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State of Alaska Teacher Certificate: highly qualified in ESL, K-12; Elementary Education; and English, grades 9-12.

I teach Russian as an adjunct faculty of the University of Alaska Fairbanks and lead the Russian Program here. In my Russian classes, students work a lot with authentic Russian resources -- infographics, memes, cartoons, news broadcasts, shows, songs, student-produced standup comedy -- and come very close to understanding Russian people and their culture.

Two passions live in my heart: a passion to share Russian language and history and a passion to share English. Both of them have to do with immensely influential cultures and peoples. I get to work with both!

In addition to the work at University of Alaska, I am an ELL Specialist and serve as an Instructional Coach to the teachers of Fairbanks North Star Borough School District. As an instructional coach, I help teachers find ways to make their instruction in, for example, Science or Social Studies be comprehensible to students, whose proficiency in the English language is very limited.

- ***I believe in learning by doing*** and encourage my students to volunteer their translating and interpreting services for the community, teach Russian classes at local elementary and middle schools, and organize History Quests in May, among other things.
- ***I believe in citizen diplomacy and care deeply*** for Fairbanks-Yakutsk Sister City Organization. Its members visit our Russian classes as guest speakers, and together we conduct events for the local community, make -- and eat -- *pelmeny and pirozhky*, visit with Yakutsk university students over *TV-Bridge* and actually plan a trip there soon!
- Most importantly, ***I believe in student-centered and student-lead learning***, which makes our Russian classes unforgettable and - by far - some of the most fulfilling and engaging learning experiences on campus. Students form lasting friendships, engage in research, and *become experts in many things Russian*.

No matter what I teach, I am dedicated to the success of my students and love learning with them. We even do research and write papers together.

❖ Interested in taking Russian? Are you doing research on Russia and need help with resources or just a “sound board”?
I may be able to help!

❖ Have a question for me?
I am easy to get in touch with and would love to hear from you!

❖ Please contact me via e-mail svnuss@alaska.edu

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Link to my summer 2018 interview to *Moscow Home of Compatriots' Engagement*, Центр гуманитарного и делового сотрудничества с соотечественниками за рубежом - Московский дом соотечественника, **in Russian**:

<http://mosds.mos.ru/presscenter/news/detail/7374237.html>