

Curriculum Vitae

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Department of Modern Languages and Literatures
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Education

- Ph.D. Department of Spanish & Portuguese. University of Maryland, College Park, May 2007.
Major Fields: Contemporary Southern Cone Literature
Women Writes in Latin America
Seventeenth Century Spanish Literature

Dissertation: "Hechos de orillas: Nuevos modos de expresar la identidad judeo-argentina contemporánea"
Dissertation Advisor: Prof. Saúl Sosnowski.
Committee: Dr. Sandra Cypess, Dr. Regina Igel, Dr. Laura Demaría. Dr. Judith Freidenberg.
- M.A. Department of Spanish & Latin-American Studies. Hebrew University of Jerusalem, June 2001.
Major Fields: Twentieth Century Latin American Literature
Critical Theory
Thesis: "El micro-relato: Análisis estructural de 5 ejemplos"
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Ruth Fine.
- B.A. Department of International Relations & The Multi-purpose Program. Hebrew University of Jerusalem, October 1997.
Major Fields: World Politics
Spanish and Latin American Literature
East Asian History and Culture
- Diploma Curso de Lengua y Cultura Españolas para Profesores Extranjeros de Español. International University of Menendez-Pelayo, Santander, 1999.

Academic Interests

Comparative Literature, Jewish Latin American Literature, Southern Cone Fiction of Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries, *El Micro-relato* and Short Fiction in Latin America, Literary Criticism and Theory with specific interest in Multiculturalism and Post-colonialism, Contemporary Israeli Fiction and Film, Modern Jewish History, Cultural and Political Transformation in Twentieth Century Southern America.

Research Awards and Grants

Post-Doctoral Fellowship, The S. Daniel Abraham Center for International and Regional Studies Tel-Aviv University, 2009.

Spencer Award, Department of Modern Languages, University of Nebraska in Lincoln, 2009.

Doctoral Grant, Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, 2006-07.

Secretan Fellowship for Doctoral Dissertation, School of Languages, Literatures and Cultures, University of Maryland, 2006-07.

George Wasserman Family Foundation Fund Award, Meyerhoff Center for Jewish Studies, University of Maryland, 2005.

Travel Award, School of Languages, Literatures and Cultures, University of Maryland, 2005, 2006, 2007.

Graduate School Fellowship, University of Maryland, 2002-03, 2004-05.

Kirchuk Award for M.A. Thesis, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2001.

Dean's Excellence Award, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2000.

Teaching Experience

Assistant Professor, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, University of Nebraska, 2007-present:

Span949, Contemporary Argentinean Novel

Span498/898, Jewish Latin American Fiction (Spanish)

Modl398, Jewish Latin American Literature and Culture (English)

Span312, Spanish American Authors II

Span 311, Spanish American Authors I

Span305, Literary Analysis in Spanish

Instructor, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, School of Languages, Literatures and Cultures, University of Maryland, 2003-06:

Span301, Advanced Spanish Grammar and Composition

Span202, Intermediate Spanish

Span101, Elementary Spanish

Lecturer, Program in Modern Hebrew, School of Languages, Literatures and Cultures, University of Maryland, 2006-07: Heb111 Elementary Modern Hebrew.

Hebrew Instructor. Taught Israeli culture and literature for youth and adults. All Hebrew language levels, 1998-07.

Hebrew Teacher. Organized educational and cultural activities for community members and youth, lectured in front of Bolivian community leaders. Project Areivim, Jewish community of Cochabamba, Bolivia, 1997-98.

Instructor Officer. Guided soldier and officer groups. Lieutenant, Intelligence Corps, Israeli Defence Force, 1991-94.

Manuscripts in Preparation

“Reconstruyendo cartografías literarias: ¿Hacia la literatura postnacional argentina?” Article submitted to *Latin American Literary Review* (2009).

“Was The “Lost” Embrace Really Ever Lost? Israeli-Argentinean Relations in Four Contemporary Novels.” Article submitted to *Prooftexts* (2009).

“Ya no buscan ninguna patria perdida: Identidad y memoria en nuevas narrativas judeoargentinas.” Article in preparation (2009).

Returning to Babel: Jewish Latin American Experiences and Representations. Co-Editor, Jean Cahan. Edited Volume in preparation (2009).

Hechos de orillas: La nueva literatura judeoargentina. Manuscript completed. Currently under revision (2009).

Publications

Made of Shores: Rethinking Identities, Interpreting the Past. Manuscript accepted for publication at Lehigh University Press (2009).

“Nuestra Shoá: Dictaduras, Holocausto y represión en tres novelas judeorioplatenses.” *Letras hispanas* 6.1. 17-28 (2009).

“Israel: ¿elemento abstracto o concreto en la narrativa judeo-argentina contemporánea?” *Latin American Jewish Cultural Production*. Ed. David W. Foster. Nashville: Vanderbilt UP (2009).

“Mi condición de sirena: Immigrant, a Jew and a Woman.” *Yiddish: Modern Jewish Studies* 15.4. 42-58 (2009).

“Rethinking Jewish-Latin Americans.” Book review. *Zemanim: Rivon lehistoria* 104 (2009).

“El viaje por la memoria en *La hora sin sombra* de Osvaldo Soriano.” *Chasqui: Revista de literatura latinoamericana* 37.1. 25-35 (2008).

“Judeo-Spanish Writing in Spanish America.” Encyclopedia entry accepted for publication in *World Literature in Spanish: An Encyclopedia* (2008).

“Memoria y representación: Configuraciones culturales y literarias en el imaginario latinoamericano.” Book review. *Revista de Estudios Hispánicos* (2008).

“El mal social según Quevedo: elementos nacionalistas y anti-judíos en su obra.” *Sefarad: Revista de estudios hebraicos, sefardíes y de oriente próximo* (2008).

“Espejismos.” *Reflejos* 7 (1998).

“Banalidad.” *Reflejos* 4 (1995).

Conferences and Lectures

“Ya no buscan ninguna patria perdida: Identidad y memoria en nuevas narrativas judeoargentinas.” *XV World Congress of Jewish Studies*. Hebrew University, Jerusalem. August 2009.

“Nuestra Shoá: Dictaduras, Holocausto y represión en tres novelas judeorioplatenses.” Chair. *The XIV International Research Conference of LAJSA2009*. Tel-Aviv. July 2009.

“Jewish Latin American Culture Revisited: Conflicting, Complementary, Exclusive Identities?” Workshop Organizer/Co-Chair. *LASA2009: Rethinking Inequalities*. Rio de Janeiro. June 2009.

“Reconstruyendo cartografías literarias: ¿Hacia la literatura postnacional argentina?” *LASA2009: Rethinking Inequalities*. Rio de Janeiro. June 2009.

Returning to Babel: Jewish Latin American Representations and Experiences. Symposium Organizer and Chair. University of Nebraska in Lincoln. April 2009.

“Was The “Lost” Embrace Really Ever Lost? Israeli-Argentinean Relations in Four Contemporary Novels.” *Association for Jewish Studies 40th Annual Conference*. Washington DC. December 2008.

“Ya no buscan ninguna patria perdida: Identidad y memoria en nuevas narrativas judeo(-) argentinas.” Lecture. Hebrew University, Israel. July 2008.

“Jornada internacional e interdisciplinar sobre literatura judeoargentina.” Lecture. Faculty of Humanities. Universidad Nacional del Nordeste. May 2008.

“*Me-Bereshit*: Initiating Latin American Jewish Literature Curriculum in the Classroom.” *Second LAJSA NYC Symposium*. The CUNY Graduate Center. March 2008.

“The Lost Embrace? Israel-Argentina Relations through Three Contemporary Novels.” (Hebrew). Lecture. Tel-Aviv University, Israel. December, 2007.

“Hechos de orillas: Nuevas expresiones en la narrativa judeo-argentina contemporánea.” *The Latin American Jewish Studies Association XVII International Research Conference*. Biblioteca Nacional, Buenos Aires, Argentina. July 2007.

“‘Mi condición de sirena’: Immigrant, a Jew and a Woman.” *Diversifying Jewish Literature and Experience in the Americas*. *ACLA 2007: Trans, Pan, Inter: Cultures in Contact*. Puebla, Mexico. April, 2007.

“Israel, ¿elemento abstracto o concreto en la narrativa judeo-argentina?.” *Representación y literatura judía latinoamericana: pasado, presente y futuro*. *LASA2006*. San Juan, Puerto Rico. March, 2006.

“Eternal Wonderers? The Jewish Experience in Contemporary Judeo-Argentinean Fiction.” *Encountering Words/Encountering world*. *The Fourth Annual Graduate Student Conference*. University of Maryland, College Park. February, 2006.

“Caminando en campos de vagabundos perpetuos: Ser judío/ser argentino en la narrativa argentina contemporánea.” *II Annual Researchers Conference of the Institute for Latin American History and Culture*. Tel-Aviv University, Israel. March, 2005.

“Espejismos.” *Creaciones literarios en la lengua española en Israel*. Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel. June 2001.

“El micro-relato: Análisis estructural de 5 ejemplos.” *Kirchuk Award Presentation*. Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel. May 2001.

Additional Conference Experience

“How to Advocate for Israel on College Campuses.” *Hillel International Professional Staff Conference*. Princeton, New Jersey. December 2002.

“Non-formal Education in Small Jewish Communities.” *Project Areivim. North American Alliance for Jewish Youth Conference*. Developed and chaired educational seminar. The Catskills, New York. March 2000.

World Union of Jewish Students Annual Conference. Coordinator. Kibbutz Neve-Ilan. December 1999.

Project Areivim Annual conference. Co-Chaired, developed conference program, coordinated lectures, organized logistic accommodation and materials. Rome, Italy. February 1999.

World Union of Jewish Students Annual Conference. Coordinator. Tiberias, Israel. December 1998.

Project Areivim Annual conference. Co-Chaired, developed conference program, coordinated lectures, organized logistic accommodation and materials. Budapest, Hungary. March 1998.

Academic and Professional Services

Election Committee Chair, Latin American Jewish Studies Association, 2009.

Faculty Search Committee Member. Department of Modern Languages, University of Nebraska, Lincoln 2008-present.

Dissertation Committee Member. Department of Modern Languages, University of Nebraska, Lincoln 2008-present.

Graduate Committee Faculty Advisor. Department of Modern Languages, University of Nebraska, Lincoln 2007-present.

Faculty Senator. Department of Modern Languages, University of Nebraska, Lincoln 2008-present.

Graduate Student Representative. Department of Spanish & Portuguese, University of Maryland. 2005-06.

Student Group Advisor. Consulted to Jewish student groups on campus. University of Maryland. 2002-04.

Research Assistant. Assisted Dr. Shelly Shenhav in interviewing, documenting and researching the One Year Program experience of youth leaders in Israel. Education Department, Jewish Agency for Israel. 2001-02.

Research Assistant. Assisted the Director of the Department. Department of Spanish and Latin-American Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem. 1995-96.

Additional Education Experience

Israeli Jewish Campus Service Corps Fellow. Developed Israeli and Jewish educational programs, organized cultural activities for Jewish students, advocated for inter-faith dialogues. Hillel Foundation for Jewish Life, University of Maryland. 2002-03.

Project Director. Developed educational programs, conducted seminars, coordinated educational activities for Israeli and overseas students in Israel. World Union of Jewish Students, Jerusalem. 2001-02.

Program Coordinator. Developed educational programs and conducted seminars. Aliyah Department, Jewish Agency for Israel, Jerusalem. 2001-02.

Educational Director & Latin American Desk Director. Developed non-formal education programs, screened candidates for volunteering emissary missions around the world, organized screening workshops for candidates, organized professional conferences and supervised emissaries. Project Areivim, Jerusalem. 1998-2001.

Coordinator & Project Director. Developed educational programs and seminars, organized cultural and educational activities for Israeli and overseas students in Israel. Academeet Project, World Union of Jewish Students, Jerusalem. 1998-2000.

Languages

Native Fluency: Hebrew.

Near Native Fluency: English, Spanish.

Reading and Writing Knowledge: French, Portuguese.

Memberships

Association of Jewish Studies

Latin American Studies Association.

Latin American Jewish Studies Association.

Amilat-Israel