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Academic Positions

- 2008 (Sep) - present      Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Linguistics (permanent)  
School of Languages, Linguistics & Film  
Queen Mary, University of London
- 2011 (July)                Instructor (Speech Perception and Identity)  
Summer School in Sociolinguistics  
University of Glasgow
- 2008 (Jan-Sep)          Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Linguistics (fixed-term)  
School of Languages, Linguistics & Film  
Queen Mary, University of London

Education

- 2002-2007                Ph.D., Linguistics, **New York University**  
Dissertation title: *National Discord: Language, Sexuality and the Politics of Belonging in Israel*.  
Dissertation committee: Renée Blake (chair), Rudolf Gaudio, Gregory Guy, Don Kulick, John Singler
- 2006-2007                Jewish and Israeli Studies, École Pratique des Hautes Études, **Sorbonne**  
Esther Benbassa, advisor
- 2000-2002                M.A., Linguistics, **New York University**  
M.A. thesis title: *Style and Mosaic Identity: Phonological Variation and Reform American Judaism*
- 1996-2000                B.A., Linguistics and French, **University of California Los Angeles**  
*magna cum laude*
- 1998-1999                Sociolinguistics, Queen Mary, **University of London**  
Jenny Cheshire, advisor

Publications

Books:

- 1) *Language and the politics of sexuality: Lesbians and gays in Israel*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, **2010**.

Journal Articles:

- 2) "Gender, prescriptivism and language change: Morphological variation in Hebrew animate reference," **under review**.
- 3) "The voice of others: Identity, alterity and gender normativity among gay men in Israel," *Language in Society*, **forthcoming (2012)**.

## Journal Articles (continued):

- 4) "Teasing apart to bring together: Gender and sexuality in variationist research," *American Speech* 86: 69-84, **2011**.
- 5) "Dimensions of style: Context, politics and motivation in gay Israeli speech," *Journal of Sociolinguistics* 13: 29-58, **2009**.
- 6) "Sexuality in context: Variation and the sociolinguistic perception of identity," *Language in Society* 36: 533-554, **2007**.
- 7) "Hearing 'gay': Prosody, interpretation and the affective judgments of men's speech," *American Speech* 81: 56-78, **2006**.
- 8) "Mosaic identity and style: Phonological variation among Reform American Jews," *Journal of Sociolinguistics* 10: 185-205, **2006**.

## Book Chapters and Refereed Conference Proceedings:

- 9) "'The ideal gay man': Narrating masculinity and national identity in Israel," in Milani, T. (ed.) *Recasting language and masculinity*, **in preparation**.
- 10) "Ethnographic fieldwork," in Mallinson, C., B. Childs & G. van Herk (eds.) *Data collection in sociolinguistics: Methods and applications*. London: Routledge, **to appear**.
- 11) "The politics of prosody: Language, sexuality and national belonging in Israel," in Zimman, L., J. Raclaw & J. Davis (eds.) *Queer Excursions: Re-theorizing binaries in language, gender and sexuality*, **to appear**.
- 12) "Organizing and processing your data: The nuts and bolts of quantitative analyses," in Litosseliti, L. (ed.) *Research methods in linguistics*. London: Continuum, 68-92, **2010**.
- 13) "Définitions et méthodes d'approche des minorités sexuelles [Definitions and methods for studying sexual minorities]," in Laithier, S. & V. Vilmain (eds.) *L'histoire des minorités est-elle une histoire marginale?* Paris: Presse Universitaire de Paris-Sorbonne, 45-56, **2008** [in French].
- 14) "English VP-preposing and relative scope" (with T. Leu & L. Dorfman), in van Koppen M., J. Sio, & M. de Vos (eds.) *Selected proceedings of ConSOLE XI*. Leiden: SOLE, **2003**.
- 15) "On triggered inversion in Hebrew," in van Koppen, M., E.J. van der Torre, & M. Zimmerman (eds.) *Selected proceedings of ConSOLE X*. Leiden: SOLE, 127-142, **2001**.

## Book Reviews:

- 16) "Review of Rasinger, S. (2008) *Quantitative research in linguistics: An introduction*," *Language* 86: 247-249, **2010**.
- 17) "Review of Myhill, J. (2006) *Language, religion and national identity in Europe and the Middle East*," *Language Policy* 8: 169-171, **2009**.
- 18) "Review of Hulk, A. & J-Y Pollock (2001) *Subject inversion and the theory of Universal Grammar*," *GLOT International* 7: 1-4, **2003**.

Invited Talks

- 1) "Discursive constructions of gender normativity among gay men in Israel," Department of English Language and Communication, Kingston University London, November 2009.
- 2) "Communities and individuals: Investigating reliability and validity in the speech of Israeli lesbian and gay activists," Department of Linguistics, York University (UK), May 2009.
- 3) "Language, sexuality and the politics of belonging in Israel," Department of Language and Communication, Anglia Ruskin University (UK), March 2009.
- 4) "Sexuality, nationalism and the politics of identity in Israel," Centre for Gender Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, May 2008.
- 5) "Homosexuality and the Jewish world in the 20th century," Department of Religious Studies, École Pratique des Hautes Études, La Sorbonne (Paris), March 2007.

### Selected Conference Presentations

- 1) "The social salience of (ING) in Britain: Implications for the sociolinguistic monitor" (with S. Fox), UK Language Variation and Change (UK LVC) 8, Edge Hill University, September 2011.
- 2) "Categories and stereotypes: Perceiving the intersection of gender, sexuality and social class in language," International Conference on Language and Variation in Europe (ICLaVE) 6, University of Freiburg, July 2011.
- 3) "Gender, prescriptivism and language change: A new way of analyzing morphological variation in Hebrew," New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 39, University of Texas San Antonio, November 2010.
- 4) "Discursive constructions of gender normativity among gay men in Israel," International Gender and Language Association (IGALA) 6, Tsuda College, September 2010.
- 5) "Language and the reproduction of hegemonic masculinity among gay men in Israel," Masculine Identifications Conference, University of Huddersfield, July 2010.
- 6) "Teasing apart to bring together: Gender and sexuality in variationist research," Linguistics Society of America (LSA) Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, January 2010.
- 7) "Representatively speaking: Tracing variation between the community and the individual," NWAV 37, Rice University, November 2008.
- 8) "Prosodic variation and style in Gay Israeli speech: Context, politics and motivation," LSA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, January 2008.
- 9) "Sexual subjectivities and narratives of belonging in Israel," American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 2007.
- 10) "National discord: Language style and the politics of sexuality in Israel," NWAV 36, University of Pennsylvania, October 2007.
- 11) "Politically speaking: Prosodic variation among gay men in Israel," IGALA 4, University of Valencia, November 2006.
- 12) "Contingent sexuality: Variation and the sociolinguistic perception of identity," SouthEastern Conference on Linguistics (SECOL) 72, North Carolina State University, April 2005.
- 13) "Gay prosody: Perception and the linguistic envelope of variation," LSA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, January 2005.
- 14) "Contextualized perception: A new methodology for analyzing sexuality and linguistic variation," NWAV 33, University of Michigan, October 2004.
- 15) "Hearing gay: Prosody, interpretation and the affective judgments of men's speech," IGALA 3, Cornell University, June 2004.
- 16) "Examining a gay prosody: Issues in theory, methodology and identity," Lavender Languages and Linguistics XI, American University, Washington, D.C., February 2004.
- 17) "Negotiating Reform Jewish identity in New York City," Association of Jewish Studies, Boston, December 2003.
- 18) "Linguistic style and Mosaic identity: Phonological variation and Reform American Judaism," NWAV 32, University of Pennsylvania, October 2003.

### Fellowships and Research Grants

International Research Fellowship, Social Science Research Council (US), 2005-2006 (\$26,000)  
 Torch Fellowship, New York University, 2005-2006 (\$22,000)  
 Henry MacCracken Doctoral Fellowship, New York University, 2000-2005 (\$80,000)  
 Max Talmey Fellowship, 2003 (\$1,700)  
 Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, New York University, 2003 (\$3,000)

Awards and Honors

Draper's Award for Excellence in Teaching, Queen Mary, University of London, 2009

Outstanding Teaching Award, New York University, 2003

Phi Beta Kappa, inducted 2000

Departmental Honors, Linguistics, University of California Los Angeles, 2000

Regents Scholar, University of California, 1998-2000

National Merit Scholar, University of California Los Angeles, 1996-2000

Golden Key National Honor Society, inducted 1998

Lambda Alumni Scholar, University of California Los Angeles, 1996-1998

Honors Collegium, University of California Los Angeles, 1996-1998

Research Interests

Language Variation and Change

Stylistic Variation

Language, Gender and Sexuality

Language and Nationalism

Socio-phonetics

Speech Perception and Attitudes

Linguistic Research Methodologies

Israel/Palestine/the Middle East

Courses Taught

Queen Mary, University of London  
(2008 - )

Introduction to Sociolinguistic Variation

Sex, Gender and Language (UG/PG)

Language and Ethnicity

Language in the UK

Languages of the World

Foundations of Linguistics

Advanced Linguistic Theory

Research Methods in Linguistics (UG/PG)

Linguistics Undergraduate Dissertations

Sociolinguistic Theory (PG)

New York University  
(2002-2005)

Introduction to Linguistics

Sex, Gender and Language

History of English

Bilingualism

Language and Ethnicity

Departmental/University Service

Committee Memberships:

SLLF Research Policy Committee (2010-present)

SLLF Teaching and Learning Committee (2009-2010)

Arts Faculty Board (2009-2010)

SLLF Student/Staff Liaison Committee (2009-2010)

SLLF Innovation Forum (2008-2010)

Departmental Tasks:

Director of Graduate Studies for Linguistics (2010-present)

Linguistics Seminar Coordinator (2009-2010)

Linguistics Year-Abroad Coordinator (2008-present)

Linguistics Postgraduate Examinations Tutor (2009)

Linguistics Undergraduate Admissions Tutor (2008)

Courses Convened:

MA in Language, Society and Change in Europe (2009)

MA in Linguistics (2010-present)

Disciplinary Service

- Journal Editorial Board: *Journal of Language and Sexuality* (John Benjamins)
- Journal Manuscript Review: *Journal of English Linguistics*  
*Journal of Linguistics*  
*Journal of Pragmatics*  
*Journal of Sociolinguistics*  
*Language and Linguistics Compass*  
*Language in Society*  
*Language Variation and Change*  
*Text & Talk*
- Book Manuscript Review: Palgrave Macmillan  
Wiley-Blackwell
- Conference Abstract Review: International Conference on the Linguistics of Contemporary English  
International Gender and Language Association  
Linguistics Society of America  
New Ways of Analyzing Variation
- Conference Organizing: New Ways of Analyzing Variation 34 (2005)

Professional Affiliations

American Anthropological Association; International Gender and Language Association; Linguistics Association of Great Britain; Linguistics Society of America; Philological Society (UK)

Research Supervision

- PhD: Abigael Candelas (primary supervisor)  
*The linguistic negotiation of sexual consent*  
Degree expected: 2014
- John Weston (primary supervisor)  
*The linguistic construction of epistemological difference*  
Degree expected: 2012
- Barbara Clark (secondary supervisor)  
*Sociolinguistic examination of flight attendant identity construction*  
Degree expected: 2012
- MA: John Weston  
*Language and epistemology: Variation and discourses of science*  
Degree awarded: 2009
- Vanessa Chang  
*Attitudinal differences between Indian migrants and British-born Indians towards Hindi-English code-switching in East London*  
Degree awarded: 2009

Additional Training and Skills

- Teaching Practice: Postgraduate Certificate in Academic Practice (PGCAP)  
Queen Mary, University of London (IHE accredited)

Additional Training and Skills (continued)

Research Assistantships:      Speech Error Corpus  
University of California Los Angeles  
Victoria Fromkin, supervisor  
1996-1998

Psycholinguistics Lab  
University of California Los Angeles  
Carson Schütze, supervisor  
1999-2000

Professional References

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