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Education

Ph.D.	Communication Studies, The University of Texas at Austin. Rodrick P. Hart (chair), Sharon Jarvis, and Johanna Hartelius	2017-present
M.A	Department of Communication, University of Haifa. Master's Thesis: "Going to War Rhetoric: An Analysis of War Justification Discourse of the 1967 and 1982 Wars in the Israeli Press." Advisor: Professor Tamar Katriel	2008-2012
B.A.	Psychology and the Ofakim – Honors Program, University of Haifa.	2005-2008
Seeds of Peace	Certificate in Dialogue Facilitation	2007-2008

Publications

- Leibovits, I. (2020). Homeless women self-advocates: The quest from liminal to full citizenship. *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, 106(3), 325-333.
- Leibovits, I. (2020). Homeless Advocacy and the Rhetorical Construction of the Civic Home: Melanie, Loehwing, University Park, Pennsylvania: Penn State Press, 2018. 232 pages. 29.95\$ paperback. *Rhetoric Review*.
- Leibovits, I. & Katriel, T. (2010). Going to war rhetoric, *Israel Studies in Language and Society*, 3(2): 56-85 [Hebrew].

Conference Presentations

- Leibovits, I. (2020). "Women's Lives at an Economic Crossroads: Rhetoricians Engage Recent Bestsellers on Poverty." A panel session at the National Communication Association, online, November 22, 2020.
- Leibovits, I. (2019). "Homeless Women Self Advocates: The Quest from Liminal to Full Citizenship" Paper presented at Citizenship at the Intersections: 100 years since the 19th Amendment, Organizing for Research on Women and Communication, Milwaukee, WI, March 4-7, 2020.
- Leibovits, I. (2019). "The Rhetoric of Liminal Citizenship: A Pentadic Analysis of a Legislative Theater Performance." Paper presented at the National Communication Association, Baltimore, MD, November 24-17, 2019.

- Leibovits, I. (2019). "The Ethos and Pathos of Homeless Orators: An Exploration of the Rhetoric of Liminal Citizenship." Paper presented at the National Communication Association, Baltimore, MD, November 24-17, 2019.
- Leibovits, I. (2019). "The Homeless Body as a Site of Civic Deliberation" Paper presented at the Annual Symposium About Language and Society, Austin, Texas, April 12-13, 2019.
- Leibovits, I. (2019). "When the Speechless Speak: The Rhetoric of Liminal Citizenship." Paper presented at Western States Communication Association, Seattle, Washington, February 23, 2019.
- Leibovits, I. (2018). "When the Speechless Speak: The Rhetoric of Liminal Citizenship." Paper presented at the International Rhetoric Workshop, Ghent, Belgium, July 4-6, 2018.
- Havron, N. & Leibovits, I. (2016). "Language and Body: Linguistic Knowledge Neutralizes Automatic Valence Evaluations." Paper presented at United Kingdom Cognitive Linguistic Conference, Bangor University, U.K., July 19-22, 2016.
- Leibovits, I. (2016). "Hadar Neighborhood: A Preliminary Analysis of Social Neighborhood Regeneration/Urban Renewal Policy Documents." Paper presented at Ethnographic and Semiotic Perspectives on the Study of Urban Landscapes, Research Workshop, University of Haifa, Israel, June 27-29, 2016.
- Leibovits, I. (2014). "On the Collective Memory of Going to War in Israel." Paper presented at the Third CuWaDis-European-Group-Workshop to Advance the study of War, Discourse and Culture, Goethe University, Frankfurt/Main, Germany, July 21-23, 2014.
- Leibovits, I. (2013). "On the Rhetoric of Going to War." Paper presented at The Annual Conference of the Israeli Communication Association, Bar Ilan University, Israel, March 21, 2013.
- Leibovits, I. & Katriel, T. (2012). "On the Rhetoric of Going to War." Paper presented at Talking Peace – Making War conference, Truman Institute, The Hebrew University, Israel, March 28, 2012.
- Leibovits, I. & Hamo, E. (2010). "Wiki-professionalism: Common Cultural Production." Paper presented at Metaksherim conference for research students, University of Haifa, Israel, December 5, 2010.

Fellowships, Awards, and Honors

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| 2020-2021 | U.T. Olli Nova Diversity Scholar Award (2000\$) |
| 2020-2021 | U.T. Graduate School – Continuing Fellowship (30,000\$) |
| 2019-2020 | P.E.O – International Peace Scholarship (12,500\$) |
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| 2018 | Outstanding First-Year Ph.D. Student Award, The department of Communication Studies at the University of Texas at Austin. |
| 2017-2018 | Graduate School Fellowship Stipend, The Graduate School, the University of Texas at Austin (15,000\$) |
| 2017-2018 | Provost Supplement Fellowship, the University of Texas at Austin (5000\$) |
| 2017-2019 | Moody Graduate Fellowship, The Moody College of Communication, the University of Texas at Austin (5,000\$) |

- 2008-2010 Ofakim–Honors Program, University of Haifa, Full Tuition Scholarship for M.A. studies.
- 2009 Department of Communication scholarship for academic achievement in M.A. studies, University of Haifa (3000\$).
- 2010 *Yediot Haifa* scholarship for the top student paper, "'What Are You Doing Now?' – Examining the Utopic/Dystopic Discourse on Twitter." (1,500\$).
- 2005-2007 Ofakim–Honors program, Full Tuition Scholarship for B.A. studies (based on academic achievement).

Teaching Experience

- 2020-present Teaching Assistant, "Speechwriting and Criticism" (for Dr. Rodrick P. Hart).
- 2019 Assistant Instructor, "Professional Communication," The University of Texas at Austin.
- 20017-2018 Teaching Assistant, "Apocalyptic Rhetoric," "Rhetoric of Popular Culture," and "Advanced Analysis of Popular Culture," The University of Texas at Austin (for Dr. Barry Brummett).
- 2011-2012 Teaching Assistant, "Psychological Aspects in Inter-Personal Communication," Netanya Academic College (for Dr. Nurit Tal-Or)
- 2009-2011 Teaching Assistant, "Introduction to Communication as Culture," the University of Haifa (For Dr. Michele Rosenthal).
- 2008-2009; 2011-2012 Teaching Assistant, "Psychological Aspects in Inter-Personal Communication," the University of Haifa (for Dr. Nurit Tal-Or).

Research Experience

- 2020 Research Assistant for Dr. Rodrick P. Hart
- 2009-2011 Research Assistant for the project "Unplugged – Media Ambivalence and Avoidance in Everyday Life" (for Dr. Rivka Ribak and Dr. Michel Rosenthal, University of Haifa).
- Conducted in-depth interviews with individuals and families
 - Conducted a preliminary analysis of data
 - Coordinated and processed interviews

Service

- 2020-present President of the Graduate Students Body in the Communication Studies department
- 2020-present International Students working group in Moody School of Communication
- 2018-2020 Organizing working sessions for graduate students in Rhetoric and Language, Department of Communication Studies, Univesrity of Texas at Austin.
- 2019-2020 Reviewer, Critical and Cultural Studies division, National Communication Association 2020.
- 2018-2019 Reviewer, Public Address Division, Western States Communication Association 2019.

Non-academic publishing

- Leibovits, I. (2020, September 14). "Safe, open public schools a necessity," *San Antonio Express-News*. Retrieved on February 23, 2021, from <https://www.expressnews.com/opinion/commentary/article/Commentary-Safe-open-public-schools-a-necessity-15565966.php>.
- Leibovits, I. (2020, June 23). "Being nice is a privilege of citizens protected by the state." Local Conversation. [in Hebrew]. Retrieved on February 23, 2021, from <https://www.mekomit.co.il/%D7%9C%D7%94%D7%99%D7%95%D7%AA-%D7%A0%D7%97%D7%9E%D7%93%D7%99%D7%9D-%D7%96%D7%95-%D7%A4%D7%A8%D7%99%D7%91%D7%99%D7%9C%D7%92%D7%99%D7%94-%D7%A9%D7%9C-%D7%90%D7%96%D7%A8%D7%97%D7%99%D7%9D-%D7%A9%D7%96/>.

Invited Talks:

- Leibovits, I. (forthcoming, April 2021). *When the Speechless Speak: Homeless Self-Advocacy and Liminal Citizenship* will be presented for Olli Nova on April 21, 2021.
- Leibovits, I. (2020). "Being nice is a privilege of citizens protected by the state." Presented on a panel on *Violence, Oppression, and Hope: Here and Across the Ocean* [in Hebrew], organized by Hand in Hand Community, Haifa, Israel, June 14, 2020.
- Leibovits, I. (2020). *Peacebuilding Through Dialogue in the Middle-East*. Moody College of Communication, [online], October 27, 2020.

Previous Work Experience

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| 2012-2017 | Director of Hadar HaCarmel Students' Village. Overseeing the community engagement activity of over 50 students, monitoring the budget, leading the program's steering committee, and supervising the program staff. |
| 2007-2014 | Facilitator, Seeds of Peace. Facilitating dialogue groups at the summer camp in Maine and regional seminars. |
| 2010-2011 | Facilitator, Hands for Peace. Facilitating intense dialogue groups of Israeli-Palestinian-American participants in the Chicago area and regional seminars. |
| 2008-2010 | Facilitator, Givat Haviva. Facilitating two-days school seminars of Jewish-Arab high school participants. |
| 2007-2008 | Program Coordinator, Yedidim. Coordinated an educational program for at-risk youth. |
| 2005-2007 | Regional Coordinator, Seeds of Peace. Coordinated educational programs for the organization's graduates in Israel and in the bi-national regional program. |

Volunteer Activities

2014-present Active member in the Jewish-Arab parents' community of Hand-in-Hand bilingual school.

2008-present Community activist in Hadar neighborhood.

- Initiated and lead the Hadar Forum, a diverse forum of residents' representatives conducting quarterly meetings with the Haifa mayor and heads of the municipality's departments. The forum researched and mapped the needs of various ethnic and religious communities in the neighborhood. Under my leadership, we produce three comprehensive reports annually and submit them to the mayor.
- A member of the city's Preschool Committee for Welfare and Education as a residents' representative.

2005-2010 Member of "Seeds of Peace" alumni organization.

1999-2002 Active participant in the regional program of Seeds of Peace.

Language Skills

Hebrew (native, academic level); English (fluent, academic level); Spanish (intermediate speaking); Arabic (basic)