

Elijah (Eli) C. Kibler

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Education

Master of Arts, English Literature, Criticism, and Textual Studies Expected May 2026
The University of Tennessee | Knoxville, TN GPA: 4.00/4.00

Bachelor of Arts, English and Asian Studies, Minor in Film Studies *Summa Cum Laude* | May 2024
Furman University | Greenville, SC GPA: 3.90/4.00

Study Abroad Jan-May 2023
Seinan Gakuin University | Fukuoka, Japan

- Lived in an international dorm with foreign and Japanese students and took seven courses on Japanese language, culture, and society; attended weekly cultural events

Publications & Projects

“Travels Down South: Stories of Asian and Asian Americans in South Carolina” May 2025
Elijah Kibler (‘24), Eva Kiser (‘23), and Dr. Kylie Fisher
Carolina Currents, Studies in South Carolina Culture, vol. 2

Recentering (Hi)Stories: Asian and Asian American Experiences in Furman’s Institutional Narrative April 11-May 7, 2023
(Co-Curator of Exhibition)
Roe Art Building, Furman University, Greenville, SC

[Untold Journeys: Exploring Furman and Greenville’s Connections with Asia](#) July 29, 2022
Elijah Kibler (‘24), Eva Kiser (‘23), and Dr. Kylie Fisher

- Researched, compiled, drafted, edited, and published an interactive humanities website on Furman’s historical engagement with Asia
- Worked in the Furman Library Archives to amplify the stories of those who traveled between South Carolina and Asia over the past two centuries
- Focused on teamwork, networking, communication, research, writing, and design
- Conducted and recorded [interviews](#) for Furman’s Oral Histories project

Honors, Awards, & Fellowships

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- Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society
 - Furman University Dean’s List (*All Semesters*)
 - Japanese National Honor Society
 - John B. Emperor Fellowship (\$500)
 - Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society
 - J. Decherd Guess Scholarship Recipient (\$4500)
 - Asian Studies Department Research Funding (\$300)
 - Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship (\$3500)
 - Furman Summer Internship Fellowship Funding (\$1000)
 - Furman University Award for Excellence in Film Studies
 - Furman Humanities Center Research Grant Recipient (\$1500)
 - John C. Hodges Fellowship for New Graduate Students (\$500)

- Shakespeare Birthplace Trust Summer Research Trip (*selected, but cancelled due to Covid-19*)

Conferences & Invited Talks

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- “Kurosawa’s Marxist Metadrama: Unveiling the Hidden Play Within *Throne of Blood*”** Nov 20-23, 2025
Elijah Kibler
2025 PAMLA Conference, San Francisco, CA
- “Diversity in Furman’s Institutional Narrative: Exploring and Promoting AAPI+ Stories”** April 13, 2024
Elijah Kibler (‘24), Eva Kiser (‘23), and Dr. Kylie Fisher
2024 ASIANetwork Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA
- “Untold Journeys: Exploring Furman and Greenville’s Connections with Asia”** April 13, 2024
Elijah Kibler (‘24) and Eva Kiser (‘23)
Poster Session, 2024 ASIANetwork Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA
- “Untold Journeys: Exploring Furman and Greenville’s Connections with Asia”** Oct 10, 2023
Elijah Kibler (‘24) and Dr. Kylie Fisher
AST 200: Introduction to Asian Studies, Furman University (invited talk)
- “Untold Journeys: Exploring Furman and Greenville’s Connections with Asia”** April 14-15, 2023
Elijah Kibler (‘24), Eva Kiser (‘23), and Dr. Kylie Fisher
Furman Engaged and Clearly Furman capital campaign presentations, Furman University
- “Recentring (Hi)Stories: Asian and Asian American Experiences in Furman’s Institutional Narrative”** Jan 27, 2023
Elijah Kibler (‘24), Eva Kiser (‘23), and Dr. Kylie Fisher
2023 Southern Humanities Conference, San Antonio, TX
- “Untold Journeys: Exploring Furman and Greenville’s Connections with Asia”** Oct 18, 2022
Elijah Kibler (‘24) and Eva Kiser (‘23)
AST 200: Introduction to Asian Studies, Furman University (invited talk)

Professional Experience

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- Graduate Teaching Associate** Aug 2025-Present
The University of Tennessee Knoxville, TN
- Instructs two sections of English First Year Composition in both the fall and spring semesters
- Writing Center Tutor Coach** Aug 2025-Present
Judith Anderson Herbert Writing Center Knoxville, TN
- Assists in the instruction and development of new tutors in training groups that meet once a week
- Writing Center Consultant** Aug 2024-Present
Judith Anderson Herbert Writing Center Knoxville, TN
- Assists undergraduate English First Year Composition students with their academic research, writing, and multimodal projects; facilitates the development of writing skills through collaboration with peer clients; aims to make better writers, not necessarily better texts
- Kids U Summer Camp Instructor** July 14-18, 2025
The University of Tennessee Knoxville, TN

- Planned and led a week-long camp on writing college admissions essays for high school upperclassmen through UTK's Kids U summer program

Graduate Teaching Assistant

The University of Tennessee

Aug 2024-May 2025

Knoxville, TN

- Observed and assisted in one section of English 101 and 102, First Year Composition in both the fall and spring semesters

Writing & Media Lab Consultant

Furman Center for Academic Success

Aug 2023-May 2024

Greenville, SC

- Assisted students one-on-one or in small groups with academic writing and multimedia projects

Summer Internship

Greenville Business Magazine

June-July 2023

Greenville, SC

- Writer, editor, and coordinator for articles and events in the South Carolina business community
- Interviewed candidates and wrote [stories](#) for \$30K Power-Up small business competition

Undergraduate Campus Involvement

Member

Sigma Tau Delta | International English Honor Society at Furman University

Sep 2022-Present

- Engage in various activities with other members such as raising money for a local literacy organization and promoting education and reading of banned books

Peer Notetaker

Furman Student Office for Accessibility Resources (SOAR)

Jan-May 2021

Greenville, SC

- Wrote and submitted notes after every class for students that requested additional notes for a specific course

Languages

Japanese: intermediate reading, writing, listening, and speaking