewish Studies, Hebrew University) (2002)
- Fellowship for distinguished students in MA program, Hebrew University (2002-2003)
- The S. Rivyer, P. Kaufman, Y. Ur awards for distinguished student in philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Hebrew University (2003)
- Floyd L. Moreland Scholarship - Latin-Greek Institute, The Graduate School, The City University of New-York (2004)
- Anna Marnoy Feldberg Fund, Center of Jewish Studies, Harvard University (2004)
- Edward H.Kavinoky Fellowship, Center of Jewish Studies, Harvard University (2006)
- The Harvard Graduate School Council Grant (2007)

Teaching award

Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Spring 2006

Professional Presentations

- “Who separated from whom and why? a closer look at MMT”, Society of Biblical Literature, The Annual Meeting November 2009 (expected)
- Predicative Possessive Constructions in Biblical Hebrew, The 15th World Congress of Jewish Studies, August 2009
- “The particle *den* – a diachronic and a synchronic analysis”, Dorushe Annual Graduate Student Conference on Syriac Studies, Yale University, March 2009
- “Reconsideration of the Use of Hebrew in Speaking and Writing in the First Centuries CE,” The Ancient Judasim workshop at Yale: Recent Trends in the Study of Ancient Judaism, Yale University, April 2008
- “What is it all about?” – reanalyzing a variety of theories about Topicality,” Topicality, Workshop at the 30th annual meeting of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft (DGfS), Bamberg, 27-29 February 2008
- “The Verbal System of Babylonian Aramaic,” 39th Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, Toronto, December 2007
- “Two Strategies for Expressing Reciprocals,” Conference: Reciprocals cross-linguistically, Utrecht institute of Linguistics and the Institute for English Philology of the Free University of Berlin, in conjunction with the research project A typology of reciprocal markers: Analysis and documentation, Berlin November-December 2007
- “On the Passiveness of the Pattern *qtil li* in Babylonian Aramaic,” A conference in Honor of Moshe Bar-Asher, Hebrew University Jerusalem, November 2007
- “Marginal Predicative Possessive Constructions in Biblical Hebrew,” Society of Biblical Literature, The Annual Meeting San Diego, November 2007
- “Syriac and the Other Eastern Aramaic Dialects,” Society of Biblical Literature, The Annual Meeting San Diego, November 2007
- “Evaluation of the Evidence for Dual Pronouns and Verbal Forms in Biblical Hebrew,” Semitic Workshop, Harvard University, October 2007
- “How an Empiricist Finds a New Science,” Colloque international Révolutions saussuriennes, University of Geneva and “Cercle Ferdinand de Saussure,” Geneva, June 2007
- “Syriac as an Eastern Aramaic Dialect – Reassessment of the Evidence,” Dorushe Annual Graduate Student Conference on Syriac Studies, Princeton University, April 2007
- “Copula in Semitics – A Critical History of the Scholarship,” Semitic Workshop, Harvard University, April 2007
- “A New Perspective on Barth's Law,” Joint session of the 217th Meeting of the American Oriental Society and 35rd meeting of The North American Conference on Afroasiatic Linguistics, San Antonio, March 2007
- “An Explanation of the Etiology of the Name Ammon in Genesis 19, Based on Evidence from Nabataean Aramaic and the Safaitic Arabian Dialect,” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, Washington DC November 2006

- “The Imperative in Proto-Semitic–Its Form and its Position in the Verbal System,” Semitic Workshop, Harvard University, April 2006
- “On the Passiveness of One Pattern in Babylonian Aramaic - a Linguistic and Philological Discussion,” Semitic Workshop, Harvard University, April 2005
- “The Pattern of *qtil li* in Syriac and Babylonian Aramaic,” Joint session of the 215th Meeting of the American Oriental Society and 33rd meeting of The North American Conference on Afroasiatic Linguistics, Philadelphia, March 2005
- “How Should We Conduct a Philosophical Research in Medieval Halachic Texts?” Congress for Advanced Students, Hebrew University 2003
- “Intentional and Unintentional Relations between Language and Nationality,” Shalem Center, 2002 [in the interdisciplinary seminar]

Courses Taught

2009 (spring, expected)	De-Saussure - Theoretical and Linguistic Studies, Hebrew University
2009 (spring, expected)	Introduction to Aramaic, Hebrew University
2009 (spring, expected)	Introduction to Ugaritic, Yale University
2009 (fall)	Linguistic topics in Akkadian, Yale University
2009-2010 (fall-spring)	Advanced Syriac, Yale University
2009 (fall)	Reading in Babylonian Aramaic Texts, Yale University
2009 (spring)	Introduction to Babylonian Aramaic, Yale University
2008 (fall)	Biblical, Egyptian and Targumic Aramaic, Yale University
2008 (fall)	Comparative Semitics, Yale University
2008-2009	Elementary Syriac, Yale University
2008 (Spring)	Jewish Babylonian Aramaic, Harvard University
2008 (Spring)	Advising independent direct studies in “Neo-Aramaic”, Yale University
2007 (fall)	Mishnaic Hebrew, Harvard University
2006-2007; 2007-2008	Intermediate Biblical Hebrew, Yale University
2007 (spring)	Aramaic Dialects II: a survey of Aramaic dialects of the first millennium CE (seminar), Harvard University
2006 (fall)	Aramaic Dialects I: A survey of Aramaic dialects of the first millennium BCE (seminar), Harvard University
2006 (spring); 2008 (fall)	Aramaic Survey II: First Millennium C.E., graduate students seminar, Yale University
2005 (fall), 2007 (fall)	Aramaic Survey I: First Millennium B.C.E., graduate students seminar, Yale University
2005 (spring)	Mishnaic Hebrew, Hebrew College, Newton MA
2004 (fall)	Biblical Hebrew, Hebrew College, Newton MA

Graduate Teaching Experience

- 2006 (spring) Teaching Fellow, A Century of Zionist and Israeli Diplomacy, Harvard University
- 2006 (spring) Head Teaching Fellow, Power, Faith and Fantasy: The United States in the Middle East, 1776 to 2006, Harvard University
- 2006 (spring) Teaching Fellow, Advanced Modern Hebrew, Harvard University
- 2005 (fall) Teaching Fellow, Introduction to Ancient and Medieval Thought, Philosophy Department, Harvard University, Extension School
- 2005 (fall) Teaching Fellow, Classical Greek, Harvard University, Extension School
- 2005 (fall) Teaching Fellow, Advanced Modern Hebrew, Harvard University
- 2003-2004 Teaching Assistant, Vocalization, Hebrew University, Jerusalem
- 2003 (fall) Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Phonology and Phonetics, Hebrew University, Jerusalem

Adult Education

- 2006 (fall); 2007 (fall) Introduction to Hebrew Bible, Me'ah at Hebrew College, Newton MA
- 2005 (summer) Defending the Faith: Hidden Polemics in the Talmud, Ma'ayan – Torah Studies Initiative for Women, Boston MA
- 2004 (fall) The Text and Beyond, Ma'ayan – Torah Studies Initiative for Women, Boston MA

Additional Projects

- Faculty Advisor and host of the Dorushe Annual Graduate Student Conference on Syriac Studies, Yale University, April 2009 (http://www.yale.edu/judaicstudies/syriac_conference.html)
- Member of the programming committee, Dorushe Annual Graduate Student Conference on Syriac Studies, Notre Dame University, April 2008
- Coordinator of the Semitic Philology Workshop, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilization, Harvard University 2006-2007
- Member of the committee of Advanced Students, Institute of Jewish Studies, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, 2002-2003 [organized interdisciplinary seminars and a conference for advanced students]

Research and Editorial Roles

- Linguistic editor, *Meghillot, Studies in the Dead Sea Scrolls*, Vol 1-3 (2003-2005)
- Assistant editor, *Studies in Talmudic and Midrash Literature in Memory of Tirzah Lifshitz*, Jerusalem 2005, *Midrash and Talmud*, A.E. Edrei, M. Bar-Asher, Y. Levinzon and B. Lifshitz (eds.)

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- 2001-2002, Research Fellow at the Shalem Center, Jerusalem
- 1999-2001 Linguistic editor, Tvunot Publications, Hertzog College
- Assistant editor, *Studies in the Book of Esther*, Galon Gur (ed.), 2001
- Editor, *Alon Shvut* vols 154-157 [The Talmudic Journal of Yeshiva of Har Etzion]

Lectures For General Public

- “Which Language did God Use in Sinai?” BEKI, New Haven, June 2008
- “How do Women Speak in the Bible?” Jewish Community Center of Greater New Haven, January 2008
- “Feminism and Orthodoxy,” Congregation Kol-Echad, New Rochelle NY, April 2007
- “Modern Jewish Nationalism and its Intellectual Origin – The Case of the Hebrew Language,” Hebrew College-Adult Education, Boca Raton FL, March 2007
- “The Theology of a Feminist Orthodox Jew,” Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance's 10th Anniversary International Conference on Feminism & Orthodoxy, Columbia University, February 2007
- “Theodore Herzl: His Years in France and His Real Inspiration for the Jewish State,” Westville, New Haven, May 2006

Articles in Newspapers

“It is called ‘*Halachic Minyan*’ ”, Hazofe, 08/10/2007