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Education

PhD Sociology (expected July 2024)

University of Southern California

Dissertation title: *Organizational Speech Projects in a Discursive Field of Suffering: The Case of Israeli Non-Profits*

Dissertation committee: Nina Eliasoph (chair), Paul Lichterman, Michael Messner, and Gelya Frank

M.A. Sociology

University of Southern California, 2019

Master's thesis: "We Are Sexual Violence Survivors/Allies": Trauma, Identity Work, and Collective Action. Supervisors: Paul Lichterman, Michael Messner, and Nina Eliasoph

M.A. Sociology and Anthropology (Magna cum Laude)

Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2015

Certificate in Women and Gender Studies, Lafer Center for Women and Gender Studies

Master's thesis: Motherhood, Romantic Relationships, and Sexual Experiences: Competing Models in Narratives of Female Single Young Adults in Israel. Supervisor: Edna Lomsky-Feder

B.A. Psychology and International Relations (Magna cum Laude)

Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2010

Areas of Specialization

Cultural Sociology Qualitative Methods Social Movements Therapeutic Culture Ethnography

Publications

- **Findler, Yael.** 2022. "An Inter-Situational Analysis of Identity Work: The Case of the Sexual Trauma Survivor." *Mobilization: An International Quarterly* 27(3): 335-352.
- Wolmer, Leo, Daniel Hamiel, Nitzan Margalit, Tali Versano-Eisman, **Yael Findler**, Nathaniel Laor, and Michelle Slone. 2016. "Enhancing Children's Resilience in Schools to Confront Trauma: The Impact on Teachers." *Israeli Journal of Psychiatry and Related Sciences* 53(2): 25-32.

Works under Review

- "Consuming Individualized Nationalism: Online Memorial Ceremonies During COVID-19 Lockdown in Israel
Co-authored with Edna Lomsky-Feder, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Resubmitted after revisions per editor's request, *Sociology*)

M a n u s c r i p t s i n P r o g r e s s

- “Organizational speech projects in a discursive field of suffering: the case of non-profits addressing military related trauma in Israel.” (Target journal: *American Journal of Sociology*)
- “Taking casual sex seriously: Competing paths to adult womanhood in the eyes of young Israeli women.”

H o n o r s a n d A w a r d s

2020 Research Enhancement Fellowship, Graduate School, USC

2015 Dean’s List Certificate, Dornsife College of Letters, Arts & Sciences, USC

2014 Rector's (Provost) Award for Outstanding Achievements, Hebrew University

2014 Dean's List for Outstanding Achievements, Hebrew University

2014 Shaine Fellowship for Outstanding Thesis Proposals in Sociology and Anthropology, Hebrew University

2014 Lafer Center for Women and Gender Studies scholarship, Hebrew University

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C o n f e r e n c e P r e s e n t a t i o n s a n d O r g a n i z a t i o n

August 2022 *Organizational Speech Projects in a Discursive Field of Suffering*. Advances in Cultural Theory Panel at the annual American Sociological Association (ASA) conference, Los Angeles, California.

May 2021 *Talking about trauma in a field of trauma-related activism*. Panel on Talking in and with the Field, Ethnography Workshop, University of Haifa, Israel.

February 2020 *On Trauma and Violence: Therapeutic, Ethical, and Political Discourses in Civic Organizations Addressing Military Trauma*. Workshop on legitimacy of violence, organized by the Sociology of the Military Section of the Israeli Sociological Association, Open University, Israel.

February 2020 *Translating Trauma into a Collective-Political Identity: Identity Work in an Anti-Sexual Violence Organization*. Political Sociology section panel at the annual conference of the Israeli Sociological Association, Bar-Ilan University, Israel.

August 2019 *Constructions of trauma and survivorhood in anti-sexual violence activism*. Roundtable session at the annual Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) meeting, New-York City, New York.

August 2019 *“We are sexual-violence survivors/allies”*: Identity work and survivor politics in a student organization. Roundtable session at the annual American Sociological Association (ASA) conference, New-York City, New York.

- August 2019** *Discussing Military Trauma in Israel*. Invited presentation, panel on *Unspoken Borders: Knowing and Healing PTSD and Moral Injury* at the annual national Veterans For Peace conference, Spokane, Washington.
- May 2019** *Challenging institutions, learning trauma talk: Anti-sexual violence campus activism as a case of an intra-institutional social movement*. Invited presentation at the international workshop *Emotionalization of Public Domains in Cross-Cultural Perspective: Russia, Israel, USA., Beer-Sheva and Jerusalem, Israel*.
- May 2019** *The campus anti-sexual assault movement as an intra-institutional social movement*. Invited presentation at the annual Israeli Anthropological Association (IAA) conference, Beer-Sheva, Israel.
- April 2017** *"Like two horses pulling you in opposite directions": Sexual agency and competing paths to adulthood among heterosexual women in Israel*. Paper presented at the annual Pacific Sociological Association (PSA) conference, Portland, Oregon.
- June 2016** *Proper femininity through the eyes of young adults in Israel*. Graduate Thesis' conference, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- March 2014** Initiated and co-organized the first "Research of Our Own" conference of young gender researchers, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
Presented: *Young women talk about 'mature' sexuality: Motherhood, casual sex and romantic relationships in an era of sexual permissiveness*.

Guest Lectures

- 2018** "Therapy Culture and Anti-Sexual Activism", *Solving Social Problems*, USC
- 2017 - 2018** "Gender and Anti-Sexual Assault Student Activism", *Men and Masculinities*, USC
- 2017** "Cultures of Participation in Anti-Sexual Assault Student Activism", *Grassroots Participation in Global Perspectives*, USC
- 2017** "Cultures of Participation in Anti-Sexual Assault Student Activism", *Solving Social Problems*, USC

Teaching Experience

- 2023** Teaching assistant, *Changing Family Forms*, USC
- 2022** Teaching assistant, *Introduction to Sociology*, USC
- 2021** Teaching assistant, *Sociological Theory*, USC
- 2019** Teaching assistant, *Introduction to Sociology*, USC
- 2018** Teaching assistant, *Sociology, Demography, and Health*, USC
- 2018** Teaching assistant, *Changing Family Forms*, USC
- 2017** Teaching assistant, *Grassroots Participation in Global Perspectives*, USC

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- 2016** Teaching assistant, *Changing Family Forms*, USC
- 2013 - 2014** Teaching assistant, *Gender, Sexuality, and Culture*, Cornerstone Program, Hebrew University

R e l a t e d E x p e r i e n c e

- 2018** **Research Assistant**, Survey administration in L.A. women's march (Prof. Michael Heaney, University of Michigan)
- 2014 - 2015** **Member, Interdisciplinary study group of doctorate students in the social sciences: "Body in Formation: Power, Emotion and the Gendered Body"**, Hebrew University
- 2014 - 2015** **Research assistant, National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) Research Institute for Innovation in Education, Jerusalem**
Responsible for field research on the empowerment of female teens after a self-defense course.
Conducted interviews, participant observations, and interpretative analysis
- 2013 - 2014** **Co-editor of the sociology department's on-line student magazine, "Pickpook"**, Hebrew University
- 2011 - 2013** **Research assistant, The Cohen-Harris Center for Trauma and Disaster Intervention, Tel-Aviv**
- 2009 - 2010** Performed research for Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs

S e r v i c e

- 2019 - 2020** Mentor, Graduate Student Mentoring Program, Sociology Department, USC
- 2017 - 2018** Graduate Student Representative, Sociology Department, USC
- 2016 - 2017** Member, Colloquium Organizing Committee, Sociology Department, USC
- 2016 - 2017** Member, Committee on Sexual and Interpersonal Misconduct, USC

M e m b e r s h i p

- The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi
- Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD)
- SSSP (society for the study of social problems)
- American Sociological Association (ASA)
Cultural Sociology Section
Collective Action and Social movements Section
- Israeli Anthropological Association (IAA)
- Israeli Sociological Association (ISA)