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Research

Specialization: Linguistic typology and historical linguistics

Interests: Language contact, semantic change, grammaticalization, phonology, Coptic-Egyptian

Academic appointments

- **Department of Linguistics, Hebrew University of Jerusalem** — Jerusalem
  Senior Lecturer with tenure — 2016 – Present
  Member of Language, Logic & Cognition Center — 2014 – Present
  Lecturer — 2012 – 2016

- **Martin Buber Society of Fellows, Hebrew University of Jerusalem** — Jerusalem
  Postdoctoral fellow — 2010 – 2012

- **University of Liège, RAMSES Project** — Liège
  Postdoctoral researcher — 2009 – 2011
  Host: Jean Winand

- **Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Kreitman Fellow** — Beer-Sheva
  Postdoctoral fellow — 2009 – 2011
  Host: Roni Henkin

Short-term appointments at other institutions and other teaching

- **Higher School of Economics, School of Linguistics** — Moscow
  Instructor, *The distributional typology of borrowed phonological segments* — September 2018
  Instructor, *The typology of lexical borrowing* — September 2017

- **University of Helsinki, Department of Linguistics** — Helsinki
  Visiting professor, *Targeting language contact for Distributional Typology* — September 2017

- **University of Liège** — Liège
  Visiting professor, *The typology of possessive constructions* — Spring 2011, 2012

- **Humboldt University, TOPOI Excellence Cluster** — Berlin
  Senior visiting researcher — October 2011

Education

Hebrew University of Jerusalem   **Jerusalem, Israel**

- PhD, Linguistics, *summa cum laude*   2005 – 2009
  Dissertation: *Structural studies in the syntax of Early Bohairic Coptic*
  Supervisor: Ariel Shisha-Halevy

- MA, Linguistics, *summa cum laude*   2002 – 2005

- BA, Linguistics, *summa cum laude*   1999 – 2002

Grants and awards

1. *Transitivity and valency in language contact: the case of Coptic*   2017-2021
   With Tonio Sebastian Richter (Freie Universität Berlin)   € 150,000
   German-Israeli Foundation for Scientific Research and Development Grant I-1343-110.4/2016

2. *The typology of adposition borrowing*   2013-2016
   Israel Science Foundation Grant 248/13   345,000 NIS

3. Alon Fellowship for Outstanding Young Researchers   2013-2016

4. Swiss National Science Foundation short-term research grant for scientific cooperation   2012-2013
   With Giorgio Iemmolo   € 4500.

Graduate students supervised

MA students

1. Einav Levanon   Current
   Phonological segment borrowing in Papunesia

2. Rammie Cahlon   2013
   The habitual periphrasis in Cuzco Quechua

3. Iddo Diamant   2014
   The typology of classifiers in verbal constructions

4. Yoram Melzer   2014
   Lexical innovation in Honduran Spanish

5. Noa Goldblatt (Mandel Scholarship)   2015
   What does duh *do? A synchronic description of* duh *(do) in Pennsylvania German*

6. Minjeung Ko   2016
   Linguistic innovation connected to the honorific affix in Korean
   Co-supervisor: Anton Antonov (INALCO, Paris)

7. Nadav Matalon   2016
   The Camel Humps prosodic pattern in spoken Modern Hebrew
   Co-supervisor: Michal Marmorstein (HUJI, Linguistics).

8. Hagay Schurr (Mandel Scholarship)   2017
   Differential argument coding in Romance: Towards a revised typology
   Currently in PhD program in Linguistics at City University of New York.

9. Maya Inbar (Mandel Scholarship)   2017
   The temporal structure of intonation units
   Co-supervisor: Ayelet Landau (HUJI, Psychology & Cognitive Sciences).

10. Noam Tomer   2017
    Language Contact: Dutch influences on the syntax of periphrastic verb structures in Dutch Yiddish
    Co-supervisor: Moshe Taube (HUJI, Linguistics).

PhD students

1. Haim Dubossarsky (Edmond and Lily Safra Center for Brain Sciences)   2018
   Computational studies of semantic change of words in historical corpora .
   Co-supervisor: Daphna Weinshall (HUJI, Computer Science).
   Currently post-doctoral researcher at Cambridge University.

2. Rammie Cahlon (President's Scholarship)   Current
   An areal typology of Quechuan languages.
   Joint PhD program with Leiden University
   Co-supervisor: Willem Adelaar (Leiden University).

3. Elena Luchina (President's Scholarship)   Current
   Variation in Yiddish zikh-verbs in areal perspective.
   Co-supervisor: Moshe Taube (Linguistics, HUJI)

4. Noa Goldblatt (President's Scholarship)   Current
   A micro-typology of discourse markers borrowing in German speech islands
   Co-supervisor: Hans Boas (University of Texas, Austin)

5. Shira Tal   Current
   The role of redundant marking in learning
   Co-supervisor: Inbal Arnon (HUJI, Psychology & Cognitive Science)

6. Maya Inbar (President's Scholarship)   Current
   Title undecided.
   Co-supervisor: Ayelet Landau (HUJI, Psychology & Cognitive Science)

Member of the PhD committee (non-supervisor)

1. Gili Diamant (Linguistics)

2. Assaf Bar-Moshe (Linguistics)

3. Ori Lavi-Rotbain (Cognitive Sciences)

4. Marina Shama (Egyptology)

5. Haleli Harel (Egyptology)

Postdoctoral researchers and other visiting scholars

1. Giorgio Iemmolo, University of Zurich, General & Comparative Linguistics   2012 – 2013

2. Malte Rosemeyer, University of Freiburg, Department of Romance Philology 2014

3. Ilja Seržant, University of Konstanz, Zukunftskolleg 2014

4. Dalibor Holan, visiting PhD student, Masaryk University 2014 – 2015

5. Ezequiel Koile, Universidad Nacional de la Plata, Argentina 2015 – 2016

6. Pavel Ozerov, La Trobe University 2015 – 2016

7. Anna Berge, Visiting professor, University of Alaska (Fairbanks) 2016 – 2017

8. Dmitry Nikolaev, Russian State University for the Humanities 2016 – present

9. Alexander Letuchiy, Russian Academy of Sciences 2018

Affiliated Martin Buber Society postdoctoral researchers

1. Pavel Ozerov 2016 – present

2. Linda Konnerth 2016 – present

Service and other activities at the Hebrew University

- Head of the Functional Linguistics track, Department of Linguistics 2015 – 2018

- BA Advisor, Department of Linguistics 2012 – 2018

- MA Advisor, Department of Linguistics 2018 – present, 2012 – 2016

- Library acquisition liaison, Department of Linguistics 2012 – 2018

- Departmental seminar co-coordinator, Department of Linguistics 2018 – present, 2012 – 2017

- Student-teacher committee, Department of Linguistics 2012 – 2016

- Martin Buber Society of Fellows in the Humanities and Social Sciences 2014 – 2017
  Academic consultant

- Forum for New Faculty 2014 – 2017
  Co-coordinator (with Elisheva Baumgarten).

- Faculty PhD committee (Language Sciences) 2014 – present

- Yad Hanadiv-funded program for curriculum development in the language sciences 2015 – present
  Steering committee

- Estabished and coordinated the Speech Prosody Reading Group (LLCC) 2016 – 2017

- Established the Dynamics of Language Lab 2016 – present

- Scholion research group 'Historical linguistics and formal semantics' 2017 – present

- Development Committee of the Faculty of the Humanities 2017 – present

- Hebrew University Research Authority Plenary Committeee 2018 – present

Service and other activities outside the Hebrew University

- Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities group 'Functionalist linguistics, linguistic typology, and language acquisition' 2014 – 2016
  Group member and member of steering committee

- *Handbooks of Ancient Egyptian* (de Gruyter Mouton) 2010 – present
  Series founder and editor

- *Database and Dictionary of Greek Loanwords in Coptic* (DFG-funded) 2012 – present
  Advisory committee member

- *Language Science Press* 2015 – present
  Copyeditor

- *Coptic Scriptorium* project (NEH-funded) 2014-present
  Scientific committee member

- *Association for Linguistic Typology* 2015-2016
  Abstract-reading committee

- *Societas Linguistica Europaea*
  Abstract-reading committee 2015 – present
  Elected to Scientific Committee 2017 – present

- *Linguistics Vanguard* 2016 – present
  Area editor for language change, language typology, and language contact

- *Journal of Historical Linguistics* 2017 – present
  Associate editor

- *Lingua Aegyptia - Journal of Egyptian Language Studies* 2017 – present
  Editorial board

- Ad hoc reviewing for *Linguistics, Journal of Historical Linguistics, Frontiers in Psychology, Studies in Language, Journal of South Asian Languages and Linguistics, Linguistic Variation*, Israel Association for Theoretical Linguistics Conference, Usage-Based Linguistics Conference, Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research.

Publications

Books and special issues edited

1. Eitan Grossman & Stéphane Polis. To appear. *Possession in Ancient Egyptian* (=Mouton Companions to Ancient Egyptian 2). Berlin & New York: De Gruyter Mouton.

2. Cromwell, Jennifer & Eitan Grossman (eds.). 2018. *Beyond Free Variation: Scribal Repertoires from Old Kingdom to Early Islamic Egypt.* Oxford: Oxford University Press.

3. Grossman, Eitan, Peter Dils, Tonio Sebastian Richter & Wolfgang Schenkel (eds.). 2017. *Greek Influence on Egyptian-Coptic. Language Contact in an Ancient African Language.* Hamburg: Widmaier Verlag.

4. Grossman, Eitan, Martin Haspelmath & Tonio Sebastian Richter (eds.). 2014. *Egyptian-Coptic Linguistics in Typological Perspective* (=Empirical Approaches to Language Typology 55). Berlin & New York: De Gruyter Mouton.
   Reviewed by Roman Gundacker (2016) in *Lingua Aegyptia* 24: 161-172.

5. Grossman, Eitan, Stéphane Polis, Andréas Stauder & Jean Winand (eds.). 2014. *Forms and Functions: Studies in Ancient Egyptian-Coptic Grammar* (=Lingua Aegyptia Studia Monographica 15). Hamburg: Widmaier Verlag.
   Reviewed by Carsten Peust (2015) in *Lingua Aegyptia* 23: 339-353.

6. Grossman, Eitan, Stéphane Polis, & Jean Winand (eds.). 2012. *Lexical Semantics in Ancient Egyptian* (=Lingua Aegyptia Studia Monographica 9). Hamburg: Kai Widmaier Verlag.
   Reviewed by Leo Depuydt (2016) in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 136(1): 204-206; by Dimitri Meeks (2015) *Chronique d'Égypte* 90(179): 4067; by Ines Köhler (2015) in *Lingua Aegyptia* 23: 323-330; and by Anke Ilona Blöbaum (2014) in *Bibliotheca Orientalis* 71(5/6): 731-738

Articles in peer-reviewed journals and conference proceedings

7. Eitan Grossman. Forthcoming. Language-specific transitivities in contact: the case of Coptic. *Journal of Language Contact.* Ca. 25 pages.

8. Eitan Grossman. Forthcoming. For the sake of an argument. Grammatical relations and argument selectors in Baltic. *Baltic Linguistics.* Review article of Axel Holvoet & Nicole Nau (eds.). *Argument realization in Baltic.* (=Valency, Argument Realization and Grammatical Relations in Baltic 3). Amsterdam: John Benjamins. Ca. 30 pages.

9. Grossman, Eitan. 2018. Did Greek influence the Coptic prefixing preference? *Journal of Language Contact* 11(1): 1-31.

10. Dmitry Nikolaev & Eitan Grossman. 2018. Areal sound change and the distributional typology of affricate richness in Eurasia. *Studies in Language* 42(3):562-599.

11. Grossman, Eitan, Guillaume Jacques & Anton Antonov. 2018. A cross-linguistic rarity in synchrony and diachrony: adverbial subordinator prefixes exist. *STUF – Language Typology and Universals* 71(4). Ca. 30 pages.

12. Grossman, Eitan & Stéphane Polis. 2018. Swimming against the typological tide or paddling along with language change? Dispreferred structures and diachronic biases in affix ordering. *Journal of Historical Linguistics* 9(3). Ca. 50 pages.

13. Haim Dubossarsky, Daphna Weinshall & Eitan Grossman. 2018. Coming to your senses: on controls and evaluation sets in polysemy research. *Proceedings of the Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing 2018.*

14. Malte Rosemeyer & Eitan Grossman. 2017. The road to auxiliariness revisited: the grammaticalization of FINISH anteriors in Spanish. *Diachronica* 34(3): 516-558.

15. Haim Dubossarsky, Daphna Weinshall & Eitan Grossman. 2017. Outta control: Laws of Semantic Change and Inherent Biases in Word Representation Models. *Proceedings of the Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing 2017*, 1147 – 1156.

16. Haim Dubossarsky, Daphna Weinshall & Eitan Grossman. 2016. Verbs change more than nouns: a bottom-up computational approach to semantic change. *Linge e Lingguagio* 2016(1): 7-28.

17. Grossman, Eitan. 2016. From rarum to rarissimum: an unexpected zero person marker. *Linguistic Typology* 20(1): 1-23.

18. Grossman, Eitan & Ira Noveck. 2015. What can historical linguistics and experimental pragmatics offer each other? *Linguistics Vanguard* 1 (1): 145-152. (Most downloaded article of the journal to date)

19. Haim Dubossarsky, Yulia Tvetkov, Chris Dyer & Eitan Grossman. 2015. A bottom-up approach to category mapping and meaning change. In: Vito Pirrelli, Claudia Marzi, & Marcello Ferro (eds.): *Word Structure and Word Usage. Proceedings of the NetWordS Final Conference, Pisa, March 30-April 1, 2015*, 66-70.

20. Grossman, Eitan & Stéphane Polis. 2014. On the pragmatics of subjectification: the emergence and modalization of an Allative Future in Ancient Egyptian. *Acta Linguistica Hafniensia* 46(1): 25-63.

21. Cromwell, Jennifer & Eitan Grossman. 2010. Condition(al)s of Repayment: P. CLT 10 Reconsidered. *Journal of Egyptian Archaeology* 96: 149-160.

22. Grossman, Eitan. 2009. Periphrastic Perfects in the Coptic Dialects: A Case Study in Grammaticalization. *Lingua Aegyptia* 17: 81-118.

23. Grossman, Eitan. 2009. The Syntax of Argument Clauses in Sahidic Coptic. *Zeitschrift für ägyptische Sprache und Altertumskunde* 136(1): 19-32.

24. Grossman, Eitan. 2008. Nucleus-Satellite Analysis and Conjugation Mediation in Coptic and Later Egyptian. *Zeitschrift für ägyptische Sprache und Altertumskunde* 135(2): 16-29.

25. Grossman, Eitan. 2007. Protatic iir=f sdm in the Report of Wenamun: A Proto-Demotic Feature? *Göttinger Miszellen* 215: 49-56.

Peer-reviewed articles in edited volumes

26. Karsten Schmidtke-Bode & Eitan Grossman. Forthcoming. Diachronic sources, functional motivations and the nature of the evidence: A synthesis. In: Karsten Schmidtke-Bode, Natalia Levshina, Susanne Maria Michaelis & Ilja A. Seržant (eds) *Explanation in linguistic typology: Diachronic sources, functional motivations and the nature of the evidence.* [Conceptual Foundations of Language Science.] Berlin: Language Science Press. Ca. 18 pages.

27. Eitan Grossman & Stéphane Polis. Forthcoming. Four thousand years of prohibitive constructions and prohibitive cycles in Egyptian-Coptic. Accepted to: Elsa Oréal & Jean Winand (eds.) *Negation in Ancient Egyptian.* Berlin & New York: De Gruyter Mouton. Ca. 40 pages.

28. Eitan Grossman. Forthcoming. Focalized possession in the Coptic dialects. In: Eitan Grossman & Stéphane Polis (eds.). *Possession in Ancient Egyptian.* Berlin & New York: De Gruyter Mouton. Ca. 35 pages.

29. Eitan Grossman & Stéphane Polis. Forthcoming. Adnominal possessive constructions with pronominal possessors in Late Egyptian. In: Eitan Grossman & Stéphane Polis (eds.). *Possession in Ancient Egyptian.* Berlin & New York: De Gruyter Mouton. Ca. 25.

30. Noam Faust & Eitan Grossman. Forthcoming. Nuer (Western Nilotic). In: Zelealem Leyew, Ronny Meyer, Yvonne Treis & Bedilu Wakjira (eds.), *Oxford Handbood of Ethiopian Languages.* Ca. 25 pages.

31. Eitan Grossman. 2018. From suffix to prefix to interposition via Differential Object Marking. In: Ilja Seržant & Alena Witzlach-Makarevich (eds.) *Diachronic Typology of Differential Argument Marking*, 129-151. Berlin: Language Sciences Press.

32. Jennifer Cromwell & Eitan Grossman. 2018. Scribes, repertoires, and variation. In: Jennifer Cromwell & Eitan Grossman (eds.), *Scribal repertoires in Egypt from the Old Kingdom to the Early Islamic Period*, 1-16. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

33. Eitan Grossman & Alain Delattre. 2018. A new Early Bohairic text. In: Rosario Pintaudi, (ed.) *Antinoupolis 2*, 635-646. Florence: Instituto Papyrologico G. Vitelli.

34. Grossman, Eitan & Tonio Sebastian Richter. 2017. Dialectal variation and language change: the case of Greek loan-verb integration strategies in Coptic. In: Eitan Grossman, Peter Dils, Tonio Sebastian Richter & Wolfgang Schenkel (eds.). *Greek Influence on Egyptian-Coptic. Language Contact in an Ancient African Language*, 207-236. Hamburg: Widmaier Verlag.

35. Grossman, Eitan & Stéphane Polis. 2017. Polysemy networks in language contact: the borrowing of the Greek-origin preposition *kata* in Coptic In: Eitan Grossman, Peter Dils, Tonio Sebastian Richter & Wolfgang Schenkel (eds.). *Greek Influence on Egyptian-Coptic. Language Contact in an Ancient African Language*, 335-367. Hamburg: Widmaier Verlag.

36. Grossman, Eitan. 2014. A late Fayyumic letter. In: Anne Boudhors & Catherine Louis (eds.) *Coptica Argentoratensia. Confrences et documents de la 3e universit d't en papyrologie copte (Strasbourg, 18-25 juillet 2010)*, 193-198.

37. Grossman, Eitan, Guillaume Lescuyer & Stéphane Polis. 2014. Contexts and inferences: the grammaticalization of the Later Egyptian Allative Future. In: Eitan Grossman, Stéphane Polis, Andréas Stauder & Jean Winand (eds), *Forms and Functions: Studies in Ancient Egyptian-Coptic Grammar*, 87-136. Hamburg: Kai Widmaier Verlag.

38. Grossman, Eitan & Stéphane Polis. 2014. Forms and functions in Ancient Egyptian: a short introduction. In: Eitan Grossman, Stéphane Polis, Andras Stauder & Jean Winand (eds), *Forms and Functions: Studies in Ancient Egyptian-Coptic Grammar*, 1-6. Hamburg: Kai Widmaier Verlag.

39. Grossman, Eitan & Martin Haspelmath. 2014. On the transliteration of Coptic. In: Eitan Grossman, Martin Haspelmath & Tonio Sebastian Richter (eds.), *Egyptian-Coptic Linguistics in Typological Perspective*, 145-153. Berlin & New York. De Gruyter Mouton.

40. Grossman, Eitan & Tonio Sebastian Richter. 2014. The Egyptian-Coptic language: its setting in space, time and culture. In: Eitan Grossman, Martin Haspelmath & Tonio Sebastian Richter (eds.), *Egyptian-Coptic Linguistics in Typological Perspective*, 69-101. Berlin & New York. De Gruyter Mouton.

41. Grossman, Eitan. 2014. No case before the verb in Coptic. In: Eitan Grossman, Martin Haspelmath & Tonio Sebastian Richter (eds.), *Egyptian-Coptic Linguistics in Typological Perspective*, 203-225. Berlin & New York. De Gruyter Mouton.

42. Grossman, Eitan. 2013. Greek Loanwords in Coptic. In: Georgios K. Giannakis (ed.),*Encyclopedia of Ancient Greek Language and Linguistics*. Brill Online. Available at http://dx.doi.org/10.1163/2214-448X_eagll_SIM_00000469.

43. Grossman, Eitan. 2013. So you just flow with it: the inclusive second person as a discursive strategy in soldiers testimonies. In: David Shulman (ed.), *Meditations on Authority*, 157-191. Jerusalem: Magnes University Press.

44. Grossman, Eitan & Stéphane Polis. 2012. Lexical semantics in Ancient Egyptian: an introduction. In: Eitan Grossman, Stéphane Polis, & Jean Winand (eds.) *Lexical Semantics in Ancient Egyptian* (=Lingua Aegyptia Studia Monographica 9), 1-15. Hamburg: Kai Widmaier Verlag.

45. Grossman, Eitan & Stéphane Polis. 2012. Navigating polyfunctionality in the lexicon: Semantic maps and Ancient Egyptian lexical semantics. In: Eitan Grossman, Stéphane Polis, & Jean Winand (eds.),*Lexical Semantics in Ancient Egyptian* (= Lingua Aegyptia Studia Monographica 9), 175-225. Hamburg: Kai Widmaier Verlag.

46. Grossman, Eitan. 2009. Protatic *efsôtm* revisited. In: Anna Giewekemeyer, Gerard Moers & Kai Widmaier (eds.), *Liber amicorum - Jürgen Horn zum Dank*, Göttingen: Göttinger Miszellen Beihefte 5: 47-56.

47. Grossman, Eitan. 2007. Worknotes on Nitrian Bohairic syntax: a hitherto unnoticed circumstantial conversion? In: Anne Boudhors & Nathalie Bosson (eds.), *Proceedings of the 8th International Congress of Coptic Studies, Paris 2004, vol. 2*, 711-726. Leuven: Peeters.

Other publications

48. Grossman, Eitan. 2015. A proposal for the glossing of bound formatives without committing to their nature. *Diversity Linguistics Comment.* http://dlc.hypotheses.org/843.

49. Grossman, Eitan. 2013. On the costs of ignoring language change. *Diversity Linguistics Comment.* http://dlc.hypotheses.org/371.

50. Grossman, Eitan. 2013. On double accusative marking. *Diversity Linguistics Comment.* http://dlc.hypotheses.org/446.

51. Grossman, Eitan. 2011. Review of Bohumil Vykypl, *Empirical functionalism and the Prague School* (= Travaux linguistiques de Brno 6.) Munich: LINCOM Europa, 2009. In *Language* short reviews.

52. Grossman, Eitan. 2011. Review of Dirk Geeraerts, *Theories of lexical semantics.* Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010. In *Language* short reviews.

53. Grossman, Eitan. 2011. Review of Kasper Boye and Elisabeth Engberg-Pedersen (eds.), *Language usage and language structure* (Trends in linguistics. Studies and monographs 213.) Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter, 2010. In *Language* short reviews.

54. Grossman, Eitan. 2007. Review of Malcolm Choat, *Belief and Cult in the Fourth Century Papyri* in *Scripta Classica Israelica* 26: 248-252.

55. Grossman, Eitan. 2007. Review of Sofia Torallas-Tovar, *Identidad lingistica e identidad religiosa en el Egipto grecorromano* in *Scripta Classica Israelica* 26: 246-248.

Presentations (Refereed by Abstract)

1. **Coming to your senses: on controls and evaluation sets in polysemy research**
   Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing   Brussels, 3 November 2018
   With Haim Dubossarsky (Cambridge) and Daphna Weinshall (HUJI).

2. **Towards a distributional typology basic valence orientation in Eurasia**
   Societas Linguistica Europaea 51   Tallinn, 31 August 2018
   With Dmitry Nikolaev (HUJI).

3. **Phonological microareality in Greater Kurdistan**
   Societas Linguistica Europaea 51   Tallinn, 29 August 2018
   With Dmitry Nikolaev (HUJI).

4. **Weighted lexical semantic maps for areal lexical typology. Verbs of perception and cognition as a case study.**
   Association for Linguistic Typology 12   Canberra, 14 December 2017
   With Athanasis Georgakopoulos, Stéphane Polis, & Dmitry Nikolaev.

5. **Outta Control: Laws of Semantic Change and Inherent Biases in Word Representation Models**   Copenhagen, 10 September 2017
   Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing
   With Haim Dubossarsky (HUJI) and Daphna Weinshall (HUJI).

6. **Towards a distributional typology of sound change in Eurasia: directionality and areality of sound changes in the IE family**
   Societas Linguistica Europaea 50   Zürich, 10 September 2017
   With Dmitry Nikolaev (HUJI).

7. **Overall borrowing and borrowing in basic vocabulary: a typological perspective on lexical change in Ancient Egyptian-Coptic**
   Societas Linguistica Europaea 50   Zürich, 11 September 2017
   With Stéphane Polis (Liège).

8. **The road to auxiliariness revisited**
   International Conference of Historical Linguistics 23   San Antonio, 4 August 2017
   With Malte Rosemeyer (KU Leuven).

9. **Dispreferred structures through language change**
   International Conference of Historical Linguistics 23   San Antonio, 1 August 2017
   With Stéphane Polis (Liège).

10. **The road to auxiliariness: a usage-based account**
    3rd Usage-Based Linguistics Conference   Jerusalem, 3 July 2017

11. **The genesis of a negative agentive nominalizer. The journey of jwtj between Old Egyptian and Coptic.**   Berlin, 21 October 2016
    Die klassisch-gyptische Sprache im Schnittpunkt von Philologie und Linguistik
    With Stéphane Polis.

12. **Towards a diachronic typology of agentive nominalization constructions**
    Societas Linguistica Europaea 49   Naples, September 2016

13. **A great idea, but not universal: towards a diachronic typology of agentive nominalizations**
2nd Usage Based Linguistics Conference Tel Aviv, 15 June 2016

14. **Some underlying factors of semantic change: A large-scale bottom-up distributional approach**
2nd Usage Based Linguistics Conference Tel Aviv, 15 June 2016
With Haim Dubossarsky and Daphna Weinshall (HUJI).

15. **Noun corporation in Coptic and beyond**
Crossroads V. Egyptian-Coptic linguistics in comparative perspectives Berlin, 18 February 2016

16. **The Egyptianness of the Coptic basic vocabulary: A typological view**
Crossroads V. Egyptian-Coptic linguistics in comparative perspectives Berlin, 18 February 2016
With Stéphane Polis (Liège).

17. **Diachronic lexical semantics in Ancient Egyptian-Coptic: The 'Egyptianness' of basic vocabulary in Coptic**
Society of Biblical Literature Atlanta, 21 November 2015
With Stéphane Polis (Liège).

18. **Presuppositions and language change: the grammaticalization of 'finish' anteriors in Spanish and beyond**
Societas Linguistica Europaea 48 Leiden, 2 September 2015
With Malte Rosemeyer (Freiburg).

19. **Noun phrase (?) incorporation in Coptic and beyond: a preliminary typological survey**
Association of Linguistic Typology 11 Albuquerque, 3 August 2015

20. **Dispreferred structures through change: the diachrony of affix ordering**
Verbs, verb phrases, and verbal categories Jerusalem, 23 March 2015

21. **Prohibitive constructions in Later Egyptian**
Negation in Ancient Egyptian Paris, 11 December 2014
With Stéphane Polis.

22. **Valency and transitivity in contact: the case of Coptic**
Societas Linguistica Europaea 47 Poznan, 13 September 2014

23. **Allative-future syncretism in Malayic languages and beyond**
Syntax of the Worlds Languages 6 Pavia, 8 September 2014
With David Gil (MPI Leipzig).

24. **Adposition borrowing: a cross-linguistic perspective**
Societas Linguistica Europaea 46 Split, 20 September 2013

25. **Evaluating a universal of borrowing: Linear Order Preservation**
Societas Linguistica Europaea 46 Split, 21 September 2013

26. **A rare case of Differential Subject Marking on S/A: the case of Coptic**
Association of Linguistic Typology 10 Leipzig, 15 August 2013
With Giorgio Iemmolo (Zürich).

27. **On the pragmatics of subjectification: the emergence and modalization of an Allative Future in Ancient Egyptian**
Grammaticalization and (Inter)subjectification (GRAMIS) Brussels, 11 November 2010
With Stéphane Polis (Liège).

28. **Pragmatic inferencing and the rise of the Allative Future in Egyptian**
32nd Annual Conference Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft   Berlin, 24 February 2010
With Stéphane Polis (Liège).

29. **The grammaticalization of the periphrastic perfect in Coptic: a typological perspective**
Crossroads IV   Basel, 22 March 2009

30. **Typology, dialectology, and diachrony: prohibitive constructions in the Coptic dialects**
Language Typology and Egyptian-Coptic Linguistics   Leipzig, 4 October, 2008

31. **Nominal determination and focus in Early Bohairic**
9th International Congress of Coptic Studies   Cairo, 15 September 2008
Given in absentia.

32. **On Polotsky's relative-clause analysis of the the Coptic Second Tenses**
After Polotsky. New Research and Trends in Egyptian-Coptic Linguistics Bonn, 10 September 2005

33. **Worknotes on Nitrian Bohairic syntax**
8th International Congress of Coptic Studies   Paris, 2 July 2004

Other presentations (keynotes marked*)

34. **Lexical valence orientation in cross-linguistic perspective: an overview**
Societas Linguistica Europaea 51   Tallinn, 31 August 2018

35. **Where do synchronic distributions come from? The view from sound borrowing**
Hebrew University LingSpring   Jerusalem, 23 May 2018
With Dmitry Nikolaev (HUJI) and Steven Moran (Zürich).

36. ***Speakers and listeners: getting to the root of language change**
Ph.D. conference VL: HELSLANG: Keskonferenssi/ Summer Conference   Helsinki, 6 June 2017

37. ***Connecting the dots between typological distributions and individual speakers in language contact research**
Contact-Driven Multilingual Practices   Helsinki, 2 June 2017

38. **Computational accounts of semantic change**
Bar-Ilan University Linguistics Colloquium   Ramat Gan, 4 April 2017
With Haim Dubossarsky (HUJI).

39. **On crosslinguistic frequency and rarity in the languages of the world**
Haifa University Hebrew Language Colloquium   Haifa, 16 January 2017

40. **Linguistic properties in space and time**
University of Konstanz   Singen, 28 June 2016

41. ***Some Questions and Challenges in (Computational) Linguistics in the 21st Century?**
2016 Israel Seminar of Computational Linguistics   Haifa, 31 May 2016

42. **Whats universal in human languages, and how can we know?**
Bar-Ilan University Cultural Studies Colloquium   Ramat Gan, 24 May 2016

43. **Noun phrase (?) incorporation in Coptic and beyond: A preliminary cross-linguistic study**
Hebrew University Linguistics Colloquium   Jerusalem, 10 November 2015

44. **The Egyptianness of basic vocabulary in Egyptian-Coptic: a typological perspective**
DDGLC Explorations (Freie Universität)   Berlin, 26 November 2015
With Stéphane Polis.

45. **Predicate-centered focus in Coptic: A synchronic lay of the land and a diachronic puzzle**
Information Structure in Ancient Egyptian   Berlin, 24 June 2014

46. **New (and old) horizons in historical linguistics**
1st Usage-Based Linguistics conference   Jerusalem, 14 June 2015

47. ***Answering Greenberg's Questions**
Quo Vadis Linguistics in the 21st Century
Round-table plenary panel at *Societas Linguistica Europaea* 47   Poznan, 13 September 2014

48. **Evaluating a universal of borrowing: Linear Order Preservation**
U. of Zürich Department of Comparative Linguistics Research Colloquium   Zürich, 22 May 2014

49. **Contexts and inferences: Hypotheses about pragmatics and grammaticalization.**
Historical linguistics meets experimental pragmatics   Jerusalem, 14 May 2014
With Stëphane Polis.

50. **Case in Coptic: whats coded?**
Case and Agreement Between Grammar and Information Structure   Jerusalem, 12 January 2014

51. **Weird nominativity: Differential Subject Marking in Coptic**
Hebrew University Linguistics Colloquium   Jerusalem, 26 November 2013

52. **Towards a typology of antiapplicatives, or: what are antipassives doing in accusative languages?**
Hebrew University Linguistics Colloquium   Jerusalem, 7 May 2013

53. **The Coptic verb in light of grammaticalization**
A workshop in honor of Ariel Shisha-Halevy   Jerusalem, 29 May 2012

54. **'So you just flow with it': pronominal choice in soldiers' testimonies**
Meditations on authority   Jerusalem, 3 May 2011

55. **Cycling to the future without a verb**
Martin Buber Society Colloquium   Jerusalem, 1 November 2011

56. **What (else) are comparative concepts and descriptive categories good for?**
DDGLC Explorations   Leipzig, 19 October 2011

57. **A functional perspective on control and raising**
New directions in Egyptian syntax   Liège, 12 May 2011

58. ***Scribes as agents of destandardization**
Scribes as agents of language change   Cambridge, 4 April 2011

59. **Thoughts on subjectivity in language: re-examining the role of the addressee in language change**
Haifa University English Department Colloquium   Haifa, 2 March 2011

60. **Beyond free variation: Scribal repertoires from Old Kingdom to Early Islamic Egypt**
Beyond Free Variation   Oxford, 14 September 2010

61. **Grammatical variation and language change: the case of Greek verb lexemes in the Coptic dialects**
    Beyond Free Variation   Oxford, 14 September 2010

62. **Functional and non-functional motivations for the emergence of proleptic constructions**
    Linguistic approaches to prolepsis   Liège, 1 June 2010
    With Stéphane Polis.

63. **Towards a typology of adposition borrowing: Greek-origin prepositions in Coptic**
    Linguistic Borrowing in Coptic   Leipzig, 27 April 2010

64. ***Whats integrated into what (and by whom)?**
    Identifying and Describing Lexical Borrowing   Liège, 18 March 2010
    With Stéphane Polis (Liège).

65. **How to get to the future without a verb of motion (or metaphors)**
    Homboldt University   Berlin, 23 February 2010
    With Stéphane Polis (Liège).

66. **Navigating polyfunctionality in the lexicon with a semantic map**
    Lexical Semantics in Ancient Egyptian   Liège, 10 December 2009
    With Stéphane Polis (Liège).

67. **Innovation and repertoire: the case of Late Egyptian**
    Kulturkontakt und Innovation   Vienna, 5 June 2003

Conferences and workshops organized

1. **Valence orientation in contact: a cross-linguistic perspective**
   Workshop at SLE 51   Tallin, 31 August – 1 Sept. 2018
   Organized with Johanna Nichols (Berkeley) & Riho Grünthal (Helsinki)

2. **3rd Usage-Based Linguistics conference**   Jerusalem, 3 – 5 July 2017
   Organized with Inbal Arnon (HUJI), Elitzur Bar-Asher Siegal (HUJI), and Mira Ariel (TAU)

3. **International Summer School on Typology and Lexis**   Moscow, 2 – 8 September 2017
   Jointly organized, HUJI, Moscow Higher School of Economics, and University of Stockholm.

4. **2nd Usage-Based linguistics conference**   Tel Aviv, 15 – 16 June 2016
   Organized with Inbal Arnon (HUJI), Elitzur Bar-Asher Siegal (HUJI), and Mira Ariel (TAU).

5. **The diachrony of nominalizations and nominalizers**   Mexico City, 20 August 2016
   Workshop at *Syntax of the Worlds Languages*
   Organized with Sonia Cristofaro (Pavia).

6. **Verbs, verb phrases, and verbal categories**   Jerusalem, 23 – 24 March 2015
   Organized with Lea Sawicki (HUJI), Vladimir Plungian (MSU Moscow) and Ekaterina Rakhilina (HSE Moscow).

7. **1st Usage-Based Linguistics conference**   Jerusalem, 14 June 2015
   Organized with Inbal Arnon (HUJI), Elitzur Bar-Asher Siegal (HUJI), and Mira Ariel (TAU).

8. **Valency and transitivity in contact: a cross-linguistic perspective**
   Workshop at the *Societas Linguistica Europaea* 47   Poznan, 13-14 September 2014
   Organized with Susanne Michaelis (MPI for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig).

9. **Experimental pragmatics and language change**   Jerusalem, 14 – 16 May 2014
   Organized with Ira Noveck (CNRS Lyon).

10. **Possession in Ancient Egyptian-Coptic**   Liège, 6 – 8 February 2014
    Organized with Stéphane Polis (Liège).

11. **Case and agreement between grammar & information structure**
    Organized with Giorgio Iemmolo (Zürich)   Jerusalem, 12 January 2014

12. **The typology of adposition borrowing**   Split, 20 – 21 September 2013
    Workshop at the *Societas Linguistica Europaea* 46.
    Organized with Giorgio Iemmolo (Zürich), Stéphane Polis (Liège), and Petros Karatsareas (Westminster).

13. **A workshop in honor of Ariel Shisha-Halevy**   Jerusalem, 29 May 2012
    Organized with Eran Cohen (HUJI) and Michal Marmorstein (HUJI).

14. **Repetition: an interdisciplinary workshop**   Jerusalem, 15 January 2012
    Organized with Roy Wagner, Uri Gabbay, and Sibylle Schmidt (Martin Buber Society, HUJI)

15. **Linguistic perspectives on prolepsis**   Liège, 1-2 June 2010
    Organized with Hilla Halla-Aho (Helsinki) and Dominique Longre (Liège).

16. **New directions in Egyptian syntax**   Liège, 12 – 14 May 2011
    Organized with Stéphane Polis and Jean Winand (Liège).

17. **Scribes as agents of language change: Historical-sociolinguistic approaches to text languages.**   Cambridge, 4 – 6 April 2011
    Organized with Esther-Miriam Wagner (Cambridge).

18. **Beyond free variation: Scribal repertoires from Old Kingdom to Early Islamic Egypt**
    Organized with with Jennifer Cromwell (Oxford)   Oxford, 14 – 15 September 2010

19. **Linguistic borrowing into Coptic**   Leipzig, 26 – 28 April 2010
    Max Plank Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology and the Hebrew University
    Organized with Tonio Sebastian Richter (Leipzig) and Martin Haspelmath (MPI Leipzig).

20. **Identifying and describing lexical borrowing**   Liège, 18 – 20 March 2010
    Organized with Esther Baiwir and Stéphane Polis (Liège).

21. **Lexical semantics in Ancient Egyptian**   Liège, 10-12 December 2009
    Organized with Stéphane Polis and Jean Winand (Liège).

22. **Linguistics section**
    9th International Congress of Coptic Studies   Cairo, 15 December 2008
    Organized with Ariel Shisha-Halevy (HUJI).

Teaching

- **Introduction to Linguistics (10801)** — Hebrew University, 2012 – 2018
  BA lecture
  Co-taught with Nora Boneh, Noam Faust

- **Introduction to Historical Linguistics** — Hebrew University, 2013 – 2018
  BA lecture

- **Historical Syntax** — Hebrew University, 2012 – 2013
  BA seminar

- **Speakers and Listeners: Theories of Sound Change** — Hebrew University, 2013 – 2014
  BA seminar

- **Typological Syntax** — Hebrew University, 2015 – 2016
  BA seminar

- **The Structure of Coptic** — Hebrew University, 2013 – 2013, 2014 – 2015, 2016 – 2017
  BA lecture

- **Topics in Coptic Grammar** — Hebrew University, 2014 – 2015, 2015 – 2016, 2016 – 2018
  BA seminar

- **The Structure of Middle Egyptian** — Hebrew University, 2012 – 2013
  BA lecture

- **Historical Grammar of Egyptian-Coptic** — Hebrew University, 2013 – 2014
  BA seminar

- **Linguistic Typology** — Hebrew University, 2012 – 2017
  MA seminar

- **Languages in Contact: A Typological Perspective** — Hebrew University, 2014 – 2015
  MA seminar

- **Topics in Contemporary Linguistics: Inter-track Seminar** — Hebrew University, 2014 – 2015
  MA seminar
  Co-taught with Malka Rappaport Hovav.

- **Research seminar for MA students** — Hebrew University, 2013-2014, 2014-2015
  MA seminar

- **Issues in Linguistic Typology** — Hebrew University, 2016 – 2017
  MA seminar

- **Phonological Typology** — Hebrew University, 2018 – 2019
  MA seminar

- **Language Contact and Areal Linguistics** — Hebrew University, 2018 – 2019
  MA seminar

Mini-courses developed and coordinated

- Language contact: theory and case studies — 2014-2015
  Yaron Matras (University of Manchester)

- Language Documentation and Linguistic Fieldwork: Theory Meets Practice   2015-2016
  Taught by teachers from abroad, co-coordinated with other linguists from the faculty and from Scholion

Languages

English (native), Hebrew (near-native), Spanish (good), French (good), German (basic)
Reading/structural knowledge of Amharic, Ancient Egyptian (all stages), Aramaic, Coptic, Ge'ez, Greek (classical and post-classical), Irish, Latin, Welsh (modern and medieval).