

Languages: English (native), Hebrew (proficient conversational and academic), conversational Eastern Arabic (intermediate), ancient Greek (intermediate)

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

EDUCATION.

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev Sde Boker, Israel. 2014-2021
Ph.D. Desert Studies and Archaeology; Environmental Studies/Man in the Drylands

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev Sde Boker, Israel. 2012-2014
M.A. Desert Studies —Environmental Studies/Man in the Drylands

Goucher College Baltimore, Md. 2004-2007
B.A. English – Concentration in Writing

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE.

**Editorial Manager, *Studies in Late Antiquity: A Journal* (UC Press),
*Judaic Studies Department, Princeton University***
Princeton, New Jersey | August 2022- present.

Manages communication between authors, editors, copyeditors, production for quarterly journal that serves as a platform for innovation and reflection on global Late Antiquity (150 - 750 CE) which questions and expands on received models and methods. Primary points of interest include interconnections between the Mediterranean and Africa, Iran, Arabia, the Baltic, Scandinavia, the British Isles, China, India and all of Asia, as well as disrupting the assumed connection between the late ancient/Christian Mediterranean and modern, western Europe.

Research Fellow, *W.F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research*
Jerusalem, Israel | January 2022- May 2022.

Conducted independent research on a Byzantine-era monastery in the Negev Desert as an expanded project of doctoral research.

Editor/Contributing Writer, *The Jerusalem Post* Jerusalem,
Israel | August 2018- April 2021.

Edited daily paper stories and online news, writes regularly for the newspaper's print edition and its sister publication, *The Jerusalem Report*. In charge of layout duties and coordination of graphic, layout, and news desks, and overseeing sending newspaper pages to printer by deadline. Occasionally sat as night editor of the paper, and was responsible for deciding on news stories, coordinating with reporters, web desk editors, other editorial staff, as well as graphic artists to design, and publish daily newspaper.

Media Coordinator, *IMPH Braun School of Public Health & Community Medicine, Hebrew University*
Jerusalem, Israel | July 2016- July 2020.

Handled marketing and promotion efforts of the international master's program; communications with current students and alumni, organization efforts and maintenance of alumni database.

Coordinator, *Negev B'Rama Aheret*
Sde Boker, Israel. | January 2016-July 2016.

Administrative functions, event planning and coordination, and visa procurement assistance for various types of conferences and educational groups occurring in different parts of Israel. Conferences and programs include: Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research Intensive Summer Course "Sustainable Agricultural Solutions" partnership for Chinese and Indian students (Midreshet Ben-Gurion, July 2016), Glazer Seminar for Chinese Students (Midreshet Ben-Gurion, April 2016), AIPPI Conference: *The Economy of Innovation* (Tel Aviv, March 2016).

Reporter, *Insurance and Financial Advisor* (circ. 90,000 monthly)

Hunt Valley, Md. | Oct. 2012 to November 2013.

May 2006 to Dec. 2007

Wrote legal briefs for a monthly paper serving the insurance and financial services industry in Maryland, Washington, D.C., Virginia, Delaware, New York and New Jersey; edited copy and website content according to AP style; compiled "People on the Move," obituaries, calendar events and insurance fines notification sections.

Online Communications Manager, *Financial Services Institute*

Washington, D.C. | January 2012 to July 2012.

Handled website, social media accounts, created newsletters and emails, wrote press releases, edited and navigates information database, edited work of lobbyists, created content for website and strategies for mobile applications, social media campaign, and website redesign, troubleshoot questions and problems with members of lobbying/advocacy firm for independent financial advisors and broker-dealers in the U.S.

Reporter, *Space News* (circ. 15,000 weekly)

Springfield, Va. | Sept. 2011 to January 2012.

Covered military space, national policy and defense reporting and stories for the weekly publication Space News and its website.

Reporter, *The Daily Record* (circ. 25,000 daily)

Baltimore, Md. | Jan. 2011 to Sept. 2011.

Covered tourism, sports business, advertising/marketing, media, and retail reporting and stories for the daily legal and business publication The Daily Record and its website; contributed to daily blog; shot, edited and exported videos for the website; wrote content, recorded and edited one-minute spot pieces for WBAL-Radio; edited work in Wordpress; created and posted to Facebook and Twitter accounts for the paper daily.

Reporter, *Baltimore Business Journal* (circ. 11,000 weekly)

Baltimore, Md. | Dec. 2007 to Dec. 2010

Covered hospitality, tourism, agriculture and general assignment reporting and stories for the weekly business publication Baltimore Business Journal and its website; researched for weekly lists; wrote features, profiles and infographics; contributed to daily blog and weekly podcast; uploaded print content to website weekly and customized content with HTML, SEO and CMS functions; created homepages for website; created and posted to Facebook and Twitter accounts for the paper daily; edited copy according to AP style; compiled calendar, announcements and "People on the Move" sections.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS.

Meir, I.A., Bernstein, R., Shalev, K. "Architectonic Experimentation in Early Israeli Architecture Vis-à-vis Climatic Constraints: The Case of the Negev Desert" in *Israel as a Modern Architectural Experimental Lab, 1948-1978*, ed. Inbal BenAsher Gitler and Anat Geva, Intellect Ltd., February 2020.

Vaiglova, P., Hartman, G., Marom, N., Ayalon, A., Bar-Matthews, M., Zilberman, T., Yasur, G., Buckley, M., Bernstein, R., Tepper, Y. and Weissbrod, L., 2020. Climate stability and societal decline on the margins of the Byzantine empire in the Negev Desert. *Scientific reports*, 10(1), pp.1-13.

Bernstein, R.D., and Meir, I.A. "Refugee camps in arid environments: The case of Nessana, Israel." (*Submitted*)

Acknowledgment for field contribution

Rozenstein, O., et al. "Investigating the backscatter contrast anomaly in synthetic aperture radar (SAR) imagery of the dunes along the Israel-Egypt border." *International Journal of Applied Earth Observation and Geoinformation* 46 (2016): 13-21.

TECHNICAL SKILLS.

- Multimedia journalism, specifically writing and editing for the web, and shooting and editing video for the web
- Blogging and social media platforms; Wix, Wordpress, Tumblr, Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, Foursquare, HootSuite and GoWalla.
- Search Engine Optimization, HTML, various Content Management Systems; KRANG & Omniture.
- ArcGIS, GRASS GIS, Adobe InDesign, InCopy, Quark, Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, and Database Platforms; Filemaker Pro, Audacity, Final Cut Pro, Informz, Ektron, iMis, LexisNexis and EBSCO.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS.

Educational and Cultural Affairs Junior Research Fellowship:

W.F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, Jerusalem, Israel, January 2022-May 2022.

Koenen Fellowship in Papyrology:

Prize for studies in papyrology, June 2017

Ministry of Absorption Israel:

Ph.D. scholarship, 2014-2017

MDDC Press Association:

- Second place for Continuing Coverage, 2012
- First Place for Economic Reporting, 2010
- First Place for Feature Writing, 2009
- First Place for Infographic, 2009

LECTURE EXPERIENCE.

Weizmann Summer Institute at BGU, Alpha program

July 3, 2017 | Ben-Gurion University, Midreshet Ben-Gurion

Lecture: "Archaeology: Ancient Papyri in the Negev"

July 4, 2016 | Ben-Gurion University, Midreshet Ben-Gurion

Lecture: "Archaeology: Ancient Papyri in the Negev"

International Student and Scholar Institute program

July 23, 2017 | Ben-Gurion University, Midreshet Ben-Gurion

Lecture: "Archaeology: Ancient Papyri in the Negev"

July 24, 2016 | Ben-Gurion University, Midreshet Ben-Gurion

Lecture: "Archaeology: Ancient Papyri in the Negev"

Undergraduate Program in Department of Archaeology

January 2018 | Ben-Gurion University, Beer Sheva

"Monasteries in Byzantine Palestine."

May 2015-June 2015 | Ben-Gurion University, Beer Sheva

"History and Elements of Church Building Materials in the Byzantine Period."

CONFERENCES.

Archaeology of Landscape

March 2017 | Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Speaker: "Byzantine Monasticism in the Negev: Physical, Architectonic, and Socio-Economic Context."

British Association of Near Eastern Archaeology

January 4-6, 2017 | University of Glasgow

Speaker: "The Nessana Papyri as evidence of transition between Byzantine and Umayyad rule in periphery."

The Seventh SIDEER Graduate Students Symposium

March 24-26, 2015 | Midreshet Ben-Gurion

Coordinator and Poster Session for "Refugee camps in arid environments: The case of Nessana, Israel."

The International Conference on Drylands, Deserts, and Desertification

November 17-20, 2014 | Midreshet Ben-Gurion

Coordinator and Poster Session for "Refugee camps in arid environments: The case of Nessana, Israel."

SERVICE.

President, Sde Boker Student Council

Midreshet Ben-Gurion, Israel | May 2015-May 2016

Organized the student council of 200 Israeli and foreign students; worked with a diverse council to organize events, handle political issues, student issues, worked with the administration and staff of the Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research to handle housing issues and administration issues between students and faculty, as well as handling Sde Boker's relationship with the council in Beer Sheva.

Volunteer, Kidum

Beer Sheva, Israel | April 2015-June 2015

Tutored students in English language, particularly focusing on the Ensign program and examinations.