

# Dr. Orly Lewis

## CV

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### Education

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PhD (2014)	Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (Institut für Klassische Philologie). ( <i>Summa cum Laude</i> )
MA (2010)	Tel-Aviv University (Classics Department). ( <i>Summa cum Laude</i> ).
BA (2007)	Tel-Aviv University (Departments of History and Classics). ( <i>Summa cum laude</i> ).

### Current Positions and Affiliations

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2020 – Present	SENIOR LECTURER <i>Hebrew University of Jerusalem</i> Department of Classics
2020 – 2025	Principal Investigator ERC-Starting Grant: <i>Anatomy in Ancient Greece and Rome: An Interactive Visual and Textual Atlas</i> (ATLOMY)

### Former Employment and Affiliations

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2016 – 2020	POST-DOCTORAL FELLOW <i>Hebrew University of Jerusalem</i> Martin Buber Society of Fellows in the Humanities and Social Sciences
Oct. – Dec. 2019	VISTING FELLOW Einstein Center <i>Chronoi</i> , Berlin
2017 – 2018	TEACHING ASSOCIATE <i>Hebrew University of Jerusalem</i> Department of History / Department of Classics
2015 – 2016	POST-DOCTORAL FELLOW <i>Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin</i> Institut für Klassische Philologie Excellence Cluster TOPOI (“The Formation and Transformation of Space and Knowledge in Ancient Civilizations”; Group: <i>Mapping Body and Soul</i> )
2014	VISITING SCHOLAR <i>Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin</i> Institut für Klassische Philologie
2011 – 2013	DOCTORAL FELLOW <i>Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin</i> Institut für Klassische Philologie (Alexander von Humboldt research group: <i>Medicine of the Mind, Philosophy of the Body – Discourses of Health and Well-Being in the Ancient World</i> ).

## Teaching

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- 2020-2021      **LYSIAS: READINGS IN EASY GREEK PROSE**  
*Undergraduate seminar*  
 Department of Classics
- BODY AND SOUL IN ANCIENT GREECE AND ROME**  
*Undergraduate seminar*  
 Department of Classics
- THUCYDIDES: READINGS IN ADVANCED GREEK PROSE**  
*Undergraduate seminar*  
 Department of Classics
- ANCIENT DIGITAL SCIENCE (IN ENGLISH)**  
*Undergraduate seminar*  
 Department of Classics
- 2018             **DIAGNOSTICS AND THERAPEUTICS IN ANTIQUITY**  
*Undergraduate seminar*  
 Department of History
- 2016/2017      **BODY, SOUL AND ENSOULLED BODIES: PRE-MODERN IDEAS OF BODY, SOUL, HEALTH AND ILLNESS IN THE WESTERN WORLD**  
*Graduate seminar*  
 Department of History
- 2015/2016      **MENTAL HEALTH AND ILLNESS IN ANCIENT MEDICAL TEXTS**  
 (co-taught with Philip van der Eijk and Ricardo Julião)  
*Undergraduate seminar*  
 Department of Classics  
 (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, summer semester. In German)

## Large-Scale Grants

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- 2020 – 2025      **STARTING GRANT** of the *European Research Committee* (Horizon 2020)  
 (€ 1.5 million)  
Title: *Anatomy in Ancient Greece and Rome: An Interactive Visual and Textual Atlas*

## Commissions of Trust

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- 2020 – Present Editor  
*Studies in Ancient Medicine* Series at Brill
- 2019 – Present Member of Academic Board  
*Sydney M. Edelstein Center for the History and Philosophy of Science, Technology and Medicine* (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
- 2017 – 2018 Member of planning and review committee of the Podcast Series *Research Bites*, of the Martin Buber Society of Fellows
- 2014 – 2018 Reviewer of publications for the following journals and publishers: *Mnemosyne* (2014); *Ancient History Bulletin* (2016); *Historia Scientiarum* (2016); *Routledge* (2016); *Classical Antiquity* (2018).
- 2016 Grant proposal reviewer, *Israel Science Foundation*

## Publications

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### MONOGRAPH

1. *Praxagoras of Cos on Arteries Pulse and Pneuma: Fragments and Interpretation* (Leiden: Brill, 2017). <https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004337435>

\*Winner of the Young Historian Prize of the *International Academy for the History of Science*  
<http://www.aihs-iahs.org/en/prizes>

### Reviews:

- Manetti, D., “Orly Lewis. Praxagoras of Cos on Arteries, Pulse, and Pneuma,” *Medical History* 63.2 (2019): 240–242. <https://doi.org/10.1017/mdh.2019.20>
- Gill, C., “Hellenistic and Roman Philosophy,” *Phronesis* 63, no. 2 (2018): 211–222 (see 213–214). <https://doi.org/10.1163/15685284-12341348>
- Nutton, V., “Orly Lewis. Praxagoras of Cos on Arteries, Pulse, and Pneuma,” *Isis* 109, no. 2 (2018): 378–379. <https://doi.org/10.1086/697909>
- Wright, J., “Orly Lewis. Praxagoras of Cos on Arteries, Pulse, and Pneuma,” *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*, 2017.07.34 (2017). <http://bmcr.brynmawr.edu/2017/2017-07-34.html>
- Afonasin E.V. and Afonasina A.S., “Orly Lewis. Praxagoras of Cos on Arteries, Pulse, and Pneuma,” *History of medicine* 4, no. 4 (2017): 410–412. DOI: [10.17720/2409-5834.v4.4.2017.10j](https://doi.org/10.17720/2409-5834.v4.4.2017.10j)

### EDITED VOLUME

2. *The Concept of Pneuma after Aristotle* (Berlin, awaiting second proofs). (with David Leith and Sean Coughlin)

## ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

3. “Fragments of History and Science”, *Isis* 109.1 (2018), 83–86. <https://doi.org/10.1086/697065>
4. “Marcellinus’ *De pulsibus*: a Neglected Treatise on the Ancient ‘Art of the Pulse’”, *Scripta Classica Israelica* 34 (2015), 195-214. [https://www.academia.edu/13019063/Marcellinus\\_De\\_pulsibus\\_a\\_Neglected\\_Treatise\\_on\\_the\\_Ancient\\_Art\\_of\\_the\\_Pulse\\_.Scripta\\_Classica\\_Israelica\\_34\\_2015\\_195-214](https://www.academia.edu/13019063/Marcellinus_De_pulsibus_a_Neglected_Treatise_on_the_Ancient_Art_of_the_Pulse_.Scripta_Classica_Israelica_34_2015_195-214)
5. “The Context of *De Spiritu*”, *Early Science and Medicine* 20.2 (2015), 125-149. (with Pavel Gregoric) <https://doi.org/10.1163/15733823-00202p01>
6. “*De Spiritu*: A New Case against Authenticity”, *Classical Philology*, 110.2 (2015), 159-167. (with Pavel Gregoric) <https://doi.org/10.1163/15733823-00202p02>
7. “The Substance of *De Spiritu*”, *Early Science and Medicine*, 20.2 (2015), 101-124. (with Pavel Gregoric and Martin Kuhar) <https://doi.org/10.1086/680674>

## REFEREED BOOK CHAPTERS

8. “The Clinical Method of the Anonymus Parisinus”, in: P. Bouras-Vallianatos, *Exploring Greek Manuscripts at The Wellcome Library* (London: Routledge), 25–54.
9. “Heat and Fire in the Theory of Ps.-Aristotle’s *De Spiritu*”, in H. Bartos and C. King, *Heat, Pneuma and Soul in Ancient Philosophy and Science: From the Presocratics to Aristotle*, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2020), 140–156.
10. “Archigenes of Apamea’s Treatment of Mental Diseases”, in P.N. Singer and C. Thumiger (eds.), *Mental Diseases in Ancient Medicine* (Leiden: Brill, 2018), 143–175. [https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004362260\\_006](https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004362260_006)
11. “Mental and Physical Gradualism in Greco-Roman Medicine”, in K. Geert, R. Hauswald, L. Keuck (eds.), *Vagueness in Psychiatry* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017), 27–45. (with Chiara Thumiger and Philip van der Eijk) <http://oxfordmedicine.com/view/10.1093/med/9780198722373.001.0001/med-9780198722373-chapter-2>
12. “The Practical Application of Ancient ‘Pulse-Lore’ and its Influence on the Patient-Doctor Interaction”, in G. Petridou and C. Thumiger (eds.), *Approaches to the Patient in the Ancient World* (Leiden: Brill, 2015), 345-364. [https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004305564\\_015](https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004305564_015)

## IN PRESS / PRINT

13. “Introduction”, in: S. Coughlin, D. Leith, O. Lewis, *The Concept of Pneuma after Aristotle* (Berlin: Edition Topoi, awaiting second proofs). (with David Leith and Sean Coughlin).
14. “Pneuma in Early Hellenistic Medicine”, in: S. Coughlin, D. Leith, O. Lewis, *The Concept of Pneuma after Aristotle* (Berlin: Edition Topoi, awaiting second proofs). (with David Leith).
15. “What was Pneumatist about the Pneumatist School?”, in: S. Coughlin, D. Leith, O. Lewis, *The Concept of Pneuma after Aristotle* (Berlin: Edition Topoi, awaiting second proofs). (with Sean Coughlin).
16. “The Mechanics of Galen’s Theory of Nutrition”, in G. Kazantzidis and M. Gerolemou, *The Body as Machine in Antiquity* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, accepted, awaiting proofs).

17. “Galen against Archigenes on the Classification of Pulses”, in M. Havrda and R.J. Hankinson, *Galen's Epistemology: Experience and Reasoning in Ancient Medicine*, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, under review).
18. “Perceiving and Diagnosing Pain according to Archigenes of Apamea,” in H. Baltussen, D. King and J. Clarke, *Pain Narratives in Antiquity* (Leiden: Brill).

## EXHIBITION CATALOGUE

In: U. Kornmeier (Ed.). (2016). *The Soul is an Octopus: Ancient Ideas of Life and the Body* (Berlin: Medizinhistorisches Museum der Charité and Edition Topoi). [http://www.topoi.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/sb\\_01\\_Kornmeier.pdf](http://www.topoi.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/sb_01_Kornmeier.pdf) :

19. “Dissection as a Method of Discovery”, pp. 24–29.
20. “Localising the Soul in the Body”, pp. 31–35.
21. “Brain and Heart as Organs of the Soul”, pp. 37–43.
22. “Substances in Service of the Soul”, pp. 45–51.

## CONFERENCE-REPORTS

23. Report on *The Concept of Pneuma after Aristotle* (Berlin, 2-4 July 2015), published in *Neoptopia* 2015/4. (With Sean Coughlin)
24. Report on ‘Knowledge, Ethics and Representations of Medicine and Health: Historical Perspectives’ – The Society for the Social History of Medicine 2010 Conference (Durham and Newcastle, 8-11 July 2010), published in *Society for the Social History of Medicine – The Gazette*, no. 51, 2010. (With Pauline Koetschet)

## MEDIA

25. “Answers to 2000-yearold Questions,” in the weekly column *Private Investigators* in YNET, most-visited online news portal in Israel (2020, forthcoming). (In Hebrew)
26. PODCAST *Taking the Pulse - The Emergence of a New Diagnostic Method*, in the series *Research Bites* (2018 <https://www.podbean.com/media/share/pb-7yhjn-a312a9>).
27. RADIO INTERVIEW for the programme *Bedeutung des Atmens in der Religion: Gotteswind, Heiliger Geist und pure Lebenskraft* von Peter Kaiser, Deutschlandradio Kultur 27.12.2015. [http://www.deutschlandradiokultur.de/bedeutung-des-atmens-in-der-religion-gotteswind-heiliger.1278.de.html?dram:article\\_id=340871](http://www.deutschlandradiokultur.de/bedeutung-des-atmens-in-der-religion-gotteswind-heiliger.1278.de.html?dram:article_id=340871).

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## Organisation of Conferences and Workshops

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| 2020 – Present | Initiator and co-organiser, <i>Research Lab in the History and Philosophy of Science</i> of the Edelstein Center. Bi-weekly meetings for presenting and discussing work-in-progress in the field.                           |
| 2020           | Organiser, INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP, ‘Diagnosing Body and Soul’ (The Edelstein Centre for the History and Philosophy of Science, Technology and Medicine, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel) (cancelled due to Covid-19) |

- 2016 – Present Co-Organiser, tri-weekly READING GROUP ‘*Galen in Greek and Arabic*’ (Martin Buber Society of Fellows and Classics Department, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel).
- 2018 Co-Organiser, WORKSHOP ‘*Un/Certainty*’ (Zukunftskolleg, University of Konstanz, Germany). [www.uni-konstanz.de/zukunftskolleg/events/review-on-past-events/single-review-on-past-events/uncertainty/](http://www.uni-konstanz.de/zukunftskolleg/events/review-on-past-events/single-review-on-past-events/uncertainty/)
- 2017 Co-Organiser, INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: ‘*Somatic-Times: Understanding the Relations between Human Bodies and Conceptions of Time*’ (Martin Buber Society of Fellows, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel). <http://buberfellows.huji.ac.il/node/397>
- 2015 Co-Organiser, INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: ‘*The Concept of Pneuma after Aristotle*’ (Excellence Cluster TOPOI, Berlin, Germany). [www.topoi.org/event/29112/](http://www.topoi.org/event/29112/)
- 2015 Co-Organiser, INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP: ‘*The Pneumatist “School(?)”: Doctrines and Representation*’ (Excellence Cluster TOPOI, Berlin, Germany). [www.topoi.org/event/27811](http://www.topoi.org/event/27811)
- 2013 Organiser, INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP: ‘*The Fragmented Puzzle: problems and methodologies in the collection and interpretation of ancient medical and philosophical fragments*’ (Institute of Classics, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany). [www.classicsmedicine.org/news/archiv/fragmented-puzzle-2013](http://www.classicsmedicine.org/news/archiv/fragmented-puzzle-2013)
- 2012 Co-Organiser, INTERNATIONAL READING GROUP of Pseudo-Aristotle, *De Spiritu* (Institute of Classics, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany). [www.classicsmedicine.org/news/archiv/reading-group-de-spiritu](http://www.classicsmedicine.org/news/archiv/reading-group-de-spiritu)

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### Further Academic Activities and Training

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- 2016 – 2017 ANATOMY/DISSECTION LABS, School of Medicine (Hebrew University of Jerusalem).
- 2016 – 2017 ANATOMY/DISSECTION LABS, Veterinary School (Hebrew University of Jerusalem).
- 2015 – 2016 SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR for the exhibition “The Soul is an Octopus. Ancient Ideas of Life and the Body”, Medizinhistorisches Museum der Charite, Berlin. <https://www.topoi.org/knowledge-transfer/exhibitions-and-events/mapping-body-and-soul/>
- 2013 – 2015 ARABIC-SYRIAC READING GROUP of medical texts and translations (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin).
- 2009 – 2010 SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR for ancient history fiction and non-fiction books (Publishers: Kinneret Zmora-Bitan Dvir; Carmel – Israel).

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### Honours, Awards and Stipends

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- 2019 YOUNG HISTORIAN PRIZE of the *Académie Internationale d’Histoire de Sciences*.
- 2018 SHLOMO PINES PRIZE for outstanding young scholars
- 2016 – POST-DOCTORAL STIPEND (awarded by the MB Society of Fellows, HUJI).

- 2015 – 2016 POST-DOCTORAL STIPEND (awarded by the Excellence Cluster TOPOI, Berlin).
- 2011 – 2013 DOCTORAL STIPEND (awarded by Prof. Philip van der Eijk via the AvH-Stiftung).
- 2007 – 2010 RESEARCH ASSISTANT STIPEND (awarded by Dr. Orna Harari via the ISF).
- 2010 LEVKOWICH-FUND SCHOLARSHIP for students of the history of medicine.
- 2009 DEAN’S SCHOLARSHIP for MA students, Faculty of Humanities, Tel-Aviv University.
- 2008 DEAN’S LIST DISTINCTION, Faculty of Humanities, Tel-Aviv University.
- 2007 WOLF FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP.
- 2007 RECTOR’S LIST DISTINCTION, Tel-Aviv University.
- 2006 SCHOLARSHIP FOR DISTINCTION, Department of Classics, Tel-Aviv University.

### **Voluntary and Community Work**

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- 2018 – 2019 Weekly visits of elderly people living alone – providing companionship and performing basic medical checkups (“*Ten Kavod*” project).
- 2008 – 2009 Guide at ‘*HavaYeda*’ science museum for young children (Rehovot, Israel) (“*Perech*” Project).
- 2007 – 2008 Tutor of a student with learning disabilities (“*Perech*” Project).