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Research Areas

Atypical Language Acquisition. My clinical experience as a speech and language therapist working with different populations that present atypical language development and my linguistic and cognitive psychology background guide the theoretical and clinical questions of my research:

- Language characteristics and language deficits in atypical language acquisition.
- Modularity within the language domain in atypical populations.
- Language development and assessment of bilingual children and bilingual bimodal children (deaf children who use spoken and sign language).

Education

- 2001-2008 **Ph.D.**, Cognitive Psychology, Department of Psychology, Tel Aviv University. Under the supervision of Prof. Naama Friedmann and Prof. Uri Hadar. Thesis title: Deficit in the syntactic chain: The characteristics of the syntactic impairment and modularity in SLI.
- 1994-1997 **M.A.**, Cognitive Psychology, Department of Psychology, Tel-Aviv University. With distinction.
- 1989-1992 **B.A.**, Speech and Hearing Disorders, Sackler Faculty of Medicine, Tel Aviv University.

Academic Ranks and Positions

- 2018 - Senior Lecturer, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, University of Haifa
- 2013 - 2018 Lecturer, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, University of Haifa
- 2011 - Affiliated faculty at the Center for the study of Communication and the Deaf at Boston University. Boston.
- 2012 - 2013 Postdoctoral fellow, Laboratory for developmental studies. Harvard University. Boston.
- 2011 - 2013 Visiting scholar, The Acquisition Center and the L1/L2 center, UMass Amherst.
- 2010 - 2011 Postdoctoral fellow Lab of Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience (LDCN), Boston University, Boston.

Scholarly Positions and Activities outside the University

Reviewer for scientific journals, conferences and funding agencies: Applied Psycholinguistics; Clinical Linguistics and Phonetics; Journal of Child Language; Language and the Brain (In Hebrew); Language Acquisition: A Journal of Developmental Linguistics; Language Learning; Journal of Speech Language and Hearing Research; Journal of Autism and developmental Disorders; International Journal of Language & Communication Disorders; Child Language Teaching and Therapy; GLOSSA, Journal of General Linguistics; Second Language Research; ISF, The Israeli Science Foundation; BSF - Binational Science Foundation; The BUCLD conference.

Editorial Board: First Language; DASH- The Israeli Journal of Language Speech and Hearing Disorders.

Professional membership: ISHLA. The Israeli Speech Hearing and Language Association; IASCL. International Association for the Study of Child language.

Israel representative of the Management Committee for the ESF COST Action IS1406-Enhancing children's oral language skills across Europe and beyond (2015-2018).

Current Teaching

Developmental language disorders, B.A.

Research methods and scientific writing, B.A.

Communication disorders in multilingual populations, B.A.

Research seminar in language Sciences, B.A.

Issues in language assessment, M.A.

Sign language and cochlear implant, M.A.

The effect of modality on language acquisition, M.A.

Publications

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Novogrodsky, R. (2015). [Specific Language Impairment \(SLI\) is not specific enough: Subtypes of SLI and their implications for the theory of the disorder](#). In Stavrakaki, S. (Ed.). *Language Acquisition and Language Disorders*. John Benjamins.

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