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Curriculum Vitae

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Education and Degrees, Post-Doctorate

Year	Degree	Institute	Area of Specialty
2011–2013	Post-Doctorate	Martin Buber Society of Fellow	Prehistoric Archaeology
2007–2010	Post-Doctorate	Hebrew University of Jerusalem	Prehistoric Archaeology
2001–2008	Doctor of Philosophy	Hebrew University of Jerusalem	Prehistoric Archaeology
1997–2001	Master of Arts	Hebrew University of Jerusalem	Prehistoric Archaeology
1994–1997	Bachelor of Arts	Hebrew University of Jerusalem	Archaeology and Ancient Near East: Language and Culture

Doctoral thesis: Ancient Flames: Controlled Use of Fire at the Acheulian Site of Gesher Benot Ya'agov, Israel

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Positions Held:

From-To	Institute	Research Area	Title
2004–2012	Hebrew University of Jerusalem	Archaeology	Teacher
2013–2021	Bar-Ilan University	Archaeology	Senior Lecturer
2022-	Bar-Ilan University	Archaeology	Associate Professor

Academic Administrative Positions Held in the University

From-To	Institute	Position
2017-	Exhibitions committee	Member
2014–2019	Institute of Archaeology	Chair
2022-	Departmental committee for advanced students	Chair

Main Research Interests and Scientific Activities (briefly)

The prehistoric archaeology of Israel, Lower and Middle Palaeolithic, Technology and typology of stone tools, the use and control of fire, spatial patterning and GIS software, Acheulian cognition, early hominin expansions.

Major Research Findings

Neanderthals' spatial patterning of activities

Earliest control of fire in Eurasia

Acheulian hearth-related spatial patterning of activities

Acheulian hafting

Acheulian expert cognition

Pleistocene occupation sites in the Northwestern Negev (Be'eri Badlands)



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