

NOAM GAL

CURRICULUM VITAE

CONTACT INFO

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EDUCATION

2014- present The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
The Department of Communication and Journalism
Ph.D. candidate
Ironic Humor and Collective Identity in Digital Participatory Spheres
Supervisors: Prof. Limor Shifman & Dr. Zohar Kampf

2012 The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
MA in Communication and Journalism - magna cum laude
Internet Memes and the Construction of Collective Identity: The Case of 'It Gets Better'

2010 The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
BA (hons) in Hebrew Literature and Communication and Journalism

2002-2004 The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Hadassah Medical School
Medicine

PUBLICATIONS

Gal, N., Shifman, L. and Kampf, Z. (2015). 'It Gets Better': Internet memes and the construction of collective identity. *New Media & Society*. DOI: 10.1177/1461444814568784

Gal, N. (2011). The Use of Interpersonal and Internal Discussion Tools in Narratives of Lesbian Sexual Identity Formation. *Mifgash*, 33, 167-192. (Hebrew)

DISTINCTIONS & AWARDS

2015 Top student paper award
LGBTQ division
The International Communication Association (ICA)

2014-2015 Teaching distinction
2012-2013 The Faculty of Social Sciences
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

2014 Top three paper award (with Limor Shifman & Zohar Kampf)
Popular Communication division
The International Communication Association (ICA)

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2015-2018 The President's Scholarship for Outstanding PhD Students
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 2015-2017 Research grant
The Smart Family Institute for Communications
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 2015
2014 Travel grant
The Department of Communication and Journalism; The Faculty of Social Sciences
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 2015
2012 Travel grant
The Lafer Centre for Women and Gender Studies
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 2014-2017 The Hoffman Leadership and Responsibility Fellowship
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 2013-2014 Scholarship for outstanding doctoral students
The Department of Communication and Journalism
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 2011-2012 The Lafer Centre for Women and Gender Studies Fellowship
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- "I Can't See You Any More': A phenomenology of political Facebook unfriending" (with Nicholas John). Paper scheduled to be presented at the *Association of Internet Researchers*. Berlin, October 2016.
- "THIS IS NOT REAL, NO WAY!': The (failed?) ironic utterance as a social segregation tool" Paper presented at the *International Communication Association Conference*. Japan, June 2016.
- "Devoid of Humor but Dedicated to Mockery: Gender, ethnicity, and the intellect-physicality divide in Israeli political Irony". Paper presented at the jubilee conference of the Department of Communication and Journalism, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Israel, May 2016
- "Identity in Crisis: The dialectics of social identity and conflict in LGBT social-change activity". Paper presented at the *International Communication Association Conference*. Puerto Rico, May 2015. (Top Student Paper)
- "The Positioning of LGBT/Queer Research in Israeli Sociology". Round-table held at the *Israeli Sociology Society Conference*. Kineret Academic College, Israel, February 2015.
- "It Gets Better': Internet memes and the construction of collective identity" (with Limor Shifman and Zohar Kampf). Paper presented at the *International Communication Association Conference*. Seattle, May 2014. (Top Three Paper)

"Memetic Practices in the Participatory Cyber Space and Collective Identity Construction: The case of 'It Gets Better'". Paper presented at the *Israeli Communication Association Conference*. Netania Academic College, Israel, April 2014.

"Internet Memes and the Construction of Collective Identity: The case of 'It Gets Better'". Paper presented at *Metaksherim: Conference for communication graduate students*. Haifa University, Israel, December 2012.

"(Un)Queering The Alternative Public Sphere". Paper presented at *Queering Paradigms*, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 2012.

"Subversion Vs. Compliance in LGBT Social Change Activity". Paper presented at *Queering Paradigms*, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 2012.

The Use of an Interpersonal and Internal Discussion Tool on Narratives of Lesbian Sexual Identity Formation. Paper presented at *'Mifgash' conference for the launch of issue 33*, Netanya Academic College, Israel, December 2011.

"How Could I Have Not Known About Myself... Nobody Told Me!': Interpersonal and internal discussion in processes of lesbian identity formation". Paper presented at *Between Sexual Orientation and Professional Bias*, The Bob Shapell School of Social Work, Tel-Aviv University, Israel, October 2011.

"Let's Not Call It Perverse': Power relations and negotiation over social order in LGBT social change activity". Paper presented at *Mind the Gap*, Lafer Center for Women and Gender studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, May 2011.

TEACHING & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Teaching assistant

Frontal teaching (classes of 15-60 students), personal academic guidance, essay and exam grading

2011-present Department of Communication and Journalism, The Hebrew University
Courses: Language and communication (BA); Reading and writing supervision (BA); Research methods in communication (BA); Televised humor in Israel (BA – not frontal); Gender and communication (BA & MA); New media and the information age (MA); Theories of communication: History, interpretation and critique (MA); Advanced methods in cultural, textual and visual research (MA)

2014 School of Communication, Netanya Academic College
Courses: Digital culture (BA); Qualitative research methods (BA)

Research assistant

Material collection, coding procedure, interviews

2011-present Department of Communication and Journalism, The Hebrew University

Psychometric instructor

Group and individual preparation for psychometric exams

2006-2007 The learning center for the blind, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

2001-2002 Ankori: Alternative high-school and education network

ACADEMIC ACTIVITY & SERVICE

Journal Review

European Journal of Humour Research
Feminist Media Studies Journal

Conference Review

International Communication Association (ICA), divisions of popular communication, LGBT studies, feminist scholarship, and intergroup communication.

Metaksherim: The annual conference for communication graduate students, Haifa University.

Conference organizing committee

2015 Member of conference organizing committee, *Metaksherim: The annual conference for communication graduate students*. Haifa University, Israel.

2012 Member of conference organizing committee, *Mind the Gap: Academy and activism within the queer community*. Lafer Center for Women and Gender studies, The Hebrew University, Israel.

2008-2010 Member of conference founding organizing committee, *Between Sexual Orientation and Professional Bias*. The Bob Shapell School of Social Work, Tel-Aviv University, Israel.

Other

2013 Workshop instructor, *Academic empowerment workshop for underprivileged graduate-school candidates*. Dean of students office, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel.

2011-2013 Founding member, *Scholar peer group for research students of queer studies*. Lafer Center for Women and Gender studies, The Hebrew University, Israel.

2006-2010 Member of founding editorial team, *Beintaim; Journal of literature*. School of Literatures, The Hebrew University, Israel.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2006-present Lecturer, volunteers' trainer, volunteer manager, research coordinator
Hoshen: Education and social change

2010- 2012 Youth counselor, clinic manager, board member and chairperson
The Jerusalem Open House for Pride and Tolerance

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