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Research Areas

My specialty is an interdisciplinary research that links between disability studies, mental health, rehabilitation, education and ICT. In my studies I focus on wellbeing, quality of life, and community participation of individuals with various disabilities (e.g., physical, sensory, cognitive and mental disabilities).

- Community participation of populations with disabilities
- Families with disabilities, including parental disability
- Online mental health applications (e-mentoring, support groups, social networks, virtual worlds)

Education

B.A. - University of Haifa: Department of Education; School of Political Sciences.

M.A. – University of Haifa: Department of Education.

Ph.D. – University of Haifa: Department of Special Education and Department of Occupational Therapy.

Ph.D. Dissertation: Socio-emotional development of youth with special needs through an electronic mentoring intervention program.

Postdoctoral Studies - University of Illinois at Chicago, USA: College of Applied Health Sciences: Occupational Therapy, Department of Disability and Human Development.

Academic Ranks

Dates	Name of Institution and Department	Rank/Position
2008-2010	Western Galilee College, Akko: Department of Education	Lecturer
2009-2010	Levinsky College of Education, Tel-Aviv: Special Education	Lecturer
2009-2010	Tel-Hai Academic College, Upper Galilee: Department of Education	Lecturer
1/2012-5/2012	University of Illinois at Chicago, USA: Department of Disability and Human Development	Co-Instructor
2012-	University of Haifa: Department of Community Mental Health	Lecturer (Assistant Professor)

Publications

Articles in Referred Journals

1. **Shpigelman, C.N.**, Reiter, S., & Weiss, P.L. (2008). E-mentoring for youth with special needs: Preliminary results. *Cyberpsychology, Behavior, and Social Networking*, 11(2), 196-200.
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3. **Shpigelman, C.N.**, Reiter, S., & Weiss, P.L. (2009). A Conceptual framework for electronic socio-emotional support for people with special needs. *International Journal of Rehabilitation Research*, 32(4), 301-308.
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5. **Shpigelman, C. N.**, & Gill, C. J. (2013). The characteristics of unsuccessful e-mentoring relationships for people with disabilities. *Qualitative Health Research*, 23(4), 463 – 475.
6. **Shpigelman, C.N.**, & Gill, C.J. (2014). Facebook use by persons with disabilities. *Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication*, 19(3), 610–624.
7. Mejias, N. J., Gill, C. J., & **Shpigelman, C. N.** (2014). Influence of a support group for young women with disabilities on sense of belonging. *Journal of Counseling Psychology*, 61(2), 208-220.
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9. **Shpigelman, C.N.** (2015). How to support the needs of mothers with physical disabilities? *Disability and Rehabilitation*, 37(11), 928-935.
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10. Berger, R., Gelkopf, M., Versano-Mor, K., **Shpigelman, C. N.** (2015). Impact of Exposure to Potentially Traumatic Events on Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities. *American Journal on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*, 120(2), 176-188.
11. **Shpigelman, C. N.**, & Gelkopf, M. (2016). The experiences and needs of individuals with disabilities exposed to chronic political violence. *Disability and Rehabilitation*, 1-13.

Chapters in Books

1. **Shpigelman, C. N.**, Weiss, P. L., & Reiter, S. (2011). Electronic mentoring in the classroom: Where mentors and students are persons with disabilities. In D. Scigliano (Ed.), *Telementoring in the K-12 Classroom: Online Communication Technologies for Learning* (pp. 116-134). Hershey, PA: Information Science Reference, IGI Global.
2. **Shpigelman, C. N.** (2013). Information and communications technologies (ICT) for students with disabilities. In Avissar, G. & Reiter, S. (Eds.), *Inclusiveness: From theory to practice* (3rd ed.). Haifa, Israel: "AHVA." [Hebrew].
3. **Shpigelman, C. N.** (2014). Electronic Mentoring and Media. In D. DuBois & M. Kracher (Eds.), *Handbook of Youth Mentoring* (2th ed.) (pp. 259-272). California, USA: Sage.
4. Hasnain, R., **Shpigelman, C. N.**, Scott, M., Gunderson, J. R., Rangin, H. B., Oberoi, A., & McKeever, L. (2014). Surveying People with Disabilities: Moving

Toward Better Practices and Policies. In T. P. Johnson (Ed.), *Handbook of Health Survey Methods* (pp. 619-644). NJ, USA: John Wiley & Sons, Inc .

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2. **Shpigelman, C. N.**, Weiss, P. L., & Reiter, S. (2009, February). A conceptual framework for electronic mentoring for people with special needs. Israel: The Open University. Proceedings of Chais Conference on Instructional Technologies Research: Learning in the Technological Era.
3. **Shpigelman, C. N.**, Weiss, P. L., & Reiter, S. (2009, June). e-Empowerment of young adults with special needs: Behind the computer screen I am not disabled. Israel: University of Haifa. Proceedings of the Virtual Rehabilitation 2009 - International Conference. *Procedia Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Online Library*.
4. **Shpigelman, C.N.**, & Gill, C.J. (2014, July). How to Make Online Social Networks Accessible for Users with Intellectual Disability? Proceedings of the 14th International Conference, ICCHP 2014, Paris, France. *Computers Helping People with Special Needs*, pp 471-477.