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EDUCATION:

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

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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

PEER-REVIEWED 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>

ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

Chan, Martin Luther. We speak Yehudit: The Biblical Portrayal of Abstand- and Ausbau Languages. *Journal of Biblical Literature*

MONOGRAPHS IN PROGRESS

A Linguistic Analysis of Modern Hebrew Verbs & Morphology

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/	Jews in the Bible & Beyond: From Abraham to the
History 352	Inquisition

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 Session)	Elementary Modern Hebrew Intensive 8-week intensive equivalent to First year Modern Hebrew
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Teaching Fellow (2018-2019)

German 1, 2, 3	Elementary German I, II, III
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Teaching Assistant (2016-2018)

Ancient Near East 10W	Jerusalem: Holy City
Near East M20	Visible Language: Study of Writing

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Jewish Heritage Fund	\$177,958
Grant for Visiting Assistant Professor of Hebrew & Jewish Studies	July 2025-July 2027
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Secured funding for a two-year Visiting Assistant Professor in Second Temple & Rabbinic Judaism	

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

Schusterman Summer Institute for Israel Studies Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For faculty professional development and training to teach Israel Studies at the university level 	\$6,000 June-July 2023
Deutsche Akademische Austauschdienst (DAAD) Language Intensive Course Grant Göttingen, Lower Saxony, Germany	€3,500 October-December 2016
Eugene V. Cota-Robles Diversity Fellowship University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)	\$25,000 per annum for 4 years 2014-2018

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

National Association of Professors of Hebrew (NAPH) האם כדאי שְלֵמֵד דְקָדוּק בְרִמַת הַמַתְקָדְמִים? Translated title: <i>“Should we teach grammar at the advanced level?”</i>	June 27, 2022
Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture <i>Learning to Read in Hebrew: Challenges and Pedagogical Approaches</i>	February 23, 2024

UNIVERSITY SERVICE:

Director of Hebrew & Jewish Studies Track Kentucky Foreign Language Conference (KFLC)	October 2022-April 2023
Members of Evaluation Committee for Luckens International Prize in Jewish Thought and Culture University of Kentucky, Program in Jewish Studies	January 2023-present
Member of Evaluation Committee for the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence Scholarship (JHFE) University of Kentucky, Program in Jewish Studies	December 2022- present

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

OTHER ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Graduate Reader, UCLA
"Intermediate Standard Arabic"

2014-2015

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 :

קבר המונים בסלובקיה, 1940-1944

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	Modern Hebrew
Superior	Arabic (Modern Standard, Levantine dialect)
Advanced High	Spanish
Advanced Mid	Mandarin Chinese
Advanced Low	German, Persian (Farsi)
Heritage	Chinese (Cantonese)
Novice	Russian

Classical Languages

Biblical Hebrew
Classical Arabic
Aramaic: Biblical, Targumic, Syriac
Ugaritic; Northwest Semitic varieties

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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