

Name: Nati Biton

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Curriculum Vitae

1. Personal Details + Affiliation

Name: Nati Biton, Ph.D, MSW

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2. Higher Education

2a. Undergraduate and Graduate Studies

Period of Study	Name of Institution and Department	Degree	Year of Approval of Degree
2020-2025	Paul Baerwald School of Social Work and Social Welfare, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.	Ph.D	2025
2016-2018	Paul Baerwald School of Social Work and Social Welfare, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.	MSW	2018
2013-2016	School of Social Work, Sapir Academic College	BSW	2016

2b. Professional Training

Period of Study	Name of Institution and Department	Certificate name	Year of certificate approval
2025-2026	Ben-Gurion University of the Negev	Clinical supervisor training course (submitted)	2026
2023-2024	Paul Baerwald School of Social Work and Social Welfare, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.	EMDR Psychotherapy Training, Levels 1 & 2.	2024

3. Academic Ranks and Tenure in Institutes of Higher Education

Dates	Name of Institution and Department	Rank/Position
2021-present	Department of social work, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev	Lecturer
2018-present	School of Social Work, Sapir Academic College	Lecturer
2016-2020	School of Social Work, Sapir Academic College	Teaching Assistant
2017	Paul Baerwald School of Social Work and Social Welfare, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem	Teaching Assistant

4. Offices in Academic Administration

Years	Position
2025 - present	Member, Mental Health Research Cluster, Sadot research Center, School of Social Work, Sapir Academic College

5. Scholarly Positions and Activities**5a. Peer Review**

Years	Peer Review
2026	Journal of Medical Education and Curricular Development MDE
2026	Archives of Sexual Behavior
2026	Family Relations
2026	British Journal of Social Work
2026	Journal of Mental Health
2023	Meidaos Social Work [Hebrew]

5b. Committees

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Years	Committees
2026	Lilach Kipnis Award Committee, Department of Social Work, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

6. Participation in Scholarly Conferences

6a. International Conferences

Date	Name of Conference	Place of Conference	Subject of Lecture	Role
April, 2026	5 th International Conference on LGBT studies	Madrid, Spain	Victimization, Boundary Violations, and Alienation among Transgender and Gender-Diverse Individuals with Psychiatric Diagnoses by Medical Professionals in the Mental Health System	Presenter
April, 2026	The European Social Work Research Association Conference (ECSWR)	Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, Scotland	Faces of Disclosure: Significance, Challenges, and Coping Strategies in LGBTQ+ Identity Disclosure in Mental Health Services	Presenter
July, 2018	The Global Youth Leaders Summit: Transforming Vision into Action	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong, China	Intervention program with LGBTQ+ individuals with psychiatric diagnoses	Presenter

6b. Local Conferences

Date	Name of Conference	Place of Conference	Subject of Lecture	Role
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June, 2026	“Body and Mind in the Reality of War Conference”	Ashkelon Academic College, Ashkelon, Israel	Resilience ambassadors: Training social work students to address community resilience needs during wartime	Presenter
April, 2026	“Accelerating Trauma Healing Through Collaboration”, ICAR (Israel’s Collective Action for Resilience)	Tel-Aviv, Israel	Amit Community Program intervention	Presenter
October, 2026	Sapir Academic Staff Conference	Sapir Academic College, Sderot, Israel	Guidelines for working with LGBTQ+ individuals in academy	Presenter
July, 2024	“Older LGBTQ+: The LGBTQ+ community in later life, challenges and responses”	Beer Sheva, Israel	Mental health among LGBTQ+ older adults	Invited Speaker
April, 2024	The Interdisciplinary Conference for LGBTQ, Queer Research: “Is It Allowed to Love? Queer Fear and Hope in Times of War”	The Academic College of Tel Aviv-Yaffo, Israel	Dual Stigma: Experiences and needs of LGBTQ+ individuals with Psychiatric Diagnoses in the Mental Health System	Presenter
December, 2022	South Pride Summit Conference: “Southern Pride Forum – Challenges and Goals”	Beer Sheva, Israel	Experiences and needs of LGBTQ+ individuals with Psychiatric Diagnoses in the Mental Health System	Invited Speaker

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March, 2022	“Pride and Disability”	Beit Issie Shapiro Leadership Center and The Aguda, Israel’s LGBTQ Task Force, Israel	Experiences and needs of LGBTQ+ individuals with Psychiatric Diagnoses in the Mental Health System	Presenter
January, 2022	“Women with Addiction and Dual Diagnosis”	Israel Anti-Drug and Alcohol Authority, Ministry of Health, ILSAM, and the Rehabilitation Projects Promotion Group, Israel	Gender dysphoria in the context of addiction	Invited Speaker
November, 2021	“Shades in academia”	Sapir academic college, Sderot, Israel	Shades in academia: Work in progress. Teaching experiences of non-tenure-track lecturers	Presenter
May, 2021	Academia in the Age of COVID-19: Challenges and Opportunities	Sapir academic college, Sderot, Israel	"In the Shadow of COVID-19": An Alternative Field Training Program for First-Year Social Work Students	Presenter
May, 2018	“Our Own Research”	Lafer Center for Gender Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel	The parenting experience of Israeli gay fathers who underwent surrogacy	Presenter

6c. Conference Organization

Date	Name of Conference	Place of Conference	Role
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December, 2025	Double Front: Mental Health Professionals During Personal and Professional Conflict in a Shared Traumatic Reality”	Sadot research center, Sapir Academic College, Israel	Member and Organizer of Conference
December, 2025	Surviving, Resisting, and Hoping: LGBTQ+ and Queer Communities in Times of Crisis and Political Backlash	Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel	Member of the organizing committee
December, 2024	The Day After: Challenges Facing LGBTQ+ Communities,	Haifa University, Israel	Member of the organizing committee

6d. Chairing Conference Sessions

Date	Name of Conference	Session Title	Subject of Lecture/Discussion	Role
December, 2025	Surviving, Resisting, and Hoping: LGBTQ+ and Queer Communities in Times of Crisis and Political Backlash, Interdisciplinary LGBTQ+ and Queer Research Conference	Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel	Power Relations in Therapeutic and Educational Encounters	Session Chair
December, 2024	The Day After: Challenges Facing LGBTQ+ Communities, Interdisciplinary	Haifa University, Israel	LGBTQ+ Therapy in Times of Crisis: Between Concern and Compassion	Session Chair

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	LGBTQ+ and Queer Research Conference			
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7. Research Grants

7a. Scholarships and Competitive Funding

Date	Role	Scholarship/Fellowship	Funding Body	Organization
2021-2024	Ph.D Fellow	Excellence Scholarship	Planning and Budgeting Committee (VATAT), Council for Higher Education, Israel	The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

8. Teaching

Years	Name of Course	Type of Course/Degree	Academy	Number of Students
2022-2026	Theory of Practice	Mandatory / B.A	School of Social Work, Sapir Academic College	130
2021-present	Training Seminar B	Mandatory / B.A	School of Social Work, Sapir Academic College	15
2025- present	Academic Skills	Mandatory / B.A	School of Social Work, Sapir Academic College	30

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2024- present	Introduction to LGBTQ+ Practice: Theory and Practice	Elective / B.A	School of Social Work, Sapir Academic College	35
2025- present	Mutual Responsibility and Community Resilience: Challenges and Opportunities	Mandatory / B.A	School of Social Work, Sapir Academic College	140
2025- present	Amit in the Community: Applied Tools for Psychosocial Mutual Responsibility – Information, Consultation, and Support	Mandatory / B.A	School of Social Work, Sapir Academic College	140
2022- present	Group Intervention	Mandatory / B.A	Department of Social Work, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev	20
2023- present	LGBTQ+ Practice: Theory and Practice	Elective / M.S.W	Department of Social Work, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev	35
2024- present	Issues and Challenges in Group Work in Social Work	Elective / M.S.W	Department of Social Work, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev	30
2023-2024	Working with the Individual and Their Environment	Mandatory / B.A	School of Social Work, Sapir Academic College	30
2023	Practicum in Group Work	Mandatory / M.S.W	Department of Social Work, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev	18

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2022	Social Work with Groups	Mandatory / M.S.W	Department of Social Work, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev	18
2021	Community Social Work	Mandatory / B.A	School of Social Work, Sapir Academic College	26
2020	Policy Practice	Mandatory / B.A	School of Social Work, Sapir Academic College	30
2018-2022	Training Seminar A	Mandatory / B.A	School of Social Work, Sapir Academic College	15

9. Miscellaneous

9a. Professional Experience

2025-Present: External Professional Consultant and Supervisor of social workers,
The Proud House, Be'er Sheva.

2022-2026: Supervisor of social workers in LGBTQ+ mental health organization.

2022-2026: Group psychotherapist for LGBTQ+ community members.

2021-Present: Private psychotherapist in LGBTQ+ and mental health issues.

2021: Social Worker, Amir Frysher-Guttman LGBTQ Family Clinic, Be'er Sheva.

Founding team member; provided individual, couple, and family therapy on gender- and LGBTQ-related issues.

2018-2021: Director, Supported Housing Program in "Hetz" organization, Ministry of Health, with specialization in LGBTQ+ mental health.

2016-2018: Social Worker, Supported Housing Program in "Hetz" organization, Ministry of Health.

9b. Grants and Awards

2025-2026: Outstanding Lecturer Award, awarded by the Center for Teaching and Learning, Sapir Academic College, Fall Semester 2025–2026.

2021-2024: Excellence Scholarship, Planning and Budgeting Committee (VATAT).

2023: Gender Fairness Award, Sapir Academic College.

2019: Outstanding M.A. Student Award, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

2018: Dean's Honor List, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

2017: Rector's Excellence Award, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

2017: Dean's Honor List, Sapir Academic College.

2016 & 2015: Excellence Certificates, Sapir Academic College.

9c. Academic Experience

2024-2025: Practicum Supervisor, "Bridge Connector Project", an academic initiative integrating Bedouin social workers trained in Palestinian Authority institutions, Sapir Academic College.

10. Publications

10a. Ph.D. Dissertation

Biton, N. (2025). 'The unique needs of LGBTQ+ individuals coping with psychiatric diagnoses within the rehabilitation system'. Supervisor: Prof. Ron Shor. Paul Baerwald School of Social Work and Social Welfare, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

10b. M.S.W Dissertation

Biton, N. (2018). 'Parenting experience of gay fathers through surrogacy'. Supervisors: prof. Yochai Nadan. Paul Baerwald School of Social Work and Social Welfare, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Role in the publication

- (1) Initiated the study
- (2) contributed to the conceptualization of the study
- (3) development of the research design and methods
- (4) data analysis
- (5) review of the literature

- (6) writing the initial draft of the manuscript
- (7) co-wrote the paper with other authors
- (8) revised the paper (during the publication process)
- (9) approved the final version of the manuscript

10c. Published

1. **Biton, N.** (2026). Navigating Family Relationships in the Context of Intersecting

Stigmas: LGBTQ+ Individuals with Psychiatric Diagnoses. *LGBTQ+ Family: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, 1–18. <https://doi.org/10.1080/27703371.2026.2699814>

IF 2025= 1.6; 5 Years IF= 2.2; R Women Studies= 28/71 (Q2).

Role in the publication: (1); (2); (3); (4); (5); (6); (7); (8); (9)

2. **Biton, N., & Mazursky, N.** (2026). “When I saw his face, I recognized him”:

Visibility, complexity, and therapeutic negotiation of LGBTQ+ identity disclosure in social work practice. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1037/ort0000942>

IF 2025= 1.9; 5 Years IF= 3.2; R Social Work= 21/94 (Q1). Citation=1.

Role in the publication: (1); (2); (3); (4); (5); (6); (7); (8); (9)

3. Alhuzail, N. A., **Biton, N.**, & Khawaled, A. A. S. (2026). Silencing the professional

voice: Institutional barriers and policy implications for Bedouin social workers in Israel. *International Social Work*, 0(0).

<https://doi.org/10.1177/00208728261456581>

IF 2025= 1.3; 5 Years IF= 1.7; R Social Work= 48/94 (Q2).

Role in the publication: (2); (4); (7); (8)

4. **Biton, N.** (2026). Psychiatric Authority and Gender Diversity in Mental Health

Governance: Structural Vulnerability and Care Avoidance among Transgender and Gender Diverse Individuals with Psychiatric Diagnoses. *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*, 1-14. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13178-026-01339-0>

IF 2025= 2.8; 5 Years IF= 2.9; R Social Sciences, Interdisciplinary= 37/275 (Q1). Citation=2.

Role in the publication: (1); (2); (3); (4); (5); (6); (7); (8); (9)

5. Alhuzail, N. A., Mahajne, I., & **Biton, N.** (2026). The struggle for professional recognition of Bedouin social workers in Israel, graduates from Palestinian academic institutions. *Social Work Education*, 1–18.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/02615479.2026.2621661>

IF 2025= 1.3; 5 Years IF= 1.6; R Education & Educational Research= 364/762 (Q2). Citation=1.

Role in the publication: (2); (4); (7); (8)

6. **Biton, N.** (2025). "It was traumatizing for me": The Relationships between LGBTQ Individuals with Mental Illness and Social Workers in Rehabilitative Housing within the Mental Health System. *Clinical Social Work Journal*.

<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10615-025-01022-8>

IF 2025= 1.1; 5 Years IF= 2.7; R Social Work= 58/99 (Q3). Citation=4.

Role in the publication: (1); (2); (3); (4); (5); (6); (7); (8); (9)

7. **Biton, N.** (2025). The Transition to Parenthood Through Surrogacy Among Israeli Gay Fathers: Barriers, Resources, and Formative Time Points. *Journal of Homosexuality*, 1-23. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00918369.2025.2580498>

IF 2025= 2.2; 5 Years IF= 2.9; R Social Sciences, Interdisciplinary= 58/275 (Q1). Citation=2.

Role in the publication: (1); (2); (3); (4); (5); (6); (7); (8); (9)

8. Tsfati, M., Nadan, Y., **Biton, N.**, & Serdtse, Y. (2021). Fatherhood as a spatial Contextual phenomenon: Israeli gay fathers through surrogacy. *Men and Masculinities*, 24(4), 590-610. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1097184X19896830>

IF 2021= 2.875; 5 Years IF= 3.1; R Gender Studies= 14/73 (Q1). Citation=13.

Role in the publication: (1); (2); (3); (4); (7); (9)

In Hebrew

1. **Biton, N.** (2024). "Mirror, Mirror on the Wall, Who Is the Most Masculine of

- hem All?" - A Critical and Therapeutic Perspective on Masculinity*. Hebrew Psychology. Retrieved from: <https://www.hebpsy.net/articles.asp?id=4741> [Hebrew].
2. **Biton, N.** (2023). *Guidelines for Working with the LGBTQ+ Community at Sapir Academic College*. Sapir Academic College. Retrieved from: <https://w3.sapir.ac.il/maintain/academi.pdf> [Hebrew].
3. **Biton, N.** (2022). *A Review of the Past and a Look Toward the Present and Future: The LGBTQ+ Community in Israel*. Meidaos - Social Work. Retrieved from: <https://www.davar1.co.il/414010/> [Hebrew].
4. **Biton-Hoss, N.** (2021). *"Against All Odds" - Rehabilitation Work during the COVID 19 Pandemic with a Woman Coping with a Psychiatric Disability*. Meidaos - Social Work. Retrieved from: <https://meidaos.socialwork.org.il/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/meidaos97.pdf> [Hebrew].

10d. Manuscript under review

1. **Biton, N.,** Berkowitz, R., Achdut, N., Benbenishty, R., & Astor, R.A. (2026). Negotiating Teacher Role and Identity during War: Crisis-Induced Educational Change in a Shared Traumatic Reality. Manuscript under review at *Journal of Educational Change*.
2. Hochman, Y., Gatenio-Kalush, M., & **Biton, N.** (2026). Good Enough Fatherhood: Fathers' Experiences and Perceptions of Parenting During Continuous Wartime. Manuscript under review at *Journal of Child & Adolescent Trauma*.
3. **Biton, N.,** Shahrabani Saidon, H., Shelef, L., Weller, A., Shimshi, R., & Yirmiya, N. (2026). Professional Identity Formation Among First-Year Social Work Students in Crisis Contexts. Manuscript under review at *Australian Social Work*.
4. **Biton, N.** (2026). Conditional Employability: LGBTQ+ Individuals with Psychiatric Diagnoses in Vocational Rehabilitation and the Labor Market Manuscript under review at *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*.

5. Yirmiya, N., Shahrabani Saidon, H., **Biton, N.**, Weller, A., Shelef, L., & Shimshi, R. (2026). Community Mentors: Solidarity, Support, and Resilience in Post-October 7th, 2023 Israel. In *The Praxis and Interconnectivity of Positive Psychology and Its Components: Perspectives from the 2nd Global Colloquium on Positive Psychology, Well-Being, and Spirituality*. Hauppauge, NY: Nova Science Publishers.
6. Maoz, S., **Biton, N.**, Berkowitz, R., & Gewirtz-Meydan, A. (2026). Professional Perspectives on Conversion and Non-Affirmative Practices toward LGBTQ+ Youth in Israel. Manuscript under review at *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*.
7. **Biton, N.**, Weller, A., Shelef, L., Shimshi, R., Shahrabani Saidon, H., & Yirmiya, N. (2026). Social Work Students as Community-Embedded Responders: A Qualitative Study of Psychosocial Response During Prolonged Crisis. Manuscript under review at *The British Journal of Social Work*.
8. **Biton, N.** (2026). Cumulative Trauma among LGBTQ+ Individuals with Psychiatric Diagnoses: A Qualitative Study of Lived Experiences. Manuscript under review at *Journal of Homosexuality*.
10. **Biton, N.** (2026). "I Haven't Returned to Him Since": LGBTQ+ Individuals with Psychiatric Diagnoses and Experiences of Stigma and Distrust in Psychiatric Care. Manuscript Under review at *Archives of Sexual Behavior*.
11. Allasad Alhuzail, N., **Biton, N.**, & Levinger, M. (2026). Holding Two Worlds: Peer Group Practice as a Clinical Space for Identity Formation among Bedouin Social Workers. Manuscript under review at *Clinical Social Work Journal*

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