

# Curriculum Vitae

**Sharon K. Blei**

## CURRENT POSITION

**Economist at the Supervisory Policy Analysis Unit, Banking Supervision and Regulation Division, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.**

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### *NON-ACADEMIC*

**2004 Researcher at the Israel Democracy Institute**

Field of research: structural changes in banking supervision in Israel.

**1998 Economist at the Financial Markets Unit, the Monetary Department,  
1997 Bank of Israel**

- In charge of the Mutual Funds Desk: analysis, follow-up and update of the Bank of Israel's mutual funds database, issue of monthly survey.
- Research topics: the capital inflow to Israel, the currency options market in Israel, expectations for inflation and devaluation
- Surveying monthly economic developments

### *TEACHING*

**2005 Lecturer of the course "Topics in Central Banking"** (graduate level),  
Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany

**2003 Member of the Tel-Aviv University Junior Academic Staff**

- 1994**
- Lecturer of the seminar "Topics in Banking" (undergraduate level)
  - Lecturer of the course "Macroeconomics I" (undergraduate level)
  - Lecturer of the course "Introduction to Economics"

## **EDUCATION**

- 2006 Post-Doctorate, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany.**
- 2004** European Commission funded CEPR research training network fellowship. Extending theoretical research on the effects of banking system structure on the transmission of monetary policy.
- 2004 Ph.D., Berglas School of Economics, Tel-Aviv University, Israel.**  
Ph.D. dissertation: “Essays on the Real Effects of Financial Structure”  
Supervisors: Prof. Oved Yosha and Prof. Alex Cukierman.
- 1998 Master’s Degree with Honors, Berglas School of Economics, Tel-Aviv University, Israel.**  
Master’s thesis: “The Performance of Flexible Mutual Funds in Israel in the Years 1992 – 1997”.  
Supervisor: Prof. Oved Yosha
- 1994 Bachelor’s Degree with Honors, Berglas School of Economics, Tel-Aviv University, Israel.**

## **STUDY VISIT**

- 2002 Institut D’Economie Industrielle, Toulouse University I, Toulouse, France, spring 2002.**

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- “An Independent Authority or a Department within the Central Bank? The Pros and Cons for Establishing an Independent Banking Supervision Authority”** (with Avi Ben-Bassat, in Hebrew), 2006, *Israel Democracy Institute discussion paper*.
- “The Israeli Banking System in Historical Perspective: Diversification versus Competition”** (with Oved Yosha and Yishay Yafeh, in Hebrew), in N. Liviatan

and H. Barkai (eds.), *The Bank of Israel: Fifty Years of Striving for Monetary Control*, Jerusalem 2004, vol. 2: 149-164, Oxford University Press.

**“Bank Management versus Private Management: Market-Timing and Selectivity Performance of Flexible Mutual Funds in Israel in the Years 1992-1997”** (in Hebrew), *The Bank of Israel Economic Review*, Jerusalem 2003, vol. 75: 39-83.

### **GRANTS & AWARDS**

- 2006** The European Commission MAPMU (Macroeconomic Policy Design  
**2004** for Monetary Unions) Research Fellowship Grant.  
**2003** The Eliezer Fischmann Doctoral Research Grant  
**1999**  
**2002** The Arie Gaaton Fund, Falk Institute for Economic Research in  
Israel, Distinction Prize for Young Researchers  
**2000** The Gideon Fishelson Fund, Distinction Prize for Young Researchers

### **PRESENTATIONS**

**Structural Changes in the Financial System and the Consequences**, Deutsche Bundesbank and Freie Universitaet Berlin, Potsdam, Germany, 26 June 2006

**Monetary and Fiscal Stabilization with Imperfect Financial Markets**, De Nederlandsche Bank and CEPR, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 15-16 June 2006

**Financial Supervision in Israel**, The Israel Democracy Institute, Jerusalem, Israel, 5 June 2006

**Midwest Finance Association 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**, Chicago, Illinois, USA, 23-25 March 2006

**LSE First PhD Presentation Meeting**, London, UK, 28-29 January 2006

**ASSET 2005 Meeting, University of Crete, Greece, 27-29 October 2005**

**Research Department Seminar, Deutsche Bundesbank, Frankfurt am Main, Germany, 23 September 2005**

**22nd Symposium on Banking and Monetary Economics, GdR Economie Monétaire et Financière, CNRS LARGE, Robert Schuman University, Strasbourg, France, 16-17 June 2005**

**Conference on Financial System Supervision and Regulation Reforms, The Israel Democracy Institute, Israel, 3 May 2005**

**Haifa-Humboldt Conference, Haifa University, Israel, 6-7 April 2005**

**Conference in Memory of the Late Professor Oved Yosha, Tel-Aviv University, Israel, 3-5 January 2005.**

**The Israel Economic Association 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Jerusalem, Israel, 7 June 2004**

**European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society, CEMFI, Madrid, Spain, 24-25 October 2003**

**Research Department Seminar, Bank of Israel, Jerusalem, Israel, 1 October 2003**

**European Doctoral Programme Jamboree, London School of Economics, London, England, 31 October - 2 November 2002**

**Institut D'Economie Industrielle departmental seminar, Toulouse University I, Toulouse, France, 8 May 2002**