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Education

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Academic Employment

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2014 – 2021 Senior Lecturer, Department of Education, Ben-Gurion University.

2009 – 2014 Lecturer, Department of Education, Ben-Gurion University.

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2008 – 2009 Adjunct Lecturer, School of Education, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

2008 – 2009 Adjunct Lecturer, School of Education, Tel Aviv University.

2006 – 2009 Adjunct Lecturer, School of Nursing, Tel Aviv University.

Authored books

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2. Arviv-Elyashiv, Rinat, Yariv Feniger and Yossi Shavit (eds.). 2017. *A Chance for Change? New Developments in Theory and Research in the Sociology of Education*. Tel Aviv: Mofet.
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4. Feniger, Yariv. 2017. "Attitudes, Aspirations and Achievement among Minority Students in Israel: Palestinian Arabs and New Immigrants from the FSU." In Rinat Arviv-Elyashiv, Yariv Feniger and Yossi Shavit (eds.) *A Chance for Change? New Developments in Theory and Research in the Sociology of Education*. Tel Aviv: Mofet.
5. Mcdossi, Oded and Yariv Feniger. 2017. "Ethno-Religious Gaps in Israeli Higher Education: Vertical and Horizontal Dimensions." In Rinat Arviv-Elyashiv, Yariv Feniger and Yossi Shavit (eds.) *A Chance for Change? New Developments in Theory and Research in the Sociology of Education*. Tel Aviv: Mofet.
6. Feniger, Yariv, Mirit Israeli and Smadar Yehuda. 2017 "The Power of Numbers: The Adoption and Consequences of National Low-Stakes Standardised Tests in Israel." In: Alfredo J. Artiles and Julie Allan (eds.) *World Yearbook of Education 2017: Assessment Inequalities*. Abingdon (UK) and New York: Routledge.
7. Feniger, Yariv and Michael Atia. 2019. "Rethinking Cause and Effect: Analyzing Economic Growth and PISA Scores over a Period of Fifteen Years." In Radhika Gorur, Sam Sellar and Gita Steiner-Khamsi (eds.) *World Yearbook of Education*

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11. Feniger, Yariv, Yossi Shavit and Hanna Ayalon 2014. "Religiosity, Reading and Educational Achievement among Jewish Students in Israel." *International Journal of Jewish Education Research* 7: 29-67.
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Main Research Grants

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2. 2012 – 2013. Yariv Feniger and Hanna Ayalon. *Social Inequality in Higher Education: Institutions, Fields of Study and B.A. Completion*. Rothschild Caesarea Foundation. \$45,000.
3. 2012 – 2014. Adam Lefstein, Yariv Feniger and Hadar Netz. *Inside Israeli Pedagogy*. Philanthropic Foundation. \$145,000.
4. 2014 – 2017. Adam Lefstein, Yariv Feniger, Christa Asterhan, Orit Parnafes and Aliza Segal. *Large Scale Development of Teacher Professional Discourse and Leadership*. Philanthropic Foundation. \$960,000.

5. 2016 – 2019. Dana Vedder-Weiss, Adam Lefstein, Guy Roth, Yariv Feniger, Christa Asterhan and Aliza Segal. *Leading Teachers Changing Reality - A Development and Research Programme*. Philanthropic Foundation. \$1,200,000.
6. 2017 – 2020. Anastasia Gorodzeisky, Yariv Feniger and Hanna Ayalon. *The Long Arm of Children's Age at Immigration: Educational and Labor Market Outcomes*. Israel Science Foundation. \$125,000.
7. 2019 – 2022. Yariv Feniger, Halleli Pinson and Maria Charles. *Why Do More Arab Than Jewish Girls Study STEM? Assessing Effects of Material Insecurity and Self-Expressive Culture on Curricular Paths in Israel*. US-Israel Binational Science Foundation. \$171,000.
8. 2022- 2025 Yariv Feniger and Idit Fast. *Enrollment Patterns and Processes in New Selective 'Excellence' Programs: Insights on Reproduction and Opportunity Hoarding from Israeli Middle Schools*. Israel Science Foundation. \$160,000.
9. 2022 – 2023. Yariv Feniger. *Creating the Infrastructure and Guidance for An Assessment Plan for The UJA Benin Scholars Program*. UJA Federation of New York. \$30,000.
10. 2023 – 2025. Yariv Feniger. *Developing Measurements for Inequality of Learning Opportunities in Israeli Middle Schools*. Philanthropic Foundation. \$130,000.