Title: Identifying and Lowering Barriers to Higher Education for Heritage Speakers of Russian
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The authors present institutional data on barriers to higher education, paying particular attention to the challenges faced by non-native speakers of English. Using data from the Portland State University Heritage Language Initiative, the authors will examine questions of attitude and expectations, academic persistence and completion rates and make recommendations for ways to address the unique problems faced by heritage speakers of Russian.