



Nafissa Yakubova

Connector. Writer. Scientist.

Languages: Fluent English, Russian, Kazakh, Uzbek. Moderate in Turkish, intermediate in Arabic.

Skills: connecting, writing, blogging, storytelling, community management, event organization & production, running workshops & interviews, designing & running experiments, research, translation, photography.

Education

Michigan State University, B.S. in Physiology. Bioethics, Humanities & Society. 2010.
Kazakh National Medical University, Medicine 2006.

TED

Conferences: TEDGlobal2010, TEDWomen, TEDGlobal2011, TEDMED2011, TED2012, TEDGlobal2012

TED Conversations & Community Manager Feb. 2011 – August 2012

I ran TED Conversations project – at that time newly launched platform -- took the lead in building online community on TED.com. Recruited & worked with volunteers/moderators, added more languages, managed internal and external outreach; invited speakers to organize conversations, Live Q&As; storytelling/blogging; advised on the philosophy and practice of moderation, improving online conversation experience; imagining the next version of the site; started TEDinClass project -- use of TED Conversations in university courses.

TED Open Translation Project Team:

Community building for the translators across the world, assigning and facilitating translation process, organizing workshops at TED Conferences.

TEDWomen conference, December 2010.

Worked with TEDx Team at TED to set-up Global conversations, live from the conference in Washington D.C with local TEDx organizers across Africa.

TEDGlobal 2011 --Worked with Open Translation Project Team to organize and host a workshop for TED volunteer translators around the world.

TEDMED 2011 – reported from & interviewed TED Speakers for the TED Blog.

TED 2012 – worked with editorial team, Live tweeted from the Conference Video interviewed attendees for special TED project

TEDGlobal 2012 -- Organized and oversaw the logistics of interviews with TED Speakers for a special TED project.

Other creative and professional achievements

Community leadership: Organizer & Host of the Art Auction for Haiti Medical Relief, Lansing MI. Organized art exhibit/auction by inviting local artists to donate their work to raise funds for Haiti disaster. Oversaw design, promotion, PR and publications.

Local events:

Involved in organizing TEDxLansing May 2010, Lansing MI
Social media outreach, onsite logistics, recruiting volunteers, photographers.
Advised for TEDxAlmaty event.

Clinical & Volunteer experience:

Outpatient Surgery Unit Volunteer, Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, MI
Hotline and Medical Advocacy to prevent sexual assault in Lansing, MI
Almaty Railroad Hospital in Kazakhstan basics medical training, nursing practice.

Scientific work

Research project on Diabetic Retinopathy investigation.

Department of Physiology, Michigan State University.

Research Project on Expression, purification, crystallization of Vibrio Cholerae Proteins, Department of Biochemistry & Physics Laboratory, Michigan State University

Publications

1.Diabetic retinopathy is a consequence of bone marrow neuropathy and a depressed peripheral clock. Julia V Busik, Maria Tikhonenko, Ashay Bhatwadekar, Madalina Opreanu, **Nafissa Yakubova**, Sergio Caballero, Danny Player, Takahiko Nakagawa, Aqeela Afzal, Jennifer Kielczewski, Andrew Sochacki, Stephanie Hasty, Sergio Li Calzi, Sungjin Kim, Shane K Duclas, Mark S Segal, Dennis L Guberski, Walter J Esselman, Michael E Boulton, Maria B Grant. The Journal of experimental medicine. 206 (13). 2009.

2.Expression, purification, crystallization, and preliminary X-ray studies of Vibrio cholerae pseudopilin EpsH. Kannan Raghunathan, Frank S. Vago, Terry Ball, **Nafissa Yakubova**, David M. Grindem, William Wedemeyer and Dennis N. Arvidson. Structural Biology and crystallization Communications. Volume 65, Part 7. 2009