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EDUCATION

- 2014 *Stanford University*
Ph.D. Linguistics
Dissertation title: “The most beautiful and correct Hebrew”: Authenticity, ethnic identity and linguistic variation in the greater Tel Aviv area
Dissertation Committee: Penelope Eckert, John R. Rickford (co-chairs)
Robert Podesva, Meghan Sumner
Dissertation approved: 8/27/2014
- 2009 Linguistics Institute, Linguistic Society of America
The University of California, Berkeley
- 2008 *Tel Aviv University*
M.A. Linguistics (*Summa Cum Laude*),
Thesis title: Where they linger on: motivating the current distribution of plural feminine pronouns in Hebrew
Thesis Advisor: Mira Ariel
- 2003 *Hebrew University of Jerusalem*
B.Sc. Computer Science (*Magna Cum Laude*,
Interdisciplinary Honors Program)

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2016-current *Ben-Gurion University of the Negev*
Lecturer, Hebrew Language Department
- 2014-2016 *Tel Aviv University*
Postdoctoral fellow, Linguistics Department

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2014-2016 Israel Institute Postdoctoral Fellowship
2013-2014 Graduate dissertation fellowship at the Research Institute of Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity
2012 Stanford H&S Graduate Research Opportunity fellowship (GRO)
2012 Stanford VPGE Diversity Dissertation Research Opportunity (DDRO)
2010-2013 Stanford Graduate Fellowship (SGF)
2009 LSA Linguistic Institute Fellowship
2008-2009 Departmental Fellowship, Department of Linguistics, *Stanford University*
2008 Wolf Foundation Scholarship, *Tel Aviv University*
2007 Faculty of Humanities, *Tel Aviv University*
2000-2003 'Amirim' Scholarship, *Hebrew University of Jerusalem*
2000, 2002 Dean's list, Faculty of Science, *Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

PUBLICATIONS

Gafer, Roey J. 2016. What's a stigmatized variant doing in the word list? Authenticity in reading styles and the Hebrew pharyngeals. *Journal of Sociolinguistics*. 20:31-58.

Gafer, Roey J. 2016. Pharyngeal beauty and depharyngealized geek: Performing ethnicity on Israeli reality TV. H. Sami Alim, John R. Rickford and Aretha F. Ball (Eds.) *Raciolinguistics: How language shapes our ideas about race*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 185-202.

Gafer, Roey J. and Horesh, Uri. 2015. When the construction is axla, everything is axla: A case of combined lexical and structural borrowing from Arabic to Hebrew. *Journal of Jewish Languages* 3: 337-348.

Gafer, Roey J. 2014. The Distribution of the Hebrew Possessive Dative Construction: Guided by unaccusativity or prominence?. *Linguistic Inquiry*. 45(3): 482-500.

Sumner, Meghan, Kurumada, Chigusa, Gafer, Roey J. and Tice, Marisa. 2013. Phonetic variation and the recognition of words with pronunciation variants. In M. Knauff, M. Pauen, N. Sebanz, & I. Wachsmuth (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 35th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*. Austin, TX: Cognitive Science Society. 3486-3491.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Gafer, Roey. 2016. "Differences in the social patterning of the two Hebrew pharyngeals" *Talk given at Sociolinguistic Symposium 21*. June 15-18. Universidad de Murcia, Murcia, Spain.

Gafer, Roey. 2015. "What's a stereotyped variable doing in the word list?" *Talk given at the Linguistic Society of America 89th annual meeting*. January 8-11. Portland, OR.

Gafer, Roey. 2014. "The folk perception and phonetic reality of /h/ evaluation in Israeli Hebrew". *Poster presented at the Linguistic Society of America 88th annual meeting*. Minneapolis, MN, January 2-6.

Gafer, Roey. 2013. "This is not a trill: On the Hebrew fricatives and ethnic identity". *Poster presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation 42 (NWAV)*, October 17-20. University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.

Gafer, Roey. 2013. "At the intersection of place and ethnicity: Yemenite identities and Hebrew pharyngeals". *Poster presented at Locating Language conference*. The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, April 20-21

Gafer, Roey. 2012. "Expanding the range of variables in the study of segmental variation in Hebrew: Ethnicity and beyond". *Talk given at New Ways of Analyzing Variation 42 (NWAV)*, October 17-20. University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.

Gafer, Roey. 2012. "Producing pharyngeals and performing ethnicity on Israeli reality TV". *Poster presented at Racing language, languaging race conference*. Stanford, CA, May 3-4

Gafer, Roey. 2012. "Social judgments of unfamiliar variables: English speakers' perception of the uvular fricative". *Poster presented at the Linguistic Society of America 86th annual meeting*. Portland, OR, January 5-8

Gafer, Roey. 2011. "Pharyngeal beauty and depharyngealized geek: Performing ethnicity and class on Israeli reality TV". *Talk given at New Ways of Analyzing Variation 40 (NWAV)*, October 27-30. Georgetown University, Washington, DC.

Gafer, Roey. 2011. "The choice of script when writing English words in Hebrew on-line chatting". *Talk given at Societas Linguistica Europaea 44th Annual Meeting*. September 8-11. Universidad de la Rioja, Logroño, Spain.

Gafer, Roey. 2011. "What *script switching* can tell us about norms of multilingual language use". *Poster presented at the Linguistic Society of America 85th annual meeting*. Pittsburgh, PA, January 6-9.

Gafer, Roey, Chigusa Kurumada, Marisa Tice and Meghan Sumner. 2011. "Integrating frequency, formality and phonology in the perception of spoken words". *Talk given at the Linguistic Society of America 85th annual meeting*. January 6-9. Pittsburgh, PA.

Gafer, Roey, Chigusa Kurumada, Marisa Tice and Meghan Sumner. 2010. "Frequency maDDers, but formality and phonology maTTer too". *Poster presented at the Acoustic*

Society of America 160th meeting. Cancun, Mexico. November 15-19.

Gafer, Roey. 2010. "A prominence based account of the Hebrew possessive dative construction". *Talk given at the Israeli Association for Theoretical Linguistics 26th annual meeting*, Bar-Ilan University, Israel. October 4-5.

Gafer, Roey, Dan Jurafsky and Meghan Sumner. 2009. "Where accommodation to non-native speakers doesn't happen". *Talk given at New Ways of Analyzing Variation 38 (NWAY)*, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada, 22-25 October.

Gafer, Roey. 2008. "Motivating the (non-random) distribution of plural feminine pronouns in Hebrew: The role of Humanness". *Talk given at New Reflections on Grammaticalization 4*, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Leuven, Belgium, July 16-19.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

2016-2017 *Course instructor*. Hebrew Language 1-0097: *Language and Society*, Fall. (*currently ongoing*)

Course instructor. Hebrew Language 2-0177: *Language and Ethnicity in Israel 1*, Fall. (*currently ongoing*)

Course instructor. Hebrew Language 1-1451: *Modern Hebrew Phonology*, Spring. (*scheduled*)

Course instructor. Hebrew Language 2-0187: *Language and Ethnicity in Israel 2*, Spring. (*scheduled*)

Hebrew University

2015-2016 *Course instructor*. Linguistics 36602: *Phonology*, Spring.

Tel Aviv University

2015-2016 *Course instructor*. Linguistics 2185: *Introduction to Sociolinguistics*, Fall.

Course instructor. Linguistics 3615: *Multilingualism and Language Contact in Israel*, Spring

2014-2015 *Course instructor. Linguistics 2185: Introduction to Sociolinguistics, Fall.*

Course instructor. Linguistics 3065: Language and Ethnic Identity in Israel, Spring.

Stanford University

2011-2012 *Course TA. Linguistics 1. Introduction to Linguistics, Professors Penelope Eckert and Ivan Sag, Fall*

2010-2011 *Course TA. Linguistics 156. Language and Gender, Professor Penelope Eckert, Spring.*

2009-2010 *Course TA. Linguistics 65: African American Vernacular English, Professor John Rickford, Winter.*

Tel Aviv University

2006-2007 *Course TA. Linguistics 2130: Introduction to Syntax, Professor Tal Siloni, Fall.*

Course TA. Linguistics 1050: Introduction to Theoretical Linguistics, Professor Tal Siloni and Aya Meltzer, Spring.

Course TA. Linguistics 2117: Advanced Syntax, Professor Tal Siloni, Spring.

2005-2006 *Course TA. Linguistics 1050: Introduction to Theoretical Linguistics, Professor Tanya Reinhart and Aya Meltzer, Spring.*

SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIP

Member of the Israel Science Academy – Young Researchers Forum 2015-2016

Peer reviewing: *Lingua* (2015)
Corpus Linguistics and Linguistic Theory (2015)
Journal of Jewish Languages (2016)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AS SOFTWARE DEVELOPER

2006-2008 Software Developer, *Melingo Natural Language Technologies*

2004-2006 Software Developer, *Nuance Israel*

2002-2003 Software Developer, *Intel*

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Hebrew	Native proficiency
English	Near native proficiency
Arabic	Advanced
Spanish	Advanced
French	Intermediate
Japanese	Intermediate