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EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame	South Bend, IN
Ph.D. Sociology & Peace Studies, Minor Gender Studies	January 2024

- Dissertation: “Intersectionality, Bureaucratic Logic and the Israeli Welfare State”
 - Committee: Atalia Omer (co-chair), Ann Mische (co-chair), Abigail Ocobock, Calvin Zimmermann, Neta Ziv (Tel Aviv University, The Buchmann Faculty of Law)

M.A. Sociology	2019
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- Thesis: “The Israeli Kidnapped Prince - A glance into the phenomenology of Ethiopian ethnicity and discrimination in Israel.”
 - Committee: Atalia Omer (chair), Ann Mische, Jennifer A. Jones (currently at the University of Illinois at Chicago)

American University Washington College of Law	Washington, DC
LL.M in International Legal Studies	2011
Specialization: Human Rights and Gender	

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem	Jerusalem, Israel
LL.B in Law & Psychology	2007

CURRENT POSITION

Assistant Professor of Sociology	Appalachian State University Department of Sociology 2023-present
Faculty Affiliate, Gender, Women’s and Sexuality Studies	Appalachian State University 2024-present

PUBLICATIONS

Chapter in Peer-reviewed Edited Volumes:

Atalia Omer and **Ruth Carmi**, (2022) “Transgressive Geography and Litmus Test Solidarity.” In *Religion and Broken Solidarities: Feminism, Race, and Transnationalism*. Omer and Lupo (Eds.), 87-132. IN: University of Notre Dame Press.

Public Sociology:

Ruth Carmi, contributor. Religion and Broken Solidarities [Audio podcast episode]. *The Kroc Cast: Peace Studies Conversations*, May 2023, <https://contendingmodernities.nd.edu/theorizing-modernities/religion-broken-solidarities-conversation/>

Ruth Carmi and Atalia Omer, eds., women and peacebuilding, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies *Peace Policy*, May 2022, <https://peacepolicy.nd.edu/issue/2022/may-2022/>

Ruth Carmi, contributor. Women and Peacebuilding [Audio podcast episode]. In *Peace Policy*, May 25, 2022. <https://thekroccast.podbean.com/e/peace-policy-spotlight-women-and-peacebuilding/>

Ann Mische, **Ruth Carmi**, Anna Johnson, Leslie MacColman, Şehrazat G. Mart, and Carli Steelman, “What’s Sociological About Peace Studies?” August 21, 2021, PWSC Blog

Ruth Carmi, “Between Minneapolis and East Jerusalem,” July 10, 2020, *Contending Modernities Blog*, <https://contendingmodernities.nd.edu/global-currents/between-minneapolis-and-east-jerusalem/>

Professional Research Reports:

Ruth Carmi, “Racism and Gender in Israel.” Israel Religious Action Center. January 2014.

Ruth Carmi, Ricky Shapira-Rosenberg “Excluded, For God’s Sake: Gender Segregation and the Exclusion of Women in Public Space in Israel (second annual report).” Israel Religious Action Center. January 2012.

Academic Work in Progress

Working Drafts:

Elizabeth Trudeau and **Ruth Carmi**, “Five Decades of Research on Rape Myths and Victim Interpretation” *journal article*.

Ruth Carmi, “Abandonment: Public Housing, Annexation, and the Israeli Welfare State” *journal article*.

FELLOWSHIPS

Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies Dissertation Completion Fellowship, *University of Notre Dame* 2022-23

2017-18 Mullen Family Fellow, *University of Notre Dame*, 2017-18

University Presidential Fellowship in Humanities and Social Sciences, *University of Notre Dame*, 2016-2021

New Israel Fund Law Fellow, Full tuition remission and an additional grant for LL.M. studies in International Legal Studies at the Washington College of Law, American University, August 2010-August 2011

RESEARCH GRANTS

College of Arts and Sciences Research/Proposal Development Summer Grant, *Appalachian State University*, Summer 2024

Teaching Quality Framework Grant (team grant), *Appalachian State University*, Spring 2024

Kroc Institute Summer Research Award, *University of Notre Dame* (declined), 2021

Graduate Student Union Conference Presentation Grant, *University of Notre Dame*, 2018

Kroc Institute Conference Fund, *University of Notre Dame*, 2018

Kroc Institute Conference Fund, *University of Notre Dame*, 2017

Graduate Student Union Conference Presentation Grant, *University of Notre Dame*, 2017

CONFERENCES

Panel Presentations:

“Militarized Inclusion?” Rethinking Feminism in Conflict Zones. 66th ISA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, March 2, 2025.

“The Myopia of Gender vs. Religion - Women’s Exclusion in the Israeli Army and Women of the Wall as Case Studies.” 37th Annual Meeting of the Association for Israel Studies “Pluralistic Israel: Women, Minorities and Diversity,” virtual conference, June 8, 2021.

“The Myopia of Gender vs. Religion - Women’s Exclusion in the Israeli Army and Women of the Wall as Case Studies.” LAS (Law & Society Association) 2021 Annual Meeting, virtual conference, May 27, 2021.

“The Good-enough Israeli Mother A racial formation analysis of the marginalization of non-Ashkenazi mothers in Israel.” “Feeling Race an Invitation to Explore Racialized Emotions,” 2018 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 12, 2018.

“The Good-enough Israeli Mother A racial formation analysis of the marginalization of non-Ashkenazi mothers in Israel.” “Abolitionist Approaches to Social Problems,” The Society for the Study of Social Problems 2018 SSSP Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 10, 2018.

“Conflict, Militarization, and Women’s Equality in Israel: The Connection between Misogynic Online Speech and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict.” Theorizing Linkage, Practicing Solidarity: Feminist Approaches to Conflict Resolution, School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, George Mason University, Arlington, VA, April 6, 2017.

Roundtable Presentation:

“No one is listening, no one hears “– Re-Conceptualizing Testimony of Sexual Abuse,” Section on Sociology of Sexualities Refereed Roundtables, 2018 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 11, 2018.

Invited Talks:

“Israel Ethno-Racial Inequalities and the Israeli Welfare State,” the B’nai B’rith Institute of Judaism, August 10, 2024.

“The Kidnapped Prince: Israeli Intersectionality and the Israeli Supreme Court,” Peace Research Educational Seminar, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, November 21, 2021.

“Can’t we all Get Along? Challenges in Coalition Building Among Minority Communities in Israel’s Civil Society”, sponsored by the Kurt & Tessey Simon Foundation, Temple Beth-El, South Bend, IN, March 9, 2018

“Introduction to Israeli Religion and State.” The Jewish Federation of North America Professional Institute 2018, Huston, TX, February 12-14, 2018.

Conference Moderating:

Panel title: “Notions of Prestige – The IDF, Gender and the Public Attitudes to Militarism,” 37th Annual Meeting of the Association for Israel Studies “Pluralistic Israel: Women, Minorities and Diversity,” Virtual Conference, June 9, 2021.

Panel title: “The Role of Law, Norms, and Rights,” Building Sustainable Peace Conference, University of Notre Dame, November 10, 2019.

Panel title: “Toward Just Communities,” The Notre Dame Student Peace Conference- Expanding Circles, Peace in a Polarized Age? University of Notre Dame, March 30, 2019.

Panel title: “Bridging Cross-Cultural Divides,” The Notre Dame Student Peace Conference- Pathways to Peace, University of Notre Dame, April 1, 2017.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Conflict Resolution, Reconciliation & Peace
Constructing Bodies and Sexualities
Constructions of Gender
Senior Capstone
Sociology of Law

Sociology Department
Appalachian State University

David L. Dodge Memorial Teaching Award Winner

Sociology Department
University of Notre Dame, 2022

Sociology of Gender
Instructor of Record

University of Notre Dame
Spring 2022

Revolutionary Violence vs. Revolutionary Non-violence
in the Black Lives Matter Uprisings of 2020

University of Notre Dame
Spring 2021

TA for Dr. Jason A. Springs,
Professor of Religion, Ethics, and Peace Studies

Introduction to Peace Studies

TA for Dr. George A. Lopez,
Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., Professor Emeritus of Peace Studies

University of Notre Dame
Fall 2018

The Jerusalem Rape Crisis Center

Legal Supervision

Jerusalem, Israel
2009- 2010

Trained law student volunteers at Jerusalem Rape Crisis Center as part of their academic clinical training in the Hebrew University School of Law Violence against Women Clinic.

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Occasional Reviewer

American Sociological Review, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, Social Inquiry, De Gruyter Social Sciences Books

Appalachian State University

- Sociology Department Curriculum Subcommittee 2024-2025
- CAS Outstanding Service Award committee Fall 2024
- Sociology Department Faculty Development Committee 2023-2024

University of Notre Dame

- Kroc Doctoral Student Organization 2018-2019
- Gender and Peace Studies Search Committee 2018-2019
- Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies
- Research Assistant for Dr. Atalia Omer, 2016 - 2018
Professor of Religion, Conflict, and Peace Studies, Keough School of Global Affairs

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

The Israeli Religious Action Center (IRAC)

Attorney

Jerusalem, Israel
2008- 2010, 2011-2016

IRAC is Israel's preeminent civil and human rights organization, focusing on issues of religion and state.

Field of expertise: Constitutional, administrative, and human rights law, particularly freedom of religion and conscience, religious pluralism, civil liberties, and social justice.

The Jerusalem Rape Crisis Center

Chairperson, Board of Directors

Jerusalem, Israel
2012-2014

Legal Advisor (pro bono)

2009- 2010

American Civil Liberties Union

Legal Intern

Washington, DC
Spring 2011

End Silence: The Project on Addressing Prison Rape

Legal Intern

Washington, DC
Summer 2011

LANGUAGES

Hebrew – Native

English – Fluent

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association	Since 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Peace, War, and Social Conflict Section ○ Race, Gender, and Class Section ○ Sociology of Law Section ○ Sociology of Sex and Gender Section ○ Global and Transnational Sociology Section ○ Sociology of Sexualities Section 	
Association for Israel Studies	Since 2020
Law and Society Association	Since 2021
Israeli Sociological Society	Since 2021
International Studies Association	since 2024