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### EDUCATION

**Ph.D.** University of California, Los Angeles 2019  
Near Eastern Languages and Cultures

Dissertation: *Language Consciousness in the Hebrew Bible during the Persian Period in Jerusalem: A Sociological Study of the Hebrew Language in its Cultural and Political Context*

Co-Chairs: William Schniedewind (Hebrew Bible), Michael Cooperson (Arabic)

**M.A.** University of California, Los Angeles 2014  
Near Eastern Languages and Cultures

**B.A.** University of California, Los Angeles 2013  
English – *Summa Cum Laude*

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

#### CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Hebrew and Jewish Studies, August 2022 – present  
University of Kentucky

Director of Jewish Studies July 2025 – present  
University of Kentucky

## PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

Acting Director of Jewish Studies  
University of Kentucky

July 2024 – June 2025

Lecturer of Modern Hebrew,  
Washington University in St. Louis

August 2019 - July 2022

## 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>

**Chan, Martin Luther** (Accepted). Aramaic Reflexes of the Semitic  $\aleph$ /  $\aleph^*$ : A Study in Ancient Polyphony, Ugaritic Phonology & Arabic Dialectology. *Journal of Semitic Studies*.

### ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

**Chan, Martin Luther**. We speak Yehudit: The Biblical Portrayal of Abstand- and Ausbau Languages. *Journal of Biblical Literature*

### MONOGRAPHS UNDER REVIEW

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

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY,

Assistant Professor, 2022-

## Language Courses:

<b>Arabic 102</b>	Elementary Modern Standard Arabic II
<b>Arabic 202</b>	Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic II
<b>Hebrew 101</b>	Elementary Biblical Hebrew I
<i>Previously taught as:</i>	Elementary Modern Hebrew I
<b>Hebrew 102</b>	Elementary Biblical Hebrew II
<i>Previously taught as:</i>	Elementary Modern Hebrew II
<b>Hebrew 201</b>	Intermediate Biblical Hebrew I
<i>Previously taught as:</i>	Intermediate Modern Hebrew I

## Content Courses:

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

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

Teaching Fellow (2018-2019)

<b>German 1</b>	Elementary German I
<b>German 2</b>	Elementary German II
<b>German 3</b>	Elementary German III

Teaching Assistant (2016-2018)

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

## GRANTS, FUNDING, & FELLOWSHIPS

### GRANTS

<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>	

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

### FELLOWSHIPS

<b>Schusterman Summer Institute for Israel Studies</b>	\$6,000
Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts	June-July 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>For faculty professional development and training to teach Israel Studies at the university level</li></ul>	

<b>Deutsche Akademische Austauschdienst (DAAD)</b>	€3,500
<b>Language Intensive Course Grant</b>	October-December 2016
Göttingen, Lower Saxony, Germany	
<b>Eugene V. Cota-Robles Diversity Fellowship</b>	\$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 דְּקִדּוּק בְּרִמְת הַמִּתְקַדְמִים?  
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** 2022-2023  
Kentucky Foreign Language Conference (KFLC)

### COMMITTEES:

**Member of Search Committee for Visiting Assistant Professor in Hebrew & Jewish Studies** March-April 2025  
University of Kentucky, Department of Modern & Classical Languages, Literatures, & Cultures

**Members of Evaluation Committee for Luckens International Prize in Jewish Thought and Culture** January 2023-June 2024  
University of Kentucky, Program in Jewish Studies

**Member of Evaluation Committee for the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence Scholarship (JHFE)** December 2022- June 2024

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, 1940-1944

## AWARDS & HONORS:

### AWARD NOMINATIONS

University of Kentucky, College of Arts & Sciences  
Outstanding Teaching Award

2025

### SCHOLARSHIPS

UCLA Achievement Scholarship

2011-2013

UCLA Merit Scholarship

2011-2012

## HONORS

UCLA Dean's Honor List	2012-2014
UCLA Near Eastern Languages & Cultures, Departmental Scholar	2013-2014
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 of speaking knowledge*

Near Native	Modern Hebrew
Superior	Modern Standard Arabic, Levantine Colloquial Arabic
Heritage/ Bilingual	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)