

CURRICULUM VITAE – Dr. Ronit Fisher

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I have a rich experience both in management and in research and academic activities:

Current Work:

Since 2010 I have been teaching courses on the Holocaust in MA programs at the Department of Jewish History at the University of Haifa.

Since mid-2013, I have been working at the legal division of the "Holocaust Survivors Rights Authority" at the Israeli Ministry of Finance, serving as a historian consultant specialist on the history of Romanian Jewry during the Holocaust.

In the past I had worked as the Dean of Students at the Academic Yzreel Valley College and the Director of the Haifa's branch of the Society for Protection of Nature in Israel (NGO).

Higher Education

Institution	Department	Field of Study	Period of Study	Degree	Degree Awarded
University of Haifa	General History	Modern European and Israeli History	1990–1993	B.A.	1993
University of Haifa	General History	Modern European History, Holocaust and Genocide studies	1994–1999 pause in 1997-1999	M.A.	2000
University of Haifa, including studies in Germany: at Mainz and Leipzig Universities	Jewish History	Modern Jewish History, Zionism, Holocaust and Genocide studies	2000–2005	Ph.D.	2006

Doctoral Thesis:

"Between Ethnic Cleansing and Final Solution: The Fate of Bukovinian and Bessarabian Jewry and the Neighbor Relations during the Holocaust with regard to the Minorities Policy of the Romanian Nation State in the 20th Century" (submitted October 2005)

Supervisors:

Prof. Yfaat Weiss, Head of the Bucerius Institute for Research of Contemporary German History and Society at the University of Haifa (currently at the Hebrew University)

Dr. Raphael Vago, Department of General History, The Cummings Center for Russian and East European Studies, Tel-Aviv University

M.A. Thesis:

"British Public Opinion Regarding the Refugee Problem Between 1938–41" (submitted October 1998)

Supervisor: Prof. Arieh Kochavi, head of the Struchlitz Holocaust Research and Study Institute at the University of Haifa.

Knowledge of Languages:**Hebrew** – mother tongue**English** – fluent**German, Romanian, French** – good**Research and Teaching Experience and Academic Affiliations:**

Year	Institute	Position	Course Titles
Since Dec.2015	The Hebrew University, The Center for Research on Romanian Jewry	Academic Coordinator	Responsibility for initiative and execution of Academic conferences, Promoting the National and International of the Center, creating and developing of a research forum on the History of Romanian Jewry (including a research tour to Romania for MA students)
2010 onwards	<u>University of Haifa:</u> 1.Department of Jewish History 2. Department of Israel Studies 3. Department of General Studies (online courses)	Lecturer in MA programs Lecturer in the MA International Program (Courses in English)	*Holocaust in the Jewish and Western Collective Memory *Jewish Leadership in the 20 th Century *Israeli Society and the Holocaust * The Holocaust – Historical Meaning and Current Relevancy in Israeli and Global Perspectives
2008- 2011	Western Galilee College	Lecturer	*Women in the Holocaust *Issues of eugenics and medicine during the Nazi era *Relations with neighboring countries during the Holocaust
2006-2008	Yzreel Valley Academic College	Dean of Students	* Holocaust denial *Social awareness of current Holocaust issues.
2004, Summer	University of Leipzig Simon Dubnow Institute for Jewish History and Jewish Culture	Visiting Doctoral Fellow	Studied and Lectured on Romanian Jews as a case-study of East-European Jewish history
2001-2004	University of Haifa, Bucerius Institute for Research of Contemporary German History and Society	Program coordinator for workshops and international conferences	*German influence on East European modern history
2001, Summer	University of Mainz	Visiting Doctoral Fellow	Modern German history
2000-2002	Ghetto Fighters' Museum – Educational Division	Museum instructor and program developer	*Nazi Germany *Jewish life in the Ghettos *Concentration camps *Partisans and Jewish resistance *Euthanasia program and Nazi Medical experimentations *The Eichmann trial and Israeli attitudes toward the Shoah
1993-1997	University of Haifa, Reuben Hecht Chair for the Study of Zionism	Coordinator	Responsible for the organisation of international conferences

1993 - 1997	University of Haifa, Pre-Academic Program	Teacher and Program Developer	*Modern Jewish History *Modern European History *Zionism and the establishment of Jewish State (1948–1973)
1993-1997	University of Haifa, Department of Communication	Instructor	*The history of Western and Israeli Communication *Communication, propaganda and society in war time
1990-1993	The Aibshitz Institute for Holocaust Teaching, Haifa	Teacher and Program Developer	*Modern antisemitism * The history of Nazi Germany * Jewish life in the ghettos *Jewish Leadership and Resistance *Concentration Camps *The role of the Shoah in the history of the State of Israel

Management Positions

Years	Position	Institution/ Organisation	Fields of responsibility
June 2013 –June 2014	Director	"Beit Hameiri" Museum in Zefad. Museum, Archive and Research Institute for the History of Jewish settlement in Sefad and the Galilee	Overall responsibility for all the museum's activities, including educational and cultural activities; fundraising and budget management; responsibility for the fiscal operation of the museum and all its staff (about 25 people, including 15 educational instructors)
2006-2008	Dean of Students	Academic Yizreel Valley College (over 3,500 students)	Overall responsibility of not only for the economic and academic support for a large heterogeneous group of students (Jews, Druze, Muslims and Christians), but also for fund-raising, budgeting and staff management (more than 30 coordinators, teachers and instructors). I implemented initiatives for many students' projects, as part of the social responsibility of the academic institution to its local community.
2004-2006	Director	Haifa Society for Protection of Nature in Israel (NGO)	Responsibility for the civic and nature activism in Haifa and the northern region of Israel. This included: creating and leading activities in the Arab and Jewish neighborhoods with regard to environmental issues and legislation of urban planning in Haifa; making connections with local and national officials and press; conducting environmental-education programs in more than 15 schools. I was also responsible of fund-raising and budget management, as well as management and development of staff (5 coordinators and more than 30 instructors and teachers).
1998-2000	Assistant Director of the "Perach" student's assistance and tutoring program	"Perach" Program at the Technion (Israel Institute of Technology)	In this role I was responsible for 25 "Perach" coordinators who worked in schools in Haifa and the Galilee (Jews, Muslims and Christians), each of whom was responsible of a group of 50 students tutoring 50 children. I was responsible for my team's recruitment, development, training and supervision. I was responsible for connections with local officials and school managers, as well for as budget management.

Research Activities and Interests

- ✓ Socio-economic research on the Holocaust in Romania
- ✓ Ethnic Cleansing in Eastern Europe during WWII - especially in Romania and the Ukraine
- ✓ Gender, Eugenics, and Race during the Holocaust
- ✓ Vanished Cities of Eastern Europe: Czernowitz as case study
- ✓ Jewish-Christian Neighbor Relations in Eastern Europe (especially Romania) during the Holocaust
- ✓ Love and Marriage during the Holocaust
- ✓ Refugees during World War II , before and after (1933-1948)
- ✓ The Memory of the Holocaust in the Israeli society - (especially in security organisations and military forces)
- ✓ Holocaust survivors and the 2nd and 3rd generations of Holocaust survivors

List of Publications and Research in Progress

I. Books

1. Fisher, Ronit (2009). *From the Fields of Remembrance*. (Ghetto Fighters' House Publishing, Israel 2009) (in Hebrew)

In process:

2. Fisher, Ronit., *Bukovina: From Multi-Cultural Society to Ethnic-Cleansing and the Holocaust*. Based on my dissertation: "Between Ethnic Cleansing and Final Solution: the fate of Bukovinian and Bessarabian Jewry and the neighborly relations during the Holocaust with regard to the Minority Policy of the Romanian Nation-State in the 20th Century"
3. Fisher, Ronit and Ben-Zeev, Aaron and (forthcoming). *Love during the Holocaust*, (currently under review)

II. Articles:

1. "Murderous Summer," review article on the books: Henry Eaton, *The Origins and Onset of the Romanian Holocaust*, Simon Geissbühler, *Blutiger Juli — Rumäniens Vernichtungskrieg und der vergessene Massenmord an der Juden 1941* in *Yad-Vashem Studies*, (Jerusalem, 2015) Vol 43 (1). pp.259-271
2. "Prelude to the Holocaust in Romania: The significance of eugenics, ethnicity and race in the development of the Romania's national identity." in Nancy Rupprecht and Wendy Koenig (eds.), *Global Perspectives on the Holocaust: History, Identity and Legacy*, Cambridge Scholars Publishing House (Newcastel, UK,2015), pp. 252-271.
3. "Transnistria," in Friedman, J., *The Routledge History of the Holocaust* (Routledge Publishing House, NY, 2011), pp. 277–290.
4. "Between Ethnic-Cleansing and Genocide: An Alternative perspective of the Holocaust of Romanian Jews," in *Yad-Vashem Studies*, Jerusalem, 2012, 1/40, pp. 157–196.

5. "British newspapers and the Jewish refugees from the Third Reich, between 1938–1940," in *Dapim—Studies on the Shoah*, 17, The Strochlitz Institute of the University of Haifa (Haifa, 2003), pp.211–237.
6. "From 'Refugees' to 'Enemy Aliens': The British Press and the Refugees Problem 1938–1941," in *Kesher—Journal of Media and Communications History in Israel and the Jewish World*, Tel-Aviv University, 42, Autumn 2011 (in Hebrew), pp.119–123.
7. "Creating From Within the 'Black Hole': Poetry and visual art of 2nd and 3rd generations of Holocaust survivors," in Ronit Fisher (ed.) *From the Fields of Remembrance*, Ghetto Fighters' Museum Publishing House, Israel, 2009 (in Hebrew), pp.69–95.
8. Review Article in *Jewish History*, 17, 2003, pp.363–368, on Bernard Politzer, *Walachian Years: Politico-Cultural Chronicle of a Youth, 1940-1960* (Balaban Publishers, Rechovot, Israel, 2001); Ruth Glasberg Gold, *Ruth's Journey: A Survivor's Memoir* (University of Florida Press, 1997).
9. "Europaischer Hintergrund und Israelische Identität—Nachkommen von Czernowitzern in Israel heute," in: Anadrea Peschel (Hrsg.) *Czernowitz was ein Familienbegriff: Jüdisches Leben in Europa vor der Schoah und dessen Einfluss in Israel heute*, Heinrich Boll Stiftung, Tel Aviv, 2004, pp.130–135.

III. Encyclopedia Entries:

- "Medical Experiments" in Walter Laqueur (ed.), *Holocaust Encyclopedia*, Yale University Press (New Haven and London, 2001), pp.410–414.
- "Romanian Yiddish Theater" in *Jewish Women Comprehensive Historical Encyclopedia*, Jewish Women's Archive, Israel, 2006
- "Romania: Women and Jewish Education" in *Jewish Women Comprehensive Historical Encyclopedia*, Jewish Women's Archive, Israel, 2006

Poems:

- "Czernowitz" in: Ronit Fisher (ed.), *From the Fields of Remembrance*, the Ghetto Fighters' Museum Publishing House, Israel, 2009 (in Hebrew) pp. 157–158.
- "Woven in the Tissues of Pain" in Ronit Fisher (ed.), *From the Fields of Remembrance*, p. 159.
- "Borders" in: Ronit Fisher (ed.), *From the Fields of Remembrance*, pp. 160–162.

Organization of Scholarly Conferences

15 March 2016 : Conference on : Bukowina – Romania's "Multi-Kulti" region – at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem

24 March 2009: International Conference on "Testimonies of Holocaust Children" (together with Dr. Boaz Cohen), at the Western Galilee College.

2-5 November 2008: 7th International Conference of the Janusz Korczak Association at the Western Galilee College.

11 April 2007: Conference on "Commemoration of the Holocaust: Inter-Generation Coping with the Memory of the Holocaust" at the Jezre'el Valley Academic College

18 January 2007: Conference on "The War that Has Never Ended—Holocaust survivors in traumatic situations in Israel" at University of Haifa.

Participation in Conferences and Workshops

1) June 2001, **Jerusalem**: *"Race and Gender as They Determined the Fate of Spouses of Mixed Marriages and Converts Deported to Transnistria"* Workshop on "Race and Gender, led by Prof. Gisela Bock, organized by the Israeli Historical Society.

2) February 2003, **Berlin**: *"Jewish-Christian Neighbour Relations in Multi-National Border Regions in Eastern Europe during the Holocaust: Bukovina and Bessarabia (in Romania) as a Case Study."* International Workshop for PhD students held at the Jewish Museum.

3) March 2003, University of **Haifa**: *"Social History and the Holocaust Research."* Workshop for Holocaust researchers, dealing with interdisciplinary tendencies in Holocaust research.

4) December 2003, **Jerusalem**: *"Neighborly Relation Under Test: The Deportation of the Jews from Bukovina and Bessarabia to Transnistria."* Workshop held at Yad VaShem for the Danek Gertner Yad Vashem Scholarship ceremony.

5) May 2004, **Vienna**: *"Education, Discrimination & Crime: Jewish-Christian Neighborly Relations in Bukovina and Bessarabia in the Inter-Wars Period."* International Workshop for Young Researcher, organized by the Institute of Contemporary History at the University of Vienna and the Yad Vashem International Institute for Holocaust Research.

6) September 2006, **Dniyepetrovsk**: *"The Ethnic Explanation of the 'Romanian Way': Transnistria: The Ukrainian Graveyard of Ethnically Non-Romanian Jewry."* Workshop held at the International Conference on the Holocaust in Ukraine.

7) April 2007, **Yezre'el, Israel**: *"Inter-Generational Responsibility for the Commemoration of the Holocaust."* At the Academic Yezre'el Valley College's conference on the "Commemoration of the Holocaust: Inter-Generational Coping with the Memory of the Holocaust."

8) May 2007, **Jerusalem**: *"Ethnic, Racial Purity and Gender: The Fate of Apostates and Spouses of Mixed Marriages deported to Transnistria,"* Paper delivered at Centre de Recherche Français de Jérusalem, at an International Workshop on "Transnistria: Vanished Landscapes of History and Memory."

9) April 2008, **Yezre'el, Israel**: *"Holocaust survivors and Israeli society."* Paper delivered at the Academic Yezre'el Valley College's annual conference on the Israeli National Holocaust Commemoration day.

10) 24 March 2009, **Acre**, *"The Testimonies of Children from Transnistria's Ghettos and Camps"* Paper delivered at the international conference on "Testimonies of Holocaust's Children."

11) 3 May 2009, **Ghetto Fighters' Museum, Israel**, *"Creativity of Second Generation Holocaust Survivors"* at a conference on "The Holocaust—Between History and Literature."

12) 5 May 2009, **Nahariya, Israel**: *"The Nazi Medical Experiments"* at the Annual International Conference on "Medicine and the Holocaust," organized by the Faculty of Medicine at the Technion, the Ghetto Fighters' Museum and Nahariya Hospital.

- 13) 17 May 2009, **Haifa University**, "*Profiles of Second Generation of Holocaust Survivors*" Paper delivered at conference on "Second Generation Holocaust Survivors – Multidiscipline Aspects."
- 14) 1 July 2009, **Tel-Aviv**, Hakibbutzim Seminar: "*The Role of Second Generation Holocaust Survivors as Educators.*" Paper delivered at the annual conference of the Historical Education Association.
- 15) 26-28 January 2010, **Acre, Israel**: , Paper delivered at the International Conference at the Western Galilee College: The Future of Holocaust Testimonies, about "*The Dark and Bright sides of Transnistria: Gaps in Testimonies of Children and Women*"
- 16) 7–9 March 2010, **Ohio, USA**: International conference at Youngstown University on: "The Jewish Woman and Her Body." A paper about "*Sharing One Fate: The Racial Laws in Germany and Romania through the Fates of Two Jewish Women of Mixed Marriages.*"
- 17) 11 March 2010, **Westminster College, PA, USA**: "Guardians of Memory: The Significance of Creative Artists among Second and Third Generation of Holocaust Survivors "
- 18) 22 September 2011, **Yad Va-Shem, Jerusalem**: "*The deportations of the Jews of Czernowitz.*" Paper delivered at conference marking 70 years since the deportations of Jews from Bessarabia and Bukovina.
- 19) 19–22 October 2011, **Murfreesboro, TN, USA**: "*Prelude to the Holocaust in Romania: Eugenics, Gender and Racial Policy in Romania.*" Paper delivered at MTSU International Holocaust Studies Conference on Global Perspectives on the Holocaust.
- 20) November 7, 2011, **Tel-Aviv University**: "*The Romanian Chapter in the Unique Collective Memory of Czernowitz.*" International Conference on "History of Romanian Jews in the 20th Century – Myth and Reality."
- 21) 17 April 2012, **Haifa University**: "*Taking-up the torch: The Legacy of Bukovina.*" Paper delivered at the annual convention of the Bukovinian Association, hosted by the Gottlieb Schumacher Institute for Research.
- 22) 11 October 2013, **Pittsburgh, PA, USA**: "*The Holocaust in Israeli Education System* " Paper delivered at the Holocaust Center of the Jewish Federation.
- 23) 15–19 October 2013, **Murfreesboro, TN, USA**: MTSU International Holocaust Studies Conference: Global Perspectives on the Holocaust; a paper on the topic: "*Gendered representations of the Nazi regime through the writings of two Jewish–German Women Poets: Gertrud Kolmar and Rose Auslander*".
- 24) 16–18 March 2014, **Fort-Myers, FL, USA**: "*The Fate of Transylvanian Jewry: Between the Romanian and Hungarian Holocaust.*" Paper delivered at the FGCU International Conference on "The Holocaust in Hungary,"
- 25) 17 December 2014 - **Yad VaShem, Jerusalem** – The International research conference , a paper on "*The Rescue of the Jewish orphans from Transnistria—as a case study of inner tension and solidarity within the Romanian Jewry leadership 1942–1944.*"
- 26) 22 December 2014 – **Tel Aviv** – "AMIR conference", a paper on "*Building the New Country- The Romanian Jewry in the Kibbutzim and Moshavim in Israel.*"

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27) 6 January 2015 - **Tel-Aviv University**, a paper on *The Holocaust in Romania – Political Memory*.

28) 8-10 January 2015 - **London – The Jewish Museum**, a paper on "*Sexuality and romantic love in the Nazi concentration camps – A gendered examination of the concentration camps' topographies.*"

28) 23-26 April 2015 **Krakaw - Euroacademia**, a paper on the topic: **Ethnic heterogeneity of "Greater Romania"**

29) 20-23 October 2015, **Murfreesboro, TN, USA: MTSU International Holocaust Studies Conference: Global Perspectives on the Holocaust**; a paper on the topic: **Romantic Love in the Nazi Concentration Camps as resistance - An Overlooked topic in Holocaust's gender studies**

30) March 2016 **Jerusalem**, Hebrew University, conference on Bukovina, on the topic : **Bukovina and Czernowitz : The Ethnical Uniqueness of the Multi-Cultural city and region**

Membership in Historical Assosiacions and Institutes :

- Bucerius Institute for Contemporary German Culture and History , at the University of Haifa
- Associate at the Center for Judeac, Holocaust and Genocide Studies at the Florida Gulf Coast University , FL, USA
- Israeli Historical Society

Awards , Grants and Prizes:

- * June 2004 – research scholarship from the Simon Dubnow Institute for Jewish History at the Leipzig University.
- * February 2003 –Danek Gertner -Yad Vashem PhD Scholarship for the academic year 2003-2004
- * December 2002 – Research scholarship from the Struchlitz Holocaust Research and Study Institute at Haifa University
- * March 2002 – "Zeit-Stiftung" research scholarship from the Bucerius Center, University of Haifa
- * January 2002 - Research scholarship from the Struchlitz Holocaust Research and Study Institute at the University of Haifa
- * August 2001 - Scholarship from Johannes Gutenberg Universität in Mainz, Germany, for a "Akademische Sommerkurs"
- * June 2001 - Outstanding Scholarship from The International Institute for Holocaust Research of "Yad Vashem" for my Ph.D studies
- * October 2000 - Annual Outstanding Scholarship for 3 years for my Ph.D. Studies from Haifa University.
- * June 1999 - Outstanding Scholarship from The International Institute for Holocaust Research of "Yad Vashem" for my M.A. thesis
- * June 1996 - Outstanding Scholarship from "Foulber Foundation"
- * January 1994 - Outstanding Scholarship from "Wolf International Association"
- * December 1993 - Outstanding Scholarship from "Rotary Foundation" (Carmel Club)
- * November 1993 - Second Place reward in the "Bela Vago" competition from the Struchlitz Holocaust Research and Study Institute at Haifa University

Miscellaneous:

1. Historical consultant on the history of Romanian Jews for the Holocaust Survivors Rights Authority, at the Israeli Ministry of Finance (since July 2013)
2. Military Service: 1986–1988 – instructor of Cadets at the IDF Pre-Military Academy attached to Haifa's Hareali High School.
3. Public Voluntary Activities:
 - * Since 2013–: The Israeli chairperson of the Judge- Committee of the "Waldman Competition of Art and the Holocaust" The Karmiel-Misgav-Pittsburgh "Partnership 2000" program
 - * Since 2013: A volunteer policewoman at the Misgav Police Prisent.
 - * Since 2012: Member of "Keshet Committee" of the "Partnership 2000" of the Jewish Agency of Karmiel, Misgav, Pittsburgh
 - * 2007–2010: Organizing cultural activities for Jewish and Arab groups in the Galilee
 - * 2007–2010: On Board of Directors of "Galilead" – Leadership-Educational program for Arab and Jewish leaders in the Galilee (in co-operation with the Jewish Agency, Pittsburgh-Misgav Partnership and CMU)
 - * 2004–2006: – Public delegate to the Urban Planing Committee of Haifa Municipality
4. Non-Academic Education Programs
 - 1989 –Accounting course (Management College, Haifa)
 - 1999 – Management course for managers (Avni College, Rechovot)
 - 2002 – Conflict-Resolution and Mediation course (Gevim College, Karmiel)
 - 2010 –Directors course in legal and financial aspects (Acre, Western Galilee College)