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Education

(In progress)	MA	University of Kentucky

Linguistic Theory and Typology
Thesis*: Portrayals of 'Russia' and 'Ukraine' in the national news before, during, and after Euromaidan*

2012	BA	Lee University

Anthropology, minors in linguistics and TESOL

2010	Certificate	Minsk State Linguistic University, Belarus

Russian Language: grammar and phonology

University Teaching Experience

2014- **Graduate Teaching Assistant, Linguistics**
Primary instructor
- LIN/ENG 209: The Structure and Use of English (Fall 2015, Spring 2016)

Grading and Secondary Instructor
- LIN 210: History of English (Fall 2014, Spring 2015)
- LIN 211: Introduction to the Study of Language (Fall 2014, Spring/Fall 2015, Spring 2016)

2011 **Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, Anthropology**
Grading and Recitation Section Instructor
- ANTH 200: Global Perspectives (Fall 2011)

Conference Presentations

"Go Down Peerless and Turn Up Paul Huff: Spatial Deixis in Cleveland, Tennessee."
2016 American Dialect Society Annual Meeting at the 90th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Washington, D.C. 9 January 2016.

Thomas, A. and Evors, E.L. "Archaeology for All: How Communities, Universities, and Science Benefit from Archaeology Camps for Children." *Southeastern Archaeological Conference 72nd Annual Meeting*. Nashville, TN. 20 November 2015.

"Giving Directions in an Appalachian Community." *82nd Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Conference on Linguistics.* Raleigh, NC. 10 April 2015.

"Language of Conflict: A corpus linguistic analysis of news articles on Russia and Ukraine." *Lexi=Con: 3rd Annual Graduate Conference in Linguistics at the University of Kentucky.* Lexington, KY. 28 March 2015.

"Radnaya Mova: Confusion Surrounding the Belarusian Language." *Southern Anthropological Society 47th Annual Meeting*. Birmingham, AL. 15 March 2012.

Professional Experience

2015- **Kentucky Linguistics Educational Outreach (KLEO)**
Co-founder, personnel coordinator
- Planned and assisted in Linguistics events for the community
- Initiated Camp LingoCats, an academic camp for middle grades introducing the field of linguistics and helping students understand linguistic diversity in their community.

2014- **Linguistic Incubator for Collaborative Digital Research (LINCD)**
Participant (2014-), Steering committee member (2015-2016)
- Attended lectures from researchers in related fields on tools and methods helpful for linguistic studies
- Planned for and assisted invitees in preparation for their presentations

2014- **Sociolinguistics Reading Group**
Participant (2014-) and reading coordinator (Fall 2015)

2014- **Archaeology Camps at Lee University**
Program Director, curriculum coordinator
- Founded academic camps providing hands-on excavation and

artifact identification and preservation experiences for K-12 students
- Cooperated with local history museum to further develop and continue the program

2014   **Big City University**
Academic tutor
Assisted 4th and 5th grade students from at-risk homes with homework and other academic development activities

2012-2014   **Archaeology Summer Field School:** A partnership between Lee University, Western Wyoming Community College, and the Bureau of Land Management
Field Researcher
- Excavation
- Anasazi rock art documentation

2013   **Presidio Charter School**
Teaching assistant for kindergarten and early elementary grades

2013   **International Rescue Committee: Tucson**
Cultural orientation curriculum developer and Instructor for recently resettled refugees (Internship)

2012   **Lee University/Poltava Institute of Economics and Law**
Interpreter for American and Ukrainian students on Lee University's Study Abroad trip to Ukraine

Awards

2015   *University of Kentucky Linguistics Program: Travel funding for ADS Meeting*

2014   *University of Kentucky Linguistics Program: Travel funding for SECOL Meeting*

2012   *Lee University Behavioral and Social Sciences department award*

2009-2012   *Lee University Centennial Gold Scholarship: Full tuition academic scholarship*

2011   *Lee University Anthropology discipline award*

2010   *Lee University's Academic Showcase: 2nd place for creative writing*

2009-2010   *Lettie Pate Whitehead Academic Scholarship: awarded to 17 women from the Southeastern US per academic year*

Languages

English: L1
Russian: conversational speaking proficiency, advanced reading proficiency
Spanish: intermediate comprehension proficiency, intermediate reading proficiency

Structural knowledge
- Belarusian: phonology and grammar for undergraduate study abroad project
- Ukrainian: grammar for MA thesis project
- Romanian: fieldwork in phonetics
- Koine Greek: advanced reading knowledge

Technologies

Laboratory
- Praat
- Python

Geographic Information Systems
- QGIS
- ArcGIS

Publishing
- LaTex
- GIMP
- Other graphic design programs for fliers, logos, and t-shirts