TAYLOR M. MARKS

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Education

MA in Russian and Eastern European Studies

Indiana University: Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies Graduation: Est. Spring 2027 Master's Degree/Thesis Work: Russian and East European Institute (REEI) **GPA: 4.0/4.0**

BA in Secondary Education and History, *cum laude*

Clemson University: College of Education, Clemson, SC Graduation: May 2025
Majors: History and Secondary Education, Double Major **GPA: 3.78/4.0**

- Minor: Russian Area Studies

Teaching & Advising

Teaching Assistant:
Indiana University, Hamilton Lugar School, The Byrnes Institute
Engineering Nature and Sustainability in Eastern Europe Spring 2026 – PRESENT

- Facilitating classroom experiences such as grading, assignments, submissions, and Canvas technology.
- Providing feedback and development opportunities through communication with students.
- Facilitating office hours, meetings, and opportunities for academic development.
- Planning and implementing classroom exercises and prompts for students.

Teaching Assistant: Clemson University College of Education August 2021-May 2025

- Taught various classes and subjects throughout public middle and high school grade levels (including economics, psychology, United States history, and United States government.
- Managed and maintained a healthy and productive classroom environment with an average of 20+ students within a single class for each lesson, with over 120+ hours of experience in the field.
- Implemented classroom techniques from current pedagogical strategies.
- Planned lessons, assignments, and instruction materials for student and teacher use.

Residential Community Leader: Clemson University Housing and Dining August 2022-June 2025

- Led a group of Resident Assistants within a residential community by facilitating and presenting events, projects, community-building experiences, and meetings.
- Educated staff in vital information to improve their performance, creating a personable community, and unifying 28 staff members.
- Planned staff events and educational outreach programs for resident assistant and resident development.

Research Experience

Racial Literacy Project Researcher: Clemson University College of Education Fall 2024 – July 2025

- Reading, discussing, and transcribing data of findings related to inclusivity of children's books related to racial and ethnic diversity.
- Presented findings of data and analysis at an multiple educator's conferences.

Historical Data Researcher: Clemson University Creative Inquiry Program Fall 2023 – August 2024

- Collecting, Analyzing, Transcribing, Geocoding, and Mapping digital historical data from the 1950s to the early 2000s based on address books.
- Adept at utilizing digital historical data throughout multiple digital landscapes.
- Taught fellow researchers the steps of digitizing and mapping data through meetings and inquiry opportunities.
- Presented research findings in poster and presentation format at a colloquium hosted by Clemson University.

Publications/Certifications

- **Research Presentation:** Clemson Creative Inquiry Program
  - Marks, T., Regan, A. (2024, August). "A Tale of Two Gay Guides: The Distinction Between Bob Damron's Address Book and Gaia's Guide." Poster presentation at the 8th Annual Summer Creative Inquiry + Undergraduate Research Showcase, Clemson, SC.
- **Published Article:** Clemson University, Aurantiaco Humanities Magazine
  - Marks, T. (April 2024). "Rostova, Religiosity, and Raunchiness: Tolstoy's Reflection of Female Characters in War & Peace." Aurantiaco Humanities Magazine, Vol 3, April 19, 2024.
- Certified in Praxis Education Basics Test for grades 7-12, PLT 5624 (Awarded Nov. 2023)

Conference Presentations

"A Tale of Two Gay Guides: The Distinction Between Bob Damron's Address Book and Gaia's Guide." Poster presentation at the 8th Annual Summer Creative Inquiry + Undergraduate Research Showcase, Clemson, SC. August 2024.

"Racial Literacy: It's Current Development in Education Through Young Adult Books," National Council of Teachers of English. Charleston, SC. July 14-16, 2025.

"Racial Literacy: It's Current Development in Education Through Young Adult Books," Clemson University Educators Colloquium. Clemson, SC. May 2025.

Honors & Awards

- Summer Research Grant, Clemson University Creative Inquiry May 2024 – August 2024
- Academic Scholarship, Clemson University, Clemson, SC August 2021 – June 2025
- Residential Community Mentor of the Year, Clemson, SC April 2025

Languages

- **Intermediate Spanish** (Estimated 3 on the State Department's Language Proficiency Scale)
- **Intermediate Russian** (Estimated 2/3 on the State Department's Language Proficiency Scale)