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EDUCATION

2014 **MA in English**, The University of Texas at Tyler
2000 **BA/MA in English Education**, Nizhny Novgorod Linguistic University, Russia

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

09/2023-present **Senior Lecturer**, The University of Texas at Tyler
09/2017-09/2023 **Lecturer**, The University of Texas at Tyler
09/2016-05/2017 **Visiting Lecturer**, The University of Texas at Tyler
09/2014-05/2016 **Adjunct**, The University of Texas at Tyler
09/2012-05/2014 **Teaching Assistant**, The University at Texas at Tyler
09/2000-08/2003 **Middle School English Instructor**, Middle School #3, Kstovo, Russia

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The University of Texas at Tyler

- College Composition I
- College Composition II
- College Composition I Supplemental Instruction
- World Literature Since the Renaissance (Immigrant Literature)
- British Literature Since 1870s to the Present

Middle School, Kstovo, Russia

- Fifth Grade English
- Sixth Grade English
- Seventh Grade English

TEACHING CERTIFICATIONS

Fall 2023 ACUE (Association of College and University Educators) Certificate in Fostering a Culture of Belonging
Fall 2021 Certificate in Diversity and Inclusion in the Modern Workplace
Fall 2020 ACUE (Association of College and University Educators) Certificate in Effective Teaching Practices
Spring 2019 Certificate in Team-Based Learning (TBL)
Fall 2015 Certificate in Online Learning – Staying Connected Program

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT AND TO THE UNIVERSITY

Summer 2026	Search Committee (member)
2025-2026	Assistant Chair
2025-present	Recruitment, Retention, and Promotion Committee
Fall 2025	ADT (Academy of Distinguished Teachers) "Learning and Teaching from the Student Perspective: A Community Experience" forum moderator
Fall 2025	Search Committee (member)
2024-present	Adjunct Support Committee
2022-present	ADT (Academy of Distinguished Teachers) member
2019-present	Assistant Director of Graduate Studies
2018-present	Composition Committee
2018-present	Survey Literature Courses Assessment Committee
Spring 2025	Search Committee (member)
Spring 2024	Search Committee (member)
Fall 2023	Global Quiz Night judge (UT-Tyler Honors Program)
Fall 2022	Global Quiz Night judge (UT-Tyler Honors Program)
Spring 2022	English MA recruiter at Graduate Fair Expo
Fall 2021	Global Quiz Night reader (UT-Tyler Honors Program)
Summer 2021	English MA Graduate Portfolio Assessment Committee
Fall 2018	Career Success Conference moderator

PROFESSIONAL AND TEACHING DEVELOPMENT AND WORKSHOPS

3/2025	"Beyond Scrolling: How to Make Mobile Learning Mindful & Meaningful in Your Classroom" presentation
2/2025	ADT panel: "AI in the Classroom: Opportunities and Challenges"
10/2024	Generative AI Across the UT System Mini Conference Series
7/2024	Course Hero Education Summit. Attended several workshops/webinars featuring strategies to improve teaching methods, including improving classroom communication and cultivating human connection, fostering student motivation, and implementing AI tools and developing AI literacy.
3/2024	Attended 2 workshops on the use of AI in the classroom
01/2024	Hawkes Learning Virtual Conference. Attended sessions on multimodal approach to creating classroom curriculum, increasing student engagement, and using AI to foster growth and community
9/2023	MLA Webinar "Academic Writer's Guide"

6/2023	Course Hero Education Summit. Attended a series of sessions on inclusive teaching strategies, critical reflection as a way to build relationships with students, and academic procrastination and ways to approach it
5/2023	Hawkes Learning Webinars "Educators Identity in the Classroom" and "Using AI to Improve Writing Prompts"
3/2023	College of Arts and Sciences Showcase: Effective Classroom Strategies
2/2023	TopHat Webinar on inclusive and equitable teaching tips
1/2023	"Active Learning Strategies for In-Person and Blend Learning Environment" workshop
06/2022	"Writing Effective Test Questions" webinar, Hawkes Learning
03/2022	Student Experiences and Global Awareness & Diversity Workshop, UT-Tyler Participated in the panel where students shared their experiences with diversity on campus. Discussed possible ways to diversify courses in terms of assignments and content
10/2021	Positive Leadership in Academia Workshop, UT-Tyler
04/2021	The Virtual Innovative Educators Summit, Hawkes Learning Attended virtual panels that focused on online engagement and effective instruction, creating free learning experience during the pandemic, power reading and writing, understanding how and why we use stereotypes in a classroom, and using mindful writing in the classroom.
10/2020	"Innovative Syllabus Design" Workshop, UT-Tyler
03/2021	ADT Conference on Teaching, ADT (Academy of Distinguished Teachers) Attended the conference and participated in campus teaching and learning center workshops to discuss how to create a culture of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Attended a series of lectures on the above topics and had a chance to hear other colleagues' opinion about their teaching experiences during Covid.
03/2020	"Mobile Technology in the Classroom" Workshop, UT-Tyler
04/2020	"Digital Tools to Empower 21 st Century Learners" Workshop, UT-Tyler
04/2019	Team-Based Learning, Modules 1-5, UT-Tyler Certified for team-based learning after completion of a 5-hour workshops and certification process.
03/2019	"Developing E-Portfolios" Workshop, UT-Tyler
03/2019	"Innovative Assignments and their Impact" Workshop, UT-Tyler
01/2019	Workshop on "Building Student Resilience," UT-Tyler
01/2019	Student Success Panel Discussion, UT-Tyler
03/2018	"Students in Need" Workshop, UT-Tyler Learned how to identify students in need and what steps to take to assist them, including filling out and submitting an electronic report to BIT.
01/2018	Workshop on Academic Innovation, UT-Tyler

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

Spring 2026	ADT (Academy of Distinguished Teachers) panelist on "Grading Practices that I Let Go Of (and Don's Miss")
Spring 2026	CCCC (Conference on College Composition and Communication) "Touching the Words: Physical Writing Practice in Developmental Writing"
Fall 2025	ADT (Academy of Distinguished Teachers) panelist on "What I Did to Support Students with Various Needs"
Spring 2024	CCCC (Conference on College Composition and Communication) presenter on "Navigating the Abundance of Voices, Instruction, and Direction in the Writing Tutorial Course"
Fall 2023	ADT (Academy of Distinguished Teachers) panelist on "Innovating Ideas Assessing Student Learning"
Fall 2023	ADT (Academy of Distinguished Teachers) panelist on "Innovations and Excellence in the Classroom"
Fall 2023	ADT (Academy of Distinguished Teachers) panelist on "What Makes an Exceptional Teacher"
Spring 2022	CEA (College English Association) Annual National Conference presenter on "Third Space as a Reflection of Paradoxical Nature of Multiculturalism in Immigrant Literature Course"

AWARDS/HONORS

2026	Nominated for White Fellowship Award
2025	Recognized by the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) as the October Professional Development Winner for active participation in multiple workshops and campus-wide teaching initiatives
2025	CETL (Center for Excellence in Teaching) Active Learning Support Grant (for teaching the developmental writing course)
2022	Nominated for Excellence in Teaching Award
2016	Pep Award, a competitive grant awarded to English faculty intending to attend the Conference on College Composition and Communication

INVITED TALKS

Fall 2015	"Living Between Two Worlds: Immigrant Experience in the 21st Century," Webb Historical Society event, UT Tyler
Spring 2015	"Coming of Age in 'Soviet Russia:' A Personal Testimony of Society and Culture," GATE event, UT Tyler

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

- Russian (native)
- French (fluent)