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### Education

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- 2024 - present    **PhD in English: Rhetoric, Writing, and Linguistics**  
University of Tennessee-Knoxville, Knoxville, TN
- 2024                **Master of Arts in English (Honors)**  
Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN
- 2022                **Bachelor of Arts in Education: Teaching English as a Second Language and Early Childhood Education (Honors)**  
Moscow Pedagogical State University, Moscow, Russia

### Master's Thesis

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*Title: "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: A Multicultural Approach to Redesigning First-Year Composition Writing Assignments"*

### Publications

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Komkova, Elizaveta. *Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: A Multicultural Approach to Redesigning First-Year Composition Writing Assignments*. 2024. Bemidji State University, MA Thesis.

Komkova, Elizaveta, et. al. "Особенности Организации Обучения Английскому Языку Студентов с Задержкой Психического Развития" ["Methods of Teaching English to ESL Students with Mild Intellectual Disability"]. *Bulletin of Russian State University for the Humanities: Psychology. Pedagogics. Education*, no. 2, 2023, pp. 113-129. *CyberLeninka*, doi: 10.28995/2073-6398-2023-2-113-129.

Komkova, Elizaveta. "The References to Spartan and Athenian Education Systems in Jonathan Swift's *Gulliver's Travels*." *Proceedings of the 30th Northern Plains Conference on Early British Literature, April 14-15, 2023*, edited by Larry Swain and Stephen Hamrick, 2023, pp. 80-88.

Komkova, Elizaveta. "Особенности Организации Инклюзивной Образовательной Среды при Обучении Английскому Языку Студентов с Задержкой Психического Развития" ["Methods of Organizing an Inclusive Learning Environment for ESL Students with Mild Intellectual Disability"]. *Proceedings of the 2nd International Scientific and Practical Conference on Further Education: Ways of Development, May 25, 2022*, edited by Vladimir Borisov, Moscow Pedagogical State University, 2023, pp. 154-167. *Elibrary*, doi: 10.31862/9785426312265.

Komkova, Elizaveta. "The Importance of Preschool Education in the Context of the Sustainable Development Goals." *Education: Realities and Prospects*, special issue of *Bulletin of Naberezhnyye Chelny State Pedagogical University*, vol. 38, no. 3, 2022, pp. 306-309.

## Conference Presentations

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“Cultural Exploration and Language Learning: Using Tableau in L2 Education.” 56th Annual Northeast Modern Language Association Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 6-9, 2025 (*current research*)

“Organization, Coherence, and Unity in the ChatGPT Era: Supporting L2 Students with Higher-Order Concerns.” Minnesota Writing and English Conference, Bloomington, Minnesota, 12-13 April 2024

“A Multicultural Approach to Redesigning First-Year Composition Writing Assignments.” Student Achievement Conference, Bemidji State University, Bemidji, Minnesota, 3 April 2024

“The References to Spartan and Athenian Education Systems in Jonathan Swift’s *Gulliver’s Travels*.” Northern Plains Conference on Early British Literature, Bemidji, Minnesota, 14-15 April 2023

“Developing English Speaking and Active Listening Skills in Preschoolers.” Contemporary Perspectives and Research on Early Childhood Education, Moscow Pedagogical State University, Moscow, Russia, 20-21 April 2022

## Teaching & Tutoring Experience

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- 2024 - present      **Graduate Teaching Associate**, English Department, University of Tennessee-Knoxville
- Instructor of record for two college-level first-year writing courses: ENGL 101 Composition I and ENGL 102 Composition II.
- 2024      **Adjunct Instructor of English**, Leech Lake Tribal College, Cass Lake, MN
- Taught two college-level English courses: ENGL 096 Reading and Writing Skills and ENGL 101 Composition.
  - Integrated Anishinaabe cultural values and knowledge—honesty, truth, humility, love, wisdom, courage, and respect—into the curriculum to create a culturally responsive learning environment.
  - Applied storytelling and collaborative project-based learning methods to encourage students to draw on personal experiences, fostering deeper engagement with the writing process.
- 2022 – 2024      **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, English Department, Bemidji State University
- Instructor of record for two college-level first-year writing courses: ENGL 1151 Composition and ENGL 2152 Argument & Exposition.
  - Promote DEI values and support an inclusive learning environment by incorporating “process pedagogy,” “contact zone,” and “peer review” approaches.
  - Provide constructive and detailed feedback on students’ assignments to help them understand their strengths and weaknesses in writing.
- 2023      **Writing Center Tutor**, Writing Resource Center, Bemidji State University

- Facilitated one-on-one meetings with undergraduate and graduate students to review and revise their papers, application documents, projects, and other materials.
- Provided constructive feedback on generating ideas, developing thesis statements, building compelling arguments, and organizing sources in accordance with MLA and APA styles.
- Hosted a workshop on “Personal Statements” for senior undergraduate students in the Biology and Chemistry Departments.

2022

**ESL Teaching Assistant**, Business College No. 4, Moscow, Russia

- Assisted a professor in conducting the “Introduction to Academic Writing” course for 25 ESL students.
- Developed four-month curricula and prepared detailed lesson plans for each lesson.
- Hosted a workshop on “Building Compelling Arguments” for first-year ESL students in collaboration with other ESL teaching assistants.

2018-2021

**Private ESL Teacher**, Moscow, Russia

- Prepared 20 elementary-level learners for English proficiency exams (16 of them successfully achieved the Intermediate level) by:
  - Developing individual learning paths to enhance students’ writing skills and support their ongoing progress.
  - Providing constructive and detailed feedback to each student after every lesson.
  - Collaborating with students’ parents to establish attainable learning objectives.

## Research & Teaching Interests

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Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), L2 Writing Pedagogy, L2 Composition and Rhetoric, Language and Linguistics, Multiculturalism, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

## Honors and Awards

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| 2024 – present | Graduate Teaching Assistantship, University of Tennessee-Knoxville   |
| 2024 – present | John C. Hodges Fellowship for New Graduate Students, University of Tennessee-Knoxville   |
| 2022 – 2024    | Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Bemidji State University  |
| 2024           | Minnesota Writing and English Conference (MnWE) Travel Grant, MnWE Grant Committee   |
| 2022           | Student Award in English at the All-Russian Professional Competition (“Teacher of the Future. Students”), The Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation, Moscow, Russia |
| 2020 – 2021    | YEAR (“Year of Exchange in America for Russians”) Scholarship, The US Department of State  |

- 2021 Student Award in Education at the All-Russian Olympiad (“I am a Professional”), The Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation, Moscow, Russia
- 2018 – 2022 Academic Excellence Scholarship, Moscow Pedagogical State University, Moscow, Russia

### **Courses Taught**

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- Composition (4 sections)
- Argument and Exposition (2 sections)
- Reading and Writing Skills (1 section)
- Introduction to Academic Writing for Non-Native Speakers of English (1 section)

### **Additional Training and Competencies**

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- 2024 Graduate course on “Digital Humanities,” University of Tennessee-Knoxville
- 2024 Graduate Teaching Assistant Training Program, University of Tennessee-Knoxville
- 2024 Completion Certificate in Humanities Responsible Conduct of Research, CITI Program
- 2024 Completion Certificate in Social and Behavioral Research - Basic/Refresher, CITI Program
- 2023 Graduate course on “Seminar in Composition Theory,” Bemidji State University
- 2023 Graduate course on “Writing Center Practicum,” Bemidji State University
- 2022 Graduate Teaching Assistant Training Program, Bemidji State University
- 2021 – 2022 Graduate Student Advising Program, EducationUSA Russia
- 2021 “English for Academic Purposes Program” Training Course at the English Language Institute, Missouri State University
- 2020 “Academic Success Strategies” Training Course at the International Leadership & Training Center, Missouri State University

### **Professional Associations**

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- 2022 – present Member, International Writing Centers Association (IWCA)
- 2022 – present Member, TESOL International Association
- 2022 – present Member, National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)

### **Service**

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- 2024 Speaker and Event Coordinator, TESOL Certificate Interest Meeting, University of Tennessee-Knoxville
- 2022 – 2024 Editorial Board Volunteer, *Milk Tooth Literary Magazine*, Bemidji State University
- 2022 – 2024 Volunteer, The Sustainability Office, Bemidji State University
- 2022 Board Member, Campus Activities Board, Bemidji State University
- 2021 Volunteer, The United Way of Bemidji Area, Bemidji
- 2018 – 2020 Volunteer, Burdenko Neurosurgical Center, Moscow, Russia

## Languages

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English: Advanced

Russian: Native