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### **EDUCATION:**

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| <b>Ph.D.</b> University of California, Los Angeles<br>Near Eastern Languages and Cultures | 2019 |
| <b>M.A.</b> University of California, Los Angeles<br>Near Eastern Languages and Cultures  | 2014 |
| <b>B.A.</b> University of California, Los Angeles<br>English – <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>     | 2014 |

### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

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| Acting Director of Jewish Studies<br>University of Kentucky                    | July 2024 – present     |
| Assistant Professor of Hebrew and Jewish Studies,<br>University of Kentucky    | August 2022 – present   |
| Lecturer of Modern Hebrew,<br>Washington University in St. Louis               | August 2019 - July 2022 |
| External Lecturer for Summer Sessions<br>University of California, Los Angeles | June 2020-August 2020   |

## 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*

## MONOGRAPHS IN PROGRESS

*A Linguistic Analysis of Modern Hebrew Verbs & Morphology*

## COURSES TAUGHT

### UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY,

Assistant Professor, 2022-

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| <b>Arabic 102</b>          | Elementary Modern Standard Arabic II                         |
| <b>Arabic 201</b>          | Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic II ( <i>upcoming</i> )   |
| <b>Hebrew 101</b>          | Elementary Modern Hebrew I<br>Elementary Biblical Hebrew I   |
| <b>Hebrew 102</b>          | Elementary Modern Hebrew II<br>Elementary Biblical Hebrew II |
| <b>Hebrew 201</b>          | Intermediate Modern Hebrew I                                 |
| <b>Jewish Studies 110</b>  | Introduction to Old Testament/ Hebrew Bible                  |
| <b>Jewish Studies 324/</b> | Jews in the Bible & Beyond: From Abraham to the              |
| <b>History 352</b>         | Inquisition  |

### WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS

Lecturer, 2019-2022

|                    |                              |
|--------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Hebrew 1011</b> | First Year Modern Hebrew I   |
| <b>Hebrew 1012</b> | First Year Modern Hebrew II  |
| <b>Hebrew 2011</b> | Second Year Modern Hebrew I  |
| <b>Hebrew 2012</b> | Second Year Modern Hebrew II |
| <b>Hebrew 320D</b> | Third-Level Modern Hebrew I  |
| <b>Hebrew 322D</b> | Third-Level Modern Hebrew II |
| <b>Hebrew 3211</b> | Conversational Hebrew        |

## UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

Instructor on Record, 2015-2020

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| <b>Hebrew 8 (Summer Session)</b> | Elementary Modern Hebrew Intensive<br>8-week intensive equivalent to First year Modern Hebrew |
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Teaching Fellow (2018-2019)

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| <b>German 1, 2, 3</b> | Elementary German I, II, III |
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Teaching Assistant (2016-2018)

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| <b>Ancient Near East 10W</b> | Jerusalem: Holy City               |
| <b>Near East M20</b>         | Visible Language: Study of Writing |

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| <b>Jewish Heritage Fund</b>   | \$177,958           |
| Grant for Visiting Assistant Professor of Hebrew & Jewish Studies   | July 2025-July 2027 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Secured funding for a two-year Visiting Assistant Professor in Second Temple &amp; Rabbinic Judaism</li></ul> |                     |

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| <b>The University of Kentucky's Gaines Center for the Humanities</b> | \$500      |
| Mini-grant for lecture in the Humanities                             | April 2025 |

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| <b>Schusterman Summer Institute for Israel Studies</b><br>Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For faculty professional development and training to teach Israel Studies at the university level</li> </ul> | \$6,000<br>June-July 2023                   |
| <b>Deutsche Akademische Austauschdienst (DAAD) Language Intensive Course Grant</b><br>Göttingen, Lower Saxony, Germany   | €3,500<br>October-December 2016             |
| <b>Eugene V. Cota-Robles Diversity Fellowship</b><br>University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)  | \$25,000 per annum for 4 years<br>2014-2018 |

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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| <b>National Association of Professors of Hebrew (NAPH)</b><br>האם כדאי שְלִמְד דקדוק ברמת המתקדמים?<br>Translated title: <i>“Should we teach grammar at the advanced level?”</i> | June 27, 2022     |
| <b>Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture</b><br><i>Learning to Read in Hebrew: Challenges and Pedagogical Approaches</i>   | February 23, 2024 |

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE:

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| <b>Director of Hebrew &amp; Jewish Studies Track</b><br>Kentucky Foreign Language Conference (KFLC)   | October 2022-April 2023 |
| <b>Members of Evaluation Committee for Luckens International Prize in Jewish Thought and Culture</b><br>University of Kentucky, Program in Jewish Studies | January 2023-present    |
| <b>Member of Evaluation Committee for the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence Scholarship (JHFE)</b><br>University of Kentucky, Program in Jewish Studies | December 2022- present  |

**Member of Undergraduate Studies Committee**  
Washington University in St. Louis,  
Department of Jewish, Islamic & Middle Eastern  
Studies

September 2020-June 2022

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

May 2021

**Member of Academic Integrity Committee**  
Washington University in St. Louis

January 2022-June 2022

## **OTHER ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

**Graduate Reader, UCLA**  
"Intermediate Standard Arabic"

2014-2015

## **TRANSLATION EXPERIENCE:**

2012

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 :

קבר המונים בסלובקיה, 1940-1944 הטבח בקרמיניצ'קה:

## **AWARDS & HONORS:**

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| 2012-2014 | UCLA Dean's Honor List                           |
| 2011-2013 | UCLA Achievement Scholarship                     |
| 2011-2012 | UCLA Merit Scholarship                           |
| 2009-2011 | East Los Angeles College President's Honors List |
| 2008-2011 | East Los Angeles College Dean's Honors List      |

## **LANGUAGES:**

### **Modern Languages**

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

### **Classical Languages**

Biblical Hebrew  
Classical Arabic  
Aramaic: Biblical, Targumic, Syriac  
Ugaritic; Northwest Semitic varieties

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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