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## EDUCATION

**Ph.D.** University of California, Los Angeles 2019  
Near Eastern Languages and Cultures

Dissertation: *Language Consciousness in the Hebrew Bible during the Persian Period in Jerusalem*

Co-Chairs: William Schniedewind (Hebrew Bible), Michael Cooperson (Arabic)

**M.A.** University of California, Los Angeles 2014  
Near Eastern Languages and Cultures

**B.A.** University of California, Los Angeles 2013  
English – *Summa Cum Laude*

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

### CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Hebrew and Jewish Studies, August 2022 – present  
University of Kentucky

Director of Jewish Studies July 2025 – present  
University of Kentucky

## PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

Acting Director of Jewish Studies  
University of Kentucky

July 2024 – June 2025

Lecturer of Modern Hebrew,  
Washington University in St. Louis

August 2019 - July 2022

## PUBLICATIONS

### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

**Chan, Martin Luther** (Accepted for publication). Aramaic Reflexes of the Semitic  $\aleph/\aleph^*$ : A Study in Ancient Polyphony, Ugaritic Phonology & Arabic Dialectology. *Journal of Semitic Studies*.

**Chan, Martin Luther** (2024). Learning to Read in Hebrew and Arabic: Challenges and Pedagogical Approaches. *Education Sciences*, 2024, 14(7), 765; 1-18.

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3390/educsci14070765>

### ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

**Chan, Martin Luther**. We speak Yehudit: The Biblical Portrayal of Abstand- and Ausbau Languages. *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* – submitted July 2025.

**Chan, Martin Luther**. The Mutations of Final Weak (Defective) Roots in Arabic & Hebrew: A Comparative Study across Lexical Classes and Linguistic Registers. *International Journal of Arabic Linguistics* – submitted September 2025

### MONOGRAPHS UNDER REVIEW

*A Linguistic Analysis of Modern Hebrew Verbs & Morphology*. Book Prospectus & Sample Chapters under Review

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY,

Assistant Professor, 2022-

## Language Courses:

<b>Arabic 102</b>	Elementary Modern Standard Arabic II
<b>Arabic 202</b>	Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic II
<b>Hebrew 101</b>	Elementary Biblical Hebrew I
<i>Previously taught as:</i>	Elementary Modern Hebrew I
<b>Hebrew 102</b>	Elementary Biblical Hebrew II
<i>Previously taught as:</i>	Elementary Modern Hebrew II
<b>Hebrew 201</b>	Intermediate Biblical Hebrew I
<i>Previously taught as:</i>	Intermediate Modern Hebrew I

## Culture Courses:

<b>Jewish Studies 110</b>	Introduction to Old Testament/ Hebrew Bible
<b>Jewish Studies 324/ History 352</b>	Jews in the Bible & Beyond: From Abraham to the Inquisition

## WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS

Lecturer, 2019-2022

<b>Hebrew 1011</b>	First Year Modern Hebrew I
<b>Hebrew 1012</b>	First Year Modern Hebrew II
<b>Hebrew 2011</b>	Second Year Modern Hebrew I
<b>Hebrew 2012</b>	Second Year Modern Hebrew II
<b>Hebrew 320D</b>	Third-Level Modern Hebrew I
<b>Hebrew 322D</b>	Third-Level Modern Hebrew II
<b>Hebrew 3211</b>	Conversational Hebrew

## UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

Instructor of Record, 2015-2020

<b>Hebrew 8 (Summer Session)</b>	Elementary Modern Hebrew Intensive
	8-week intensive equivalent to First year Modern Hebrew

Teaching Fellow (2018-2019)

<b>German 1</b>	Elementary German I
<b>German 2</b>	Elementary German II
<b>German 3</b>	Elementary German III

Teaching Assistant (2016-2018)

<b>Ancient Near East 10W</b>	Jerusalem: Holy City
<b>Near East M20</b>	Visible Language: Study of Writing

## GRANTS, FUNDING, & FELLOWSHIPS

### EXTERNAL GRANTS & FUNDING

<b>Jewish Heritage Fund</b>	\$177,958
Grant for Visiting Assistant Professor of Hebrew & Jewish Studies	August 2025-June 2027
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Secured funding for a two-year Visiting Assistant Professor in Second Temple &amp; Rabbinic Judaism for the Modern &amp; Classical Languages department at the University of Kentucky</li></ul>	
<b>Christian Student Fellowship (CSF)/ Lewis House</b>	\$12,030.48
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Secured external funding from for a part-time instructor in New Testament &amp; Christian Theology for the Modern &amp; Classical Languages department at the University of Kentucky</li></ul>	August 2025-June 2026

### INTERNAL GRANTS

<b>The University of Kentucky's Gaines Center for the Humanities</b>	\$500
Mini grant for lecture in the Humanities	April 2025

## EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS

### **Schusterman Summer Institute for Israel Studies**

\$6,000

Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts

June-July 2023

- For faculty professional development and training to teach Israel Studies at the university level

### **Deutsche Akademische Austauschdienst (DAAD)**

#### **Language Intensive Course Grant**

€3,500

Göttingen, Lower Saxony, Germany

October-December 2016

- For the purpose of taking intensive language courses at the Goethe Institute (C1-C2)

### **Eugene V. Cota-Robles Diversity Fellowship**

\$25,000 per annum for 4 years

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

2014-2018

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

### **National Association of Professors of Hebrew (NAPH)**

June 27, 2022

האם כדאי שילמד 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:

### TRACK DIRECTOR

#### **Director of Hebrew & Jewish Studies Track**

2022-2023

Kentucky Foreign Language Conference (KFLC)

### COMMITTEES:

#### **Member of Search Committee for Visiting Assistant**

March-April 2025

**Professor in Hebrew & Jewish Studies**

University of Kentucky, Department of Modern &  
Classical Languages, Literatures, & Cultures

**Member of Evaluation Committee for Luckens  
International Prize in Jewish Thought and Culture**  
University of Kentucky, Program in Jewish Studies

January 2023-June 2024

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

December 2022- June 2024

**Member of Undergraduate Studies Committee**  
Washington University in St. Louis,  
Department of Jewish, Islamic & Middle Eastern  
Studies

September 2020-June 2022

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

May 2021

**Member of Academic Integrity Committee**  
Washington University in St. Louis

January 2022-June 2022

## TRANSLATION EXPERIENCE

**Modern 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, 1940-1944

## AWARDS & HONORS:

### AWARD NOMINATIONS

University of Kentucky, College of Arts & Sciences	2025
Outstanding Teaching Award	

### SCHOLARSHIPS

UCLA Achievement Scholarship	2011-2013
UCLA Merit Scholarship	2011-2012

### HONORS

UCLA Dean's Honor List	2012-2014
UCLA Near Eastern Languages & Cultures, Departmental Scholar	2013-2014
East Los Angeles College President's Honors List	2009-2011
East Los Angeles College Dean's Honors List	2008-2011

## LANGUAGES

### MODERN LANGUAGES

*Ranked in order of proficiency*

Near Native	Modern Hebrew
Superior	Modern Standard Arabic, Levantine Colloquial Arabic
Heritage/ Bilingual	Cantonese (Yue Chinese)
Advanced High	Spanish
Advanced Mid	Mandarin Chinese
Advanced Low	German, Iranian Persian (Farsi)
Novice	Russian
Unranked	Egyptian Colloquial Arabic <i>(used for research: strong comprehension ability, limited speaking)</i>

## **CLASSICAL LANGUAGES**

### **Liturgical Languages (Reading Knowledge)**

Biblical Hebrew, Classical Arabic (Qur'anic), Aramaic (Biblical, Targumic, Talmudic), Syriac

### **Inscriptional Languages (Reading Knowledge)**

Northwest Semitic varieties, Ugaritic

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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