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July 2021-	Associate Professor, Criminology, Law and Justice, University of Illinois at Chicago
Jan 2019- July 2021	Assistant Professor, Criminology, Law and Justice, University of Illinois at Chicago
Fall 2018	Associate Professor in Disability Studies, University of Toledo
2013- 2018	Assistant Professor in Disability Studies, University of Toledo
2011- 2013	Postdoctoral fellow, Department of Disability and Human Development, University of Illinois at Chicago

EDUCATION

2002 – 2011	PhD in Sociology, Syracuse University; Dissertation: <i>Genealogies of resistance to incarceration: Abolition politics in anti-prison and deinstitutionalization activism in the U.S.</i>
2008	Certificate of Advance Study in Disability Studies, Syracuse University
2005	Certificate of Advance Study in Women and Gender Studies, Syracuse University
2000 - 2001	Graduate Courses in Sociology, Tel Aviv University, Israel
1996 - 2000	B.A. Honors (Magna Cum Laude), Sociology & Anthropology; B.A Psychology, Tel Aviv University, Israel

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Incarceration and decarceration/ Critical prison studies; Disability Studies/Mad Studies; Social theory (Feminist, Queer, Critical Race); Activism and resistance; Inclusive pedagogy

SCHOLARSHIP

Books

Ben- Moshe, L. (May/June 2020) *Decarcerating Disability: Deinstitutionalization and Prison Abolition*. University of Minnesota Press

(Reviews: <https://www.liatbenmoshe.com/decarcerating-disability>)

Edited Volumes

Ben-Moshe, L., Chapman, C. and Carey, A. (eds.) (2014). *Disability Incarcerated: Imprisonment and Disability in the US and Canada*. With a foreword by Angela Y. Davis. Palgrave MacMillan Press
(Reviews: <https://www.liatbenmoshe.com/disability-incarcerated-1>)

Ben-Moshe, L., Feldbaum, M., Cory, R. and Sagendorf, K. (eds.) (2005). *Building Pedagogical Curb Cuts: Incorporating Disability in the University Classroom and Curriculum*. Graduate School, Syracuse University (distributed and sold by SU Press)

Journal Publications

- Rodriguez, SM, Ben-Moshe, L and Rakes, H (2020) Carceral Protectionism and the Perpetually (In)Vulnerable. *Criminology & Criminal Justice*. 2020; 20(5): 537-550. (Special Issue of *Criminology and Criminal Justice* on 'Queer Theory and Criminology')
- Ben-Moshe, L. (2018) Dis-Epistemologies of Abolition. *Critical Criminology*, 26(3), 341-355
- Ben-Moshe, L. (2018). "Dis-orientation, dis-epistemology and abolition." *Feminist Philosophy Quarterly* 4, (2). Article 5. <https://ir.lib.uwo.ca/fpq/vol4/iss2/5>
- Ben-Moshe, L. (2017) Why prisons are not the new asylums. *Punishment and Society* 19 (3), pp. 272 - 289
- Aho, T. Ben-Moshe, L. and Hilton, L. (eds.) (2017). Forum on Mad Studies and Affect Theory. *American Quarterly* 69 (2)
- Aho, T. Ben-Moshe, L. and Hilton, L. (2017). Mad Futures: Affect/Theory/Violence. *American Quarterly* 69 (2), 291-302
- Ben-Moshe, L, Nielsen, K., Day, A., and Ferris, J. (eds.) (2015) Interventions in Disability Studies Pedagogy. With introduction by the editors. Special issue of *Disability Studies Quarterly* 35 (2)
- Ben-Moshe, L. and Magaña, S. (eds.) (2014). Special issue on Race, Gender and Disability. *Journal of Women, Gender and Families of Color*, with introduction by the editors: "Intersectionality, Disability Studies, and Families of Color", 105-114
- Ben-Moshe, L. (2014). Deinstitutionalization: A case study in carceral abolition. *SCAPEGOAT: Architecture | Landscape | Political Economy*. Vol 7 (Fall/Winter), 13-27
- Ben-Moshe, L. (2013). Disabling Incarceration: Connecting Disability to Divergent Confinements in the USA. *Critical Sociology* 39 (3), 385-403 [Online First-2012]
- Ben-Moshe, L. (2011). The Contested meaning of "Community" in Discourses of Deinstitutionalization and Community Living in the Field of Developmental Disability. *Research in Social Science and Disability* Vol. 6, Special issue on Disability and Community, 241-264
- Ben-Moshe, L. and Colligan, S. (eds.) (2007). The State of Disability in Israel/Palestine. Special issue of *Disability Studies Quarterly* 27 (4), with Introduction by the editors
- Ben-Moshe, L. and Powell, J. (2007) Sign of our times? Revisi(tin)g the International Symbol of Access. *Disability & Society* Vol. 22, Issue 5: 489- 506
- abridged version in the "Icon" issue of *Stimulus-Respond* Magazine (November 2009)
- Ben-Moshe, L. (Spring 2006). Infusing Disability in the Curriculum: The Case of Saramago's *Blindness*. *Disability Studies Quarterly*, 26 (2)

Book Chapters

- Ben-Moshe, L. (2022) Refuting Carceral Logics and Their Alternatives: Toward Noncarceral (Disability) Futures. In *Disability (In)Justice: Examining Criminalization in Canada*. Edited by Kelly Fritsch, Jeffrey Monaghan, and Emily van der Meulen. University of British Columbia Press
- O'Leary, M. and Ben-Moshe, L. (2019) Homage to Lucas: The politics of "treatment" and "choice" in neoliberal times. In Andrea Daley, Lucy Costa and Peter Beresford (eds.) *Madness, Violence and Power*, 115-135. University of Toronto Press
- Withers, AJ and Ben-Moshe, L. (2019). Radical Disability Politics: A Roundtable, with Lydia X. Z. Brown,

Loree Erickson, Rachel da Silva Gorman, Talila A. Lewis, Lateef McLeod and Mia Mingus. In Kinna, R. and Gordon, U. (eds.) *Routledge Handbook of Radical Politics*, 178-193. Routledge

- Ben-Moshe, L. (2017) "The institution yet to come:" Analysing incarceration through a disability lens. In Davis, L. J. (ed.) *The Disability Studies Reader*, Fifth Edition. 119-132. Routledge. (First published in the Fourth Edition, 2013)
- Ben-Moshe, L. and Stewart, J. (2016) Disablement, Prison and Historical Segregation- 15 years later. In Malhotra, R. (ed.) *Disability Politics in a Global Economy: Essays in Honor of Marta Russell*. 87-104. Routledge
- Ben-Moshe, L. Shelly, S. and Dalumy, I. (2016) Outline for feminist disability studies in Israel. *Disability Studies: A reader*, 264-275. Jerusalem: Van Leer Institute (in Hebrew)
- Ben-Moshe, L. (2016). Movements at war? Disability and anti-occupation activism in Israel. In Block, P., Kasnitz, D., Pollard, N. and Nishida, A. (eds.) *Occupying Disability: Identity, Community and Justice*. 47- 61. Springer Publishing
- Ben-Moshe, L., Gossett, C., Mitchell, N. and E.A Stanley (2015) Critical Theory, Queer Resistance, and the Ends of Capture. In Adelsberg, G. and Guenther, L. (eds.) *Death and Other Penalties: Philosophy in a Time of Mass Incarceration*, 267-369. Fordham University Press
- Chapman, C., Ben-Moshe, L. & Carey, A. C. (2014) Reconsidering confinement: Interlocking locations and logics of confinement. In Ben-Moshe, L., Chapman, C. and Carey, A. (eds.) *Disability Incarcerated: Imprisonment and Disability in US and Canada*. 3-24. Palgrave MacMillan Press
- Ben-Moshe, L. (2014) Alternatives to (disability) incarceration. In Ben-Moshe, L., Chapman, C. and Carey, A. (eds.) *Disability Incarcerated: Imprisonment and Disability in US and Canada*, 255-272. Palgrave MacMillan Press
- Ben-Moshe, L. (2013) The tension between abolition and reform. In Nagel, M. and Nocella, A. J. II (eds.). *The End of Prisons: Reflections from the Decarceration Movement*. 83-92. Rodopi Press: Value Inquiry Book Series
- Ben-Moshe, L., Nocella, A. J. II and Withers, AJ (2013) Queer-Crippling Anarchism: Intersections and Reflections on Anarchism, Queer-ness, and Dis-Ability. In Darling, C. Rogue, J., Shannon, D. and Volcano, A. (eds.) *Queering Anarchism*, 207-220. AK Press
- Ben-Moshe, L. and Colligan, S. (2010). Regimes of normalcy in the academy: The experiences of disabled faculty. In Nocella, A., Best, S. and McLaren, P. (eds.) *Academic Repression: Reflections from the Academic Industrial Complex*. 374- 385. AK Press
- Ben-Moshe, L., Hill, D., Nocella, A. J. II, and Templer, B. (2009). Dis-Abling Capitalism and an Anarchism of 'Radical Equality' in Resistance to Ideologies of Normalcy. In Amster, R., DeLeon, A., Fernandez, L., Nocella, A., Shannon, D. (eds.) *Contemporary Anarchist Studies*, 113- 122. Routledge Press.
- Ben-Moshe, L. (2005). Lame Idea: Disabling Language in the Classroom. In Ben-Moshe, L., Feldbaum, M., Cory, R. and Sagendorf, K. (eds.) *Building Pedagogical Curb Cuts: Incorporating Disability in the University Classroom and Curriculum*. Syracuse, NY: Graduate School, Syracuse University

Book Reviews

- Ben-Moshe, L. (2018) The State of (intersectional analysis of) State Violence. *Women Studies Quarterly*, 46(3), 306-311.
- Ben-Moshe, L. (2016) Searching for a Rose Garden. *Mad in America*.
<https://www.madinamerica.com/2016/09/searching-for-a-rose-garden-challenging-psychiatry-fostering-mad-studies/>

Forthcoming

Ben-Moshe, L., Meiners, E. and Erevelles, N. (In Press). Abolishing Innocence: Disrupting the Pathology of Childhood. In Chloë Taylor and Kelly Struthers Montford (eds.) *Building Abolition: Decarceration and Social Justice*. Routledge (Penal Abolition and Transformative Justice series)

Khan M. and Ben-Moshe, L. (under copy editing) Transinstitutionalization. In J. N. Lester and M. O'Reilly (editors) *Palgrave Encyclopedia of Critical Perspectives on Mental Health*. Palgrave/Springer

Other Publications

Ben-Moshe, L. (October 2018) Weaponizing Disability. *Periscope: Social Text Online* (part of the forum "Jasbir Puar: From Terrorist Assemblages to The Right to Maim").
https://socialtextjournal.org/periscope_article/weaponizing-disability/

Parsons, A., Rembis, M. and Ben-Moshe, L. (2018) Reviving the Asylum Is Not the Answer to Gun Violence. TruthOut. <https://truthout.org/articles/reviving-the-asylum-is-not-the-answer-to-gun-violence/> Published March 23.

Graziani, C., Ben-Moshe, L. and Cole, E. (2017) *Beyond Alternatives to Incarceration and Confinement: A Critical Report*. Grassroots Leadership Publication. Available at
<http://grassrootsleadership.org/research.html>

Ben-Moshe, L. (2014). Prisons and the "new asylums." *Asylum: An International Magazine for Democratic Psychiatry* 21 (4), 16-19

Ben-Moshe, L. and Meiners, E. (Fall 2014) Beyond Prisons, Mental Health Clinics: When Austerity Opens Cages, Where Do the Services Go? *Public Eye* (special topic: neoliberalism). Available at
<http://www.politicalresearch.org/2014/10/09/beyond-prisons-mental-health-clinics-when-austerity-opens-cages-where-do-the-services-go/#>

HONORS AND AWARDS

IRRPP (Institute on Race and Public Policy) at UIC: course release for 2020-2021 for the research project "Racializing Anti-Psychiatry and Prison Organizing: The Case Against the Violence Center in the 1970s"

American Association of University Women (AAUW) Postdoctoral Research Fellowship recipient for 2017-2018

President's Outstanding New Scholar Award, *Western Social Science Association* (\$1000) (2016)

Teaching Fellow, University of Toledo (2014-2016)

Publication subvention grant for the anthology "*Disability Incarcerated*", University of Toledo (\$1200, 2013)

Outstanding Dissertation Award, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University (500\$), 2012

Outstanding Teaching Award, Graduate School, Syracuse University, 2011

University of Michigan National Center for Institutional Diversity (NCID) *Exemplary Diversity Scholar Citation* 2009-2010

Sociology dissertation fellowship, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University 2009- 2010 (full stipend for a year)

PRESENTATIONS

Refereed Presentations 2012- Present

Carceral Protectionism and the Perpetually (In)Vulnerable. *American Studies Association* (October 2021)

Prisons and criminal injustice as a disability and social justice issue. *American Sociological Association* annual meeting, NYC (August 2019)

Trying Practice: The everyday work of building abolition. *National Women Studies Association* conference, Atlanta (November 2018)

Carceral Ableism/Sanism and alternatives to incarceration. *Society for the Study of Social Problems* annual meeting, Philadelphia (August 2018)

Carceral Ableism. *Carceral Cultures* conference. Vancouver, BC, Canada (March 2018)

Abolition dis-epistemologies: Against carceral feminism and ableism. *National Women Studies Association* conference, Baltimore (November 2017)

Carceral Ableism. *American Studies Association* conference, Chicago (October 2017)

When carceral humanism meets carceral ableism: Disability, mental health and “alternatives” to incarceration. *International Conference on Penal Abolition*, New Bedford MA (July 2017)

Disruption of the (white/able) neighborhood: NIMBY, race, disability and deinstitutionalization. *Canadian Sociological Association*, Toronto (June 2017)

Disability, Gender, Race and Deinstitutionalization. *National Women Studies Association* conference, Milwaukee (November 2015)

Racial-Pathologization and the Rise and Potential Fall of the Carceral. *American Studies Association* conference, Toronto (October 2015)

Why prisons are not the new asylums, and other tales about deinstitutionalization and incarceration. *Society for the Study of Social Problems* annual conference, Chicago (August 2015); *Western Social Science Association*, Reno NV (April 2016)

Intersectionality in Disability Studies through the lens of Race, Gender and Families of Color (with Sandy Magaña). *Society for the Study of Social Problems* annual conference, Chicago (August 2015)

Limitation of litigation: Rights framework in prison and deinstitutionalization case law. *Society for Disability Studies* annual conference, Atlanta (June 2015)

Disability studies before it had a name: Revisiting the Legacy of Steven J. Taylor. *Society for Disability Studies* annual conference, Atlanta (June 2015)

Teaching Abolition: A roundtable discussion. *American Studies Association* conference, Los Angeles (November 2014)

Do alternatives make incarceration.... Sustainable? *Society for Disability Studies* annual conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota (June 2014)

Disability Incarcerated: The Interface of Imprisonment and Disability, with Chris Chapman and AJ Withers. *ICOPA (International Conference on Penal Abolition)*, Ottawa (June 2014)

Interdisciplinary Interventions in Incarceration and Abolition, Roundtable discussion. *Critical Ethnic Studies* conference, Chicago, IL (September 2013)

Movements at war? Disability and anti-occupation activism in Israel/Palestine, *Society for the Study of Social Problems* annual conference, NYC (August 2013)

Queer-Crippling Anarchism. *Debilitating Queerness: The Sixth Annual DC Queer Studies Symposium*, University of Maryland- College Park (April 2013)

Abolition, reform, utopia and the unfinished. *American Society of Criminology* annual conference, Chicago, IL (November 2012)

Towards abolition of the carceral: Lessons from deinstitutionalization and prison abolition. *Society for Disability Studies* annual conference, Denver, CO (June 2012)

Invited Presentations 2012- Present

San Diego State University's Feminist Research Colloquium: Feminist Abolition and Disability Justice (March 23, 2021). With Dr. Subini Annamma

Longmore Lecture in Disability Studies: Scholar-Activism in 2021. Longmore Institute's Annual lecture (March 4th 2021). Speakers: Aimi Hamraie, Liat Ben-Moshe, Jen White-Johnson, and Milton Reynolds

Decarcerating Disability. *Cryptographies*, University of Michigan (October 2020); University of California San Diego, part of the "Materializing Abolition: Queer and Feminist Strategies" series (February 11, 2021); Duke University, Health Humanities Lab (February 17, 2021); Arizona State University (April 1); Georgetown University (April 12, 2021); Keynote of ADA30 celebration, Oregon state University (May 4, 2021)

Disability Justice, COVID, and Abolition, An American Studies Association 2020 Freedom Course (Nov 15, 2020). Speakers: Mia Mingus, Talila "TL" Lewis, Liat Ben-Moshe, and Connie Wun

The Center for "Race," Culture, and Social Justice at Hofstra University "In Conversation" series, with Anita Cameron, Liat Ben-Moshe and Dustin Gibson (April 14th 2021)

"One-Dimensional Queer by Roderick Ferguson" Book Salon, panelist. 2020 *American Sociological Association* Annual Meeting (canceled due to COVID)

Decarcerating Disability. Panelist in "*Deviant" Pasts, Subversive Futures? A Virtual LGBTQ+ Studies Symposium*. (April 2020)

Decarcerating Disability. Doing Abolition symposium, Banff Center, Canada (September 2019); University of Florida, Gainesville (October 2019)

Ethics of Prison Work. Carceral Studies Symposium. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (April 2019)

Resistance to Inclusion and Community Living: NIMBY, Desegregation, and Race-Ability. University of Chicago Disability Studies Workshop (April 2019)

Feminism and Incarceration. Invited speaker. University of North Carolina- Greensboro (2019)

Why prisons are not the new asylums. Ohio University, OH (March 2019); Ohio State University, Columbus OH (April 2018); Oregon State University (October 2018)

Presidential session: Imagining a world without prisons through a feminist lens. *National Women Studies Association* conference, Atlanta (November 2018)

Academic Labor, Austerity and Authoritarianism. Invited speaker in a panel. *American Studies Association* conference, Atlanta (November 2018)

Abolition via Litigation? Keynote in *Accessing Justice* conference, Winnipeg, BC, Canada (May 2018)

Discussant for launch of Jasbir Puar's book "Right to Maim". New York University (November 2017)

From Activism to Academia. Invited talk for *Disability Studies: A History*. UPENN, Philadelphia (2017)

- Abolition dis-epistemologies. Philosophy speaker series. Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Michigan (March 2017)
- Carceral Feminism Meets Carceral Ableism. Talk in invited plenary "Disrupting Feminism: Race, Disability, and Intersectionality." *Sociologists for Women in Society* (SWS) annual meeting, Albuquerque, NM (February 2017)
- Conversations on Police and Prison Abolition: A Panel discussion. NYU Review of Law and Social Change, NY (October 2016)
- Why prisons are not the new asylums, and other tales about deinstitutionalization and incarceration. NYU, NY (September 2016)
- Disability Inc. (incarcerated): Kansas University Professionals for Disability (KUPD) Research Conference, Keynote (March 2015); University of Washington (March 2015); Antioch College (May 2015); Eastern Michigan University (April 2016); Arizona State University (October 2016)
- Disability Incarcerated and Liberated- 2 day symposium, UC Berkeley (March 2015)
- Disability Incarcerated (with Chris Chapman and Allison Carey): University of Toledo (September 2014); Hull House Museum in Chicago (November 2014); University of Toronto (November 2014); Shippensburg University (April 2015)
- Disability, Institutions and Prisons: Connecting deinstitutionalization and prison abolition. Access Living, Chicago, IL (July 2014)
- What is the Carceral State? Invited keynote speaker for *Freedom Dreams...Freedom Now!* 3 day gathering commemorating the 50th anniversary of Freedom Summer '64. Chicago, IL (May 2014)
- Abolition Politics: Deinstitutionalization and Anti-Prison Activism in the U.S. Public lecture, University of Michigan (April 2014); University of Toledo, Canaday Center (November 2013)
- Asylums and Prisons: Deinstitutionalization and Decarceration- A Colloquium and Conversation at the University of Chicago, with Jonathan Metzl, Michael Rembis, Liat Ben-Moshe, Anne Parsons, Robert Fairbanks, Ray Noll, Christopher Berk and Bernard Harcourt (May 2013)
- Deinstitutionalization, In/Carceration, and the Politics of Abolition. University of Wisconsin- Madison (March 2013)
- Deinstitutionalization, Imprisonment and the Politics of Abolition. Institute for the Humanities, University of Illinois-Chicago (October 2012)
- Conference/Panels Organized**
- Criminal injustice as disability injustice: Revolting against the carceral state (session organizer). *American Studies Association* (November 2020, canceled due to COVID)
- Mad Studies Meets Affect Theory. Roundtable. *American Studies Association* conference, Toronto (October 2015)
- Disability Studies: The view from "here" and "there", a half day symposium at Alin Beit-Noam, Israel (May 2014)
- The gains and challenges of prison abolition: a roundtable discussion, *American Society of Criminology* annual conference, Chicago, IL (November 2012)
- Co-organizer of BCCC Disability studies conference for emerging scholars, Syracuse University (2010)
- Co-organizer of first regional graduate students' Disability Studies conference, Syracuse University (May 2008)

Select Media Appearances

New Books Network PODCAST on Decarcerating Disability (March 2021)
Death Panel PODCAST on Decarcerating Disability (November 2020) 90 minute discussion about deinstitutionalization, disability studies, critiques of inclusion, abolition and more.
Rising Up with Sonali (7/9/20) interview on abolition, disability race-ability, deinstitutionalization and COVID (Pacifica radio KPFA and KPFK and Free Speech TV)
Contributed to Teen Vogue's What Defunding Police Means for Mental Health Care (Tyra Bosnic, July 21, 2020) <https://www.teenvogue.com/story/what-defunding-police-means-for-mental-health-care>
Radio interview on abolition politics (2017) Rustbelt Abolition Radio. <https://rustbeltradio.org/2017/01/01/ep01/>
Radio interview on incarceration, decarceration, ableism and anarchism (2014) Total Liberation Radio. <http://www.totalliberationradio.com/?p=181>
Radio interview on capitalism, incarceration and disability (2014) Against the Grain. <http://atg.kpfa.org/tag-directory/institutionalization>
Interview transcript with Joe Reddington about the book "Disability Incarcerated." <http://equalitytime.co.uk/3840/2014/07/02/interview-liat/>
Contributor to: D'Almeida, Kanya (July 18 2015) In US Prisons, Psychiatric Disability Is Often Met by Brute Force. Truthout. <http://www.truth-out.org/news/item/31886-in-us-prisons-psychiatric-disability-is-often-met-by-brute-force>
See more at <https://www.liatbenmoshe.com/media>

TEACHING AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Teaching- UIC, Criminology, Law and Justice

CLJ 492: Alternatives to Incarceration
CLJ 355: Punishment, Prisons and Corrections
CLJ 492: Asylums, Prisons and Disability Institutions
CLJ 493: Disability, Mental Health and Prisons

Postdoctoral research fellow at the department of Disability and Human Development at the University of Illinois at Chicago (2011-2013)

Collaborated on deinstitutionalization evaluation studies for the IL University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities; Collaborated on grant proposals; Co-executed the *Bodies of Work Disability Arts and Culture Festival*; Worked to develop a Disability Studies minor

Coordinator of Syracuse University's *Disability Cultural Center Initiative* (2010-2011)

Graduate Assistantship, Student Affairs and the Center on Human Policy, Law and Disability Studies
Spearheaded the initiative to create and fund a Disability Culture Center at Syracuse University;
Hired the director for the center; Designated space for the center

Professional Affiliations

American Society of Criminology
American Sociological Association
American Studies Association
Canadian Disability Studies Association
International Conference on Penal Abolition (ICOPA)
National Women's Studies Association (NWSA)
Society for Disability Studies (SDS)
Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)