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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>	2013

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

PUBLICATIONS

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*

SUBMITTED MANUSCRIPTS

Chan, Martin Luther. The Evolution of the Emphatic Ḍād in Aramaic: A Perspective from Comparative Semitics. *Journal of Semitic Studies*.

MONOGRAPHS UNDER REVIEW

A Linguistic Analysis of Modern Hebrew Verbs & Morphology. Book Prospectus & Sample Chapters under Review

COURSES TAUGHT

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY,

Assistant Professor, 2022-

Arabic 102	Elementary Modern Standard Arabic II
Arabic 201	Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic II
Hebrew 101	Elementary Modern Hebrew I
<i>Also taught as:</i>	Elementary Biblical Hebrew I
Hebrew 102	Elementary Modern Hebrew II
<i>Also taught as:</i>	Elementary Biblical Hebrew II

Hebrew 201 Intermediate Modern Hebrew I/
Also taught as: Intermediate Biblical Hebrew I

Jewish Studies 110 Introduction to Old Testament/ Hebrew Bible
Jewish Studies 324/ History Jews in the Bible & Beyond: From Abraham to the
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 of Record, 2015-2020

Hebrew 8 (Summer Session) Elementary Modern Hebrew Intensive
8-week intensive equivalent to First year Modern Hebrew

Teaching Fellow (2018-2019)

German 1 Elementary German I,
German 2 Elementary German II,
German 3 Elementary German III

Teaching Assistant (2016-2018)

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

GRANTS, FUNDING, & FELLOWSHIPS

GRANTS

Jewish Heritage Fund \$177,958
Grant for Visiting Assistant Professor of Hebrew & Jewish Studies July 2025-July 2027

- 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

FELLOWSHIPS

Schusterman Summer Institute for Israel Studies \$6,000
Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts June-July 2023

- For faculty professional development and training to teach Israel Studies at the university level

Deutsche Akademische Austauschdienst (DAAD) €3,500
Language Intensive Course Grant October-December 2016
Göttingen, Lower Saxony, Germany

Eugene V. Cota-Robles Diversity Fellowship \$25,000 per annum for 4 years
University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) 2014-2018

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

National Association of Professors of Hebrew (NAPH) June 27, 2022
האם כדאי שְׁלֵמֵד דְּקְדוּקָה בְּרִמְתָּהּ הַמְתַקְדָּמִים?
Translated title: *"Should we teach grammar at the advanced level?"*

Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture February 23, 2024
Learning to Read in Hebrew: Challenges and Pedagogical Approaches

UNIVERSITY SERVICE:

TRACK DIRECTOR

Director of Hebrew & Jewish Studies Track October 2022-April 2023
Kentucky Foreign Language Conference (KFLC)

COMMITTEES:

Members of Evaluation Committee for Luckens International Prize in Jewish Thought and Culture January 2023-present
University of Kentucky, Program in Jewish Studies

Member of Evaluation Committee for the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence Scholarship (JHFE) December 2022- present
University of Kentucky, Program in Jewish Studies

Member of Undergraduate Studies Committee September 2020-June 2022
Washington University in St. Louis,
Department of Jewish, Islamic & Middle Eastern Studies

Member of Hebrew Lecturer Search Committee May 2021
Washington University in St. Louis,
Department of Jewish, Islamic & Middle Eastern Studies

Member of Academic Integrity Committee January 2022-June 2022
Washington University in St. Louis

TRANSLATION EXPERIENCE

Modern 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 :

הטבח בקרמיניצ'קה : קבר המונים בסלובקיה, 1944-1944

AWARDS & HONORS:

AWARD NOMINATIONS

University of Kentucky A&S Outstanding Teaching Award 2025

SCHOLARSHIPS

UCLA Achievement Scholarship 2011-2013

UCLA Merit Scholarship 2011-2012

HONORS

UCLA Dean's Honor List 2012-2014

East Los Angeles College President's Honors List 2009-2011

East Los Angeles College Dean's Honors List 2008-2011

LANGUAGES

MODERN LANGUAGES

Ranked in order of proficiency

Near Native	Modern Hebrew
Superior	Modern Standard Arabic, Levantine Colloquial Arabic
Heritage	Cantonese (Yue Chinese)
Advanced High	Spanish
Advanced Mid	Mandarin Chinese
Advanced Low	German, Iranian Persian (Farsi)
Novice	Russian

CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

Liturgical Languages (Reading Knowledge)

Biblical Hebrew, Classical Arabic (Qur'anic), Aramaic (Biblical, Targumic, Talmudic), Syriac

Inscriptional Languages (Reading Knowledge)

Northwest Semitic varieties, Ugaritic

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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