

The United States-Israel Educational Foundation Welcomes Fulbright Senior Scholars Fellows at Haifa University: Robin Amy Elman, Jamie Kneitel, Jay P. Singh and Liat Gafni Lachter

The United States-Israel Educational Foundation (USIEF) is pleased to announce the arrival of four 2017-2018 visiting fellows with distinguished backgrounds in academia: **Robin Amy Elman**, Professor of Political Science, **Jamie Kneitel**, Professor of Ecology, **Jay P. Singh**, Clinical Associate Professor of Psychology and **Liat Gafni Lachter**, Postdoctoral Fellow of Medical Science.

Robin Amy Elman is Professor of Political Science at Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo MI. She was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship for her project "Contemporary Antisemitism, Anti-Zionism and the Politics of Pinkwashing" at Haifa University. This project follows the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement's efforts to discredit Israel's adoption of progressive policies pertaining to lesbian and gay rights – efforts BDS insists serve as a smokescreen to conceal the human rights of Palestinians. This perception has gained traction in the United States since 2010, when the concept of "pinkwashing" was first introduced by academics there. What impact, if any, has BDS had within Israel on those committed to the adoption, maintenance and expansion of those rights?



Jamie Kneitel is a Professor of Ecology at California State University, Sacramento. He was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to pursue the project "A Synthesis of Seasonal Wetland Ecology in Mediterranean Climate Regions" at the University of Haifa. His research aims to understand the effects of environmental variation on species diversity and ecosystem functioning in seasonal wetlands. At the University of Haifa, Jamie will address this for comparison to California wetlands and synthesize the current work from each of the Mediterranean climate regions.



Jay P. Singh, is a Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Pennsylvania. He was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to pursue his project "Exploring Forensic Risk Assessment Practices in Israel" at the University of Haifa. His research aims to survey the use and perceived utility of forensic risk assessment tools among psychologists, clinical criminologists, and social workers in the country. After serving as Senior Clinical Researcher in Forensic Psychiatry and Psychology for the Swiss Department of Justice (Zurich Canton), he founded the Global Institute of Forensic Research.



Liat Gafni Lachter was awarded a Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellowship to pursue her research project titled "Promoting Family-Centered Care: Measuring the Effect of an Interdisciplinary Intervention" at the University of Haifa, Israel. During the study, she will implement a training program for interdisciplinary healthcare providers while measuring change in participants' clinical skills and expertise in provision of family-centered care. Liat's doctoral studies took place at Boston University and focused on promoting quality healthcare by means of interdisciplinary education and mentoring. These studies were conducted under the supervision of Prof. Ellen Cohn and Prof. Karen Jacobs. Liat is an occupational therapist and aspires to see the findings of this study be integrated into everyday clinical practice with children and their families.



About the USIEF: The Governments of the United States and Israel established the Foundation in 1956 to administer the Fulbright Program in Israel. The objective of the Foundation is to advance knowledge by contributing to both the Israeli and American higher education environments.

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