

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2024 – current Ph.D. Student Department of Anthropology, University of Connecticut
- 2022 M. A. Department of Anthropology, European University at St. Petersburg
Thesis title: “Perception of illness and self in narratives of people living with bipolar disorder”
- 2014 B. A. Faculty of Philology, Saint Petersburg State University
Thesis title: “The Dobrynya and Marinka plot in the epic tradition of the Russian North”

PUBLICATIONS

- 2024 Lukina, K. “Perception of Illness and Self in Narratives of People Living with Bipolar Disorder.” *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry* (under review).
- 2014 Baukova (Lukina), K. S. “‘No-One Will Escape’: The ‘Killing’ of Newly-Wed Women on the Eve of the St. Peter’s Fast”. In *Communication Conventions and Social Scripts. Philological Practicum*, 211–221. Saint Petersburg. (In Russian).

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2025 Summer Research Fellowship, University of Connecticut
- 2024 Outstanding Applicant Grant, University of Connecticut
- 2021 – 2022 M.A. Fellowship for outstanding performance, European University at St. Petersburg

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2015 Junior Laboratory Assistant, *Communicative Conventions and Social Scenarios* funded by the Russian Academy of Science. Principal Investigator: Dr. Svetlana Adoneva. Saint Petersburg State University.
Responsibilities: analysis of archival fieldwork audio recordings; transcription using an oscilloscope; preparation of accompanying descriptive documentation.
- 2012 – 2014 Junior Laboratory Assistant, *Communicative Conventions of Oral speech*, funded by Saint Petersburg State University. Principal Investigator: Dr. Svetlana Adoneva. Saint Petersburg State University.

Responsibilities: Conducted ethnographic research (interviews and observations) on contemporary Russian culture; compiled and maintained a digital archive; organized and participated in seminars; organized public lectures.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Papers presented

2023 “Narratives of people living with bipolar affective disorder: constructing ideas about the disease and about ‘selves’”. *XI International Interdisciplinary Scientific and Practical Symposium*, Medical Anthropologists Association (AMA) and Center for Medical Anthropology of the Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Russian Academy of Science, Saint Petersburg, Russia, October 30 – November 2.

2023 “Perception of illness and self in narratives of people living with bipolar disorder.” *The cycle of webinars about using the narrative method in medical anthropology*. Scientific director and organizer – Dr. Valentina Kharitonova. Center for Medical Anthropology of the Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology Russian Academy of Science, Saint Petersburg, Russia, June 14 – 23.

2022 “Self-regulation strategies of people living with bipolar disorder.” “*Pain, seeking a Doctor*”: *Sociology and Anthropology of Health and Medicine*. Moscow School of Social and Economic Sciences, Saint Petersburg, Russia, April 15 – 16.

2022 ““How do you like our feedback?”: personal/collective in the biographical stories of people with bipolar disorder”. *Exhibition of Scientific Achievements “VDNH”*. European University at Saint Petersburg, Saint Petersburg, Russia, March 24 – 26.

2014 “Post-Soviet birthday party mythology: sacred givers and their recipients”. *XVI Open Conference of Philology Students*. Saint Petersburg State University, Saint Petersburg, Russia, April 8 – 10.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2024 Anth 1000: Peoples and Cultures of the World, in person, Teaching assistant

Spring 2025 Anth 1000: Peoples and Cultures of the World, in person, Teaching assistant

Summer 2025 Anth 1000: Peoples and Cultures of the World, in person, Instructor of record

Fall 2025 Anth 1000w: Peoples and Cultures of the World, Teaching assistant

Spring 2026 Anth 1000w: Peoples and Cultures of the World, in person, Teaching assistant

Spring 2026 Anth 1000: Peoples and Cultures of the World, in person, Teaching assistant
Summer 2026 Anth 1000W: Peoples and Cultures of the World, online, Instructor of record

WORK EXPERIENCE

2022 – 2023 IT project manager, National Research Technical University, Saint Petersburg, Russia
Responsibilities: requirements gathering and negotiations with clients (deans and faculty), organizing the work of the development team (programmers, designers, QAs), project planning and management for the development of a university website

2013 – 2023 Private teacher of Russian, Saint Petersburg, Russia

Responsibilities: conducting individual and group lessons for children and adults, preparing students for the Russian Unified State Exam.

2018 – 2020 IT project manager, Just AI, Saint Petersburg, Russia
Responsibilities: project planning and management for the development of vocal games, product design, and organizing the work of developers (programmers, designers, QAs).

2013 – 2015 Teacher of Russian as a foreign language, ProBa Russian Language Center
Responsibilities: conducting individual and group lessons for kids and adults.

VOLUNTEERING

2020 – current Fundraiser and support group coordinator, Charitable Foundation for the Support of People with Mental and Behavioral Disorders "Balance", Saint Petersburg, Russia
Responsibilities: grant writing, support group coordination, managing foundation supplements, and helping people with mood diseases to reintegrate and live a more meaningful life.

SUPPLEMENTAL TRAINING

2022 “The History of Medicine: Lessons. The course by Elena Berger” (non-credit online course). Free University, Moscow, Russia

LANGUAGES

Russian (native)
English (advanced)
Ukrainian (beginner)
German (beginner)

