Alexei Batishchev

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Subfields: Sociolinguistics, Multilingualism and Language Contact, Queer and Trans Linguistics
Methods and Focus: Sociophonetics, Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA), CADS, (Digital) Ethnography

EDUCATION

M.A. in Applied Linguistics — Expected May 2027
University of Massachusetts Boston — Boston, MA
Concentration: Foreign Language Pedagogy • **GPA: 4.0/4.0**
Thesis (in progress): Working Title: "Vowel Reduction and Identity Indexicality in Diaspora Surzhyk"
Committee: Dr. Jennifer Sclafani *(Chair)*, Dr. Christian Chun

B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies: TESOL and Language Studies — 08/2018 – 08/2021
Liberty University — Lynchburg, VA
Minor: Linguistics • Honors: Outstanding Research Achievement Award

REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- **Batishchev, A.** (2027, January). *Do Men Deserve Flowers? (De)gendering, Racialization, Medicalization, Envy, and Desire in Contemporary Online Russian Discourse.* Paper presentation scheduled at the Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- **Batishchev, A.**, & Nabieva, S. (2027, January). *Pragmatics and Asymmetric Essentialization of Theyfab in Online Trans Discourse.* Paper presentation scheduled at the Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- **Batishchev, A.**, & Sulkin, L. (2027, January). *The LGBT Acronym as Macro-Political and Micro-Interpersonal Synecdoche: A Corpus-Assisted Discourse Study of Identity Ascription and Slur Reclamation in Russian Web Chats of the 2010s.* Paper presentation scheduled at the Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- **Batishchev, A.** (2025, November). *Zines as Anticolonial Ethnography: Engaging Students through Personal Narratives in Community-Based Adult ESL Classrooms.* Poster presentation at New Ways of Analyzing Variation 53 (NWAV 53), Ann Arbor, MI.
- **Batishchev, A.** (2021, April). *Using Task-Based Language Teaching to Contextualize Culture and Improve Spelling for Arabic-Speaking English Language Learners.* Oral presentation at Liberty University Research Week, Lynchburg, VA.

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

- **Batishchev, A.** (2026, June 29). *Is it easier to be nonbinary in a gendered language? A reflection on (non)binary language practices in Russian, English, and beyond.* Committee on LGBTQ+ Issues in Linguistics (COZIL) Blog, Linguistic Society of America.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- **Scholarship for Further Study**, Alaska Adult Education Association (AAEA) — 02/2026
- **Student Travel Award**, New Ways of Analyzing Variation 53 (NWAV 53) — 09/2025
- **Pushcart Prize Nomination**, AWS (Nominated for poem *"ice migration"*, Summer '23 Issue) — 12/2023
- **Outstanding Research Achievement Award**, Liberty University (Interdisciplinary Studies) — 05/2021

PEDAGOGICAL WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS

- **Batishchev, A.** (2027, April). *Fostering positive L2 identity to improve collaborative dialogue and risk-taking in the classroom and beyond!* Workshop presentation scheduled at the Coalition on Adult Basic Education (COABE) National Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- **Batishchev, A.** (2027, April). *Teaching pronunciation? Always! Applied phonetics and top-down strategies for adult ESOL.* Workshop presentation scheduled at the Coalition on Adult Basic Education (COABE) National Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- **Batishchev, A.** (2027, April). *Challenging deficit mindset in adult ESOL: Building diverse asset-based classrooms.* Workshop presentation scheduled at the Coalition on Adult Basic Education (COABE) National Conference, New Orleans, LA.

OTHER ACADEMIC TRAINING

Lavender Languages Summer Institute 2023 – Present
Participant (2023, 2024, 2025, 2026)

Undergraduate TESL Certificate (135-Hour Practicum/Internship) 08/2019 – 08/2021
Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA

SELECT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Alaska Literacy Program Anchorage, AK
Adult ESOL Instructor and Student Integration Specialist 01/2024 – Present
Program Support Specialist and Substitute Instructor 10/2022 – 12/2023

- Instruct multi-level adult ESOL courses (CEFR A1–C1; cohorts of 15–25) focusing on civic, academic, and workforce transitions.
- Direct intake, language diagnostic evaluations, and orientation for incoming refugee, asylee, and immigrant populations.
- Design and facilitate professional development workshops on trauma-informed instruction and asset-based adult pedagogy for volunteer and staff instructors.
- Create policies and agendas for the student services department and the accessibility committee.

Antioch Christian Academy Puerto Misahuallí, Ecuador
EFL Teaching Intern 01/2021 – 05/2021

- Designed and taught task-based EFL curricula (CEFR A2–B2) for elementary through secondary learners via synchronous remote instruction.

ACADEMIC SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

Social Chair, Lavender Languages Summer Institute 2026, 2027
Organize and facilitate networking events and community building for international institute participants.

Mentor, COZIL CAMP Mentorship Program 2026 – Present
Committee on LGBTQ+ Issues in Linguistics, Linguistic Society of America
Provide 1-on-1 mentorship to an undergraduate student on academic and professional development.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Computational Tools: Praat, Python, AntConc, Excel, GitHub
Qualitative and Discourse Methods: Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA), CADS, Ethnography

LANGUAGES

Primary / Bilingual: English, Russian
Intermediate: Spanish, Ukrainian
Elementary: French (reading/passive), Arabic, Japanese, ASL

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- **Linguistic Society of America (LSA)**, Graduate Student Member 2023 – Present
- **American Association for Applied Linguistics (AAAL)**, Graduate Student Member 2023 – Present
- **Coalition on Adult Basic Education (COABE)**, Member 2022 – Present
- **Alaska Adult Education Association (AAEA)**, Member 2022 – Present

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PUBLIC HUMANITIES

- **Volunteer Russian–English Translator**, *Centre T* 2026 – Present
  Translate advocacy materials, educational resources, testimonies, and social media publications from Russian into English to expand international outreach for Russia's leading transgender support and human rights initiative.
- **Collaborator and Illustrator**, *Russian Jack Park Multilingual Signage Project*
  (ALP and Anchorage Park Foundation) 2025 – 2026
  Illustrated and designed 24 multilingual park signs to foster accessibility and community representation.
- **Organizer and Host**, Monthly Community Poetry Slam, Anchorage, AK 2023 – 2025
- **Contributing Artist, Poet and Zine Maker**, Featured in:
  Year Round Queer (2023, 2024); Anchorage Zine Fair (2024); *A Night of Queer Community Resilience* (2023).