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EDUCATION:

- Ph.D.** University of California, Los Angeles 2019
Near Eastern Languages and Cultures
- M.A.** University of California, Los Angeles 2014
Near Eastern Languages and Cultures
- B.A.** University of California, Los Angeles 2014
English – *Summa Cum Laude*

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Acting Director of Jewish Studies July 2024 – present
University of Kentucky
- Assistant Professor of Hebrew and Jewish Studies, August 2022 – present
University of Kentucky
- Lecturer of Hebrew, August 2019 - July 2022
Washington University in St. Louis
- External Lecturer for Summer Sessions June 2020-August 2020
University of California, Los Angeles

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Chan, Martin Luther (2024). Learning to Read in Hebrew and Arabic: Challenges and Pedagogical Approaches. *Education Sciences*, 2024, 14(7), 765; DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3390/educsci14070765>

In Progress:

“The Emphatic Daad in Aramaic” with Andrew Bryd

TEXTBOOKS

Gesharim: Modern Hebrew for Advanced Learners, with Eyal Tamir. In progress.

COURSES TAUGHT

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY,

Assistant Professor, 2022-

Arabic 102	Elementary Modern Standard Arabic II
Arabic 201	Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic II (<i>upcoming</i>)
Hebrew 101	Elementary Modern Hebrew I Elementary Biblical Hebrew I
Hebrew 102	Elementary Modern Hebrew II Elementary Biblical Hebrew II
Hebrew 201	Intermediate Modern Hebrew I
Jewish Studies 110	Introduction to Old Testament/ Hebrew Bible
Jewish Studies 324	Jewish Thought/ Culture I: Ancient Israel – Middle Ages

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS

Lecturer, 2019-2022

Hebrew 1011	First Year Modern Hebrew I
Hebrew 1012	First Year Modern Hebrew II
Hebrew 2011	Second Year Modern Hebrew I
Hebrew 2012	Second Year Modern Hebrew II
Hebrew 320D	Third-Level Modern Hebrew I

Hebrew 322D

Third-Level Modern Hebrew II

Hebrew 3211

Conversational Hebrew

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

Instructor on Record, 2015-2020

Hebrew 8 (Summer only)

Elementary Modern Hebrew Intensive

8-week intensive equivalent to the first full year of
Modern Hebrew during the academic Year

Teaching Fellow (2018-2019)

German 1

Elementary German I

German 2

Elementary German II

German 3

Elementary German III

Teaching Assistant (2016-2018)

Ancient Near East 10W

Jerusalem: Holy City

Near East M20

Visible Language: Study of Writing

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Schusterman Summer Institute for Israel Studies

June-July 2023

Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts

Deutsche Akademische Austauschdienst (DAAD)

October-December 2016

Language Intensive Course Grant

Göttingen, Lower Saxony, Germany

Eugene V. Cota-Robles Fellowship

2014-2018

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

National Association of Professors of Hebrew (NAPH) June 27, 2022
האם כדאי שגלמד דקדוק ברמת המתקדמים?
Translated title:
“Should we teach grammar at the advanced level?”

Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture February 23, 2024
Learning to Read in Hebrew: Challenges and Pedagogical Approaches

UNIVERSITY SERVICE:

Director of Hebrew & Jewish Studies Track October 2022-April 2023
Kentucky Foreign Language Conference (KFLC)

Members of Evaluation Committee for Luckens International Prize in Jewish Thought and Culture January 2023-present
University of Kentucky, Program in Jewish Studies

Member of Evaluation Committee for the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence Scholarship (JHFE) December 2022- present
University of Kentucky, Program in Jewish Studies

Member of Undergraduate Studies Committee September 2020-June 2022
Washington University in St. Louis,
Department of Jewish, Islamic & Middle Eastern Studies

Member of Hebrew Lecturer Search Committee May 2021
Washington University in St. Louis,
Department of Jewish, Islamic & Middle Eastern Studies

Member of Academic Integrity Committee January 2022-June 2022
Washington University in St. Louis

OTHER ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Graduate Reader, UCLA
“Intermediate Standard Arabic”

Fall Quarter 2014
Winter Quarter 2015
Spring Quarter 2015

Prepared pedagogical materials and Arabic to English translations for students in second year Arabic

TRANSLATION EXPERIENCE:

2012 Hebrew to English: Hana Oppenheimer, “The Massacre at Kremnička: Mass Grave in Slovakia, 1944-1945.” Master’s Thesis at Haifa University, November 2003, Pages 1-112

Original Hebrew Title :

הטבח בקרמיניצ'קה: קבר המונים בסלובקיה, 1944-1940

AWARDS & HONORS:

2012-2014	UCLA Dean’s Honor List
2011-2013	UCLA Achievement Scholarship
2011-2012	UCLA Merit Scholarship
2009-2011	East Los Angeles College President’s Honors List
2008-2011	East Los Angeles College Dean’s Honors List

LANGUAGES:

Modern Languages

Near Native	Hebrew
Proficient	Arabic (Modern Standard, Levantine colloquial), Spanish
Advanced	Persian, Mandarin Chinese, German
Heritage	Chinese (Cantonese)

Ancient Languages Biblical Hebrew, Classical Arabic, Aramaic

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

National Association of Professors of Hebrew (NAPH), Society of Biblical Literature (SBL)