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Public sector executive, researcher, and educator specializing in local government governance, transparency, and collaborative public policy.

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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Management

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel

Oct 2019 - Jul 2026

Thesis:

Transparency, Integrity and Ethics in Local Government

Supervisors:

Prof. Yotam Lurie, Prof. Fany Yuval

LL.B, Law

Sapir Academic College, Israel

Oct 2009 - Jun 2013

Master of Arts, Economics

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel

Oct 2006 - Jun 2011

Thesis:

Multiple Variable Beta

Supervisor:

Prof. Shalit Haim

Diploma in Accounting

Bar-Ilan University, Israel

Oct 2006 - Jun 2009

Bachelor of Arts, Economics

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel

Oct 2001 - Jun 2006

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer

Jerusalem Multidisciplinary College, Israel

Course title: Transparency in the Public Sector in the Digital Age. Developed and taught the course, including, office hours, and examinations.

Mar 2026 - Present



TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel

Course title: Transparency in Local Government: Between Routine and Crisis. Developed and Delivered Lectures, office hours, and examinations.

Oct 2023 - Jun 2024

Teaching Assistant

Sapir Academic College, Israel

Course title: Introduction to Microeconomics. Performed all duties of T.A., including weekly tutorials, office hours, and marking.

Mar 2006 - Sep 2006

Teacher

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel

Course title: Computers for Economists. Delivered Lectures, office hours, and examinations.

Oct 2006 - Feb 2007

Teaching Assistant

Sapir Academic College, Israel

Course title: Introduction to Macroeconomics. Delivered tutorials, counselled students experiencing difficulties, graded term papers and final examination.

Mar 2006 - Jul 2006



WORK EXPERIENCE

Deputy District Commissioner (Southern District)

Ministry of Interior, Israel

Responsible for supporting the District Commissioner in implementing the Ministry's policy across local authorities.

Jan 2015 - Present

Accomplishments / Tasks

- ◆ Key areas: Local government regulation, elections administration, municipal governance, public policy and intergovernmental coordination.
- ◆ Selected Achievements: Led the district's preparedness and coordination for the 2023 Local Government Elections across 38 local authorities.
- ◆ Directed regional emergency preparedness and continuity planning for local authorities during periods of crisis.
- ◆ Led initiatives to promote transparency, public participation, and access to information in local government.
- ◆ Coordinated the implementation of national government decisions and cross-sector initiatives in collaboration with multiple ministries and municipal authorities.
- ◆ Represented the Ministry of the Interior in intergovernmental committees, professional forums, and executive recruitment committees for municipal corporations.
- ◆ Served as Acting Southern District Commissioner when required, providing executive leadership and continuity of district operations.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Law Intern

Ilan Tzinman Law Firm, Israel

Drafting pleadings, civil litigation, attending settlement and pre-trial settlement conferences, and working with legal details.

Jan 2014 - Jan 2015

Accomplishments / Tasks

- ♦ Areas of expertise: Labor Law and Tort Law.
- ♦ Drafted pleadings and legal documents, assisted in civil litigation proceedings, participated in settlement and pre-trial conferences, and supported case management.

Accountant

Shecter & Co., Accounting firm, Israel

Auditing and review of financial statements, financial statements preparation, and tax statements.

Jun 2010 - Jun 2014

Accomplishments / Tasks

- ♦ Areas of expertise: Industry and trade, non-profit organizations, and the private sector.
- ♦ Conducted external audits, prepared and reviewed financial statements, and prepared tax filings for private companies and non-profit organizations.

Accounting Intern

BDO Accounting and Consulting firm, Israel

Assisted in external audits, prepared financial statements and tax reports, and supported accounting and compliance activities for private companies and non-profit organizations.

Jun 2008 - Jun 2010

CONFERENCES & COURSES

28th World Congress of Political Science

International Political Science Association (IPSA)

Jan 2025 - Jan 2025 | Seoul, Republic of Korea

Takeaways

- ♦ Decision-Making Transparency in Local Government.

8th Global Conference on Transparency Research

The Global Conference on Transparency Research (GCTR)

Jan 2024 - Jan 2024 | Brussels, Belgium

Takeaways

- ♦ Transparency in Local Government: Exploring the Citizens' Beliefs and Attitudes Toward Transparency through a Systematic Review of the Literature.

62nd ERSA Congress

The European Regional Science Association (ERSA)

Jan 2023 - Jan 2023 | Alicante, Spain

Takeaways

- ♦ Decision-Making Transparency in Local Governments.
- ♦ Transparency in Local Government: Exploring the Citizens' Beliefs and Attitudes Toward Transparency through a Systematic Review of the Literature.

CONFERENCES & COURSES

For a full list of conferences and presentations, please visit:

<https://margaritabarar.com/>

AWARDS

Best Paper Award – Graduate Research Workshop

In Memory of the Late Prof. Gad Barzilai, Israeli Political Science Association

(IPSA-Israel), Reichman University, Israel

Jun 2025

Research Grant Recipient

Culture, Society, and Technology Research Group and the Data Science Center

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel

Mar 2025

The Feher Institute for Public Policy and Management award for Excellence

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel

Jun 2022

Scholarship for Excellence in an Internship Project and Contribution to Industry Promotion

Sapir Academic College, Israel

Jun 2011

Professor Ehud Zuscovitch Memorial Scholarship

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel

Jun 2007

ORGANIZATIONS

Attorney-at-Law, License No. 73349

State of Israel, Ministry of Justice

2015 - Present

Certified Public Accountant (CPA), License No. 112420

State of Israel, Ministry of Justice

2011 - Present

Member

Institute of Certified Public Accountants in Israel

2011 - Present

Member

IIA Israel - Institute of Internal Auditors

2021 - Present

ORGANIZATIONS

Elected Board Member

Research Committee 48 – Administrative Culture (RC48)

International Political Science Association (IPSA)

2025 - Present

Member

Forum for Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), Israeli Bar Association

2022 - Present

Member

Forum on Constitutional Law and Human Rights, Israeli Bar Association

2026 - Present

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Director

Negev Development Authority, Israel

Mar 2021 - Present

Chair and founder of the non-profit organization

"The Youth Create the Future", Israel

Jan 2008 - Dec 2012

SKILLS

Public Sector Management, Local Government, Governance, Public Policy, Transparency & Integrity, Mixed-Methods Research, Quantitative & Qualitative Research, Higher Education Teaching.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Group Name

Statistical Analysis: STATA, SPSS, AMOS, Qualitative Data Analysis: ATLAS.ti, AI Tools for Research & Academic Writing: ChatGPT, Microsoft Copilot, Reference Management: RefWorks.

LANGUAGES

English, Hebrew, Russian

Full Professional Proficiency



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Ph.D. supervisor

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Professor Shalit Haim

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Thesis supervisor, Emeritus

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