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Academic Employment History

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Authored books

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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.
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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.
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