



Ruthy Lowenstein Lazar

curriculum vitae

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Higher Education

A. Undergraduate and Graduate Studies

1994-1998 **University of Haifa, Faculty of Law, Israel**

L.L.B

2002-2004 **University of Ottawa, Canada**

L.L.M. (Field of concentration: gender and criminal law, violence against women, rape law. Title of thesis: "Rape Law: A Comparative Analysis of Canada, Israel and the United Kingdom").

B. Doctoral Degree and Post-Doctoral Studies

2004-2009 **Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Canada**

PhD: (Field of concentration: feminist reforms, gender and criminal law, violence against women, rape law). Title of Dissertation: "Constructions of Marital Rape in the Canadian Criminal Justice System." with excellence.

Honors and Awards:

- Mary Jane Mossman Award (for excellence in feminist scholarship)
- Hon. William Z. Estey Teaching Fellowship in Law
- International Doctoral candidate Scholarship
- York University Scholarship

2008 **Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Law Faculty, University of Haifa,**

Research Grants:

- ❖ Research grant, the Emile Zola Chair for Human Rights (2018)
- ❖ Research grant, the College of Management Academic studies, (2018)
- ❖ Law School's Striks Award (2017)



- ❖ Prof. Hirshon's Award (2017)
- ❖ Research grant, the College of Management Academic studies (2017)
- ❖ Research grant, the College of Management Academic studies (2015)
- ❖ Grant for the development of legal courses in English(2012)

Academic Ranks and Tenure in Institutes of Higher Education

2008-2011 The Striks School of Law, The College of Management, Academic Studies, Israel

Adjunct Lecturer

2011-2020 The Striks School of Law, The College of Management, Academic Studies, Israel

Lecturer

Offices in Academic Administration

Head of the Legal Clinical Center "Matters" (2011-present)

The College's President Advisor for Gender Equity (2020)

Member of the LL.B. Curriculum Committee (2012-2015, 2020)

Member of the Best Seminar Paper Competition Committee (2012-2013, 2016)

Head of the Law School Equality Promoting Commission. (2012-2013).

Member of the College's Committee on Sexual Harassment (2013)

Scholarly Positions and Activities outside the Institution

A. Academic Fellowships

Research

2018 Columbia University

Visiting Scholar

Teaching

Hebrew University, Law Faculty (awarded outstanding teaching award)

Sha'arei Mishpat College, Law Faculty



B. Lector and Assessor

Lector for articles/manuscripts/book proposals submitted for the following journals and publishers:

HaMishpat Law Review (The Striks School of Law, The College of Management, Academic Studies)

Mishpatim Law Review (The Law Faculty, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Ma'assey Mishapt (Tel-Aviv University Law Faculty)

Mishpatim "Al Atar" (The Law Faculty, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Hapraklit (The Striks School of Law, The College of Management, Academic Studies)

Alei Mishpat (the College of Law and Business)

C. Membership in Professional/Academic Associations

- Member in "Itach-Maaki- Women Lawyers for Social Justice" (2008-2014)
- Member of the advisory board of the "Multi-Disciplinary Forum for Victims' Rights (2020)

D. Public Activities

I serve as the Academic and Professional Director of the School's clinical program. This is a one of the most important and central functions at the Law School, as the clinical program plays a major role in the legal education of our students. As part of my job as director of the clinical program, I'm in-charge of nine clinics, am responsible for the development of the clinical education, organization of workshops, seminars and conferences, and lead the clinical program's agenda

In my own clinic- the women's rights clinic, I lead exceptional socio-legal projects that promote social change, gendered equality, and women's rights. The clinic assists women from minority groups, battered women, rape victims, poor women and more. The clinical work allows me to promote legislation, writing positions papers, organize conferences and round tables, working closely with Israeli MPs and the third sector.

Here are some selected activities:

- Lecture to The district Attorney central Region, –sexual Assault Victims in the Israeli Criminal Justice system; the Rights and Wrongs (2020)
- Lecture to "The Association of Rape Crisis Centers in Israel"- (2020)



- Lecture to managers at the "Israeli Airport Authority" on gender equality (2020)
- Lecture to youth on gendered equality in Israel (2020)
- Lecture in a "TED" Event on Rape And The Criminal Justice System (2018)
- Lecture for staff at the Campus on Narratives of Battered Women (2018)
- Organizing and Heading a round table on Mandatory Reporting In Sexual Violence Cases (2018)
- A discussant in a round table in the Israeli Parliament on the statute of limitations in sexual violence cases (2018)
- Organizing and Heading a round table on Homeless Women in Israel (2017)
- A discussant in a round table in the Israeli Parliament on Battered Women Who Kill (2017)
- Organizing and Heading a round table on Specialized Domestic Violence Courts (2016)
- A discussant in a round table in the Israeli Parliament on Rape Laws (2016)
- Developed a seminar on violence against women for Judges (2014)
- Co-founded a project that provides legal assistance and develops empowerment projects for Ethiopian Women cleaners at COMAS. (2009-present)
- Founder of a working group on access to Public Housing.
- Developed and organized seminars on rights, law, gender and social change for women and youth (2014)
- Establishing a small organization titled: "NAKUM" (women, community, and law). This group of law students promote gendered social change projects, such as empowerment workshops for battered women, community work with women in south Tel Aviv and more
- Discussion Leader of a round table on the role of female caregivers following the reform in the Israeli education system. (2012)
- Co-founded (with students) program for "Women Leaders" from marginalized communities. (2012)
- The Military Advocate General's Corps, lecture – "Legal Hurdles in Cases of Sexual Violence" (2012)
- Organizing a round table- "Access to Law for Abused Women from Ethiopian Communities". The College of Management. (2011)
- Organizing a round table- "The Approach of Police to Prostitution", The College of Management. (2011)
- Member in LEAF's (Women's Legal Education and Action Fund in Canada) subcommittee concerning an appeal before the **Canadian Supreme Court** (*R. v. J.A.*). LEAF was granted leave to intervene in the case before the Canadian Supreme Court. (2010)
- Organizing a round table- "Prostitution, Law and the Grassroots' Organizations", The College of Management. (2010)
- Lecture for youth on "Sexual Violence and Rape myths (initiated by the Prime minister office for the advancement of Women. (April 2010)



E. Participation in Scholarly Conferences, Colloquia and Invited Talks (selected; since 2010)

a. Active Participation

- **University of Tel Aviv - seminar**, Invited Talk on violence against older women. (2020)
- **The Israeli Law and Society conference (Israel), paper presentation -** "Consent as an Epistemic Injustice." (2020)
- **The ICON conference, paper presentation -** "Consent as an Epistemic Injustice." (2020)
- **The Law and Society Association (Washington), paper presentation -** "Me too? The Invisible Older Victims of Sexual Violence" (2019)
- **The Israeli Law and Society conference (Israel), paper presentation -** " Me too? The Invisible Older Victims of Sexual Violence " (January 2019)
- **Drexel University, Faculty Of Law, invited Talk –** Rape Victims In The Criminal Justice System; Breaking The Adversarial Triangle? (October 2018)
- **Columbia Law School, The Center Of Gender And Sexuality, invited Talk –**Me too? The Invisible Older Victims of Sexual Violence- the missing legal construction (October 2018)
- **Columbia Law School, Visiting Scholar Forum, invited Talk -** Me too? The Invisible Older Victims of Sexual Violence- the missing legal construction (2018)
- **Osgoode Hall Law School, invited Talk -** Me too? The Invisible Older Victims of Sexual Violence- the missing legal construction (2018)
- **Israeli Gender Conference, paper presentation-** Scholars Read Feminist Texts (February 2018)
- **The Israeli Law and Society conference, paper presentation:** "Procedural Rights of Sexual Violence Victims " (2018)



- **Democracy and Participation in the 21st Century (Lisbon), paper presentation** - Gender, class, ethnicity and social change; the case of Ethiopian women cleaners (2017)
- **The Israeli Law and Society conference, paper presentation** - "A New Outlook on Consent in Rape Law" (2017)
- **The Israeli Clinical Legal Conference- Chaired two panels. Also presenting two paper presentations (2017):**
 - A. "Radical Lawyering"
 - B. " Providing Legal Services to Immigrants - Challenges and Solutions"
- **The Law and Society Association, New Orleans, paper presentation-** Interdisciplinary Clinical Education" (June 2016)
- **The Law and Therapy conference, paper presentation** -"Therapeutic elements in clinical education" (2016)
- **Judges' Seminar: invited talk** on consent in sexual violence cases (2016)
- **Judges' Seminar: invited talk** on "False Allegations" (2014)
- **The Israeli Law and Society conference: Chaired a panel. Also presenting a paper** on Clinical Work and Academic Research – Possibilities and Vision (2015)
- **Conference on youth at risk- invited talk** on social rights (2014)
- **University Of Tel-Aviv, the Minerva Center, Commentator** on a winning article Rape in Fraud" (June 2013)
- **The College of Management, Social Science Faculty seminar, invited talk** - "Empowerment and Clinical Legal Education"(2013)
- **International Conference of Arts and Sciences- Prague, paper presentation** - "Sexual Assault Laws In Canada". (2013)
- **Women's Rights Center of Rishon Lezion's, Annual Conference on Women's Discrimination, speaker:** "Clinical Models for Social Change.



- **College of Management, Clinical Conference, commentator on Justice Heshin's Talk** - "Conversations on criminal law" (November 2011)
 - **Women's Rights Center of Rishon Lezion's, Annual (non-academic) Conference, Speaker** – Clinical Models for Empowering Women in the workforce (2011)
 - **Rishon Lezion National Conference on Women's Role in Society**, participated in a panel on "Women's Contribution to the Public Discourse in Israel" (2011)
 - **Hebrew University, Law Faculty- criminal law Forum, presented a paper-** "Negotiating Sex –The Legal Construct of Consent in Cases of Wife Rape in Ontario Canada". (2010)
 - **University of Tel Aviv, lecture: Rape within Marriage.** (2010)
- b. Organization of Conferences/ Colloquia
- **Conference on women and labor law** ,Organizer (2020)
 - **National Clinical Legal Education Annual Conference – 2018-2020**
Organizer and a member in the steering committee of the annual clinical conference, in which all clinicians from all academic institutions present clinical projects, cases and research – (2018,2019, 2020)
 - **Matters: the Center for Clinical Legal Education Annual Conference-2012-2020**
Throughout these years I have organized an annual conference focusing on issues relating to social change and activism such as: sexual violence and the hurdles for social change; Happiness, Empowerment and Social Issues; a Clinical Education Outlook; specialized domestic violence courts, surrogacy, Orthodox women and participation in the public sphere and more . The panels in these conferences included academics, clinical advocates, activists and journalists.
 - **Matters: the Center for Clinical Legal Education Annual opening academic event- 2012-2020**
Throughout these years I have organized together with the Emile Zola cathedra academic events on various issues relating to social change, human rights, activism and equality.



- **Law and Therapy conference** - Organizer and a member in the steering committee of the conference. (May 2016)
- **Parenting and the Right to Motherhood Conference** Organizer and a member in the steering committee (2013)

J. Teaching

- ❖ Outstanding Teaching Award
2008-2009, 2010-2011, 2012-2013, 2015-2016, 2018-2019, 2019-2020

a. Courses Taught in Recent Years

Year	Course Name	Type	Degree	NO. of Students
2008-present	Criminal Procedure	Core L.L.B course	L.L.B	3 classes- around 250 students
2009-present	Gender, law and social change	seminar	L.L.B	28
2009-present	Gender, law and social change	Clinic	L.L.B	16
2007-2011	Violence against women and rape laws	seminar	L.L.B	20
2011	Gender and International Law	English course	L.L.B	50
2012-2014	Violence against Women	English course	L.L.B	50
2014-present	Violence against Women	course	L.L.B	80
2015-present	Law and Social Change	seminar	L.L.M	

Teaching in other institutions:

Year	Course Name and institution	Type	Degree	No. of Students
2008-2012	Gender and Law, Hebrew University (Outstanding Teaching Award)	L.L.B course	L.L.B	60
2008	Criminal Procedure, Hebrew University	Core L.L.B course	L.L.B	120
2012-2013	Violence against women, Sha'arei Mishpat	seminar	L.L.B	28

b. Supervision of Graduate Student

Name of student	Title of Thesis	Degree



Sapir Halfon	Female White Collar Crime in Israel: Empirical Research and Normative Ramifications	PhD
Idan Haliliy	The professional experience of graduates in social work and law	L.L.M
Efrat Fudem	Legal gendered Violence	L.L.M

❖ **Supervision of 19 research papers in the L.L.M program**

Professional Experience

Research assistant, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa, working on projects related to violence against women. (2004)

Research assistant for M.P. Irwin Cotler (formerly Canada’s Justice Minister), Parliament of Canada. (2003)

An attorney at the District Attorney Office, Northern Region and Haifa, (Israel) Criminal Justice Department. (January 2000 - December 2001)

Internship as an attorney at the District Attorney Office, Central Region (Israel), Criminal Justice Department. (March 1998 – March 1999)

PUBLICATIONS

The publications in the following list are followed by:

- (a) Washington and Lee ranking (W&L)
- (b) The Israeli Inter-University Ranking (IR)
- (c) Google Scholar Citations (GSC) (English); Nevo Citations (NC) (Hebrew)

Articles in Refereed Journals

Refereed Journal Articles (English):

1. *Reconceptualizing Victimization and Agency in the Discourse of Battered Women who Kill* 45 Studies in Law, Politics, and Society, (2008) 3-45. [GSC: 10. IR: C]
2. *Negotiating Sex –The Legal Construct of Consent in Cases of Wife Rape in Ontario Canada.* 22(2) Canadian Journal of Women & the Law 329 (2010), **(was cited in a motion made by LEAF - Women's Legal Education and**



Action Fund in Canada, to intervene in an appeal before the Supreme Court of Canada.) [GSC: 33; IR: B.]

3. *The Vindictive Wife- Complainants' Credibility in Cases of Wife Rape* 25 S. Cal. Rev. L. & Soc. Just 1 (2015). [GSC: 5.]
4. *Interdisciplinary Clinical Education - On Empowerment, Women, and a Unique Clinical Model* 23 Clin. L.Rev (2016). [W&L 2/28 for refereed law journals on legal profession and legal education ; [Peer reviewed; IR: B; GSC: 4].
5. *Me too? The Invisible Older Victims of Sexual Violence* 26 Michigan Journal of Gender & Law, 2020) [W&L 6/26 for specialized U.S. law journals in gender and sexuality; IR: A].
6. *Epistemic Twilight Zone Of Consent*, Southern California Interdisciplinary Law Journal (forthcoming 2020) [IR:B]

Refereed Journal Articles (Hebrew):

1. *They look Sad; A Story on Empowerment and darkness* 17 HA-MISHPAT L. REV., COLLEGE OF MANAGEMENT. 107 (2012) [IR: B].
2. *The impact of Sentencing Guidelines in Israel.* (with Professor Oren Gazal-Ayal) Hukim – Journal on Legislation, Hebrew University, Jerusalem (2011). [IR: B; NC: 8].
3. *A New Outlook on Consent in Rape Law*– 42 IYUNEY MISHPAT. 1 (2019). [IR: A].
4. *What do you mean when you say yes; thoughts on consent, choice and sexual violence-* Hamishpat Online: Human Rights (2014) [NC: 3].
5. *Sexual Exploitation Of Adults By Spiritual Authority; Section 347B Of the Israeli Criminal Code* (forthcoming 2020, MECHKAREY MISHPAT-BAR ILAN L. REV. 1) [IR: A].
6. *Consent As an Epistemic Justice* (forthcoming 2020, THE JOURNAL OF LAW AND BUSINESS). [IR: B].



7. *When Trauma Meets Rights; the Case of Sexual Violence Victim* (with Dr. Yaniv Ben Harush) (Forthcoming 20 years of the Crime Victims Rights)

Other Refereed Publications:

1. *Human tools : perpetrating crime through others and heading criminal organizations*, HAPRKLIT 2012.). [IR: B]. (did not go under review)