

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## *a) AREAS OF EXPERTISE*

**Areas of specialisation:** Philology, Hebrew Language, Greek Language, Biblical Literature.

**Areas of competence:** Semitic Languages, Classics, History of Israel, Second Temple Judaism.

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## *b) RELEVANT CURRENT AND PREVIOUS POSITIONS*

**Feb. 2022 – present**, Research Fellow for a project co-funded by the CARITRO Foundation and the University of Trento to create a descriptive index of Hebrew manuscripts in the Province of Trent, Italy.

**Jan. 2020 - present**, University of Aachen – Research and Co-teaching Fellow in “Syriac and Greek Translations of the Hebrew Bible”.

**Dec. 2021 - Dec 2022**, Collaborator at the Diocesan Archives of Trento, Italy.

**Sept. 2021 - Dec. 2021**, Lecturer of Hebrew for a project co-funded by the CARITRO Foundation and the University of Trento, Italy. The course has provided 3 ECTS to the students of Philosophy.

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## *c) EDUCATION*

### *• PHD, M.A., B.A. DEGREES*

**Dec. 2020 - present (thesis submitted in Oct. 2022)**, University of Aachen, PhD in “Biblical Studies”. Supervisor Prof. Simone Paganini (Biblische Theologie).  
Dissertation title: The Oak and the Gate. Narrative Paths through Mamre and Sodom.

**Oct. 2017 - Jul. 2020**, M.A. cum laude (110/110 cum laude) in Philology, Literatures and History of the Ancient Word at the Sapienza University of Rome. Supervisor Prof. A. Catastini (Hebrew), co-supervisor Prof. A. Camplani (Syriac Language).  
Dissertation title: “History of the Text Tradition of IIKgs 22-24:17”.

**Oct. 2013 - Jan. 2017**, B.A. (110/110) in Classics at the Sapienza University of Rome). Supervisor Prof. A. Catastini (Hebrew).  
Dissertation title: “Typology of Sacred Banquet in the Old Testament”.

### *• ADDITIONAL RELEVANT COURSES*

**2022**, Union of Italian Jewish Communities (UCEI) – Modern Hebrew “ULPAN” Intermediate/Advanced Level “Bet Plus”, Prof. M.L. Basevi.

**2019**, Sapienza University of Rome - Syriac Language: Bardaisan - Advanced Level, Prof. Alberto Camplani (Full Professor of Early Christian Literature).

**2019**, Sapienza University of Rome – The Former Prophets - Workshop held by Prof. Emanuel Tov (Full Prof. of Hebrew Bible at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem).

**2019**, Sapienza University of Rome – The Lure of Paganism: Nonnus’ Paraphrase of the Gospel of John and Hesiod’s Theogony - Workshop held by Prof. Michael Paschalis (Full Prof. of Classics at the University of Crete)

**2019**, Sapienza University of Rome – Modern Hebrew Language - Intermediate Level, Prof. Einav Hirshorn.

**2018**, Sapienza University of Rome – Eblaite Language – Beginner Level, Workshop held by Prof. M. G. Biga (Full Professor of History of the Ancient Near East).

**2017**, Humboldt Universität - Traum und Traumdeutung in griechischen Literatur, Prof. Philip van der Eijk (Full Professor at the Humboldt University), Berlin.

**2017**, Goethe Institut, Berlin; Sprachart Schule, Berlin. German Language: Level A2, B1.1, B1.2.

**2016**, Sapienza University of Rome - Modern Hebrew Language - Beginner Level, Prof. Einav Hirshorn.

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*d) MODERN AND ANCIENT LANGUAGES*

**Italian:** native speaker

**English:** advanced proficiency (reading, translation, writing, speaking)

**German:** intermediate/advanced proficiency (reading, translation, writing, speaking)

**Modern Hebrew:** Intermediate proficiency (reading, translation, writing, speaking)

**Spanish:** moderate proficiency (reading, translation, writing), basic (speaking).

**French:** basic proficiency (reading, translation).

**Ancient Greek:** Advanced

**Latin:** Advanced

**Biblical Hebrew:** Advanced

**Medieval Hebrew:** Advanced

**Aramaic:** Intermediate/Advanced

**Syriac:** Intermediate/Advanced

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*e) E. AWARDS*

**Mar. 2022**, CARITRO Foundation Grants for Research in Hebrew Manuscripts.

**Feb. 2022**, Province of Trento Grant as a collaborator at the Diocesan Archives of Trento, Italy.

**Jul. 2021**, Grant in Humanities “La condizione femminile” founded by Centro Studi Maria e Francesca Marangelli.

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*f) RESEARCH PERIODS ABROAD (FULLY FUNDED)*

**Mar. - May 2021**, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome.

**Jan. - Mar 2022**, University Innsbruck, Innsbruck.

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*g) TEACHING AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES*

**Jan. 2020-present**, University of Aachen, Faculty of Theology – Co-teaching (in English) B.A. and M.A. courses in “Syriac and Greek Translations of the Hebrew Bible”.

**Feb. 2021 - present**, Franco De Marchi Foundation, Trento – Lecturer - Cycle of meetings titled “I personaggi femminili nell’Antico e Nuovo Testamento”.

**Dec. 2021**, Italian Teacher, Istituto Comprensivo Trento 1, Italy.

**Sep. - Dec. 2021**, CARITRO Foundation, Trento – Lecturer – Hebrew Language Course.

**2020**, Latin and Greek Teacher for High School Students, Centro Studi Focus (Fermo, Italy).

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*h) PUBLICATIONS AND ON-GOING RESEARCH*

• *BOOKS:*

**2023**, My doctoral thesis will be published in the “Aachener Theologische Schriften” series (<https://www.shaker.de/de/content/catalogue/index.asp?lang=&ID=6&category=627>), in Aachen, Germany.

**2023**, I am preparing a book on Rabbinic Legends about King Solomon to be published in January in the “Pellicano Rosso” series for Morcelliana Publishing House, Italy (<https://www.morcelliana.net/120-pellicano-rosso>).

• *PEER-REVIEWED SCIENTIFIC ARTICLES IN JOURNALS AND VOLUMES:*

**2022**, “Narrazione e caratterizzazione nei mondi narrativi: l’esempio di Atrahasis e Genesi 6-8”. In “*Utopie, distopie e messianismi nel pensiero ebraico*”, Trento: Trento University Press. [IN PRESS. Publication scheduled for December 2022].

**2021**, “Why Have You Deceived Me? A Case of Study About Lot’s Daughters”. [ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION], «Materia Giudaica» 27.2 (2022).

I have 3 papers currently under review:

**2022**, “But Sarah Denied for She was Afraid: Considerations on Gen 18”. The paper has been sent to «'Ilu. Revista de Ciencias de las Religiones», Universidad Complutense, Madrid.

**2021**, “I personaggi femminili in un mondo al contrario”. The paper has been sent to «Prospettiva Persona», Centro Ricerche Personaliste.

**2022**, “Outside the City Walls: Remarks on 2Kgs 23:4-20”. The paper has been sent to «Scandinavian Journal of the Old Testament».

- *IN PREPARATION:*

**2022-2024**, A monograph on the notes and paratexts of the Hebrew Manuscripts and volumes of the region Trentino will be published with Trento Univertisty Press in 2024.

**2022-2024**, The catalogue of the Hebrew Manuscripts of the region Trentino will be published in 2024 in Trento, Italy.

- *OTHER NON-PEER REVIEW PUBLICATIONS:*

**2021**, with Dr Davide D’Amico, All’ombra delle querce di Mamre. Brevi fiabe bibliche tradotte dall’ebraico (Padova: Il Messaggero).

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*i) PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES*

**Apr. 2022**, speech entitled “The Literary Construction of Satan in the Peshitta” in the context of the annual meeting on theological studies Aachen University.

**Mar. 2022**, speech entitled “Mondi narrativi per caratterizzare il divino: l’esempio di Atrahasis e Genesi 6-8” in the context of the meeting “Un mondo ideale, un mondo capovolto. Narrazioni, utopie e messianismo nel pensiero ebraico” at the University of Trento.

**Oct. 2021**, speech entitled “Sarah’s laugh: a narrative expedient to characterise a woman” at the III International Meeting of Researchers in Religious Sciences at Complutense Universidad de Madrid.

**Sep. 2021**, speech entitled “Why Have You Deceived Me? A Case of Study About Lot’s Daughters” at the XXXIII International Meeting of the Italian Association for Jewish Studies (AISG), Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna.

**Apr. 2021**, speech entitled “Female Subjects in a Topsy-Turvy World”, at the International Doctorate and Post-Doc Forum for Gender Studies in Theology, Karl-Franzens Universität Graz - Institut für Alttestamentliche Bibelwissenschaft.