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**Academic Appointments**

	<b>University of Maryland</b>
2017–present	Associate Professor of Linguistics (Dept. of Linguistics)
2016–present	Associate Director of Guatemala Field Station
2014–present	Research Assistant Professor (Maryland Language Science Center)
2014–2017	Assistant Professor of Linguistics (Dept. of Linguistics)
2012–2014	<b>Syracuse University</b> Assistant Professor of Linguistics (Dept. of Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics)
2011–2012	<b>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</b> Post-doctoral Teaching Associate (Dept. of Linguistics and Philosophy)
(concurrent)	<b>Harvard University</b> Post-doctoral Research Fellow (Polinsky Lab)

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**Education**

2011	<b>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</b> Ph.D. in Linguistics
2006	<b>Tel Aviv University</b> M.A. in Linguistics
2004	<b>Tel Aviv University</b> B.Sc. in Computer Science and Linguistics

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**Publications**

**Book**

2014	Agreement and its failures. <i>Linguistic Inquiry Monographs</i> 68. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.
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**Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

UNDER REVIEW	What the PCC tells us about “abstract” agreement, head movement, and locality.
UNDER REVIEW	[with Maria Polinsky] The Agreement Theta Generalization.
2015	[with Theodore Levin] Case in Sakha: are two modalities really necessary? <i>Natural Language &amp; Linguistic Theory</i> 33(1): 231–250. DOI: 10.1007/s11049-014-9250-z
2014	[with Jessica Coon and Pedro Mateo Pedro] The role of case in A-bar extraction asymmetries: evidence from Mayan. <i>Linguistic Variation</i> 14(2): 179–242. DOI: 10.1075/lv.14.2.01coo

- 2013 That's not how you agree: A reply to Zeijlstra. *The Linguistic Review* 30(3): 491–500. doi: 10.1515/tlr-2013-0015
- 2012 The absence of an implicit object in unergatives: new and old evidence from Basque. *Glossa* [the journal formerly known as *Lingua*] 122(3): 278–288. doi: 10.1016/j.lingua.2011.04.007
- 2011 Asymmetries between person and number in syntax: a commentary on Baker's SCOPA. *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory* 29(4): 917–937. doi: 10.1007/s11049-011-9155-z
- 2009 Breaking agreements: distinguishing agreement and clitic-doubling by their failures. *Linguistic Inquiry* 40(4): 619–666. doi: 10.1162/ling.2009.40.4.619

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*in Refereed Volumes*

- TO APPEAR Back to the Future: Non-generation, filtration, and the heartbreak of interface-driven minimalism. In *Syntactic Structures after 60 Years: The Impact of the Chomyskan Revolution in Linguistics*, ed. Norbert Hornstein, Howard Lasnik, Pritty Patel-Grosz & Charles Yang. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter.
- 2010 Nested interrogatives and the locus of *wh*. In *The complementizer phase: subjects and operators*, ed. E. Phoivos Panagiotidis, 200–235. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2010 Failure to agree is not a failure: phi-agreement with post-verbal subjects in Hebrew. In *Linguistic Variation Yearbook 9*, ed. Jeroen Van Craenenbroeck & Johan Rooryck, 241–278. Amsterdam: John Benjamins. doi: 10.1075/livy.9.07pre
- 2009 [with Tal Siloni] Nominal voices. In *Quantification, definiteness, and nominalization*, ed. Anastasia Giannakidou & Monika Rathert, Vol. 24 of Oxford Studies in Theoretical Linguistics, 364–384. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2009 Long-distance agreement without probe-goal relations. In *Towards a derivational syntax: Survive-minimalism*, ed. Michael T. Putnam, 41–56. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- 2008 [with Naama Friedmann, Rama Novogrodsky & Ronit Szterman] Resumptive pronouns as last resort when movement is impaired: relative clauses in hearing impairment. In *Current issues in generative Hebrew linguistics*, ed. Sharon Armon-Lotem, Susan Rothstein & Gabi Danon, 267–290. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.

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*in Conference Proceedings*

- 2015 [with Jaklin Kornfilt] Nominative as *no case at all*: an argument from raising-to-accusative in Sakha. In *Proceedings of the 9th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL 9)*, MIT Working Papers in Linguistics 76, ed. Andrew Joseph & Esra Predolac, 109–120. Cambridge, MA: MITWPL.
- 2012 [with Jessica Coon] Towards a unified account of person splits. In *Proceedings of the 29th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 29)*, ed. Jaehoon Choi, Alan Houge, Jessamyn Schertz, Jeff Punske, Deniz Tat & Alex Trueman, 310–318. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Press.
- 2009 [with Jessica Coon] Positional roots and case absorption. In *Proceedings of SSILA 2008 (the Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas)*, ed. Heriberto Avelino, Jessica Coon & Elisabeth Norcliffe, 35–58. Cambridge, MA: MITWPL.
- 2008 (Im)perfect Domains: yet another theory of syntactic movement. In *Proceedings of the 26th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 26)*, ed. Charles B. Chang & Hannah J. Haynie, 402–410. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Press.

- 2006 Argument-mapping and extraction. In *Proceedings of the 36th meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 36)*, ed. Christopher Davis, Amy Rose Deal & Youri Zabbal, 493–504. Amherst, MA: GLSA.
- 2006 Nested interrogatives and the locus of *wh*. In *Proceedings of the 22nd conference of the Israeli Association for Theoretical Linguistics (IATL 22)*, ed. Yehuda Falk.

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***Other Publications***

- 2017 [with Jessica Coon] Split ergativity is not about ergativity. In *The Handbook of Ergativity*, ed. Jessica Coon, Diane Massam & Lisa Travis, 226–252. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2017 How can feature-sharing be asymmetric? Valuation as UNION over geometric feature structures. In *A Pesky Set: Papers for David Pesetsky*, ed. Claire Halpert, Hadas Kotek & Coppe van Urk, 493–502. Cambridge, MA: MITWPL.
- 2014 [with Maria Polinsky] Case and grammatical relations. In *The Routledge Handbook of Syntax*, ed. Andrew Carnie, Daniel Siddiqi & Yosuke Sato, 150–166. London: Routledge.
- 2013 “Agreement.” In *Oxford Bibliographies in Linguistics*, ed. Mark Aronoff. New York: Oxford University Press. URL: <http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/obo/page/linguistics>

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***Presentations***

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***Refereed Conference Presentations***

- [Oct 2017] 48th meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 48), special session on the Typology of Case [Reykjavík]  
*“No case for agreement (as a causer of case)”*
- Mar 2017 40th GLOW (Generative Linguistics in the Old World) Colloquium [Leiden]  
 [with Theodore Levin] *“M-MERGER as relabeling: a new approach to head movement and noun-incorporation”* (poster presentation)
- Mar 2015 Workshop on *Alternatives to Formal Features*, at the 37th Annual Meeting of the German Society of Linguistics (DGfS 37) [Leipzig]  
*“Syntactic operations exceed what the interfaces can account for (or: The heartbreak of interface-driven syntax)”*
- Sep 2013 Workshop on Differential Subject Marking and Ergativity, at the 46th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE 2013) [Split (Croatia)]  
 [with Jessica Coon] *“Severing Differential Subject Marking from Ergativity”*
- Aug 2013 9th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL 9) [Ithaca, NY]  
 [with Jaklin Kornfilt] *“Nominative as no case at all: An argument from raising-to-ACC in Sakha”*
- Sep 2012 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB 2012) [Manchester]  
 [with Theodore Levin] *“Case in Sakha: Are Two Modalities Really Necessary?”*
- Apr 2011 29th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 29) [Tucson, AZ]  
 47th annual meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS 47) [Chicago, IL]  
 [with Jessica Coon] *“Towards a unified account of person splits”*

- Jan 2011 85th Winter Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 85) [Pittsburgh, PA]  
 Oct 2010 41st meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 41) [Philadelphia, PA]  
 [with Jessica Coon] “*Transitivity in Chol: A new argument for the Split VP Hypothesis*”
- Jan 2010 84th Winter Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 84) [Baltimore, MD]  
 Nov 2009 University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU) Workshop on Ergativity [Bilbao]  
 “*Basque unergatives, case-competition, and ergative as inherent case*”
- Mar 2008 31st GLOW (Generative Linguistics in the Old World) Colloquium [Newcastle]  
 “*Long-distance agreement in Basque, locally speaking*”
- Jun 2007 2nd Brussels Conference on Generative Linguistics (BCGL 2) [Brussels]  
 Apr 2007 26th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 26) [Berkeley, CA]  
 “*Perfect domains*”
- Jul 2006 22nd conference of the Israeli Association for Theoretical Linguistics (IATL 22)  
 May 2006 Edges in Syntax [Nicosia]  
 “*Feature-inheritance at the phase boundary*”
- Oct 2005 36th meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 36) [Amherst, MA]  
 “*Argument-mapping and extraction*” (poster presentation)

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*Invited Conference Presentations*

- Feb 2017 Workshop in Honor of David Pesetsky’s 60th Birthday [Cambridge, MA]  
 “*Case in 2017: some thoughts*”
- Feb 2017 43rd annual conference of the Berkeley Linguistics Society (BLS 43) [Berkeley, CA]  
 “*Privativity in Syntax*”
- Sep 2016 Stanford Workshop on Head Movement [Stanford, CA]  
 “*What the PCC tells us about ‘abstract’ agreement, head movement, and locality*”
- Oct 2015 46th meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 46) [Montreal, QC]  
 “*Head movement, phrasal movement, and clitic doubling: towards a principled typology of locality conditions*”
- Oct 2015 Cornell Workshop on Aspect [Ithaca, NY]  
 “*Aspect-tense dissociations and their consequences for case & agreement*”
- Sep 2015 “How to Make Things Happen in the Grammar: the Implementation of Obligatoriness” —  
 Workshop held as part of TbiLLC 2015: the Eleventh International Tbilisi Symposium on  
 Language, Logic and Computation [Tbilisi]  
 “*The grammar(s) of ungrammaticality*”
- Aug 2015 17th Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG 17) — Kyung Hee  
 University [Seoul]  
*plenary speaker: four 3-hour lectures on case and agreement in generative grammar*
- Dec 2011 6th Brussels Conference on Generative Linguistics (BCGL 6) [Brussels]  
 “*Filters vs. Triggers: deriving the obligatoriness of agreement*”

- Feb 2017 Berkeley Syntax & Semantics Circle [Berkeley, CA]  
May 2016 Centre for General Linguistics (ZAS) [Berlin]  
*“What the PCC tells us about ‘abstract’ agreement, head movement, and locality”*
- May 2016 University of Leipzig – IGRA Colloquium Series [Leipzig]  
*“Feeding relations and their breakdowns: a theory of dative intervention”*
- Apr 2015 NYU Syntax Brown-Bag [New York, NY]  
Apr 2015 University of Connecticut Linguistics Colloquium [Storrs, CT]  
*“Upwards and onwards”*
- Feb 2015 UCLA Linguistics Colloquium [Los Angeles, CA]  
*“Beyond interface conditions”*
- Oct 2014 UMass Amherst Linguistics Colloquium [Amherst, MA]  
Oct 2014 University of Delaware Linguistics Colloquium [Newark, DE]  
Sep 2014 Georgetown University, Department of Linguistics, Friday Speaker Series [Washington, DC]  
*“The syntax (and morphology) of non-valuation”*
- Apr 2014 University of Maryland Department of Linguistics Colloquium [College Park, MD]  
*“Correlation and causation in case & agreement”*
- Feb 2014 Cornell University Department of Linguistics Colloquium [Ithaca, NY]  
*“Beyond interface conditions”*
- Nov 2012 McGill University Ling-Lunch [Montreal, QC]  
*“Partial agreement and the direction of valuation”*
- Feb 2012 NYU Syntax Brown-Bag [New York, NY]  
*“Agreement in Kichean and Zulu: filtration vs. strict generativity”*
- Dec 2011 Ben-Gurion University Linguistics Colloquium [Beer-Sheva]  
*“Against ‘crashes’: evidence from Kichean and Zulu”*
- Mar 2011 LUCL Syntax Lab [Leiden]  
*“The nature of syntactic computation: evidence from agreement”*
- Oct 2010 Yale Syntax Colloquium [New Haven, CT]  
*“The origins of obligatoriness: evidence from agreement failures”*
- Apr 2008 CUNY Syntax-Supper [New York, NY]  
*“Breaking agreements: distinguishing agreement and clitic-doubling by their failures”*
- Jan 2008 Ben-Gurion University Linguistics Colloquium [Beer-Sheva]  
*“Agreement, its reach, and its failures: the case of dialectal Basque”*
- Apr 2007 Harvard University Linguistic Theory Reading Group [Cambridge, MA]  
*“Perfect domains”*

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**Semester-Length Courses****University of Maryland, Dept. of Linguistics**

- [Fall 2017] • “*Morphology*” [graduate course]  
• “*Linguistic Theory and Computation*” (co-taught w/Philip Resnik) [graduate seminar]
- Spring 2017 • “*Issues in Syntax*” (co-taught w/Norbert Hornstein) [graduate course]  
• “*Linguistic Field Methods*” (co-taught w/Maria Polinsky) [graduate course]
- Fall 2016 • “*Linguistic Field Methods*” (co-taught w/Maria Polinsky) [graduate course]  
• “*Head movement, noun incorporation, and clitic doubling*” (co-taught w/Theodore Levin) [graduate syntax seminar]
- Spring 2016 • “*Structure of Mayan Languages*” (co-taught w/Maria Polinsky) [graduate course]  
• “*Syntax II*” [undergraduate course]
- Spring 2015 • “*Issues in Syntax*” (co-taught w/Norbert Hornstein) [graduate course]  
• “*Syntax II*” [undergraduate course]
- Fall 2014 • “*Linguistic Field Methods*” (language: Oromo) [graduate course]

**Syracuse University, Dept. of Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics**

- Spring 2014 • “*Linguistic Field Methods*” (language: Shi) [graduate course]  
• “*Languages of the World (Introduction to Linguistics)*” [undergraduate course]
- Fall 2013 • “*Advanced Syntax*” [graduate course]  
• “*English Words: A Linguistic Introduction*” [undergraduate course]
- Spring 2013 • “*Linguistic Field Methods*” (language: Kinyarwanda) [graduate course]
- Fall 2012 • “*Comparative Morphosyntax*” [graduate course]  
• “*English Words: A Linguistic Introduction*” [undergraduate course]

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Dept. of Linguistics and Philosophy**

- Spring 2012 • “*Introduction to Linguistics*” [undergraduate course]
- Fall 2011 • “*Syntactic Models*” [graduate course]

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**Shorter Courses****NYI: The NY-St. Petersburg Institute of Linguistics, Cognition, and Culture** (directed by John F. Bailyn)

- July 2017 • “*The many failures of Agree*” [3 week course]

**University of Bucharest / Institute of Linguistics of the Romanian Academy**

- October 2016 • “*Agreement: a crash-course*” [2 day seminar]

**ACTL** (Advanced Core Training in Linguistics summer school, in London; run jointly by Cambridge, Essex, Kent, Oxford, QMUL, SOAS, and UCL)

- June 2013 • “*The Syntax of Phi*” [1 week course]

**Lectures at LUCL (Leiden)**

- March 2011 • “*Agreement and case: Patterns, interactions, and implications*” [3 day seminar]

### Eastern Generative Grammar (EGG) summer-school

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| August 2010<br>(Constanța) | • “Introduction to Syntax: part II”                 | [1 week course] |
|                            | • “Recent developments in the theory of ergativity” | [1 week course] |
| August 2009<br>(Poznań)    | • “Introduction to Syntax”                          | [2 week course] |
|                            | • “Agreement and its failures”                      | [1 week course] |

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### Supervision

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#### Fieldwork

#### UMD-LSC Guatemala Field Station

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| 2017 | • Associate Director, <i>Summer Field School</i> , May–June 2017 |
| 2016 | • Associate Director, <i>Summer Field School</i> , June 2016     |

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#### Ph.D. theses

#### University of Maryland

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| 2017 | • Dongwoo Park, <i>When does Ellipsis Occur, and What is Elided?</i> | [co-advisor, w/Howard Lasnik] |
| 2015 | • Sayaka Goto, <i>A Theory of Generalized Pied-Piping</i>            | [committee member]            |

#### Other Institutions

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| 2015 | • Theodore Levin (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), <i>Licensing without Case</i>  | [committee member] |
| 2015 | • Laura Siebecker (Georgetown University), <i>The Basque Auxiliary Verb: Morphosyntactic Analysis and Implications for Second Language Acquisition</i> | [committee member] |

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#### Ph.D. candidacy / qualifying papers

#### University of Maryland

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| 2014 | • Dongwoo Park, <i>Korean and Japanese Specificational Pseudoclefts as Focus NP Extraction</i> | [co-supervisor] |
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#### M.A. theses

#### Syracuse University

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| 2014 | • Iara Mantenuto, <i>Topics in Oneida</i>                                  | [supervisor] |
| 2013 | • Sözen Özkan, <i>The Syntax of Multiple Internal Arguments in Turkish</i> | [supervisor] |

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*Grants & Awards*

- 2017            **University of Maryland**  
*Co-Principle Investigator, Global Partnerships – Faculty Travel Grant (Office of International Affairs): “Documentation of Mayan languages in contact” (\$5,000)*
- 2014            **Syracuse University**  
Excellence in Graduate Education Faculty Recognition Award  
*“The Excellence in Graduate Education Faculty Recognition Award honors faculty members whose dedication to graduate students and commitment to excellence in graduate teaching and mentoring have made a significant contribution to graduate education at Syracuse University.”*
- 2010            **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**  
James A. & Ruth Levitan Teaching Award  
*“Given by the School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences to faculty, lecturers or teaching assistants who have demonstrated outstanding success in teaching undergraduate and graduate students, and who have been nominated by students themselves for work above and beyond the ordinary classroom responsibilities.”*

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*Service*

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*Reviewing*

- JOURNALS      *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory* (15 manuscripts); *Linguistic Inquiry* (member of Associate Editorial Board; 12 manuscripts, 2 squibs); *Glossa* [the journal formerly known as *Lingua*] (6 manuscripts); *Syntax* (4 manuscripts); *Linguistic Variation* (4 manuscripts); *Language* (2 manuscripts); *Linguistic Analysis* (2 manuscripts); *Canadian Journal of Linguistics* (2 manuscripts); *The Linguistic Review* (1 manuscript).
- BOOK SERIES    *Open Generative Syntax [LangSci Press]* (member of Editorial Board).
- CONFERENCES    43rd, 45th, 47th, and 48th meetings of the *North East Linguistic Society (NELS 43, 45, 47, and 48)*; 33rd conference of the *Israeli Association for Theoretical Linguistics (IATL 33)*; 30th, 32nd, 34th, and 35th *West Coast Conferences on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 30, 32, 34, and 35)*; 34th, 36th, 37th, 39th, and 40th *GLOW (Generative Linguistics in the Old World Colloquia)*; 50th and 52nd annual meetings of the *Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS 50 and 52)*; member of scientific committee for the *Workshop on Unergative predicates: Architecture and variation (UnergPred18)*; 2nd conference on *Formal Approaches to Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi 2)*; 6th *Brussels Conference on Generative Linguistics (BCGL 6)*; 18th meeting of the *Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA 18)*.
- MISC.            *National Science Foundation (NSF)*, ad hoc reviewer; *National Research Foundation of Korea*, ad hoc reviewer; *Oxford Handbook of Ergativity* (Oxford University Press); Proceedings of the 20th conference on *Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics (FASL 20)*; *Romance Languages & Linguistic Theory 2010 & 2009* (John Benjamins).

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*Other*

- 2015–present    member of the College of Arts & Humanities *Collegiate Council*, University of Maryland
- 2015            Maryland Language Science Center, “Winter Storm” workshop:  
*presenter, “Scales & Hierarchies as a Window into the Domain-Specificity Question”*



- 2014 Tel Aviv University / University of Maryland joint workshop in linguistics: *co-organizer*  
[with Roni Katzir (TAU), Colin Phillips (UMD)]
- 2013 Syracuse University Tolley Minnowbrook Conference: *discussant*, “Digital Pedagogies”
- 2013 Syracuse University Future Professoriate Program Conference: *presenter*, “Using WordPress as a Teaching Platform”
- 2009 40th meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 40): *webmaster*
- 2008–2009 MIT Linguistics Colloquium series: *co-organizer*
- 2008 syntax/semantics search committee, MIT Dept. of Linguistics and Philosophy: *student representative*

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***Languages Spoken***

English (*native*), Hebrew (*native*), Spanish

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***Other Professional Experience***

Proficient in the following programming languages:

- C/C++
- Java
- Python

Held positions as software developer at the following companies:

- 2003–2005 **Cav Systems** (Caesarea, Israel)
- 2001–2003 **Personeta, Inc.** (Hod-HaSharon, Israel)
- 1994–1995 **Intel, Inc.** (Haifa, Israel)