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CURRICULUM VITAE

Personal Details

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Higher Education

B.Ed. 1994-1998, Beit Berl College, Informal Education and Social Sciences

M.A. 2006-2009, Bar Ilan University, Social Education

Ph.D. 2021-present, West University of Timisoara, Faculty of management. Dissertation title: "The Impact of the Community Center's CEO's Leadership Style on the Performance of the Community Center in Israel". Advisor: Prof. Nicolae Bibu

Academic Ranks and Tenure in Institutes of Higher Education

| Dates | Institution and Department | Rank/Position |
|-----------------------|--|----------------------|
| February 2022-present | School of Education, College of Management | Senior lecturer |

Academic Positions

| Dates | Institution and Department | Rank/Position |
|----------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| October 2021-present | School of Education, College of Management | Chair of Student Liaison Committee |
| October 2020-present | School of Education, College of Management | Head of BA program |
| October 2019-present | School of Education, College of Management | Member of Teaching Committee |
| October 2016-2019 | School of Education, The Center for Academic Studies Or-Yehuda | Deputy head of BA program |

Participation in Scholarly Conferences



a. **Active Participation**

| Date | Name of Conference | Place | Subject of Lecture/Discussion | Role |
|---------------|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|-------------|
| November 2020 | Global Forum Virtual Educa | Lisbon, Portugal | Connected education | Participant |
| October 2020 | Reimagining Social Institutions | The Social Science Research Council and SAGE Publishing, USA | Reimagining Schools | Participant |

b. **Organization of Conferences or Sessions**

| Date | Name of Conference | Place | Subject/Role of Conference, Comments | Role |
|---------------|--|-------------------|---|--|
| June 2016 | Looking to the Future – Diversity not Division | Israel | Including youth in developing norms, values and action in civil society | Organizer Initiator Head of steering committee |
| April 2016 | Hand in Hand – building bridges of understanding for youth | Israel | Fight Racism and Xenophobia | Joint Organizer Initiator Head of steering committee |
| December 1999 | The Community Global Village | Israel and Jordan | Developing tools for effective community work in multicultural society | Organizer Initiator Head of steering committee |

Invited Lectures \ Colloquium Talks

| Date | Place of Lecture | Name of Forum | Presentation/Comments |
|---------------|------------------------------|---|---|
| February 2020 | Universidad Hebraica, Mexico | Innovation in Education | The Contribution of Elderly Volunteering in Community - Oriented schools to Gaining Social Capital |
| December 2019 | Israel | Communities of the Future – JCC Global Conference | Elderly Volunteering as a Social Capital Factor - The Case of Schools and Community Centers in Israel |
| November 2019 | West University of Timisoara | Global SIM Conference on Management | The influence of stakeholders on the management and work of a community center in Israel |
| December 2018 | Israel | Dov Lautman Conference on Education Policy | Involvement of Youth in Community Centers |

Teaching



a. **Courses Taught in Recent Years**

| Year | Course Name | Type: Lecture/Seminar/Workshop/ High Learn Course/Introduction | Degree | No. of Students |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|---|--------|-----------------|
| 2010-present | Seminar (B.A students) | Advisor | BA | 100/y |
| 2014-2021 | Academic Writing and Literacy | Lecture | BA | 120/y |
| 2010-2021 | Major Trends in Israeli Society | Lecture | BA | 200/y |
| 2017-2021 | Basic concepts in informal education | Lecture | BA | 90/y |
| 2016-2018 | Youth cultures in the modern world | Lecture | BA | 120/y |
| 2015-2017 | Public Management and Volunteering | Lecture | BA | 90/y |

b. **Development of Academic Courses**

| Institution | Course Name | Status | Reviewing factor |
|--|---------------------------|------------|---|
| College of Management, School of Education | Advanced Academic Writing | Approved | Teaching committee, Dean of the School of education |
| College for Academic Studies in Or Yehuda | Academic Writing | Approved | Teaching committee, Dean of the School of education |
| College for Academic Studies in Or Yehuda | Trends in Israeli Society | Approved | Teaching committee, Dean of the School of education |
| College of Management, School of Education | Hebrew language studies | In writing | - |

Scholarships, Awards and Prizes

| Topic | Funded by/Amount | Year |
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| Appreciation award for promoting the EU Youth Program - Euromed | Ministry of Education, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Israel Youth Exchange Authority | 2016 |
| Award of Excellence for youth work in Israel | EU | 2013 |
| Certificate of recognition | IFCC | 1999 |

Professional Experience

I have over 30 years' experience in community work, community centers and non-formal education through my work at the Israeli Association of Community Centers and other settings. I began my career as the director of the Jerusalem Writers' House, with adults and youth, focusing on the development and preservation of Hebrew literature for the community.

Throughout my rich career, spanning over 30 years, I have developed dozens of educational and social programs for youth and communities. My areas of expertise lie in the fields of non-formal education and community development - at the local, national and international levels - including the management, control and evaluation of these programs.

Throughout its years of operation in Israel, I served as a member of the point team for the leading European Union youth program in the Mediterranean, the Euromed Youth Program. In recognition of my contribution to the success of this program, the Israeli Ministries of Education and Foreign Affairs awarded me a prize.

Currently:

Executive Director -The Israel Federation of Community Centers, (Since 2010).

Board member JCC GLOBAL - Jewish Community Centers, (since 2007).

Board member - the IFS – International Federation of Settlements and Neighborhood Centers, (since 2015).

Member of the Israeli Youth Award Committee of the local authorities and the Ministry of Education (since 2016).

PUBLICATIONS



Ph.D. Dissertation

“The Impact of the Community Center's CEO's Leadership Style on the Performance of the Community Center in Israel”. English. 200 pages. Advisor: Prof. Nicolae Bibu. West University of Timisoara, Faculty of management.

Articles in Refereed Journals - Published

1. Isler, E. (2021). Community Centers in Israel during the COVID-19 Pandemic - A Collective Impact. *Advances in Applied Sociology* Vol.11 No.9, September 16, 2021 DOI: 10.4236/aasoci.
2. Isler, E., Bibu N., Dananita D., Sala D., (2021). The Impact of the Community Center's CEO's Leadership Style on the Performance of the Community Center in Israel. *Timisoara Journal of Management*.
3. Isler, E. (2021). The contribution of elderly volunteering in community-oriented schools to gaining social capital, *International Electronic Scientific and Practical Journal WayScience*.
4. Isler, E. (2020). The Leader's Effect: The Leader's contribution to the community's Social Capital, *MOVILIM journal*, Shearey Mishpat College, Vol 1 2020, 29 pages. (Hebrew).

Articles in Conference Proceedings - Published

5. Bibu, N., & Isler, E. (2019, October). The Influence of Stakeholders on the Management and Work of a Community Center in Israel. In: *International Symposium in Management Innovation for Sustainable Management and Entrepreneurship* (pp. 271-282). Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-44711-3_20

Accepted for Publication

6. Isler E. The CEO and the Community Center's Performance: The Moderating Role of Community Awareness.

Other Works

An active partner in writing and editing the monthly professional bulletin of the Israel Association of Community Centers. 2000-2007

Director of professional publications, The Israel Federation of Community Centers. 2010-2015.

Summary of My Research Activities and Future Plans



I have been involved in the planning and execution of at least three seminars annually on topics that have emerged from the community, and for the community. I have planned and produced professional conferences in Israel and abroad for local, national and international audiences. All revolving around the topics of community, non-formal education and social change. The main issues include - community in a multicultural society, integration of populations with special needs in community work, the connection between formal and informal education, environmental preservation, acceptance of the other and more. I am considered an authority in these fields and am consulted by peers and colleagues both in Israel and around the world.

Besides conferences and seminars, I have also been involved in the development of grassroots work programs and practicum, that emphasize 'best practice' learnt from the field. As part of my responsibilities at the Israel Association of Community Centers, I headed a team that provided these solutions to field staff and managers country wide. More recently, I have managed the Israel Federation of Community Centers – a national member network of over 600 community centers – with its aim of building a stronger civil society.