

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## EDUCATION

PhD. 2011, English Literature (*Cum Laude*). University of Haifa, Israel.

M.A. 2007, Children's Literature (Merit). University of Reading, UK.

M.A. 2004, English Literature, University of Haifa, Israel.

Teaching Diploma in English, (*Cum Laude*), 2002, University of Haifa, Israel.

B.A. 2001, English language and literature and General Studies (*Cum Laude*), University of Haifa, Israel.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Folklore
- Children's Literature
- Fantasy Literature

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2010-present	Lecturer, Gordon College of Education, Haifa English Literature
2005-present	Teacher, Ort Braude College of Engineering Karmiel, English Studies Unit
2003-2008	Teacher, Ort Braude College of Engineering Gifted Children's Center Advanced English for gifted 8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> graders
2003-2004	Neurocognitive Research Laboratory University of Haifa Preparatory course for the MA entrance exam in English

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### **ORT Braude College of Engineering:**

#### **Undergraduate Courses:**

Advanced English Level 1  
Advanced English Level 2 – Software  
Myths and Legends

### **Gordon College of Education**

#### **Undergraduate Courses:**

Introduction to Prose and Drama  
20<sup>th</sup> Century Literature

Style and Comprehension

Written Expression

Writing and Editing

## **ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL AWARDS AND GRANTS**

2007 University of Haifa, Conference Participation Award

2003 University of Haifa, Excellence Scholarship

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

### **ORT Braude College:**

2011 – present Member, Academic Affairs committee

### **Conferences:**

Accio 2008: A Harry Potter Conference, Magdalen College, Oxford, UK, July 2008: "Impaled on Its Own Sword: The Self-Destructiveness of Evil in the *Harry Potter* series"

Prophecy 2007: From Hero to Legend, Toronto, Canada August, 2007: "Rowling's Devil: Ancient Archetype or Modern Manifestation?"

## **LIST OF PUBLICATIONS**

### **Refereed Papers**

1. Berman, Lauren. "Rowling's Devil: Ancient Archetype of Modern Manifestation?" *The Journal for the Academic Study of Magic*, 4 (2007): 163-196.
2. Berman, Lauren. "Dragons and Serpents in J. K. Rowling's *Harry Potter* Series: Are They Evil?" *Mythlore: A Journal of J. R. R. Tolkien, C. S. Lewis, Charles Williams, and Mythopoeic Literature*. 27: 1-2 [103-104] (2008), 45-65.
3. Berman, Lauren. "Culture and Disease in *The X-Files*". *Journal of Popular Culture* (under revision).
4. Berman, Lauren. "Time Travel in Jane Yolen's *The Devil's Arithmetic* and Janet Lunn's *The Root Cellar*". *The Lion & The Unicorn* (in preparation).
5. Berman, Lauren. "You are Who You Eat: Cannibalism in Myth, Folklore and Urban Legend". *Journal of Folklore* (in preparation).
6. Berman, Lauren. "The Death Motif in Robert Louis Stevenson's *Treasure Island*". *Children's Literature* (in preparation).

### **Books**

1. Berman, Lauren. "The Philosophy of Evil in Harry Potter." (Under Revision, Taylor & Francis publishers).

### **Conference Proceedings and Abstracts**

1. Berman, Lauren. "Impaled on Its Own Sword: The Self-Destructiveness of Evil in the Harry Potter Series." *Proceedings of Accio 2008: A Harry Potter Series, Magdalen College, Oxford, July 25-26, 2008. Pp.16-21.*