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### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Literature; Comparative Literature; Literary Theory; Cultural Theory; Medieval and Modern Middle Eastern Political, Social, Cultural, and Religious History; History of Modern Israel and Zionism; Mizrahi Studies; Palestinian Studies; Theory of Religion; Secularism Studies; Hebrew Language (Modern, Medieval, Biblical); Jewish/Hebrew Thought and Literature (Biblical, Medieval Modern); Arabic Language (Classical, Medieval, Modern); Arabic Thought and Literature (Classical, Medieval, Modern); Judeo-Arabic; Rap & Hip-Hop Studies.

### EDUCATION

#### **The Ohio State University**

PhD, expected Dec '18  
(Currently ABD)

Near Eastern Languages and Cultures

- Topic of Study: Protest Literature and Rap by '48 Palestinians in Hebrew and Arabic
- Advisor, Naomi Brenner

#### **The Ohio State University**

MA, June 2013

Near Eastern Languages and Cultures

- Topic of Study: Medieval Hebrew Poetry in Andalusia
- Advisor, Adena Tanenbaum
- Thesis: "Solomon ibn Gabirol and Samuel ibn Naghrela: An Examination of Life and Death"

#### **Shalom Spiegel Summer Seminar, JTS**

June 2012

○Intensive week-long seminar on medieval Hebrew poetry with Raymond Scheindlin at the Jewish Theological Seminary, New York.

#### **The University of Texas at Austin**

Middle Eastern Studies

- Hebrew Studies

#### **The University of Chicago**

Bachelors Degree with Honors

June 2009

Comparative Literature

- Topic of Study: Modern and Medieval Hebrew Literature
- Advisor, Norman Golb
- Thesis: "The Poetry of Shmuel HaNagid: Translation and Analysis"

#### ○**Minor:** Jewish Studies

- Topic of Study: Hebrew and Eastern European Jewish Literature

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**Hebrew University Summer Intensive Hebrew Ulpan** Jerusalem, Israel  
○Intensive Hebrew language study level Gimel: 150 hours July, '12  
○Intensive Hebrew language study level Bet: 150 hours July, '07

**University of Haifa Summer Intensive Hebrew Ulpan** Haifa, Israel  
○Intensive Hebrew language study level Dalet: 300 hours total July-August, '08

### AWARDS AND GRANTS

**FLAS Grant, OSU** 2012  
○Foreign Language and Area Studies Grant awarded by the Ohio State University for intensive study of Hebrew at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**Roth Essay Contest Graduate Scholarship, OSU** 2011  
○Second Prize for essay entitled: "Lekha Dodi: The Kabbalistic Significance of the Hymn in a Historical Context"  
○Awarded by the Melton Center for Jewish Studies at Ohio State

**Dan C. Danciger Scholarship, The University of Texas at Austin** 2010  
○Awarded by UT based on academic achievements in and commitment to Hebrew studies.

**FLAG Grant, The University of Chicago** 2008  
○Foreign Language Acquisition Grant awarded by the University of Chicago to study Hebrew at the University of Haifa

**The University of Chicago Deans List** 2007-2008

### PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

#### ADMINISTRATION

**Assistant Coordinator & Website Manager, Center for the Study and Teaching of Writing**  
Columbus, OH  
Au'17-Present

- Maintain the CSTW/ Writing Center website and Canvas page
- Develop new content for the CSTW website and track site analytics.
  - Created the following new content for the website: [Accessibility](#), [FAQ](#), [Consultant Spotlights](#), [Drop Off](#), [Live Chat](#), [Team Project](#), and [Veterans' Sessions](#), [Satellite Writing Center in Thompson Library](#), [Writing Mechanics](#), [Paper Content and Organization](#), [Brainstorming](#), [Dissertation and Thesis Support](#), [Library and Research](#), [Consultant Resources](#), [Career Preparation](#), and [Science Writing Resources](#).
- Created Promotional Writing Center Video
  - [stream](#) video (currently only accessible to Mediasite users)
- Oversee Writing Groups and Writing Group facilitators
  - Currently oversee 7 Writing Groups and 6 facilitators

- Lead an Online Accountability Writing Group
  - Original Writing Group that I developed from scratch
  - Created a semester-long syllabus on topics such as Accountability, Goal Setting, Resource Management, Simplifying Syntax, etc.
  - Created Video Lessons for each weekly topic
- Oversee Live-Chat and Drop-Off Online sessions and Online Consultants.
  - Currently oversee 15 Live Chat and 23 Drop Off sessions, for a sum of 38 total online sessions, offered each week
  - Currently oversee 8 Online Consultants
- Facilitate a Mentorship group of Writing Center grad and undergrad consultants
  - Lead trainings of consulting strategies
  - Lead conversations among Consultants about sensitive issues they encounter in sessions

**GAA, OSU's Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies**

Columbus, OH  
Spr '15-Spr '17

- Involved in the organization of three international conferences in CMRS's third yearly 'Popular Culture and the Deep Past' series.
- Maintained and updated CMRS website (<https://cmrs.osu.edu/>)
- Communications and Publicity June '11-Sept '11
- Updated and compiled database of medieval & renaissance scholars in Ohio June '12-Aug '12
- Edited articles and assisted in compilation of Festschrift volume in honor of Barbara Hanawalt, Notre Dame Press (never published)

**GAA, Center for Languages Literatures and Cultures**

Columbus, OH  
Jan '13-Dec '14

- Staffed the front desk of the Individualized Instruction & Learning Center
- Proctored foreign language tests and placement exams
- Mentored and assisted students in all aspects of planning and maintaining their foreign language curriculum

**Assistant, Ohio State Judaica Library**

Columbus, OH  
Sept '11- Dec '12

- Assisted Ohio State head Judaica librarian Yossi Galron
- Typed bibliographies of Hebrew books for website "Metsudah", a bibliographical database of Hebrew books created by Yossi Galron (<http://library.osu.edu/projects/hebrew-lexicon/99995028001.php>)
- Catalogued Hebrew and Judaica books by adding them to the OCLC database

**Clerical Assistant, University of Chicago School Mathematics Project**

Hyde Park, IL  
Sep '07-Nov '08

- Organized two mathematical conferences (one international)
- Delivered mail, typed expenses reports and direct payment vouchers, photocopied, shipped documents using FedEx, and prepared documents for mass mailings.

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**Office Assistant, OSU's Melton Center for Jewish Studies**

Columbus, OH  
June '07-Sep '07

- Gained experience working in an academic archive
- Organized thirty years worth of collected files on Jewish and Islamic Philosophy

**Student Worker, University of Chicago Booth School of Business**

Hyde Park, IL  
Sep '06-Sep '07

- Data entry clerk in the Alumni Development office

**TEACHING**

**Writing Consultant, Center for the Study and Teaching of Writing**

Columbus, OH  
Au '13-Summer '17

- Single-handedly engineered and implemented Drop-Off Tutorials at CSTW, including the development of all the guidelines and protocols. Starting this semester (Spring '16), Drop-Off Tutorials will for the first time be an established program at CSTW, with several consultants offering these services.
- Meet with students for one-on-one tutoring sessions at OSU's Writing Center
- Facilitate writing groups (PhD and MA dissertation, personal statement)
- Have experience assisting students from diverse backgrounds with all types of writing, including PhD dissertations, articles for publication, admission essays, seminar papers, class essays, creative assignments, art portfolios, etc.

**Graduate TA, Ohio State**

- MEDREN 2666 Magic and Witchcraft in the Middle Ages and Renaissance
- JS 2201 Introduction to Jewish Studies

**Graduate TA, The University of Texas at Austin**

- HEBREW 506
- HEBREW 507

**Teacher, Congregation Agudas Achim, Columbus, OH**

Sept '11- May '12

- Taught Hebrew and Jewish studies to third grade students
- Topics include: weekly *parsha*, Bible studies, *Tefila*, Hebrew language, Israel studies, and Jewish holidays

**PROFESSIONAL EDITING**

**Professional Freelance Proofreader, Proofed Inc.**

Summer '16- Present

- Qualified Professional Freelance Proofreader for the online proofreading company Proofed Inc. based in NYC (formerly based in the UK)
- Edit all types of documents (including Masters and PhD Theses and journal articles) for both native and non-native English speakers
- Provide clients with comments on the content of their work

**Freelance Copy Editor**

June '12-Present

○Published works edited in entirety include:

- The Poetry of Paul Valery. Translated by Nathaniel Rudavsky-Brody (FSG, 2016)
- Jean-Michel De Waele, Fabien Escalona and Mathieu Vieira (eds.), Social Democracy Facing Financial Crisis, Manchester University Press, 2013
- Jean-Michel De Waele, Fabien Escalona and Mathieu Vieira (eds.), The Palgrave Handbook of Social Democracy, Palgrave Macmillan, 2013

**RESEARCH**

**Research Assistant, Cambridge History of Jewish Philosophy**

Dec '07-Jan '08

- Developed consistent transliterations of Arabic and Hebrew words
- Edited articles and researched and double-checked for consistency of historical information in articles
- Composed reference bio-bibliographies of Medieval Philosophers

**Lab Technician, Applied Biomolecular Technologies**

Columbus, OH  
June '07-September '07

- Performed Immunological Assays (ELISA) on bacterial extracts to determine concentration of recombinant proteins.

**CONFERENCES**

**ECWCA**

Columbus, OH  
March 23-25, '18

- “Writing Groups in the Writing Center: Strengthening the Ongoing Writing Support”

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

**COMMUNITY LECTURES**

**“Israel in Poetry, Song, and Rap”**

Oct '16

- Creekside Wexner Heritage Village

Columbus, OH

**“Israel in Modern Hebrew Poetry Before and After 1948”**

Oct '14

- Creekside Wexner Heritage Village

Columbus, OH

**“Love in Medieval Hebrew Poetry”**

June '14

- Creekside Wexner Heritage Village

Columbus, OH

**“Life and Death in Medieval Hebrew Poetry”**

April '14

- Melton Center Community Text Study Group

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## **VOLUNTEERING**

### **YMCA Hoover Learning Garden**

Summer '17 - Present  
Lockbourne, OH

○Volunteer as a gardener during the summer in this learning garden that serves the local Columbus community by providing food, information, and produce.

### **Local Matters**

March '18- Present  
Columbus, OH

○Volunteer at local events in Columbus such as planting and harvesting in the learning gardens, helping food educators teach food-related lessons in local preschool programs, and sharing basic cooking skills with adults at risk of hunger.

### **Four Seasons City Farm**

March '18- Present  
Olde Towne East, OH

○Work in the garden during the summer in my local urban community garden that gives back to the local community through education, and donation of vegetables and fruits.

## **SERVICE INDUSTRY**

### **Wait Staff, Northstar Café**

Summer '10  
Columbus, OH

○Served food, bussed tables, brewed coffee, greeted guests

### **Server, Leona's Italian Restaurant**

Summer '09  
Chicago (Hyde Park), IL

○Waited tables and prepared mixed drinks (alcoholic)

### **Sales Associate, Powell's Books**

August '06-June '07  
Chicago (Hyde Park), IL

○Worked as a sales associate; organized books according to genre