

URIAH KFIR – CURRICULUM VITAE AND LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

• **Education**

B.A.

2000-2003: Tel-Aviv University, Department of Hebrew Literature.

Fall 2001: Overseas studies at Venice International University.

M.A. (prior to direct entry Ph.D.)

2003-2004: Tel Aviv University, Department of Hebrew Literature.

Fall 2003: Overseas studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary, New York.

Ph.D.(Direct entry Ph.D.)

2004-2011: Tel Aviv University, Department of Literature.

Name of advisor: Prof. Tova Rosen.

Title of thesis: Center and Periphery in Medieval Hebrew Poetry: Secular Poetry from a Provincial and Provençal Perspective.

Post doc

Summer 2011: Minerva Short Term Post doc Research Grant, Goethe University Frankfurt am Main.

Name of advisor: Prof. Elisabeth Hollender.

Title of project: Isaac HaGorni – A Medieval Hebrew Poet: Critical Edition and Analysis.

• **Workshops**

2010: Codicology and Paleography of Hebrew Manuscripts, directed by Prof. Malachi Beit-Arié, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

2005: The Porter Institute for Poetics and Semiotics Fellows forum, directed by Prof. Ziva Ben Porat, Tel Aviv University.

• **Employment History**

2012-current: Assistant Professor, The Department of Hebrew Literature, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

2006-2008, 2011: Teaching Fellow, The Department of Hebrew Literature, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

2009-2012: Teaching Fellow, The Department of Hebrew Literature, Achva College.

Outstanding Lecturer for the year 2010-2011.

2006-2008, 2010: Teaching Fellow, The Department of Literature, Tel Aviv University.

2003-2009: Research assistant to Prof. Israel Levin and Prof. Tova Rosen, Tel Aviv University.

2002-2003: Research assistant to Prof. Tova Be'eri, Tel Aviv University.

• **Professional Activities**

(a) Positions in academic administration

2013: Co-organizer, Conference of the Department of Hebrew Literature of Ben-Gurion University, Mashabei Sade.

2012: Co-organizer, International Conference in Honor of Prof. Tova Rosen's Retirement, Ben Gurion University of the Negev.

2006: Organizer, Symposium in Honor of Prof. Tova Rosen, Tel Aviv University.

(b) Professional functions outside universities/institutions

2008-2009: Invited lecturer at public libraries in Israel, following the publication of *The Hebrew Poetry of the Spanish Golden Age Series* of Tel Aviv University Press, Israeli Center for Libraries.

• **Awards, Citations, Honors, Fellowships**

(a) Honors, Citation Awards

2002: Miriam Robinach Award, Inbar Atia Award, Israeli-Memorial-Day Award (Tel-Aviv University)

2003: Zvi Posis Award (Tel-Aviv University)

2004: Ignatz Bubis Award (Tel-Aviv University)

2005: Porter Institute Grant (Tel-Aviv University)

2005-2006: Tel Aviv University Rector's Matching Scholarship

2006: World Sephardi Federation Award

2009: Lea Goldberg Award for Research Abroad (Hebrew University)

2009: Gaon Center Award (Ben-Gurion University)

2011: Outstanding Lecturer (Achva College)

2012: Minerva Sort term Post doc Research Grant (Minerva Foundation)

(b) Fellowships

2007-2010: Israel Council for Higher Education – The Nathan Rotenstreich Fellowship for Outstanding Doctoral Students in the Humanities

• **Scientific Publications**

(a) Authored books

Uriah Kfir, *A Matter of Geography: A New Perspective on Medieval Hebrew Poetry*, Brill, Leiden and Boston [Under contract]

(b) Editorship of collective volumes

Eli Yassif, Haviva Ishay, Uriah Kfir (eds.). 2012, Mikan 11 and El Presente 6 (Special Issue in Honor of Prof. Tova Rosen) [Hebrew and English].

(c) Chapters in collective volumes

Tova Rosen, Uriah Kfir. 2007, "'What Does a Father Want?' – An Unpublished Poem and its Intertexts", M. Rand and J. Decter (eds.),

Studies in Arabic and Hebrew Letters in Honor of Raymond P. Scheindlin, Gorgias Press, New-Jersey 2007, pp. 129-153.

(d) Refereed articles and refereed letters in scientific journals

Uriah Kfir. 2012, "Pearls or Herds: The 'Beautiful' According to Solomon ibn Gabirol" [Hebrew], *Mikan* 11 and *El Presente* 6 (Special Issue in Honor of Prof. Tova Rosen), pp. 83-97.

Tova Rosen, Uriah Kfir. 2012, "Hebrew Poetry in Spain: An Annotated Bibliography", David Biale (ed.), *Oxford Bibliographies Online*, Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press (<http://oxfordbibliographiesonline.com/>).

Uriah Kfir. 2013, "On Poetry and Potency: En Ron Becah – A Muwashshah by Abraham haBedersi" [Hebrew], *Jerusalem Studied in Hebrew Literature* 25 [accepted].

• **Lectures and Presentations at Meetings and Invited Seminars**

(a) Invited plenary lectures at conferences/meetings

Uriah Kfir. 2012, "'As Beautiful as a Sheep: Aesthetics and Politics in a Poem by Ibn Gabirol", The Hebrew Literature Departmental Research Seminar, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

Uriah Kfir. 2013, "Judah ha-Levi and the Pain of Two Homelands", The Masterpiece Lecture Series, The Department of Hebrew Literature, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

(b) Presentation of papers at conferences/meetings

Uriah Kfir. 2005, "The Provincial Voice of the Provençal Poetry", Conference of the National Association of Professors of Hebrew (NAPH), Stanford University.

Uriah Kfir. 2006, "Space, Periphery and Gender in Medieval Hebrew Poetry", Conference of the Department of Hebrew Literature of Ben Gurion University, Neve Shalom.

Uriah Kfir. 2007, "The Provençal School in Medieval Hebrew Secular Poetry: Does it Exist?", The 17th Interuniversity Conference for Hebrew Literature", Hebrew University.

Uriah Kfir. 2008, "Ego or Libido: What Drives a Poet?", The 5th Medieval Hebrew Poetry Colloquium, University of Groningen, Holland.

Uriah Kfir. 2009, "Between Legitimate and Illegitimate Violence", The 15th World Congress of Jewish Studies, Hebrew University.

Uriah Kfir. 2009, "Medieval Hebrew Poetry in Spain: A Reading from the Periphery", Conference of the National Association of Professors of Hebrew (NAPH), University College, London.

Tova Rosen, Uriah Kfir. 2010, "Halakha, Medicine and Poetry, in a Late Medieval Hebrew Text", A Symposium in Honor of Prof. Ron Barkai, Tel-Aviv University.

Uriah Kfir. 2010, "'All strength to thee that thou brakest it': Reading Immanuel of Rome's 8th Maqama", Conference of the Department of Hebrew Literature of Ben Gurion University, Mashabei Sade.

Uriah Kfir. 2012, "'Not Beyond the Sea': Secular Hebrew Poetry in Medieval Provence – Characteristics and Meanings", The International Conference of Jewish Studies, Aix-Marseille Université.

Uriah Kfir. 2012, "Talk Like a Man, Be Silent Like a Woman: A 13th century Literary Brawl", International Conference in Honor of Professor Tova Rosen, Ben Gurion University of the Negev.

Uriah Kfir. 2013, "Center and Periphery: A New Perspective on the Map of Medieval Hebrew Poetry", The 16th World Congress of Jewish Studies, Hebrew University.

• **Research Grants**

2012: Minerva Foundation – Uriah Kfir

Isaac HaGorni – A Medieval Hebrew Poet: Critical Edition and Analysis