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LANGUAGE PEDAGOGUE · EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIST · OPEN-SCIENCE ADVOCATE

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Summary

Language educator and researcher with experience teaching Hebrew and English, both domestically and abroad. Research interests lie at the intersections of second language acquisition, educational technology, and learning analytics. Currently a Fulbright Fellow in Israel. An avid advocate of open science, open source, and open education seeking to make research findings and educational materials accessible to all.

Education

The University of Texas at Austin

Austin, Texas

M.A. IN MIDDLE EASTERN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

2016 - 2018

- **Emphasis:** Hebrew Applied Linguistics
- **Supervisors:** Esther Raizen, Elaine Horwitz
- **Thesis:** *Creating a Frequency Dictionary of Spoken Hebrew: A Reproducible Use of Technology to Overcome Scarcity of Data*
- **GPA:** 3.97

Brigham Young University

Provo, Utah

B.A. IN ANCIENT NEAR EASTERN STUDIES

2012 - 2016

- **Emphasis:** Hebrew Bible
- **Minors:** Linguistics, Modern Hebrew
- **GPA:** 3.92

Experience

Oranim Academic College of Education

Kiryat Tiv'on, Israel

FULBRIGHT ENGLISH TEACHING ASSISTANT

October 2018 - Present

- Leading class discussions in various advanced courses (*Academic Writing, Rhetoric, Linguistics*) for future English teachers.
- Teaching *English for the Workplace Conversation Course* for international students.
- Preparing digital platform and leading workshops for Masa Israel Teaching Fellows.

VIPKid

Online (Remote)

TEACHER OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

May 2017 - Present

- Teaching English to children in China, ages 5–12.
- All coursework, preparation, testing, and reporting is done online.
- Courses taught include general English, phonics, “summer camp” English, and TOEFL Primary prep classes.

The University of Texas at Austin - Center for Middle Eastern Studies

Austin, Texas

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT (INTENSIVE MODERN HEBREW)

Aug. 2016 - May 2018

- Aided students in the acquisition of Hebrew language and culture.
- Duties consisted of in-class feedback, grading, addressing concerns, general course organization, and teaching.

Brigham Young University - Department of Asian and Near Eastern Languages

Provo, Utah

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Sep. 2014 - Aug. 2016

- Research for various projects and publications, primarily the Dead Sea Scrolls Editions.
- Responsibilities included paleographic reading, reconstruction, dating, and analysis of biblical scrolls from cave 2Q, among other things.

Brigham Young University - Religious Studies Center

Provo, Utah

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, *Studia Antiqua*

Jun. 2015 - Jul. 2016

- Internship covering all responsibilities pertaining to the student publication *Studia Antiqua*.
- Duties included the handling of submission requests, faculty reviews, editing, publication, fundraising, and the organization of a student symposium.
- Also responsible for overseeing the implementation of a new online database for the journal.

Brigham Young University - David M. Kennedy Center for International Studies

Provo, Utah

COORDINATION ASSISTANT

Sep. 2012 - Apr. 2016

- Worked with the coordinator of Ancient Near Eastern Studies to organize and manage students, classes, scheduling, budget, and faculty meetings.
- Also coordinated all aspects of guest lecturer visits.

Brigham Young University - Department of Asian and Near Eastern Languages

Provo, Utah

ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR (INTENSIVE BIBLICAL HEBREW)

Jun. 2015 - Aug. 2015

- Taught the afternoon sessions of summer intensive biblical Hebrew (HEB 131 and 132), under the direction of a faculty member.

Brigham Young University - Department of Religious Education

Provo, Utah

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Jan. 2015 - Jun. 2015

- Research for an in-depth faculty project dealing with the Jewish presence in Pompeii.
- Included on-site research in Pompeii and the Naples Museum.
- Led to multiple peer-reviewed publications by supervising faculty.

Brigham Young University - David M. Kennedy Center for International Studies

Provo, Utah

TEACHING ASSISTANT (INTRODUCTION TO ANCIENT NEAR EASTERN STUDIES)

Sep. 2013 - Dec. 2013

- Addressed student concerns, graded papers and exams, and assisted with general course organization for Introduction to Ancient Near Eastern Studies (ANES 201).

BYU Studies (Journal)

Provo, Utah

EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

Apr. 2013 - Sep. 2013

- Proofreading, source checking, document organization, and general research for the Chiasmus Collection at the L. Tom Perry Special Collections of the Harold B. Lee Library.

Brigham Young University - Department of Religious Education

Provo, Utah

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Sep. 2012 - Apr. 2013

- Research responsibilities included finding, organizing, and suggesting useful sources for academic papers and research projects.
- Proofread and edited papers for presentation and publication.

Academic presentations

Creating a Conversational Hebrew Vocabulary List: A Reproducible Use of Technology to Overcome Scarcity of Data

Herndon, Virginia

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF LESS COMMONLY TAUGHT LANGUAGES (NCOLCTL) 21ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Apr. 2018

Transitional Semi-Allophonic Spirantization in Tiberian Hebrew

Austin, Texas

JIL JADID GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE IN MIDDLE EASTERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

Feb. 2018

Lexical Variation in the Understanding of bara': Homonymy or Polysemy?

Provo, Utah

STUDENTS OF THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST 8TH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

Jan. 2015

Spare [Them] a Little Longer: The Role of Prophetic Intercession in the Preservation of the Lord's People

BYU RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

Provo, Utah

2013

Invited lectures

#merica: History, Culture, and Diversity

SPARKS OF CHANGE—GALILEE DREAMERS ORIENTATION

Albany College, Deir el-Asad, Israel

Feb. 2019

Words, Collocations, and Technology: Teaching and Learning Vocabulary

MASA ISRAEL TEACHING FELLOWS SEMINAR

Tel Aviv, Israel

Jan. 2019

Language Learning for the 21st Century: Interpersonal Communication Through Digital Communities

TEXAS LANGUAGE CENTER: "LANGUAGE MATTERS!" LECTURE SERIES

Austin, TX (presented remotely)

Oct. 2018

Publications

2015

Lexical Variation in the Understanding of bara': Homonymy or Polysemy?

Studia Antiqua 14, no. 1 (Spring 2015): 20–29.

2014

The Sacrificed God and Man's Creation: Nonaggressive Violence in the Mesopotamian Atraḫasis

Studia Antiqua 13, no. 2 (Fall 2014): 14–25.

Honors & awards

2018–2019

J. William Fulbright Fellowship to Israel

J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIP BOARD

2018

NFMLTA Travel Support Grant for Language Professionals

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF MODERN LANGUAGE TEACHERS ASSOCIATIONS

2017

Love of Learning Award

THE HONOR SOCIETY OF PHI KAPPA PHI

2016–2018

Graduate Student Teaching Assistantship

DEPARTMENT OF MIDDLE EASTERN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

2016

BYU Representative for Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship

THE HONOR SOCIETY OF PHI KAPPA PHI, BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY CHAPTER

2015–2016

Full Tuition Academic Scholarship

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

2015

ORCA Research Grant

OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES, BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

2015

Language Facilitator Scholarship

FOREIGN LANGUAGE STUDENT RESIDENCE, BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

2014–2015	Kennedy Scholar DAVID M. KENNEDY CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY
2014–2015	Eugene D. and Edna L. Connor Academic Scholarship BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY
2014	Jennifer C. Groot Fellowship AMERICAN CENTER OF ORIENTAL RESEARCH
2013–2014	Karl G. Maeser Academic Scholarship BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

Extracurricular service & volunteering

Shimshit English Club SENIOR MENTOR FOR ENGLISH STUDENTS AT RAEIM SCHOOL	<i>Shimshit, Israel</i> 2018–2019
Paper Airplanes ONLINE ESL TUTOR FOR REFUGEES	<i>Remote (online)</i> 2017
Boy Scouts of America - Troop 99 DEN LEADER	<i>Austin, Texas</i> 2016–2017
International Rescue Committee CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP ESL TUTOR FOR REFUGEES	<i>Salt Lake City, Utah</i> 2016
Students of the Ancient Near East - Brigham Young University PRESIDENT	<i>Provo, Utah</i> 2015–2016
Students of the Ancient Near East - Brigham Young University VICE PRESIDENT	<i>Provo, Utah</i> 2013–2015
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints VOLUNTEER REPRESENTATIVE	<i>Las Vegas, Nevada</i> 2009–2011

Languages

Spanish	Native
English	Native
Modern Hebrew	Superior
Biblical Hebrew	Reading
French	Conversational
Arabic	Limited

Memberships and affiliations

- American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)
- National Association of Professors of Hebrew (NAPH)
- National Council of Less Commonly Taught Languages (NCOLCTL)

- Modern Language Association (MLA)
- Society of Biblical Literature (SBL)
- The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi
- Golden Key Honour Society
- Pembroke College Circle, University of Cambridge

Additional research experience

Jewish Pompeii Project

Pompeii, Italy

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

2015

- On-site work as research assistant on project related to the Jewish presence in Pompeii.
- Led to various publications by the lead researchers.

BYU Archaeology Field School

Petra, Jordan

STUDENT EXCAVATOR

2014

- Excavated as member of the archaeology team for the Ad-Deir Monument and Plateau Project.
- Specialized in Nabataean numismatics and language.
- Part of a multi-year project. Led to various publications.

L. Tom Perry Special Collections

Provo, Utah

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2013

- Editorial assistant for a multi-year chiasmus research project.

Computing skills

Data Science	Python (NumPy, Pandas, Matplotlib), R
Web Programming	HTML, CSS, Javascript, Python, Hugo, Jekyll
Other	Git, LaTeX, Adobe Photoshop