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Professor Roni Strier is an Associate Professor at the University of Haifa School of Social Work, Founder and Chair of “Haifa Partnership University for Poverty Eradication”, Founder and Ex-Chair of “University of Haifa Flagship Program: Combating Exclusion, Promoting Solidarity”, Founder and Chair of the Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Poverty and Social Exclusion, Founder and Chair of the MSW track on Leadership and Social change.

Academic activities

Academic Courses: Critical social work with individual, families and communities living in poverty, Theoretical perspectives in critical social work, Community social work with impoverished and excluded communities, Theoretical seminar in social work macro-practice, Social justice: Global perspectives in partnership with University of Maryland, and Fatherhood studies.

Research: Main research areas are inequality, poverty and social exclusion. Within this field, I have initiated various studies on different areas such as working poor in Israel, poverty and gender, poverty and nationality, social services in mixed cities in Israel. A second area of inquiry refers to the impact of neo-liberalism on different areas of social work such as social work education, non-profit organizations, public welfare services, moral distress and policy practice. A third area of research addresses the issue of public services in mixed cities in Israel in the context of on-going national Israel-Palestine unsolved conflict. Last, I have initiated multiple studies on different ethnic and class-based groups of fathers in Israel.

Academic-community activities

Haifa Partnership Program for Poverty Eradication: In 2005, Prof. Strier founded this initiative together with the University of Haifa's School of Social Work and the city of Haifa's Department of Welfare and Community Services. The program is based on the principle of partnership

between academia and public welfare services with and on behalf of people living in poverty. Active for over 15 years, this unique program places social work students, social workers, and activists from distressed communities in Haifa side by side in order to advance community projects, educational programs, and legislation to advance social justice and decrease poverty. As part of the program, community activist groups work to increase public awareness on the issue of poverty. The program has also convened national and international conferences on the subject of poverty.

University of Haifa's Flagship Program for the Struggle against Exclusion and Advancement of Solidarity: In 2011, Prof. Strier founded this program and served as its academic supervisor until 2019. This unique university-wide initiative aims to promote academic involvement in the struggle for an inclusive and solidary society in Israel. The Council for Higher Education, through the Planning and Budget Committee, funds the program. It consists of courses in various departments (education, public management, social work, law, human services, community mental health) integrating community work alongside academic learning. In addition, the program advances community projects and implements academic courses for members of excluded communities in the fields of community, education and welfare (for example: a course for activists around urban rehabilitation processes, and a course for those promoting social rights for people with disabilities). The program also established an incubator for knowledge development, which has advanced research projects in the fields of exclusion and advancing solidarity.

Social Justice through an Interdisciplinary Lens: Prof. Strier founded and developed this program, together with Dr. Dassi Postan-Aizik and Professor Corey Shdaimah from the University of Maryland Baltimore. The program is based on parallel and collaborative courses on social justice at the University of Haifa's School of Social Work and the Schools of Law and Nursing at the University of Maryland, attended by a diverse group of American and Israeli students. The program aims to advance the development of knowledge and raise awareness about social rights-based practice.

Prizes

1999-2001 . Yosifovich Scholarship for Excellent Research in the Field of Poverty. School of Social Work and Social Welfare. Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

2005-2006. Award for academic excellence. Partnership Haifa Program. University of Haifa Board of Governors.

2012. Research grant for Excellence in academia-community. Planning and Budget Committee. Council for Higher Education.

2016. Lifetime achievement award. ESPANET European Network for Social Policy.

Last Publications

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- Feldman, G. **Strier, R.** & Schmid, H. (2015). The performative magic of advocacy organizations: The redistribution of symbolic capital. *British Journal of Social Work*.
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- Strier, R.** & Breshtling, O. (2016). Professional resistance in social work: Counter practices assemblages. *British Journal of Social Work*.

Strier, R. & Feldman, G. (2017). Reengineering Social Work's Political Passion: Policy Practice and Neo-Liberalism. *The British Journal of Social Work*, 48, 3, 1

Feldman, G., **Strier, R.** & Koreh, M. (2017). Liquid advocacy. Social welfare advocacy in neoliberal times. *International Journal of Social Welfare*.

Shdaimah, C., Lipscomb, J., Strier, R., Postan-Aizik, D. Levinton, S., & Olsen, J. (2017).

Exploring Social Justice in Mixed/Divided Cities: From Local to Global Learning. *Annals of Global Health*. 82. 964-971.

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