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EDUCATION:

B.A. Teaching English & French (2007) M.N.R.M. Natural Resource Management (2016)
Komi State Pedagogical Institute University of Manitoba
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NON-DEGREE STUDIES:

2010 – 2013: Northern Studies Programme (part of Bachelor of Circumpolar Studies), University of Nordland (Bodø, Norway)
2008 – 2009: Fulbright scholarship, Rhodes College (Memphis, USA)

BACKGROUND:

2017– Present: Manitoba First Nation Waste Management Initiative, Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources (Winnipeg, Manitoba)
2016 – 2017: Lands and Resources Coordinator, Kenora Resource Consultants (Kenora, Ontario)
2015 – 2015: Sessional Instructor, University of Manitoba (Winnipeg, Manitoba)
2014 – 2015: Researcher, Wabaseemoong Independent Nations (Whitedog, Ontario)
2012 – 2013: Assistant to Executive Director, Komidrevprom (Syktyvkar, Russia)
2009 – 2012: Assistant to Quality Assurance/Quality Control Manager, Mondi Business Paper (Syktyvkar, Russia)
2009 – 2012: Instructor, Syktyvkar State University (Syktyvkar, Russia)
2008 – 2009: Teaching Assistant, Rhodes College (Memphis, USA)
2006 – 2013: Laboratory Assistant, Institute of Geology, Russian Academy of Sciences (Syktyvkar, Russia)

EXPERIENCE:

Valeria has an interdisciplinary educational background in social and natural sciences (Master of Natural Resources Management). She has six years of comprehensive administrative work experience, two years of teaching experience, and two years of experience in environmental project management. As part of her master's program, she designed and implemented a project on wild rice ecocultural restoration in collaboration with Wabaseemoong Independent Nations in Northwestern Ontario. As a consultant, Valeria continued working closely with Anishinaabe communities in Northwestern Ontario. She participated in all stages of multi-stakeholder environmental and economic development projects: developed grant proposals, solicited contributions, supervised RFP processes, set priorities, organized project activities, conducted research, ensured successful communication between all project stakeholders, and prepared reports. To support her work with indigenous communities, Valeria successfully applied for federal and provincial grants.

Valeria's knowledge and expertise are in the areas of project coordination, event organization, applied research, natural resource-based community development, partnership formation,

ethnobiology (ethnobotany), wetland restoration, wild rice, and project impact assessment. She is passionate about teaching and building capacity through education. Valeria is also familiar with sustainable solid waste management practices due to her previous participation in several solid waste clean-up projects.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS AND/OR PROJECT EXPERIENCE:

- Restoring Wetland Habitats for Wild Rice, Wildlife, and Fish in Whitedog Lake and the Whitedog River (Northwestern Ontario). *Wabaseemoong Independent Nations*. 2017
- Bringing Back *Manomin* (Wild Rice): Initiative of Wabauskang Elders. *Wabauskang First Nation*. 2017
- Wataynikaneyap Power: Social, Environmental, and Economic Assessment Report. *Wabauskang First Nation*. 2017
- Increasing Blueberry Harvest Opportunities in the Whiskey Jack Forest. *Naotkamegwanning, Wabauskang, and Asubpeeschoseewagong First Nations*. 2017
- Kuzivanova, V., & Davidson-Hunt, I.J. (2017). Biocultural Design: Harvesting *Manomin* with Wabaseemoong Independent Nations. *Ethnobiology Letters* 8(1):23–30
- “Yellow Monarchs”, Water Temperature, and Photoperiod: Phenological Indicators of Lake Sturgeon (*Acipenser fulvescens*) Spawning. *Seine River First Nation*. 2016 – 2017
- Developing Granola and Breakfast Bars for the Wabaseemoong School Breakfast Program Using a Biocultural Design Approach. *Wabaseemoong Independent Nations and University of Manitoba*. 2016 – 2017
- Development of business plans for four natural resource-based businesses as part of Whiskey Jack Resource Opportunities Initiative. *Naotkamegwanning and Wabauskang First Nations*. 2016 – 2017
- Partnership Development between Wabauskang First Nation and Naotkamegwanning First Nation as part of Whiskey Jack Resource Opportunities Initiative. *Naotkamegwanning and Wabauskang First Nations*. 2016 – 2017
- Human Resource Strategy as part of Whiskey Jack Resource Opportunities Initiative. *Naotkamegwanning and Wabauskang First Nations*. 2016 – 2017
- Procurement Strategy for four natural resource-based businesses as part of Whiskey Jack Resource Opportunities Initiative. *Naotkamegwanning and Wabauskang First Nations*. 2016 – 2017
- Wabauskang Land and Water Use Survey. *Wabauskang First Nation*. 2016
- Energy East: Social, Economic, and Environmental Impact Assessment Report. *Wabauskang First Nation*. 2016
- Biocultural Design Case Study Guide. *Natural Resources Institute, University of Manitoba*. 2016
- Kuzivanova, V. (2016). Restoring *Manomin* (Wild Rice): A Case Study with Wabaseemoong Independent Nations. Unpublished Master’s Thesis, Natural Resources Institute, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, Canada. Available at: https://umanitoba.ca/institutes/natural_resources/pdf/theses/Kuzivanova,%20Valeria.MRNM%202015.pdf
- Restoring *Manomin* (Wild Rice): A Case Study with Wabaseemoong Independent Nations. *Wabaseemoong Independent Nations*. 2014