

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Rachel Levi Herz is a teaching fellow and the Head of the Gender in the Field M.A. track in the Gender Studies Graduate Program at Bar-Ilan University. Levi Herz is an adjunct lecturer at the Kibbutzim College of Education and Kaye College of Education, Israel. She is the leading qualitative researcher in the Research Unit of the Tel Aviv-Yafo Municipality. She specializes in vulnerability theory, affect theory, sexualities, gender-based violence, and gender-based education. Her doctoral research, supervised by Prof. Miri Rozmarin (Bar-Ilan University), focuses on young women's sexual subjectivity and agency, analyzed through the lens of vulnerability and affect theories. Her post-doctorate research, supervised by Prof. Sharon Lamb (UMass Boston), focuses on gender-based vulnerabilities in educational spaces. Her current post-doctorate research, under the supervision of Prof. Dana Kaplan (Open University), examines young women's sexual subjectivity and vulnerability in digital dating spaces.

Education

2016-2023 Bar-Ilan University

Ph.D., Gender Studies Program

Date Awarded: 06/23

Supervisor: Dr. Miri Rozmarin

Dissertation title: Young Women's Sexual Subjectivity and Agency in Spaces of Sexual Vulnerability: The Israeli Case Study of "Attacking."

2001-2003 Tel Aviv University

M.A. (summa cum laude), Cohen Institute for Philosophy and History of Sciences and Ideas.

Date Awarded: 06/04

Supervisor: Prof. Eva Jablonka

Thesis Title: A Critical Analysis of the Feminist Perspectives Towards Technologies of Reproduction.

1997-1999 Tel Aviv University

B.Sc. (summa cum laude), Life Sciences, accelerated course for researchers (genetic engineering and neuro-biochemistry)

Time Awarded: 06/99

Courses

Girlhood Studies, Young Women's Sexuality, Girls at Risk, Vulnerability-Based Education, Sex-Education, Gender-Based Education, Feminist Activism.

Active Participation in Scientific Conferences

2024, September Coordinator, "Risks, Dangers, and Prices Paid in Feminist and Queer Activism," *Annual European Feminist Research Conference, AtGender*, Utrecht, Holand.

2024, August, "Young Women's Sexual Subjectivity and Vulnerability: Analysis of the Affective Atmosphere of 'Attacking' in Youth Leisure Spaces," *European Sociological Association Annual Conference, Porto*.

2024, August "Resilience and Vulnerability: Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Women Managing LGBTphobia in Rural Israel," *Annual Feminist and Queer Spatialities conference*, Dublin.

2024, April "Young Women's Sexual Expression and Vulnerability: Analysis of the Affective Atmosphere of "Attacking" Youth Leisure Spaces", *Critical Sexualities Research Workshop*, Ben-Gurion University.

2023, May "Young Women's Sexual Agency, Relationality, and Vulnerability." *From Childhood to Young Adulthood: Stratified Patterns of Childhood and Adolescence through a Life Course Perspective*. ISF, Academic College of Tel Aviv-Yaffo, Bar-Ilan University.

2022, December Academic Coordinator, *The Current Toolbox for Feminist Political Subjectivity*. Van Leer Jerusalem Institute.

2022, December "Affective Dissonance as an Epistemic and Methodological Tool." *The Current Toolbox for Feminist Political Subjectivity*, Van Leer Jerusalem Institute (Hebrew).

2022, June "Thinking Young Women's Sexual Subjectivity through Affective Dissonance." *The 38th Annual Conference of the Association of Israeli Studies*, Bar-Ilan University, Israel.

2022, June "Affective Dynamics and Young Women's Sexual Subjectivity: The Case Study of 'Attacking.'" *Annual European Feminist Research Conference, AtGender*. Milan.

2022, February "My Body Freezes – But I Continue: Affective Dynamics and Young Women's Sexual Subjectivity." *The 53rd Conference of the Israeli Sociological Society*. Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Hebrew).

2021, August "As if My Body Isn't Mine: Rethinking Hookup Culture and Sexual Vulnerability of Young Women." *European Sociological Association Annual Conference*. Barcelona.

2021, June "Sexuality of Young Women in a Vulnerable World: Relationality, Vulnerability, and Sexual Consent". *The 3rd Annual Haifa International Social Sciences Conference*, Israel.

2021, June Academic Coordinator, *Annual Conference of the Gender Studies Program*. Bar-Ilan University, Israel.

2021, May "Sexuality of Young Israeli Women: The Case of Vulnerability and Relationality." Mini-Conference, Gender Studies Program, Bar-Ilan University and Mainz University, Germany.

2020, November "Spaces of Attacking: Meanings of Sexual Consent in Spaces of Sexual Vulnerability." *The 3rd Congress of Men*. Bar-Ilan University, Israel (Hebrew).

2019, November "Entering into Academia – Marginalized Young Women as Participants in Academic Programs." *Shades in the Academy Conference*. Sapir Academic College, Israel (Hebrew).

2019, March "Creative Strategies and Sexual Subjectivity of Young Women in Spaces of Attacking." *Annual Conference of the Gender Studies Program*, Bar-Ilan University, Israel (Hebrew).

2019, January "Sexual Subjectivity of Young Women in Spaces of Attacking – The Case of Relational Agency." *The 50th conference of the Israeli Sociological Society*. Haifa, Israel (Hebrew).

Publications

Articles Published

Hartal, G., & Levi Herz, R. (2024). Resilience and vulnerability: Lesbian, bisexual, and transgender women managing LGBTphobia in rural Israel. *Feminist Criminology*, Vol. 19(4), 355-371.

Levi Herz, R., & Rozmarin, M. (2023). Young women's sexual agency, relationality, and vulnerability: The Israeli case study of "attacking." *Sexualities*.

<https://doi.org/10.1177/13634607231170847>

Levi Herz, R., & Rozmarin, M. (2023). Affective dynamics and young women's sexual subjectivity: The case study of the Israeli practice of 'attacking'. *Young*, 31(5).

<https://doi.org/10.1177/11033088231165582>

Levi Herz, R. (2023). "My body freezes – but I continue": Vulnerability-based education with young women. In *From exclusion to inclusion*, Vol. 23, 121-137. (Hebrew)

Levi Herz, R. (2020). Don't be a slut – or a virgin: The social judgment of young women's sexual behavior. *Gender*, 7. (Hebrew)

Articles Accepted

Levi Herz, R. (2024). The affective atmosphere of "attacking" youth leisure spaces: young women's vulnerability and sexual expression. *Special Issue of International Journal of the Sociology of Leisure* (forthcoming).

Levi Herz, R. (2024). Feminist research with young women: Sexualities, intensified vulnerability, and affective relations. *The Feminist Toolbox for Current Times*, Van-Leer Institute Press (Hebrew) (Forthcoming).

Published Chapters in Books

Levi Herz, R., & Rozmarin, M. (2024). Sexual vulnerability and affective relations: Rethinking young women's sex education. In *Questioning Gender Politics: Contextualising Educational Disparities in Uncertain Times*. Routledge

Books Edited

Rozmarin, M., & Levi Herz, R. Eds. (2024). *The Feminist Toolbox for Current Times*. Van-Leer Institute Press (Hebrew) (Forthcoming)