

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

f) RESEARCH PERIODS ABROAD (FULLY FUNDED)

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

Jan. - Mar 2022, University Innsbruck, Innsbruck.

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).

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).

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.