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**EDUCATION**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Degree</b>	<b>Institution</b>
2006-2008	B.A.	Bar-Ilan University
2010-2012	M.A	Bar-Ilan University
2013-2015	Ph.D.	Bar-Ilan University
<b><u>THESIS:</u></b>	<i>Child Abuse Therapists: Factors of Secondary Traumatization, Vicarious Post Traumatic Growth and Sense of Treatment Effectiveness among Child Protection Workers in Israel.</i>	
<b><u>SUPERVISOR:</u></b>	Prof. Haya Itzhaky	
	Dr. Anat Ben Porat.	
<b>Post-Doctoral:</b>	University of Pennsylvania (UPenn), supervised by the head of PhD program, Prof. Ram Cnaan.	

**COURSES TAUGHT/TEACING EXPERIENCE**

Undergraduate:

B.A

2016 – Research seminar for 'Hashlama' program, Bar Ilan University

2014-2016 – Group intervention method for B.A students, 'Michlala Haredit' (Ultra-Orthodox collage).

Graduate:

M.A.

2017- Small group dynamics and teamwork, Collective trauma and community resilience, Clinical intervetions for community social workers, Group intervention method

Ph.D

2015- 2016 – co-lecturer with Prof. Ram Cnaan, Social policy.

**MAIN RESEARCH INTERESTS**

1. Trends in child welfare and youth law development – comparative analysis.
2. Secondary Traumatization and Post Traumatic Growth.
3. Social work supervision.
4. Mental health after natural disasters.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

I made a review on a manuscript for 'Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy' journal. The manuscript topic was: Crisis Counselor Perceptions of Job Training, Stress, and Satisfaction during Disaster.

## LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

### ARTICLES IN REFEREED JOURNALS

1. Kissil, K., Itzhaky, H., **Weiss-Dagan, S.** (2016). International tourists' reactions to a natural disaster: Experiences of the 2015 earthquake in Nepal among Israeli travelers, *Journal of Traumatic Stress*, 29, 522-529.
2. **Weiss-Dagan, S.**, Ben-Porat, A., Itzhaky, H. (2016). Child protection workers dealing with child abuse: The contribution of personal, social and organizational resources to secondary traumatization. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 51, 203-211.
3. Itzhaky, H. **Weiss-Dagan, S.**, Ben-Porat, A. The contribution of effective supervision and its three functions to the secondary traumatization of social workers who treats child abuse. *Society & Welfare* (Hebrew, in press).
4. Itzhaky, H., **Weiss-Dagan, S.**, Taubman Ben-Ari, O., Internal and community recourses' contribution to level of posttraumatic symptoms - The case of tourists after the earthquake in Nepal, 2015. *Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy* (2017).

### Submitted papers:

1. **Weiss-Dagan, S.**, Itzhaky H., Ben-Porat, A. What can make supervision of social workers dealing with child abuse more effective? 22.11.17
2. Kissil, K., Itzhaky, H., **Weiss-Dagan, S.**, & Brafman, D. Perceived community cohesion among international tourists following the 2015 earthquake in Nepal. 4.17
3. **Weiss-Dagan, S.**, Taubman Ben-Ari, O., Itzhaky, H. Backpackers in Nepal's earthquake 2015: The contribution of personal and social resources to mental health. 23.10.17

### Non-Refereed Publications

1. **Weiss-Dagan, S.** (2015) Helping ourselves deal with the pain of others: Secondary traumatization syndrome and vicarious traumatization. Available at: <http://bordercriminologies.law.ox.ac.uk/traumatization-helping-ourselves/> (In 'Broder Criminology' website, *University of Oxford*).

### III. PAPERS PRESENTED AT SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCES

1. 2016 – 12<sup>th</sup> International Interdisciplinary Conference on Clinical Supervision, **Adelphi University, New York**: What can make supervision of social workers dealing with child abuse more effective?
2. 2015 – Secondary Traumatization among Child Protectors Workers, Lecture and Workshop for research students, Centre for Criminology, **Oxford University**.

3. 2015 –The National convention of social work: Contributing factors to secondary traumatization among Child Protection Workers.

**ACADEMIC PROFILE**

My field of research focuses on diverse aspects of social policy. So far, I have dealt mainly on two central areas: (i) child welfare policy and (ii) the implications of social work namely secondary traumatization and post traumatic growth. The research area that I would like to focus on in the future is on the policy areas of welfare and poverty.

Research on Child Welfare Policy

During my post-doctoral period, I wrote with my supervisor, Prof. Ram Cnaan (UPenn), a paper which analyzed the global evolution of child welfare policy. Using a methodology which included both theoretical and comparative research, taking a look at various legal and policy materials along with national reports, we were able to achieve our aim of conceptualizing and analyzing international trends regarding child welfare policy. We explore general welfare trends in developed societies as the impact on child welfare policies. On the second part of the paper, we use these trends to analyze the development of child welfare policies in the State of Israel.

Implications of Social Work: Secondary traumatization and Growth of this Trauma

My Ph.D dissertation focuses on social welfare workers and child protection workers. I examined their secondary traumatization and the growth of this trauma. It was shown that how social worker's are treated and the extent of their exposure to children who suffer from abuse and neglect, impacts upon their experience of secondary traumatization and the personal growth from this trauma. My dissertation revealed a high rate of secondary traumatization alongside growth of this trauma, among child protection workers. The research

furthermore highlighted that organizational factors such as role stress and effective supervision impacts the extent of secondary traumatization.

As I believe that academic research is a part of the evolution of policy making, I am pleased to mention that the findings and conclusions of both the above-mentioned research areas that I have completed have important practical and policy implications.

My study of the evolution of child welfare policy provides scholars and social workers, through the discussed trends, a map to understanding and analyzing the macro evolution of welfare policy. In addition, my study that deals with implications of social work offers, due to the unique challenges faced by child protection worker, a specific supervision design model.

#### **Future research – Social policy**

I intend to focus my future research on the following areas: welfare and poverty policy. Following my previous research, I am planning to conduct policy research in welfare departments. My passion for dedicating future research to this area comes from my current work as a social worker in the Department for Social Services. I felt that there was a gap in the literature that needed filling regarding individuals who suffer from multi-dimensional problems. My motivation to explore this research area also derives from my clinical work with people who suffer from poverty whereby my understanding of the difficulties and challenges experienced by social workers, like myself has come to the fore. Another related research area that I also plan to undertake is comparative policy research looking at people's attitude towards poverty experienced by the ultraorthodox community and the poverty experience by the rest of the general population. Furthermore, I hope to promote future cooperation between me and

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the and intervention evaluation studies on welfare department programs for families in poverty.