

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

- 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

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

Professional Experience

Graduate Teaching Associate <i>The University of Tennessee</i>	Aug 2025-Present Knoxville, TN
• Instructs two sections of English First Year Composition in both the fall and spring semesters	
Writing Center Tutor Coach <i>Judith Anderson Herbert Writing Center</i>	Aug 2025-Present Knoxville, TN
• Assists in the instruction and development of new tutors in training groups that meet once a week	
Writing Center Consultant <i>Judith Anderson Herbert Writing Center</i>	Aug 2024-Present 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 <i>The University of Tennessee</i>	July 14-18, 2025 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 **Aug 2024-May 2025**
Knoxville, TN
The University of Tennessee

- 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 **Aug 2023-May 2024**
Greenville, SC
Furman Center for Academic Success

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

Summer Internship **June-July 2023**
Greenville, SC
Greenville Business Magazine

- 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 **Sep 2022-Present**
Sigma Tau Delta | International English Honor Society at Furman University

- 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 **Jan-May 2021**
Greenville, SC
Furman Student Office for Accessibility Resources (SOAR)

- 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