

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

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” **2024**
Eli Kibler ('24), Eva Kiser ('23), and Dr. Kylie Fisher
Carolina Currents vol. 2 (blind peer-reviewed; accepted for publication October 2023)

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**
Eli 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

- Dean’s List (*All Semesters*)
- Phi Beta Kappa – Honors Society
- John B. Emperor Fellowship (\$500)
- Phi Eta Sigma – National Honors 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)

Conferences & Invited Talks

- “Diversity in Furman’s Institutional Narrative: Exploring and Promoting AAPI+ Stories”** **April 13, 2024**
 Eli 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**
 Eli 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**
 Eli 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**
 Eli Kibler (‘24), Eva Kiser (‘23), and Dr. Kylie Fisher
 Furman Engaged and Clearly Furman capital campaign presentations, Furman University
- “Recentering (Hi)Stories: Asian and Asian American Experiences in Furman’s Institutional Narrative”** **Jan 27, 2023**
 Eli Kibler (‘24), Eva Kiser (‘23), and Dr. Kylie Fisher
 Southern Humanities Conference, San Antonio, TX
- “Untold Journeys: Exploring Furman and Greenville’s Connections with Asia”** **Oct 18, 2022**
 Eli Kibler (‘24) and Eva Kiser (‘23)
 AST 200: Introduction to Asian Studies, Furman University (invited talk)

Professional Experience

- Graduate Teaching Assistant** **Aug 2024-Present**
The University of Tennessee
 Knoxville, TN
- Observe and assist in one section of English 101 First-Year Composition
- Writing Center Consultant** **Aug 2024-Present**
Judith Anderson Herbert Writing Center
 Knoxville, TN
- Assist undergraduate English 101 students with their academic writing and multimodal projects
- Writing & Media Lab Consultant** **Aug 2023-May 2024**
Furman Center for Academic Success
 Greenville, SC
- Assisted students one-on-one or in small groups with academic writing and multimedia projects; facilitated the development of writing skills through collaboration with peer clients; aimed to make better writers, not necessarily better texts
- Summer Internship** **June-July 2023**
Greenville Business Magazine
 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

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

Furman Student Office for Accessibility Resources (SOAR)

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