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EDUCATION

- Fall 2018
(expected) PhD
University at Buffalo School of Social Work
Dissertation: *Multigenerational Experiences, Adaptation, and Grief Among Aging Holocaust Survivors' Offspring* (Deborah Waldrop, Chair)
- 2013 MSW
University at Buffalo School of Social Work
- 2004 MEd
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel
Thesis: *Nutrition and Body Image: Positions, Behavior, Attitudes and Sources of Information Among Youngsters*. (Esther Gindin, Chair)
- 1989 BSc Pharmacy
IDF Atuda Program, School of Pharmacy, Faculty of Medicine
Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Multigenerational trauma following mass atrocities
- Grief processes of individuals and communities
- Social work education
- Older adults

EMPLOYMENT

- 2009-present Certified Community Interpreter and Translator
English / Spanish / Hebrew
Immigration, Civil, Family, County & Immigration Courts, Correction
Facilities, Medical Facilities, Social Services, Schools.
International Institute of Buffalo, NY
- 2006-present Special Programs and Events Planning and Implementation,
Course Development and Instructor
Jewish Schools in Buffalo, NY
- 1992-2003 Community Pharmacist in Israel

Hospital & private sector

1990-1991 Pharmacist Chief and IDF Officer
Israeli Defense Forces

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2015-2016 Research Internship
*The transmission of Holocaust experiences among children of survivors:
An exploratory study*
Supervisor: Deborah Waldrop
University at Buffalo School of Social Work
Responsibilities: IRB approval, organizational relations and board approval,
recruitment, eligibility screening, questionnaire development, semi-
structured interviews, data analysis, publication preparation

2003-2004 Thesis (MEd)
*Nutrition and body image: Positions, behavior, attitude and source of
information among youngsters*
Committee: Esther Gindin (Chair); Yitshal N. Berner; Shlomo Viner
Responsibilities: IRB approval, organizational relations, Ministry of
Education approval, questionnaire development, formulated exploratory
study, mixed method data analysis, publication preparation

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

2013-2014 Graduate Assistant for International Student Affairs
University at Buffalo School of Social Work
Responsibilities: Needs assessment, arrival booklet development, individual
& group support sessions, global to local program development &
implementation

2012-2013 MSW intake and evaluation intern
Erie County Family Court, Juvenile Delinquency Unit
Buffalo, NY

2011-2012 MSW clinical & organizational intern
Vive, Inc. Shelter for Refugees and Asylees
Buffalo, NY

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught SW 503: Diversity and Oppression
(Seated; upcoming, Spring 2019)

SW 710: Loss and Grief Across the Life Course
(Seated; Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2018)

Teaching Assistant	SW 580: Clinical Psychopathology (Online; Instructor: Dr. Barbara Rittner; Spring, Summer, Fall semesters, 2014-present)
Other	SW 710: Loss and Grief Across the Life Course (Invited lectures: Mezzo and Macro Perspectives of Loss; Fall 2015; Spring 2016)
	SW 505: Theories of Human Behaviors & Development (Invited Lecture: Loss and Grief Perspectives and Experiences; Fall 2017; Fall 2018)

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed	Fischer-Shemer, N. & Orom, H. (2018). Grid enabled measures. In L. Hitchcock, M. Sage, & N. J. Smyth (Eds.), <i>Teaching Social Work with Digital Technology</i> . Alexandria, VA: CSWE Press.
	Fischer-Shemer, N. (2001). Studying Nutritional Aspects in the Aphid-Buchnera Symbiosis, <i>Journal of Biology Teachers</i> , Hebrew University of Jerusalem. (In Hebrew)
Under Review	Fischer-Shemer, N. & Rittner, B. (revise & resubmit). <i>Holocaust survivors' offspring: Multiple theoretical perspectives</i> .
In Progress	Fischer-Shemer N. & Waldrop, D. (in progress). "Nobody asked me to tell my story": <i>The generational trauma of children of Holocaust survivors</i> .
	Fischer-Shemer N. (in progress). <i>Integrating loss and grief among mass trauma survivors and their descendants into the social work curriculum</i> .

PRESENTATIONS

Peer-reviewed	Fischer-Shemer, N. & Waldrop, D. (January, 2016). <i>Growing up with Holocaust survivors: The next generation's experiences</i> . Poster presented at the SSWR 20 th Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
	Fischer-Shemer, N. & Weaver, H. (October, 2014). <i>Responding to the needs of international and foreign-born students in social work programs</i> . Paper presented at the APM 60 th Annual Conference, Tampa, FL.
Invited	Fischer-Shemer N. (upcoming December, 2018). <i>Executive Summary Presentation</i> . Holocaust Resource Center of Buffalo, Buffalo, NY.
	Fischer-Shemer N. (upcoming November, 2018). <i>Kristallnacht commemoration event. Through the eyes of the subsequent generations:</i>

Telling the survivors stories. Lippman Lounge, Benderson Family Building, Amherst, NY.

Fischer-Shemer N. (upcoming November, 2018). *Study results Presentation in the Light of the Fabric Survival Exhibit.* Center for Holocaust Awareness and Information, Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester and the Memorial Art Gallery, Rochester, NY.

Fischer-Shemer N. (2017). *Experiences of growing up with parent/parents Holocaust survivors; Pilot study results and future directions.* Holocaust Resource Center of Buffalo Board, Buffalo, NY.

Fischer-Shemer N. (2017). *An angle into multigenerational effects of mass trauma with focus on Holocaust survivors' offspring.* Pecha Kucha presentation at the University at Buffalo School of Social Work, Buffalo, NY.

Fischer-Shemer N. (2015). *Responding to the needs of international and foreign-born students in the UB School of Social Work.* International Education Week, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY.

GRANTS & AWARDS

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| 2017 | Susan M. Nochajski Research Grant (\$2,200)
University at Buffalo School of Social Work, Buffalo, NY |
| 2017 | Dissertation Grant (\$1,600)
Mark Diamond Research Fund, University at Buffalo, NY |
| 2013 | Louisa Cielen Award (\$500)
University at Buffalo School of Social Work, Buffalo, NY |

PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT

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| August 2018 | Leader; Richard and Roberta Handel Educator's Conference Trip, Washington, DC
Holocaust Resource Center of Buffalo, New Generation Initiative
United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Center for Justice and Human Rights, United States Institute of Peace |
| 2017-Present | Member; Committee on Students
University at Buffalo School of Social Work |
| 2013-2017 | Member; International Film Festival University at Buffalo School of Social Work Committee |
| 2015-2016 | Chair; Navigation (PhD Student Organization)
University at Buffalo School of Social Work |

2012-2013 Assistant; Refugee Resettlement Program
Initial Arrival Program Development and Instruction,
Jewish Family Services, Buffalo, NY

COMMUNITY SERVICE

November 2016 Event Chair; Next Generation Reception: The Mitzvah Project and
Kristallnacht Commemoration, JCC at Buffalo, NY

2016-2017 Strategic Planning Task Force: Community planning for the future of
Holocaust education, Holocaust Resource Center, Buffalo NY

2014-2015 Planning Committee, World Refugee Day in Western New York

2006-2018 Community Programs
Kadima Academy, Buffalo, NY
Gesher School, Buffalo, NY

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)
Council of Social Work Education (CSWE)
Holocaust Resource Center of Buffalo, NY (HRC)
Association of Holocaust Organizations (AHO)
United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM)
Doctoral Scholar Institute (DSI), Network for Social E\Work Management