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PRIMARY RESEARCH INTERESTS

Embodied Consciousness and Enactivism (4E/4EA) | Developmental Consciousness and Early Subjectivity | Intersex/IVSC Studies, Migration, and Lived Experience | Micro-Phenomenology and Qualitative Methodology | Neuroanthropology and Bioethics

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in East-West Psychology, California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco, CA — Expected 2028
Advisor: Sara Granovetter
Dissertation: *A Micro-phenomenological Inquiry into Lived Embodied Experience and Consciousness of Migrants with Innate Variations of Sex Characteristics (IVSC) in the United States*

M.S. in Nonprofit Management, The New School, New York, NY — 2021
Advisor: Mark Lipton
Thesis: *Social entrepreneurship and LGBTQI immigration organizations in the United States*

B.S. in Sociology, Kemerovo State University, Russia — 2007
Thesis: *Mass media as an institution of symbolic power, based on an analysis of Jürgen Habermas's works*

RESEARCH METHODS

Micro-phenomenological interviewing | Semi-structured interviewing | Body mapping | Reflexive thematic analysis | Embodied transcription | Interpretive analysis of visual and embodied data | Reflexive and autoethnographic inquiry

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Berezkin, A. V. (2011). *Sociological interpretation of the phenomenon of Internet addiction in the context of the theory of anomie (É. Durkheim and R. Merton).* Bulletin of Kemerovo State University, 3(47), 107–112.

Scholarly Book Chapters

Lukinmaa, P., & Berezkin, A. V. (2020). Migrating Russian-Speaking LGBTIQ+ Activists: On Displacement, Sense of Belonging and Transnational Activism. In K. Wiedlack, S. Shoshanova, & M. Godovannaya (Eds.), *Queer-Feminist Solidarity and the East/West Divide* (pp. 263–290). Peter Lang. https://doi.org/peterlang.com/document/1057639

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

External Scholarships and Awards

- 2026: Point Access Scholarship, Point Foundation ($1,500)
- 2026: Point Internship & Professional Development Award, Point Foundation
- 2026: Point Persistence Scholarship, Point Foundation ($500)
- 2026: Point Foundation Flagship Scholarship, Semifinalist (national competition)

Institutional Funding

- 2021–2023: Doctoral Student Opportunity Scholarship, California Institute of Integral Studies ($4,800)
- 2019–2021: Graduate Student Tuition Fellowship, The New School (70% tuition)

Conference Travel Funding

- 2026: Student Travel Award ($500), International Society for Theoretical Psychology (ISTP 2026 Conference)
- 2022: Travel Award ($300), 17th Conference of Research in Jung and Analytical Psychology, Jungian Society for Scholarly Studies
- 2013: Travel Award, Returning to Oz: The Afterlife of Dorothy (Manchester, UK), Fund of Mikhail Prokhorov

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations

2026

- **Berezkin, A. V. (2026).** *Embodied Variation and Models of Consciousness: An Epistemological Inquiry.* Poster accepted at Models of Consciousness 7 (MoC7), Association for Mathematical Consciousness Science (AMCS), University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark, October 2026. (Participation withdrawn due to travel constraints.)
- **Berezkin, A. V. (2026).** *Listening to Embodied Experience: Micro-phenomenology, Body Mapping, and Thematic Analysis.* Society for Qualitative Inquiry in Psychology (SQIP 2026), Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA, USA, July 17–18, 2026.
- **Berezkin, A. V. (2026).** *Consciousness Under Constraint: Rethinking Identity Through the Lived Experience of Intersex Migrants.* International Society for Theoretical Psychology (ISTP 2026), Theorizing in Dark Times: Art, Narrative, Politics, Pratt Institute, New York, NY, USA, June 8–12, 2026.
- **Berezkin, A. V. (2026).** *Radical Care: Enactive Agency and Sense-Making among Migrants with Intersex/Variations of Sex Characteristics.* Accepted for Power and Care: Enactive Approaches and Critical Social Philosophy, Mind & Life Europe & Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain. (Unable to attend due to travel restrictions.)

2025

- **Berezkin, A. V. (2025).** *From Lived Experience to Theory: What Intersex Studies Can Offer to Consciousness and Embodiment Studies.* Poster accepted at the 28th Annual Meeting of the Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness (ASSC28), Heraklion, Crete. (Participation withdrawn due to travel constraints.)
- **Berezkin, A. V. (2025).** *Embodied and Embedded: Applying the 4E Model of Cognition to Intersex Experiences.* Intersex Insights Conference, Dublin City University, Dublin, Ireland. (Presented remotely.)
- **Berezkin, A. V. (2025).** *Beyond 4E-A: Where Is the Unconscious in Embodied Cognition?* Metamorphosis: An East-West Psychology Symposium, California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco, CA. (Presented remotely.)

2024

- **Berezkin, A. V. (2024).** *Embodiment of the Intersex Psyche Through Fairy Tales.* 6th Annual Mythologium Conference: Myth & Creativity, International Society of Mythology, Santa Barbara, CA. (Presented remotely.)

2023

- **Berezkin, A. V. (2023).** *Queer Immigrants' Recurring Dreams as an Indicator of Personality Changes in the Context of Forced Migration.* Psychology & the Other Conference, Boston College, Boston, MA.
- **Berezkin, A. V., & Serebryanaya, A. (2023).** *Divided Space: Analysis of Immigrants' Sleeping.* C. G. Jung Institute Zürich, Küsnacht, Switzerland. (Presented remotely.)
- **Berezkin, A. V. (2023).** *Relocation: Liminal Consciousness of New Russian Immigrants.* Dean Hopper Conference: Modes of Belonging—Kinships, Exile, and Translation, Drew University, Madison, NJ. (Presented remotely.)

2022

- **Berezkin, A. V. (2022).** *Jungian Analysis of a Genderqueer Folk Tale in the Context of LGBTQIA Community Healing.* 17th Conference of Research in Jung and Analytical Psychology: Liberty and Justice—Shadows of Freedom?, Jungian Society for Scholarly Studies, Des Moines, WA.
- **Berezkin, A. V. (2022).** *What Does It Mean to Be Intersex in Body, World, and Spirituality?* Metamorphosis: An East-West Psychology Symposium, California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco, CA. (Presented remotely.)

2021

- **Berezkin, A. V. (2021).** *Fairy Tale Coaching for Organizational Development of Nonprofit Organizations.* Management and Social Justice Conference, The New School, New York, NY.

2017

- **Berezkin, A. V. (2017).** *Intersex Status of a Soviet Person, 1917–1932.* Representing Gender and Sexuality in History and Cultural Studies, Drew University, Madison, NJ.

2016

- **Berezkin, A. V. (2016).** *Normativity and Variability in the Discourse on Intersex.* Incoherence: Disorder, Normativity, Anthropology, American Ethnological Society, Washington, DC.

2013

- **Berezkin, A. V. (2013).** *Dorothy Gale and Her Twin Ellie Smith in a Magical Land of the USSR.* Returning to Oz: The Afterlife of Dorothy, International Anthony Burgess Foundation, Manchester, UK.

Work-in-Progress Presentations

- **Berezkin, A. V. (2026).** *Embodied consciousness under conditions of medicalization and migration: A micro-phenomenological inquiry into VSC experience.* European Network of Psychological Anthropology (ENPA), WiPS Seminar.

Invited Seminar and Panel Presentations

- 2021: Panel Discussant (Invited). *Intersex Day of Solidarity: Standing Together in Times of Adversity.* ILGA World, Zurich, Switzerland (online).
- 2019: Panel Discussant (Invited). *Representation of Intersex People in the Mass Media.* OutRight Action International, New York, NY.
- 2018: Panel Discussant (Invited). *Intersex Phobia and Intersex Policy.* Queering Social Justice: LGBTI Health in the U.S. & Beyond, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, Atlanta, GA.
- 2015: Presenter. *Intersex and Transgender People in Russian Online Forums: Difficulties in Communication.* Philadelphia Trans Health Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2014: Panel Discussant (Invited). *Russian Intersexuality: Resistance and Conformity.* Gender and Transformation in Europe Workshop, New York University, New York, NY.

RESEARCH TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2026

- Attendee, *1st Conference From Body to Mind: Fetus–Child Development*, Neuropsychoanalysis of Infancy, Rome / online (hybrid), May 9, 2026.
- Participant, Measurement Theory Sprint & Consciousness Science Workshops, BAMΞ (Bamberg Analysis & Mind/Consciousness Research Initiative), 2025–2026 (online). Workshops included *Paradigms in Consciousness Science* (2025), *Towards a Measurement Theory for Consciousness Science* (2026), and *New Ideas in Neural Correlates of Consciousness (NCCs) Research* (2026).

2025

- Attendee, *International Neuropsychoanalysis Congress: Early Mental Development – Incubating the Future*, New York, NY.
- Certificate of Completion, *Micro-Phenomenological Analysis Training*, Amatha, Escola de Fenomenologia Corporal, taught by Camila Valenzuela Moguillansky, Ph.D. (online).
- Participant, *Summer Research Institute on Contemplative Practices*, Mind & Life Institute and Garrison Institute, Garrison, NY.

2024

- Certificate of Completion, *Micro-Phenomenological Interview Training*, Amatha, Escola de Fenomenologia Corporal, taught by Camila Valenzuela Moguillansky, Ph.D. (online).
- Certificate of Completion, *Awareness, Embodied Cognition, and Working Through*, taught by Maggie Zellner, Ph.D., Psychoanalytic Institute of Northern California (PINC) and the Neuropsychoanalysis Association (online).
- Certificate, *Narrative Therapy: Poststructural Theory, Clinical Applications, and Humane Practices*, taught by M. Mookie Manalili, LICSW, APA Continuing Education (online).

2023

- Certificate, *Jungian Arts-Based Research*, taught by Susan Rowland, Ph.D., London Arts-Based Research Center (online).

2022

- Certificate of Completion, *Queering Psychoanalysis*, taught by Francisco Gonzalez, M.D., Psychoanalytic Institute of Northern California (PINC) (online).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco, CA
Teaching Assistant (2023)

- Research Methods (Professor Seth Pardo)
- Theory and Practice of Clinical Research Methods (Professor Aaron G. Freedman)

Far Eastern Federal University, Vladivostok, Russia
Instructor (2009–2014)

- Data Analysis in SPSS
- Sociology of Public Opinion
- Qualitative Research Methods in Sociology

ACADEMIC SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Program Assistant,** California Institute of Integral Studies, Integral Counseling Psychology (October 2021 – June 2026).
- **Host and Facilitator,** PSI-I Early Career Researchers Network (Psychosocial Studies Intersex – International). *Navigating Academic Pathways in Intersex Studies* (peer discussion), April 2026, online.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness (ASSC)
- American Psychological Association (APA), Division of Quantitative and Qualitative Methods (5)
- International Society for Theoretical Psychology (ISTP)
- Micro-phenomenology Laboratory (Regular Member)
- International Neuropsychoanalysis Society (NPSA)

LANGUAGES

- English — Fluent
- Russian — Native