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Curriculum Vitae

Personal Details

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Languages

- Russian – complete knowledge (speaking, writing and reading).
- Hebrew – complete knowledge (speaking, writing and reading).
- English – high-level knowledge (speaking, writing and reading).
- Arabic – basic knowledge (mostly speaking).

Higher Education

University & Location	Department	Years	Degree Awarded	Year of Graduation
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev	Faculty of Health Sciences	2009-2013	PhD	2013-2014
PhD dissertation on the topic "Are we protected? Model for predicting the level of perceived secureness in the face of a national emergency in Israel". Advisors: Prof. Zeev. Kaplan (BGU). Prof. Herman B. ('Dutch') Leonard (Harvard University), Prof. Jochanan Peiser (BGU). Methodological advisor: Dr. Arkady Bolotin (BGU). The PhD was granted as of March 12, 2014.				
University of Haifa	School of Social Work (program for excellent students)	2003-2008	Pre MA and MA (average grade 95)	2008
M.A thesis on the topic "Emergency preparedness of local authorities for war-caused disaster: The Israeli case" was prepared at the University of Haifa. Advisors: Prof. Yael Yishai and Prof. Faisal Azaiza.				
University of Rome La-Sapienza, Italy	Faculty of Medicine and other departments - Interdisciplinary Program for Israeli, Palestinian and	2005-2006	MA (with special distinction)	2006

	Italian students in Social Sciences and Humanitarian Affairs			
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (program for excellent candidates with a commitment to military service later)	Behavioral Sciences	1997-2000	BA (with distinction)	2000

Scholarships and Academic Awards (Chronological order)

Since August 2014 – Post-Doctoral Fellowship from the Harvard Kennedy School Program on Crisis Leadership
Since August 2015 - Post-Doctoral Fellowship from the Department of Management, Faculty of Social Sciences, Bar-Ilan University
2015 International Summer Institute in Disaster and Risk Research Fellowship, Beijing Normal University, China.
2014-2015 – Fulbright Post-Doctoral Fellowship for post-doctoral studies at Harvard University. The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program.
2014 – Fulbright Foundation Alumni Association Prize.
2014 – Certificate of Distinction for my PhD dissertation from the inter-university committee in the framework of Ora Gilbar Prize, University of Haifa
2014 – Kreitman Post-Doctoral Scholarship at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.
December 2013 – September 2014 – Post-Doctoral Fellowship at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.
Since November 2013 – Neubauer Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship, The Institute for National Security Studies (affiliated with Tel-Aviv University).
December 2012 – September 2014 – Research Scholarship from the Israeli Ministry of Science, Technology and Space.
September 2011 – October 2013 – Neubauer Doctoral Research Fellowship, The Institute for National Security Studies (affiliated with Tel-Aviv University) – "for outstanding PhD students from Israel and abroad".
Academic year 2011-2012 – Research scholarship from the Center for Training and Research on Resiliency and Coping with Trauma, Department of Social Work, Sapir Academic College.
Academic year 2011-2012 – participation in a discussion group of members of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities with outstanding Israeli PhD students.

2009-2013 - Kreitman Foundation Doctoral Fellowship, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. This is a highly competitive fellowship for "PhD candidates of proven achievements and exceptional promise from throughout Israel and abroad".
2009 Mary Fran Myers Scholarship from the Natural Hazards Center, University of Colorado at Boulder – for "outstanding individuals who are committed to disaster research and practice and who have the potential to make a lasting contribution to reducing disaster vulnerability". I was elected from 167 candidates from more than 30 countries, and was the first Israeli recipient.
2007 Donald J. Cohen Fellowship – International fellowship for 44 excellent young scientists from 29 countries in the field of child psychiatry and child welfare.
In the academic year 2006-2007, I received the "Special Excellence Scholarship" from the Graduate Studies Authority, University of Haifa.
In 2006 I received a special award from UNESCO and University of Rome for the promotion of inter-cultural dialogue among students and professors of special MA program for Israeli, Palestinian and Italian students.
In the academic year 2005-2006, I received the academic prize for "The Best MA student of the School of Social Work" at University of Haifa.
In the academic year 2005-2006, I received the "President's Scholarship" from the University of Haifa.

External Research grants

#	Years	Foundation	Title	Sum	Role – PI/CI
1	2013-2016	The Israeli Prime Minister's Office	National, local and household perceived secureness in the face of national emergencies in Israel	250,000 NIS	**PI**
2	2012-2015	The Israeli Ministry of Science, Technology and Space	Preparing the civilian population for earthquakes	350,000 NIS	**CI** (PI's: Meir Elran, Daphna Canetti, Avi Kirschenbaum)
3	2012-2014	The Israeli Ministry of Science, Technology and Space	Model for predicting the level of perceived secureness in the face of an earthquake in Israel	183,125 NIS	**CI** (PI's: Zeev Kaplan, Jochanan Peiser)

Non - Academic Awards

- "The 2010 Excellence Award" in the field of "Contribution to the society and community". The award was granted by the Municipality of Beer-Sheva and the Israeli Ministry of Immigrant Absorption for "immigrants who have achieved special achievements on the international and national arena".
- "The Person of The Year 2009 – Golden Nine" National Award from the 9th Israeli TV Channel in the category of "Next generation for the community benefit" (December, 2009).
- "The excellent officer of the Military Officers School "Award, 2002.

Presentations at Academic, Professional Conferences and Invited Academic Lectures

Conference	**Place and Dates**	**Title of Presentation**
31) The Third Kinneret Conference on Civil-Military Relations	Kinneret Academic College, 27-28/1/2016	Societal Resilience of the communities in Southern Israel
30) 19th Annual Seminar, Massachusetts Association of Russian-Speaking Scientists	Boston, 2/12/2015	Emergency preparedness in Israel: concepts, challenges and solutions
29) Interdisciplinary Seminar Series, Ash Center, Harvard Kennedy School	Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, 16/10/2015	10 "big" questions regarding the current state of the emergency management field
28) International Perspectives on NGO's Involvement in Disaster Relief and Disaster Risk Reduction	Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, 29/9/2015	The main characteristics of the Israeli NGOs dealing with disaster relief and disaster risk reduction
27) International Summer Institute for Disaster and Risk Research	Beijing Normal University, Beijing, 28/7/2015	A novel model for predicting the level of perceived secureness in the face of large-scale emergencies
26) International Research Committee on Disasters Researchers Meeting	University of Colorado Boulder, 22-23/7/2015	Are we protected? Model for predicting the level of perceived secureness in the face of large-scale emergencies
25) 40th Annual Natural Hazards Research and Applications Workshop	University of Colorado Boulder, 19-22/7/2015	Risk communication: The case of earthquake preparedness

24) Interdisciplinary Seminar on Emergency Management	Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, 19/6/2015	Analysis of the challenges and the future directions of the emergency management profession
23) Harvard Program on Crisis Leadership Seminar on Emergency Preparedness in Israel	Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, 18/12/2014	Novel conceptual models in emergency management
22) The 18th International Sociological Association World Congress of Sociology	Yokohama (Japan), 13-19/7/2014	Are we protected? Model for predicting the level of perceived secureness in the face of a national emergency in Israel
21) "Social aspects of earthquake preparedness in Israel"	Tel-Aviv, 23/6/2014	Analysis of perceived secureness in the face of a major earthquake in Israel
20) The 3rd International Conference on Healthcare System Preparedness and Response to Emergencies and Disasters.	Tel-Aviv, 12-15/1/2014	Public-private partnerships on the local level in the context of emergency preparedness: The Israeli perspective
19) The 6th Annual Conference on Home Front Preparedness	The Institute for National Security Studies, 25/7/2013	A new research model on attitudes to earthquakes
18) "Emergency Preparedness and Resiliency in Israel"	Sapir Academic College, 8/5/2013	Novel perspectives on emergency preparedness: The Israeli case
17) "Individual. Community and National Resilience and their Inter-Relations"	Tel-Hai Academic College, 6-7/1/2013	Analysis of the inter-organizational cooperation during the pre-disaster stage in the Jewish and the Arab sector in Israel
16) "From Helplessness to Active Coping"	Tel- Hai Academic College, 14-16/10/2012	Inter-disciplinary look on trauma and resiliency research
15) 26th Congress of Association of European Schools of Planning	Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara, 11-15/7/2012	Inter-sector cooperation in emergency preparedness: The Israeli case
14) Seminar on Local Emergency Preparedness in Israel	INSS, Tel-Aviv, 28/6/2013	Analysis of the factors related to emergency preparedness of the local authorities for war-caused disaster: The Israeli case
13) Seminar on Humanitarian	Sde-Boker, 18/6/2012	Psycho-social implications of the

Assistance		earthquake in Haiti
12) 10th Conference of the European Sociological Association	Geneva, 7-10/9/2011	How to improve emergency preparedness on a local level? A theoretical model and empirical illustration
11) Seminar on Emergency Preparedness in Israel	Sde-Boker, 27/4/2010	General model and the Israeli case of local preparedness for war-caused disaster
10) International Conference on Preparedness & Response to Emergencies & Disasters	Tel-Aviv, 11-14/1/10	Emergency preparedness of local authorities: General model and the Israeli case
9) International Research Committee on Disasters Researchers Meeting	Colorado, 18-19/7/09	Theoretical foundations of emergency preparedness of local authorities for war-caused disaster
8) 34th Annual Natural Hazards Research and Applications Workshop	Colorado, 15-18/7/09	Local emergency preparedness for war- caused disaster: Israeli and international practical implications
7) The 4th Annual Conference in Political Science, International Relations & Public Policy in memory of Yitzhak Rabin	Jerusalem, 17-19/12/08	Emergency preparedness of local authorities for war-caused disaster: The Israeli case
6) 2nd Haifa Conference for Social Responsibility	Haifa, 8-9/4/08	Coping of the three sectors of the society with emergencies: The case of the Second Lebanon War
5) Emergency Preparedness of Local Authorities	Tel Aviv, 27/3/08	Focus groups' findings regarding emergency response
4) 13th Congress of the European Society for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	Florence, 24-29/8/07	Comprehensive support program for immigrant grandparents who are raising their grandchildren
3) Civilians on the Frontline – a Year After	Haifa, 22/7/07	Guidelines for increase of inter-organizational cooperation in the field of emergency management
2) From Systems' Craziness to a New Governance Order	Jerusalem, 18-19/7/07	Integrative civic emergency preparedness

1) A Functioning of Education, Welfare and Health Organizations in Emergencies: Lessons from the Second Lebanon War	Haifa, 11-12/7/07	Theoretical and practical directions for advancement of emergency preparedness

Membership in Professional and Scientific Associations

- International Sociological Association, Research Committee "Sociology of Disasters" (RC 39) and Thematic Group "Sociology of Risk and Uncertainty" – member since 2011.
- European Sociological Association – member since 2011.
- Global Risk Identification Program of the United Nations – member since 2010.
- International Association of Emergency Managers – 2011-2012
- World Association for Disaster and Emergency Medicine – 2011-2012
- International Association for People-Environment Studies – member since 2011.

Active Participation in Non-Scientific Conferences

- General Assembly of the United Jewish Communities of North America, Jerusalem, 16-19/11/08. I was elected to participate at the Assembly as one the Israeli Student Leaders in the framework of Hillel.
- "Civil society strengthening in the Northern Israel" Conference, October 2007. I was one of the University of Haifa representatives and presented its activities in the fields of social responsibility and emergency preparedness.
- Limmud Conference at the University of Nottingham, December 2005. I was member of the international task force which examined the alternatives for organizing seminars on various aspects of Judaism for Russian-speaking Jews.
- "Dialogue in Action" - International Conference of Student Leaders under the auspices of WUJS and UNESCO; Jerusalem, 13-16/11/05.

Invited Non-Academic Lectures

- "Emergency situations in Israel: Information, Preparedness and Response" – A special lecture for new immigrants in Israel, organized by the Municipality of Beer-Sheva and the Israeli Ministry of Immigrant Absorption; Beer-Sheva, 28/04/10

List of Scientific Publications

Articles in Refereed Journals

1) Friedman, A.1#, Slocum, J. 1#, Tyulmankov, D. 1#, Gibb, L., Altshuler, A., Ruangwises, S., Shi, Q., Toro Arana, S., Beck, D., Sholes, J, & Graybiel, A. M. (*in press).* Analysis of Complex Neural Circuits with Non-Linear Multi-Dimensional Hidden State Models. *PNAS (Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences)* ***(impact factor – 9.7)***.
2) Elran, M., Israeli, T., Padan, C. and Altshuler, A. (2015). Social resilience in the Jewish communities around the Gaza strip during and after Operation Protective Edge. *Military and Strategic Affairs, 7* (2), 5-31.
3) Altshuler A. & Elran, M. (2014). Inter-organizational training for the emergency management system. *Military and Strategic Affairs, 6* (2), 37-47.
4) Elran, M. & Altshuler, A. (2012). Authority and responsibility on the civilian front. *Strategic Assessment*, *15* (2), 41-51.
5) Altshuler, A. (2010). Emergency preparedness of local authorities: General model and the Israeli case. *Prehospital and Disaster Medicine, 25* (1), 39-40.
6) Altshuler, A. (2010). Learning beyond borders. *New England Journal of Public Policy, 23* (1), 36-38.
7) Altshuler, A. (2009). Inter-cultural aspects of psychotherapy and counseling with Russian-speaking immigrants in Israel. *Psychiatry and Contemporary Society, 3*, 176-177.
8) Altshuler, A. (2008). Emergency preparedness of local communities in theory and practice: General principles and their implementation in Israel. *Psihoterapia i Klinicheskaya Psychologia, 27* (4), 4.
9) Altshuler, A. (2006). Voices from the field – volunteer work in Israel Crisis Management Center with immigrants injured in terror attacks. *Haifa Forum for Social Work, 3*, 107-117.

Editor of Edited Volumes

10) Elran, M. & Altshuler, A. (Eds.) (2012). *The Complex Mosaic of the Civilian Front in Israel*. Tel-Aviv: The Institute for National Security Studies at Tel Aviv University Publications.

Articles or Chapters in Scientific Books (which are not Conference Proceedings)

11) Altshuler, A., Even, S., Elran, M. & Shaham, Y. (forthcoming). The civilian front in Israel ten years following the Second Lebanon War. *An Interdisciplinary analysis of the Second Lebanon War*. Tel-Aviv: INSS Publications.

12) Altshuler, A. (forthcoming). Strategic analysis of the Israeli emergency management. *Second Breath, 33.*
13) Meridor, D. & Altshuler, A. (forthcoming). *Analysis of the IDF strategy in light of the Israeli national security doctrine*. Tel-Aviv: INSS Publications.
14) Altshuler A. (2016). Israel's emergency management challenges. *Strategic Survey for Israel 2015-2016* (pp. 147-154). Tel-Aviv: INSS Publications.
15) Weinstock, D, Erlan, M., Altshuler, A., Ganani, U., Netanyahu, S., Parnass, E., Toledano, S. & Steiner, A. (2016). Securing the Electrical System in Israel: Proposing a Grand Strategy. Tel-Aviv: INSS Publications.
16) Elran, M. & Altshuler, A. (2014). The civilian front in operation "Protective Edge". In A. Kurz & S. Brom (Eds.). *The Lessons of Operation Protective Edge* (pp. 121-127). Tel-Aviv: INSS Publications.
17) Elran, M. & Altshuler, A. (2014). The civilian front in Israel: Current status and future preparedness, *Strategic Survey for Israel 2013-2014*. Tel-Aviv: INSS Publications.
18) Altshuler, A. (2011). Analysis of the inter-organizational cooperation in the Jewish and the Arab sector in Israel**.** In D. Miller & J. Rivera (Eds.), *Comparative Emergency Management: Examining Global and Regional Responses to Disasters* (pp. 201-209). Auerbach/Taylor and Francis Publishers. The book is one of leading international textbooks in the field of emergency management.
19) Altshuler, A., Azaiza, F. & Yishai, Y. (2010). Preparedness for Emergency: Learning from war-caused disaster in Israel. In D. Miller & J. Rivera (Eds.), *Community Disaster Recovery and Resiliency: Exploring Global Opportunities and Challenges* (pp. 551-563). Taylor and Francis Publishers. The book is one of leading international textbooks in the field of emergency management.
20) Altshuler, A. & Azaiza, F. (2010). Emergency preparedness of local authorities for war-caused disaster: The Israeli case. In Azaiza, F., Nachmias, N. & Cohen, M. (Eds.), *Welfare, Health and Education Services in Emergencies: Lessons from the Second Lebanon War*. Haifa: Pardes Publishing House (in Hebrew).

Entries in Refereed Encyclopedias

21) Altshuler, A. (2013). Resilience. In G. J. Golson, B. K. Penuel, M. Statler & R. Hagen (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Crisis Management*. Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications.
22) Altshuler, A. (2013). Preparedness. In G. J. Golson, B. K. Penuel, M. Statler & R. Hagen (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Crisis Management*. Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications.

23) Altshuler, A. (2011). Public Private Interactions in Disaster Mitigation. In B. K. Penuel, M. Statler & G. J. Golson (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Disaster Relief*. Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications.
24) Altshuler, A. (2011). Russian Civil War (1917-1921). In B. K. Penuel, M. Statler & G. J. Golson (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Disaster Relief*. Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications.
25) Altshuler, A. (2011). Second Congo War (1998-2003). In B. K. Penuel, M. Statler & G. J. Golson (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Disaster Relief*. Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications.
26) Altshuler, A. (2011). Interaction. In B. K. Penuel, M. Statler & G. J. Golson (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Disaster Relief*. Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications.
27) Altshuler, A. (2011). San Francisco Earthquake (1906). In B. K. Penuel, M. Statler & G. J. Golson (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Disaster Relief*. Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications.
28) Altshuler, A. (2011). Social Work. In B. K. Penuel, M. Statler & G. J. Golson (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Disaster Relief*. Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications.

Other Scientific Publications

29) Altshuler, A. (forthcoming). *The national challenge of multi-dimensional preparedness for an earthquake*. Tel-Aviv: INSS Publications.
30) Altshuler, A. (forthcoming). Preparedness of the Israeli home front: Concepts, Challenges and Solutions. *Intellect, 34.*
31) Elran, M. & Altshuler, A. (2015). How (Un)Prepared is Israel for an Emergency? *INSS Insight, 761*. Tel-Aviv: INSS Publications.
32) Elran, M. & Altshuler, A. (2015). What can be learned from the national home front exercise? *INSS Insight, 716*. Tel-Aviv: INSS Publications.
33) Elran, M. & Altshuler, A. (2014). Operation “Protective Edge”: Lessons from the civilian front – interim summary. *INSS Insight, 581*. Tel-Aviv: INSS Publications.
34) Elran, M. & Altshuler, A. (2014). Closing the Home Front Defense Ministry. *INSS Insight, 545*. Tel-Aviv: INSS Publications.
35) Elran, M. & Altshuler, A. (2013). Responsibility and authority (or lack thereof) on the Israeli home front, *INSS Insight, 452*. Tel-Aviv: INSS Publications.
36) Elran, M. & Altshuler, A. (2012). How prepared is Israel for an earthquake? *INSS Insight, 380*. Tel-Aviv: INSS Publications.

Working papers

- The added value of the concept of "perceived secureness".

- Analysis of perceived secureness in the face of an earthquake: The Israeli case
- Are we protected? Model for predicting the level of perceived secureness in the face of a war: The Israeli case
- Public-private partnerships in emergency preparedness: The Israeli case.
- Inter-disciplinary analysis of the challenges for the resilience of an electrical grid in Israel.
- Multi-year analysis of emergency preparedness challenges in Israel.
- Public-private partnerships in emergency management.
- Analysis of perceptions and behaviors of the Israeli population in the face of an earthquake.
- Immigration, trauma and emergency management: The Israeli case.

Teaching Experience

Institution	Dates	Name of the Course
University of Haifa, Faculty of Social Sciences	2011-2012	Emergency management and preparedness – MA level

Professional activities

- Since August 2015 – Post Doctoral Fellow - Department of Management, Faculty of Social Sciences, Bar-Ilan University.
- Since 2014 – Fulbright and Harvard Kennedy School Post-Doctoral Fellow - Program on Crisis Leadership, Ash Center, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.
- Since 2013 - Neubauer Post-Doctoral Research Fellow - The Institute for National Security Studies (affiliated with Tel-Aviv University).
- 2009-2013 – Kreitman Foundation Doctoral Fellow – Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. In parallel: 2011-2013 - Neubauer Research Fellow - The Institute for National Security Studies (affiliated with Tel-Aviv University).
- Academic year 2011-2012 - Adjunct Lecturer at the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Haifa. I taught MA course on Emergency Management and Preparedness in a special program for high-rank police officers.

- 2006 – 2009 – Regional Projects' Coordinator of SELAH - Israel Crisis Management Center, a non-profit organization aimed at assisting new immigrants who are facing tragedy or crisis situations. For example, following the Second Lebanon War I coordinated community projects (including cooperation with governmental authorities and students' guidance) and personal assistance for the most vulnerable immigrants in the Northern region. In addition, I dealt with the first aid for families after various kinds of tragedies, volunteers' supervision and group training, knowledge development and dissemination.
- 2006 – 2008 – Deputy Chief Researcher and Coordinator, Integrative Civilian Emergency Preparedness Project, Center for Social Responsibility, University of Haifa (this center was "frozen" in November 2008 due to budget reductions). I dealt with knowledge collection and development, field research, enhancement of cooperation between the various stakeholders (governmental ministries, local authorities, social organizations, businesses and citizens).
- 2005-2006 – Assistant to Advisor for Social Responsibility to the President of University of Haifa. I dealt, mainly, with the development of new social programs at the University, enhancement of research components in social programs and increasing students' and faculty engagement is social programs.
- 2004-2006 – Instructor in the University of Haifa community involvement program - “Open Apartments”. I lived in an underprivileged neighborhood and participated in group trainings and various social projects in it. In addition, I created the idea of the first multifunctional club for youth at intermediate risk and their families in Haifa, and implemented it in partnership with the municipal structures.
- 2005-2006 – Community Worker at the Interdisciplinary Clinical Center, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Haifa (in the framework of field studies). I dealt with intercultural and inter-lingual (Russian / Hebrew) mediation, and developed with

partners a new mutual project for native Israelis, Russian-speaking Jewish immigrants and Arab citizens of Israel.

- 2004-2005 – Community Worker at the Student's Dormitories, University of Haifa (in the framework of field studies). I was the first community worker and dealt with the development of various social projects.
- 2003-2005 – Rehabilitation Instructor for people with mental disabilities, "Enosh" Association, Beer-Sheva.
- 2003-2004 – Counseling and care management, "Summit Institute"- Service for foster care families, Beer-Sheva (in the framework of field studies).
- 1997 -2000, 2003-2005 – Guide in the national project "Perach", which provides guidance for children who cope with different kinds of difficulties. My experience included work with an autistic child, a child with developmental problems, and teenagers in distress situations.

Humanitarian missions

- Humanitarian mission to Haiti following the 2010 earthquake. The two-week mission took place in July 2010 and my main focuses were psychosocial guidance and group training, teaching, supervision and field instruction for Haitian Social Sciences and Medical students. In addition, some work has been done with the general population. I joined the mission as a volunteer in SELAH (the Israel Crisis Management Center) in the framework of Israel Trauma Coalition delegation.

Main volunteer activities

- 1998-2006; 2009 - present – Volunteer at SELAH - Israel Crisis Management Center – Association for assistance to new immigrants, who face severe crisis situations. Since 2012, member of the Board of Directors. Throughout the years, my volunteer

experience has included, among others, helping wounded people and their families after terrorist attacks, people who faced severe diseases or other crisis situations, tutoring and guidance to children from families with domestic violence and applied research in the field of crisis and trauma. In addition, in the recent years I am involved in strategic planning, programs building and evaluation.

- 2006-2009 – Committee Member, Social Justice and Civil Society Committee, Haifa-Boston Connection. The committee dealt with development of social projects, mainly for the benefit of Haifa underprivileged population.
- 2005-2008 – Fellow, Social initiatives and community projects, School of Social Work, University of Haifa. I was involved in the processes of cooperative dialogue between professors and students, development of new social projects and guidance for immigrant students.
- 2004-2006 – Fellow, “Connection” project - joint program of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel and WUJS (World Union of Jewish Students). The program dealt with Israel advocacy and enhancement of cooperation between the Israeli students and their international colleagues.
- 2003-2004 – Fellow, “Hillel Students' Jewish Social Leadership Program“, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva. The program combined learning of social justice according to the Jewish texts and practical social involvement. My team assisted a family in distress with various practical, emotional and employment-related issues.