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EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame South Bend, IN
PhD Sociology & Peace Studies, Minor Gender Studies 2016 - present

- Comprehensive exam in gender of sociology, passed October 2019

M.A Sociology May 2019

- Advisor: Atalia Omer
- Thesis: "The Israeli Kidnapped Prince - A glance into the phenomenology of Ethiopian ethnicity, and discrimination in Israel"
- Thesis committee: Atalia Omer, Ann Mische, and Jennifer Jones

American University Washington College of Law Washington, DC
L.L.M in International Legal Studies August 2011

Specialization: Human Rights and Gender

Honors:

- Feminist Jurisprudence - designated by the professor as having received the highest grade in the course.
- Gender and International Comparative Law- designated by the professor as having received the highest grade in the course.

The Hebrew University Jerusalem, Israel
Juris Doctor March 2007
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology March 2007

PUBLICATIONS

Professional Research Reports:

- **Ruth Carmi**, "The Writing on the Wall: Online Racist Incitement against Arabs in Israel". Israel Religious Action Center. September 2015
- **Ruth Carmi**, "Racism and Gender in Israel". Israel Religious Action Center. January 2014.
- **Ruth Carmi**, Ricky Shapira-Rosenberg "Excluded, For God's Sake: Gender Segregation and the Exclusion of Women in Public Space in Israel (second annual report)". Israel Religious Action Center. January 2012.

ACADEMIC WORK IN PROGRESS

To be Submitted:

- Atalia Omer, **Ruth Carmi**, "Mizrahi-Palestinian Intersectionality as a Site of Resistance and Feminist Peacebuilding: The Borderlands Challenge to Ashkonormativity, Heteronormativity, Patriarchy, and Ethnocracy"

Working Drafts:

- **Ruth Carmi**, "The Israeli Kidnapped Prince - A glance into the phenomenology of Ethiopian ethnicity, and discrimination in Israel" *master's thesis converted to a journal article, in progress*
- Ruth Carmi, "The Myopia of Gender vs Religion - Desegregating the Discussion Around Gender Segregation in Israel" *journal article, in data collection*

- **Ruth Carmi**, Atalia Omer, “Becoming the girl from Khan Yunis - Contemporary Mizrahi Poetry as a Site of Conflict Transformation”, *journal article, in progress*
- **Ruth Carmi**, Elizabeth Trudeau, “Has the MeToo Movement Re-Conceptualized Testimony of Sexual Abuse?”, *journal article, in data collection*

GRANTS and FELLOWSHIPS

Graduate Student Union Conference Presentation Grant, *University of Notre Dame* 2018

Papers presented: “The Good-enough Israeli Mother A racial formation analysis of the marginalization of non-Ashkenazi mothers in Israel”, “No one is listening, no one hear “ – Re-Conceptualizing Testimony of Sexual Abuse,”

Kroc Institute Conference Fund, *University of Notre Dame* 2018

2017-18 Mullen Family Fellow, *University of Notre Dame* 2017-18

Kroc Institute Conference Fund, *University of Notre Dame* 2017

Graduate Student Union Conference Presentation Grant, *University of Notre Dame* 2017

Paper presented: “Conflict, Militarization, and Women’s Equality in Israel: The Connection between Misogynic Online Speech and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict”

University Presidential Fellowship in Humanities and Social Sciences, *University of Notre Dame* 2016-2022

New Israel Fund Law Fellow

August 2010-August 2011

Full tuition remission and additional grant for LL.M. studies in International Legal Studies at the Washington College of Law, American University.

Conferences

Panel Presentations:

- “The Good-enough Israeli Mother A racial formation analysis of the marginalization of non-Ashkenazi mothers in Israel”. “Feeling Race an Invitation to Explore Racialized Emotions”, 2018 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 12, 2018.
- “The Good-enough Israeli Mother A racial formation analysis of the marginalization of non-Ashkenazi mothers in Israel”. “Abolitionist Approaches to Social Problems”, The Society for the Study of Social Problems 2018 SSSP Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 10, 2018.
- “Conflict, Militarization, and Women’s Equality in Israel: The Connection between Misogynic Online Speech and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict”. *Theorizing Linkage, Practicing Solidarity: Feminist Approaches to Conflict Resolution*, School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, George Mason University, Arlington, VA, April 6, 2017.

Roundtable Presentation:

- “No one is listening, no one hear “– Re-Conceptualizing Testimony of Sexual Abuse,” Section on Sociology of Sexualities Refereed Roundtables, 2018 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 11, 2018.

Invited Talks:

- “Can’t we all Get Along? Challenges in Coalition Building Among Minority Communities in Israel’s Civil Society”, sponsored by the Kurt & Tessey Simon Foundation, Temple Beth-El, South Bend, IN, March 9, 2018

- “Introduction to Israeli Religion and State”. The Jewish Federation of North America Professional Institute 2018, Huston, TX, February 12-14, 2018.

Conference Moderating:

- Panel title: “The Role of Law, Norms, and Rights”, Building Sustainable Peace Conference, University of Notre Dame, November 10, 2019.
- Panel title: “Toward Just Communities”, The Notre Dame Student Peace Conference- Expanding Circles, Peace in a Polarized Age? University of Notre Dame, March 30, 2019.
- Panel title: “Bridging Cross-Cultural Divides”, The Notre Dame Student Peace Conference- Pathways to peace, University of Notre Dame, April 1, 2017.

Conference Acceptance:

- "The Myopia of Gender vs Religion - Desegregating the Discussion Around Gender Segregation in Israel", panel acceptance for the 2020 American Sociological Association 115th Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, August 8-11, 2020 (COVID-19 cancel)
- “The Myopia of Gender versus Religion - Women’s Exclusion in the Israeli Army and Women of the Wall as a Case Study”, 36th annual meeting of the association for Israel Studies, Tulane University, New Orleans, June 29-July 1, 2020 (COVID-19 cancel)
- “The Kidnapped Prince- an intersectional racial formation analysis of the Ethiopian community marginalization in Israel”, Section on Race, Gender and Class Refereed Roundtables, 2019 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, NY, NY, August 12, 2019.
- “Becoming the girl from Khan Yunis - Contemporary Mizrahi Poetry as a Site of Conflict Transformation”, Section on Peace, War and Social Conflict: New Methods and Perspectives, 2019 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, NY, NY, August 11, 2019.
- “The Good-enough Israeli Mother - A racial formation analysis of the marginalization of non-Ashkenazi mothers in Israel”. 2018 Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ, November 8, 2018.
- “The Good-enough Israeli Mother A racial formation analysis of the marginalization of non-Ashkenazi mothers in Israel”. “States of Emergence”, 2018 American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 8, 2018.
- “No one is listening, no one hear”: Re-conceptualizing Testimony of Sexual Abuse”. The XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology, Toronto, Canada, July 15-21, 2018.
- “Who is a good mother? Reading Israeli Supreme Court adoption decision on the racial continuum of marginalization“. 2018 Annual Meeting on Law and Society, Toronto, Canada, June 7-10, 2018.
- “No one is listening, no one hear”: Re-conceptualizing Testimony of Sexual Abuse”. 'Feminism + Knowledge + Politics', the International Feminist Journal of Politics 7th Annual conference, University of San Francisco, San Francisco CA, April 2-3, 2018.
- “No one is listening, no one hear”: Re-conceptualizing Testimony of Sexual Abuse”. ICGSFF 2018: 20th International Conference on Gender Sociology and Feminist Frameworks, Miami, FL, March 12-13, 2018.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Notre Dame, Kroc Institute International for Peace Studies University of Notre Dame

Research Assistant for Dr. Atalia Omer, August 2016 - August 2018

Keough School Associate Professor

- Coauthors article “Mizrahi-Palestinian Intersectionality as a Site of Resistance and Feminist Peacebuilding: The Borderlands Challenge to Ashkonormativity,

Heteronormativity, Patriarchy, and Ethnocracy” [to be resubmitted for publication in May 2019]

- Coauthors article ““Becoming the girl from Khan Yunis - Contemporary Mizrahi Poetry as a Site of Conflict Transformation” [in progress]

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Intro to Peace Studies University of Notre Dame
TA for Dr. George A. Lopez, Fall 2018
Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., Professor Emeritus of Peace Studies

ACADEMIC SERVICE & COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT

- Kroc Doctoral Student Organization University of Notre Dame 2018-2019
- Gender and Peace Studies Search Committee, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies University of Notre Dame 2018-2019

WORK EXPERIENCE

The Israeli Religious Action Center (IRAC) Jerusalem, Israel
Attorney 2011-2016;
June 2008-August 2010
Legal Intern March 2007-March 2008

IRAC is the public and legal advocacy arm of the Reform Movement in Israel. IRAC is the preeminent civil and human rights organization in Israel focusing on the issues of religion and state. It is the leading Jewish organization advocating on behalf of a broadly inclusive Israeli democracy, infusing social justice advocacy with the spiritual energy and humane worldview of Progressive Judaism.

Field of expertise: Constitutional, administrative, and human rights law, particularly freedom of religion and conscience, religious pluralism, civil liberties and social justice.

- Litigated in the High Court of Justice and administrative courts.
- Represented in Knesset (Israeli Parliament) Committees.
- Director of IRAC's Civic Equality for Arab minority in Israel project: Addressed issues of resource allocation to Arab minority and Arab minority's right to government services and support; battle incitement to racism and violence.
- Worked in close collaboration with other NGOs within Israel, both Arab and Jewish.
- Wrote and edited reports and position papers intended for government decision makers, international agencies, and the general public.
- Served as lead member, counsel, and co-founder of the Coalition against Racism in Israel.

The Jerusalem Rape Crisis Center Jerusalem, Israel
Chairperson, Board of Directors 2012-April 2014
Volunteer 2004-2010

- Served as responder on sexual abuse hotline.
- Accompanied sexual abuse survivors to police stations, hospitals, and courts.
- Instructed training courses for new volunteers.

End Silence: The Project on Addressing Prison Rape Washington, DC
Legal Intern Summer 2011

- Reviewed, classified, and analyzed over 350 public comments regarding the legislative proposal "National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape" (PREA), focusing on issues of immigration and the LGBTIQ community.
- Drafted position paper on PREA that was submitted to the Department of Justice.

American Civil Liberties Union

Washington, DC
Spring 2011

Legal Intern

- Conducted legal and factual research.
- Initiated contact with current and potential clients.
- Drafted a memorandum on DC jail requirement to scan visitor's fingerprints.
- Attended trials and appellate proceedings.

Jerusalem Rape Crisis Center

Jerusalem, Israel

Legal Advisor (pro bono)

December 2009-August 2010

Legal Instructor

December 2009-August 2010

- Trained law students volunteering at Jerusalem Rape Crisis Center as part of their academic clinical training in the Hebrew University School of Law Violence against Women Clinic.

The Hebrew University School of Law, Trafficking Clinic

Jerusalem, Israel
2006

Participant

- Met with trafficking survivors and other illegal workers in prisons across Israel.
- Conducted intake and informed them of their rights.
- Appealed decision of Prosecutor's Office not to file an indictment in case of a trafficking victim.

The Hebrew University School of Law, Violence against Women Clinic

Jerusalem, Israel
2004-2005

Participant

- Provided legal aid at the Jerusalem Rape Crisis Center.

LANGUAGES

Hebrew – Native

English – Fluent