Tradition holds that for untold generations, Tanana Athabascans used the ridge the Fairbanks campus is built on, Troth Yeddha’, to pick wild potato. It was a meeting place and a place of sustenance, and it is still a place where people work together and find intellectual nourishment.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks is proud of the students here today who have continued this tradition of collaboration and learning. Commencement is a special time for graduates and their families and friends who come to share this momentous occasion. This ceremony represents an ending, a time of reward for academic endeavor successfully completed. In another sense it is truly a commencement, a beginning, for the learning process is an unending one, to which the years of formal schooling are only a prelude.

On May 3, 1917, Alaska Territorial Gov. John Strong signed the bill accepting a land grant from the U.S. government for the creation of a college in Fairbanks. In 2017, we celebrate 100 years of progress in higher education in Alaska.

Along with our graduates, the University of Alaska Fairbanks acknowledges with pride the contributions of those who will receive honorary degrees or meritorious service awards. The university also expresses gratitude to the dedicated faculty and staff who are retiring this year. Each has made a distinct contribution to the quality and reputation of this institution.

In today’s 95th commencement ceremony, some 600 students will cross the stage to receive a certificate or degree, and overall more than 1,400 graduates will be recognized for their success. Other UAF campuses and learning centers in Bethel, Dillingham, Kotzebue, Nome and Tok will honor their graduates with separate commencement activities.

We honor you, the Class of 2017, for your achievement today.
Congratulations!

UA President James R. Johnsen

Dear Graduate,

Completing your course of study and learning at the University of Alaska Fairbanks is a significant life achievement and an important personal milestone. So, enjoy this day ... you’ve earned the celebration. But graduating in higher education is also all about new beginnings. What has your education prepared you to do? My wish is that you always ask questions and then learn from the answers, grow intellectually and contribute regularly to your community. Be it here in Alaska or wherever the future might take you, earning your degree from UAF has prepared you well to write the next chapter in your life. Congratulations and best wishes.

Sincerely,

James R. Johnsen, President
University of Alaska

UAF Chancellor Dana Thomas

Dear Graduate,

You have the special honor of graduating during UAF’s centennial year! The diploma you receive today provides proof that you have developed knowledge and skill, and also that you have the perseverance to achieve completion. I hope today’s commencement — your new beginning — is just the start of a future filled with natural curiosity and confident determination.

I look forward to seeing what you accomplish in the future. I know your success will inspire others, and I know you will continue to make UAF proud.

Dana Thomas, Chancellor
University of Alaska Fairbanks
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“Alaska Flag Song” Casey Winkleman, UAF music performance major

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Director: Eric Retterer

Exiting Information Audience members are kindly requested to remain in their seats until the graduates have completed the recessional. Those seated on the second and third levels may exit the building through the second-floor doors.

Alumni Reception Please join us in the Pioneer Room of the Carlson Center immediately following the ceremony for a reception sponsored by the UAF Alumni Association.

Assistance for the hearing impaired There are a limited number of personal hearing devices; go to any information table to obtain one.


Safety information Exits are located on both levels of the building. Please take a moment to locate the two exits nearest your seat. In an emergency, information and directions will be announced. Please remain calm and follow all given instructions. In compliance with the Fairbanks fire marshal’s office, the aisles, walkways and doorways must remain clear at all times.

Standard Flags for the Colleges and Schools College of Engineering and Mines .................. orange and black chevron
College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences ............... blue and golden yellow
College of Liberal Arts ......................... fuchsia and white
College of Natural Science and Mathematics .... golden yellow
College of Rural and Community Development ........ light gray and red
School of Education ......................... light blue and blue
School of Management ....................... drab and copper
School of Natural Resources and Extension ........ maize and forest green

Degree confirmation Confirmation of degrees and honors for the May 2017 degree candidates whose names are listed in this program will be made when final grades are received. Information presented in this program is accurate as of 9 a.m. April 28, 2017. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of graduates’ names, degrees and other information. We sincerely regret any errors and omissions.
Students in the College of Rural and Community Development have their home campuses indicated beside their names. For the most part, degree candidates outside the Fairbanks area will participate in graduation ceremonies at their home campuses.

* Denotes summer degree recipient
** Denotes fall degree recipient
*** Denotes summer 2017 candidate

Red sashes signify Alaska Native and Native American graduates. Blue sashes signify Community and Technical College students. Red, white and blue honor cords pay tribute to active-duty service members and veterans of the United States Armed Forces. Tau Beta Pi engineering honor society graduates wear a white stole with an orange logo, or an orange and white cord. Student-athletes are wearing a blue sash with the Alaska Nanooks logo. International students may be wearing a sash recognizing their home country.
Graduation with Honors
Associate and baccalaureate degree students who graduated with honors in August and December and candidates for graduation in May wear a gold honor cord. Cumulative grade point averages required for graduating with honors are:

- summa cum laude …… 3.9 or higher with no grades lower than an A-
- magna cum laude …… 3.75–3.8 • cum laude …… 3.5–3.74

Honors Program
The Honors Program graduation designation requires exceptional aptitude, academic performance and achievement in a challenging course of study. Honors students complete credits in specially designed courses and an honors capstone/senior thesis. Honors Thesis Scholars earned 12 honors credits and wear a long blue-trimmed and striped gold sash with a single blue and gold honor cord. University Honors Scholars earned 27 honors credits and wear the same sash with a double blue and gold honor cord.

Golden Key Honor Society
Golden Key is an international student-run service organization committed to meeting the needs of scholastic achievers. Members wear a gold medallion on a blue and gold ribbon, a gold satin sash with a blue logo, or a blue and gold honor cord.

Student Leadership Honors and Leadership Distinction
Student Leadership Honors recognition is granted to students who have made significant contributions to enhancing the mission of UAF, the surrounding community and the promotion of student life. Students receiving this recognition wear a burgundy honor cord. Graduation with Leadership Distinction recognition is granted to students who have displayed a commitment of excellence to themselves, UAF and their community. Students receiving this recognition wear a silver honor cord.

Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi
The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi promotes the pursuit of excellence and the recognition of outstanding achievement. Membership is limited to the top students of each graduating class. Members wear a blue ribbon and a medallion bearing the symbolic seal of the society.

Student Ambassador Recognition and Honors
Students involved in the Student Ambassador Program have demonstrated outstanding campus leadership and have supported the growth of the university through outreach and community service. Ambassadors with 50 or more service hours graduate with Student Ambassador Honors. Students receiving honors recognition wear a blue and gold honor cord.
The Class of 2017
Doctor of Philosophy Degrees

College of Engineering and Mines
Dr. Douglas J. Goering, Dean

Anthony P. Mullin **
Ph.D. Engineering
B.S., Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, 1982; B.S., Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, 1982; M.E., University of Maine, 1996.
Thesis: Evaluation of Crack Sealing Techniques in Alaska’s Asphalt Concrete Pavements
Thermal cracking is one of the most prevalent asphalt concrete pavement distresses in Northern states and countries. Field observations were conducted on 91 asphalt concrete rural road sections of the contiguous road system in Alaska where three different evaluation methods were used and statistical methods employed to compare the data.
Major Professor: Dr. Jenny Liu

Henry James Frederick Penn *
Ph.D. Human Dimensions of Engineered Systems: Interdisciplinary Program
M.E., Loughborough University, 2012.
Thesis: Water Security in the Rural North: Responding to Change, Engineering Perspectives, and Community Focused Solutions
The research investigated how people respond to environmental change, with a focus on current climate and social change issues, to address the need for an alternative paradigm through which water security challenges in rural Alaska are understood and solutions developed.
Major Professors: Dr. William Schnabel and Dr. Philip Loring
Timothy Petty  
**Ph.D. Water Science and Policy: Interdisciplinary Program**  
B.S., Purdue University, 1987; M.D., International School of Theology, 1995; M.I.M., University of Maryland University College, 1999.  
Accurate, useful information is crucial for flood event decision-makers and policy-makers. Through researching three areas of flood-related information, predictive data was generated by developing a methodology using machine learning to forecast streamflow, visualized in a decision system for flood event management, and effectively communicated to policy makers through toolsets.  
**Major Professor: Dr. William Schnabel**

Feng Xiao *  
**Ph.D. Engineering**  
B.S., Shenyang Jianzhu University, 2010; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2012.  
**Thesis: Structural Health Monitoring and Bridge Condition Assessment**  
This research is mainly in the field of structural identification and model calibration, optimal sensor placement, and structural health-monitoring application for large-scale structures. The ultimate goal is to evaluate the behavior and condition of large structures through a health-monitoring system.  
**Major Professor: Dr. J. Leroy Hulsey**

**College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences**  
*Dr. S. Bradley Moran, Dean*  

Mayumi Lynn Arimitsu *  
**Ph.D. Fisheries**  
B.A., University of California, Santa Cruz, 1998; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2009.  
**Thesis: The Influence of Glaciers on Coastal Marine Ecosystems in the Gulf of Alaska**  
I hypothesized there are direct and indirect effects of glacier runoff on coastal ecosystems in the Gulf of Alaska. Abundance of plankton, fish and seabirds was predicted by runoff characteristics, and it was determined that freshwater resources were important to coastal food webs. Glaciers shape marine ecosystems at small, medium and large spatial scales.  
**Major Professor: Dr. Franz Mueter**
Reid Sinclair Brewer *

Ph.D.  Marine Biology
B.S., United States Military Academy, 1995; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2003.
Thesis: Population Biology and Ecology of the North Pacific Giant Octopus in the Eastern Bering Sea
Though the North Pacific giant octopus represents a significant incidental catch in Alaska, little is known about its ecology, and therefore management is also limited. A three-year mark-recapture study was performed to estimate growth, movement, reproduction, abundance and survival to guide future management of this data-poor species.

Major Professor: Dr. Brenda Norcross

Catherine Patricia Chambers *

Ph.D.  Fisheries
Thesis: Fisheries Management and Fisheries Livelihoods in Iceland
Small-scale fishing livelihoods are negatively impacted by fisheries management schemes that prioritize economic goals over other social goals such as access, participation, family, pride and identity. Conclusions from this dissertation underscore the complexity of marine social-ecological systems and the important role equitable governance arrangements can have in sustainable fisheries management.

Major Professor: Dr. Courtney Carothers

Lauren Mallory Divine *

Ph.D.  Marine Biology
B.S., Texas A&M University, 2007; M.S., Georgia Southern University, 2011.
Thesis: Trophic Dynamics and Stock Characteristics of Snow Crabs, Chionoecetes opilio, in the Alaskan Arctic
An investigation of snow crab position in benthic food webs, its specific dietary habits, and limited life-history and population dynamics data were explored in the Chukchi and Beaufort seas using stomach contents, stable δ¹³C and δ¹⁵N isotopes, and fisheries modeling to ensure sound and sustainable future management of this resource.

Major Professor: Dr. Katrin Iken

Elizaveta A. Ershova *

Ph.D.  Marine Biology
M.S., Lomonosov Moscow State University, 2010.
Thesis: Structure, Inter-Annual Variability, and Long-Term Change in Zooplankton Communities of the Chukchi Sea
The structure of summer zooplankton communities of the Chukchi Sea was described, and their distribution was related to water mass distribution and climate variability. These recent observations were then compared to historical data from the past half-century. Significant changes within the zooplankton communities were demonstrated for this time period.

Major Professors: Dr. Russell Hopcroft and Dr. Ksenia Kosobokova
Thomas Farrugia***

*Ph.D.  Fisheries*
B.S., McGill University, 2005; M.S., California State University, 2009.

**Thesis: Interdisciplinary Assessment of the Skate Fishery in the Gulf of Alaska**
Skates are common bottom-dwelling fishes and valuable non-target species in Gulf of Alaska fisheries. An investigation of the ecology, population dynamics, nutritional content and bioeconomics of skates and their fisheries provided information about these understudied fishes, helping to improve the sustainability and profitability of skate harvests.

**Major Professor: Dr. Andrew Seitz**

Susan Inglis***

*Ph.D.  Marine Biology*

**Thesis: Dietary Effects on Protein Turnover in Three Pinniped Species, Eumetopias jubatus, Phoca vitulina, and Leptonychotes weddellii**
The impact of diet on protein metabolism in nonfasting harbor seals, Steller sea lions and Weddell seals was studied using the amino acid 15N glycine. These marine mammals consumed high-quality protein diets, and protein utilization was strongly regulated by developmental, seasonal and metabolic demands.

**Major Professor: Dr. Michael Castellini**

Jennifer M. Questel *

*Ph.D.  Oceanography*
B.S., State University of New York at Oswego, 2008.

**Thesis: Controls on Zooplankton Assemblages in the Northeastern Chukchi Sea**
Zooplankton are a vital component of aquatic food webs and play a pivotal role in shaping marine ecosystems. This research investigated zooplankton assemblage within the highly complex Chukchi Sea through physical, chemical and molecular approaches to better understand how climate perturbations are impacting the dynamics of high-latitude ecosystems.

**Major Professor: Dr. Russell Hopcroft**

Alexandra Marielo Ravelo *

*Ph.D.  Marine Biology*
B.S., National University of Cordoba, 2005.

**Thesis: Alaskan Arctic Epibenthic Communities: Distribution Patterns, Links to the Environment, and Brittle Star Population Dynamics**
An investigation on the benthic environment of the Alaska Arctic shelves characterized the spatial changes in epibenthic invertebrate biomass, abundance and community composition, the environmental drivers of community patterns, and the growth and age of brittle stars to provide a benchmark of the Alaska Arctic shelf system and epibenthic components.

**Major Professor: Dr. Brenda Konar**

* Summer degree recipient
** Fall degree recipient
*** Summer 2017 candidate
Charlotte Marie Regula-Whitefield **

Ph.D.  Marine Biology
B.S., Roger Williams University, 2008; M.S., University of New England, 2010.
Thesis: Effects of Variable Maternal Diet Conditions on the Reproductive Success and Development of the California Sea Cucumber (*Parastichopus californicus*)
This study examined the effects of maternal diets on reproductive fitness of *Parastichopus californicus*. First, a live-spawning method was developed. Second, feeding experiments explored the effects of algal feeds on female reproduction and larval fitness. Third, field collections assessed patterns in total lipid and fatty acid storage and utilization.

Major Professor: Dr. Sarah Hardy

Imme Rutzen

Ph.D.  Marine Biology
M.S., Leibniz University of Hannover, 2008
Thesis: Synthesis and Modelling of Zooplankton at Pan-Arctic Scales
Pan-Arctic abundance modelling of seven copepod species (*Calanus finmarchicus*, *C. glacialis*, *C. hyperboreus*, *Metridia longa*, *M. pacifica*, *Neocalanus cristatus* and *Paraeuchaeta glacialis*) used Arctic zooplankton data and environmental data from numerous sources. The modelling approach was based on geographic information systems and regression tree analysis (bagging and boosting).

Major Professor: Dr. Russell Hopcroft

Suzanne Forrer Teerlink

Ph.D.  Marine Biology
B.A., University of Alaska Southeast, 2007; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2011.
A booming whale-watching industry in Juneau, Alaska, is leading to complicated resource management challenges. Humpback whales in the Juneau area were studied in the context of whale-watching tourism. The research combined population dynamics, physiology and social science methods for a holistic approach to assessing whale-watching tourism sustainability in this area.

Major Professor: Dr. Lara Horstmann
Rebekah Lynn Burket  
**Ph.D. Clinical-Community Psychology**  
A.A., University of Alaska Southeast, 2001; B.L.A., University of Alaska Southeast, 2004; M.S., University of Alaska Anchorage, 2011.  
**Thesis:** We are the Safety Net: Skills for Suicide Prevention Evaluating a Training to Increase Recognition and Response to Signs of Suicide Among At-Risk Peers  
An evaluation of a brief suicide prevention training showed that the intervention increased suicide literacy, confidence about safety planning, and self-efficacy when seeking help on behalf of an at-risk peer. Significant differences were found in the ability to recognize peers at risk for suicide and act effectively on their behalf.  
**Major Professors:** Dr. Kendra Campbell and Dr. Inna Rivkin

Yvette Running Horse Collin  
**Ph.D. Indigenous Studies**  
**Thesis:** The Relationship Between the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas and the Horse: Deconstructing a Eurocentric Myth  
This project deconstructs the history of the horse and its relationship with the indigenous peoples of the Americas. Critical indigenous research methodologies and grounded theory are utilized in tandem to reconstruct this history to include cross-cultural translation, the traditional knowledge of many indigenous peoples, Western scientific evidence, and historical records.  
**Major Professors:** Dr. Raymond Barnhardt and Dr. Beth Leonard

Charleen Fisher***  
**Ph.D. Indigenous Studies**  
**Thesis:** Diideets’ii In Our Pathway (In Our Future): Gwich’in Educational Philosophy and Transformative Praxis in K-12 Education  
Gwich’in pedagogy is largely undocumented in Western academia. Gwich’in epistemology crosses the usual segmented knowledge genres, and intergenerational transmission of Gwich’in knowledge occurs in many places, particularly the natural environment. Complex, relational, place-based, holistic, cooperative, purposeful and subjective, Gwich’in pedagogy emphasizes contextuality, important for both the communal and personal journey.  
**Major Professor:** Dr. Beth Leonard

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* Summer degree recipient  
** Fall degree recipient  
*** Summer 2017 candidate
Valerie M. Hewell *
Ph.D. Clinical-Community Psychology
B.A., Texas Lutheran University, 2009; M.S., University of Alaska Anchorage, 2013.
Thesis: Developing a Patient-Driven Substantive Definition of Office-Based Opioid Treatment Success
Opioid misuse has increased in the U.S. The effective treatment, Suboxone, challenges abstinence as the definition of treatment success. This dissertation qualitatively explored Suboxone patients’ definitions of treatment success. Definitions emphasized functioning, accomplishing, relationships, and psychological factors. Participants stressed the need for patient-centered assessments of success along with increased Suboxone accessibility.
Major Professors: Dr. Ellen Lopez and Dr. Vivian Gonzalez

Kevin Hillmer-Pegram *
Ph.D. Resilience and Adaptation: Interdisciplinary Program
Thesis: Resilience to Capitalism, Resilience through Capitalism: Indigenous Communities, Industrialization, and Radical Resilience in Arctic Alaska
This dissertation applied a new theory called radical resilience to answer the question: How is global capitalism affecting the social-ecological resilience of Indigenous communities in northern Alaska as the Arctic continues to industrialize? Engaging in capitalism challenges traditional values — including subsistence — but is also a strategy for maintaining adaptive capacity.
Major Professor: Dr. Amy Lovecraft

Davin L. Holen
Ph.D. Anthropology
Thesis: Subsistence and Commercial Fisheries Through the Lenses of Culture and Economy in Three Coastal Alaskan Communities
An investigation into the resilient nature of subsistence and commercial fisheries in coastal Alaska communities from Bristol Bay to Southeast Alaska. Residents of these unique places all articulated how participating in salmon fishing is an expression of a placed-based way of life and passing on of cultural traditions.
Major Professor: Dr. Peter Schweitzer

Richard Hum***
Ph.D. Networked Communication: Interdisciplinary Program
B.A., University of California, Santa Cruz, 1996; M.A., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2013.
Thesis: Extending Communication Networks in the Anthropocene
The Anthropocene can be defined by an increased coupling of human and environmental systems at the global scale. Many local social-ecological systems are experiencing dramatic changes as a result. This dissertation presents a methodology for strategically using modern communication tools to promote environmental sustainability and resilience throughout these changes.
Major Professor: Dr. Karen Taylor
David Alexander Lukaszek

Ph.D. Anthropology

Cranial and vertebral measurements were examined among *Homo*, *Gorilla*, *Pan* and *Australopithecus afarensis*. Significant results and correct classification (p = 0.000 – 0.007) for vertebral measurements indicated differences among only the extant species. Misclassifications suggest positional-locomotory complexes are not viable. Results for *Pan* and *Gorilla* suggest homoplasy and denote parallelism.

Major Professor: Dr. Joel Irish

Dinghy Kristine B. Sharma *

Ph.D. Clinical-Community Psychology
B.A., University of the Philippines, 1996; M.A., University of the Philippines, 2005; M.S., University of Alaska Anchorage, 2012.

Thesis: Dance/Movement Therapy for Cancer Survivors and Caregivers in Alaska
A community-informed, collaborative practice-based study, conducted with the J. Michael Carroll Cancer Center at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, used a mixed-methods research approach to explore the therapeutic benefits of a dance movement therapy program for cancer survivors and caregivers on their mood, body awareness, sense of group cohesion, and overall quality of life.

Major Professor: Dr. Ellen Lopez

College of Natural Science and Mathematics

Dr. Paul W. Layer, Dean

Olaniyi Ajadi***

Ph.D. Geophysics
B.S., Federal University of Agriculture Abeokuta, 2009; M.S., Murray State University, 2012.

Thesis: Unsupervised Multi-scale Change Detection from SAR Imagery for Monitoring Natural and Anthropogenic Disasters
An automatic change-detection technique for disaster monitoring was developed that lends itself well for operational implementation. The technique can be broadly described as a combination of an initial data enhancement step followed by the core change detection algorithm, which includes image filtering and automatic multi-scale change detection procedures.

Major Professor: Dr. Franz Meyer
Celso Rodrigo Alvizuri **

Ph.D. Geophysics
B.S., University of California, Santa Barbara, 2005; M.S., University of California, Santa Barbara, 2010.

Thesis: Estimation of Full Moment Tensors, Including Uncertainties, for Earthquakes, Volcanic Events, and Nuclear Explosions
An algorithm to estimate seismic sources with their uncertainties was developed and applied to seismograms from seismic events at a volcano in Bolivia, earthquakes in Alaska, mine collapses in the western U.S., and nuclear explosions at a test site in Nevada.

Major Professor: Dr. Carl Tape

Amanda Jo Barker **

Ph.D. Environmental Chemistry

Thesis: Speciation, Transport and Mobility of Metals in Pristine Watersheds and Contaminated Soil Systems in Alaska
Arctic surface water metal concentrations were highest in late fall, which correlated with the depth of the active layer. In a central Alaska shooting range, there were significant contributions of lead and antimony to both the soil and soil solution as a result of the weathering of fragmented bullets.

Major Professor: Dr. Thomas Trainor

Casey Lynn Brown *

Ph.D. Biological Sciences

Thesis: Socio-Ecological Drivers of Resource Selection and Habitat Use by Moose in Interior Alaska
An interdisciplinary investigation employed spatial statistics, resource selection functions and social-ecological methods to examine the influence of ecological (fire) and anthropogenic disturbances (hunter activity) on habitat selection and foraging ecology of moose (Alces alces) in Interior Alaska.

Major Professors: Dr. Knut Kielland and Dr. Eugenie Euskirchen

Dana Nossov Brown *

Ph.D. Biological Sciences

Thesis: Climate-Induced Changes in Ecological Dynamics of the Alaskan Boreal Forest: A Study of Fire-Permafrost Interactions
Wildfire-initiated permafrost degradation and the effects on boreal forest ecology were examined using observational, modeling and remote sensing approaches. Wildfire coupled with climate warming has substantially exacerbated permafrost thaw, though permafrost vulnerability and ecological impacts varied throughout the region due to numerous interacting controls.

Major Professors: Dr. Knut Kielland and Dr. M. Torre Jorgenson
Bonita Hope Dainowski  
**Ph.D. Forensic Science: Interdisciplinary Program**  
B.A., Arizona State University, 2003; M.S., Bournemouth University, 2006.  
**Thesis: Environmental Forensics: An Innovative Technique Using Bone to Identify Mercury and Stable Isotope Levels in Internal Tissues of Wildlife in a Changing Western Alaska Environment**  
A forensic investigation using various tissues from Alaska red foxes (*Vulpes vulpes*) and Canadian red and Arctic foxes (*Vulpes lagopus*) compared total mercury (THg) concentrations, carbon stable isotopes (δ¹³C) and nitrogen stable isotopes (δ¹⁵N) to better understand animal diets, trophic levels and contaminant biomagnification in changing ecosystems.  
**Major Professor: Dr. Lawrence Duffy**

Dyre Oliver Dammann***  
**Ph.D. Geophysics**  
B.S., University of Oslo, 2008; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2011.  
**Thesis: Arctic Sea Ice Trafficability — New Strategies for a Changing Icescape**  
This work demonstrates an approach to improve knowledge of over-ice travel by outlining steps towards strategies capable of addressing key stakeholder needs. The result is a series of remote sensing techniques capable of evaluating critical parameters to ensure safety of sea ice operations and investigate potential implications of long-term change.  
**Major Professor: Dr. Hajo Eicken**

Arianna Lynn Demmerly **  
**Ph.D. Biochemistry/Molecular Biology**  
B.S., Whitworth University, 2009.  
**Thesis: Mechanisms of Modulation of Nicotinic Acetylcholine Receptors**  
The effective treatment of nicotine addiction, Alzheimer’s disease and other disorders requires the identification and development of better drugs. We determined how a novel drug, desformylflustrabromine, acts on neuronal receptors. Developing an understanding of how drugs change neuronal receptor function provides a baseline for the development of better therapeutic compounds.  
**Major Professor: Dr. Brian Edmonds**

Nilesh Chandrakant Dixit  
**Ph.D. Geophysics**  
B.T., University of Pune, 2007; M.S., University of Plymouth, 2010.  
**Thesis: Tectono-thermal History Modeling and Reservoir Simulation Study of the Nenana Basin, Central Alaska: Implications for Regional Tectonics and Geologic Carbon Sequestration**  
A comprehensive assessment of the geological risks and economic benefits of carbon sequestration in one of the seismically active, deep sedimentary basins in Alaska was conducted through the development and application of an integrated suite of geological and geophysical methods, with main focus on structural geology, rock mechanics and reservoir characterization.  
**Major Professor: Dr. Catherine Hanks**
Abraham Endalamaw***

**Ph.D.  Atmospheric Sciences**

*B.S., Arba Minch University, 2005; M.P.S., Cornell University, 2009.*

**Thesis: Improved Mesoscale Hydrological Modeling of the Interior Alaska Boreal Forest Ecosystem**

This research addressed the limitations of modeling hydrological processes in Interior Alaska boreal forest catchments by simulating small-scale processes to regional-scale catchments via development of a small-scale landscape model. By developing a coupled climate-vegetation-permafrost-hydrology model, this study also quantified the impact of future climate on hydrological processes.

**Major Professors: Dr. William Bolton and Dr. Jessica Young-Robertson**

Simon Vincent Pierre Filhol *

**Ph.D.  Geophysics**

*M.E., University of Grenoble, 2010.*

**Thesis: From a Snowflake to the Snow Cover: Processes that Shape Polar and Taiga Snowpacks**

Polar snow shaped by wind and taiga snow settling throughout the winter in calm conditions are the most widespread types of snow, which covers 11% of Earth. Linking processes occurring at the grain scale to the macro scale provided new insights into the formation of snow cover.

**Major Professors: Dr. Matthew Sturm and Dr. Martin Truffer**

Victoriya Valerievna Forsythe

**Ph.D.  Space Physics**

*A.S., Utah Valley University, 2011; B.S., Utah Valley University, 2013; M.S., Russian State University, 2009.*

**Thesis: High Frequency Backscatter from the Polar and Auroral E-Region Ionosphere**

Production of the decameter-scale irregularities in the ionospheric E-region at high latitudes was investigated both theoretically, using linear fluid theory of plasma instability processes that generate small-scale plasma waves, and experimentally, analyzing data collected with the newly deployed high-southern-latitude radars within the Super Dual Auroral Radar Network.

**Major Professor: Dr. William Bristow**

Joanne Heslop

**Ph.D.  Geophysics**

*B.S., University of Nevada at Reno, 2011; B.S., University of Nevada at Reno, 2011.*

**Thesis: Permafrost Organic Matter Quality and Biolability in the Vault Lake Thermokarst Environment, Interior Alaska, USA**

Permafrost warming and thawing removes a major barrier to organic carbon (OC) mineralization. Permafrost OC characterization was used in conjunction with anaerobic incubations to better constrain the biodegradability of thawed permafrost OC from two depth profiles. OC mineralization potentials varied with depth and correlated with selected OC characterization parameters.

**Major Professor: Dr. Katey Walter Anthony**
Christian Kienholz **

**Ph.D.  Geophysics**

B.S., University of Bern, 2007; M.S., University of Bern, 2010; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2013.


A new complete glacier inventory for Alaska and neighboring Canada was derived and analyzed. The mass change of Black Rapids Glacier, Alaska, was calculated for 1980-2010, taking into account rockslide deposits and earthquake displacements. A glacier model was used to project the glacier’s mass changes and retreat until 2100.

Major Professor: Dr. Regine Hock

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**Ph.D.  Disaster Risk Communication and Policy: Interdisciplinary Program**


Thesis: Comparative Analysis of Spring Flood Risk Reduction Measures in Alaska, United States, and the Sakha Republic, Russia

This bilateral and interdisciplinary comparative analysis revealed that spring flood risk in rural Northern communities results from complex interactions among a series of natural processes and human actions. The risk can be reduced by managing conditions of ice-jam floods, and decreasing exposure and vulnerability of at-risk populations.

Major Professor: Dr. John Eichelberger

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**Ph.D.  Physics**


Thesis: Plasma Irregularity Production in the Polar Cap F-Region Ionosphere

Plasma irregularities in the Earth’s polar ionosphere can scatter radio waves resulting in disruptions to navigation/communication systems. It is demonstrated that small-scale irregularities depend on the propagation direction in accordance with gradient-drift instability theory, although large-amplitude perturbations are controlled by more complicated processes.

Major Professor: Dr. Roman Makarevich

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**Ph.D.  Geology**


Thesis: Causes and Consequences of Coupled Crystallization and Vesiculation in Ascending Mafic Magmas

The explosivity of a volcanic eruption is governed by how easily gases migrate through and out of magma along with the speed at which magma rises. This thesis explores the effect of crystals on the degassing process via laboratory experiments and analysis of eruption products from the Kasatochi 2008 eruption.

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**Ph.D. Biological Sciences**  
B.S., Michigan Technological University, 2004; B.S., Michigan Technological University, 2004; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2010.  
**Thesis:** The Biodegradation of Oil and the Dispersant Corexit 9500 in Arctic Seawater  
The risk of oil spills in the Arctic Ocean is increasing in parallel with shipping traffic and oil exploration. Microorganisms indigenous to Arctic seawater were found to biodegrade crude oil and the chemical dispersant Corexit 9500, with some oil-degrading microbes and genes being similar to those in temperate marine environments.  
**Major Professors:** Dr. Mary Beth Leigh and Dr. Robert Perkins

James A. McKee *  
**Ph.D. Environmental Chemistry**  
**Thesis:** Synthesis and Characterization of Polymer-Supported Cyclodextrin Nanoscaffolds for use in Future Environmental Studies  
Sodium heptakis (2,3-O-dibenzyl-6-O-sulfobutyl) cyclomaltoheptaose (DBSBB) and the alpha cyclodextrin analog were synthesized and found to produce micelles at approximately 0.1 mM. Highly charged monodisperse polystyrene latex nanoparticles were produced using DBSBB as a surfactant in emulsion polymerization. These nanoparticle-supported cyclodextrins show promise as prototypes for future environmental remediation nanoscaffolds.  
**Major Professor:** Dr. Tom Green

Linda Nicholas-Figueroa  
**Ph.D. Science Education: Interdisciplinary Program**  
**Thesis:** Traditional Ecological Knowledge of STEM Concepts in Informal and Place-Based Western Education Systems: Lessons from the North Slope, Alaska  
Methods to encompass Indigenous knowledge, placed-based and informal lessons, along with real-world issues into the Western education system were achieved at Ilisaqvik College, such as incorporating field trips and discussions with elders on the importance of animal migration and the significance of sea-ice conditions, which are important community concerns.  
**Major Professor:** Dr. Lawrence Duffy
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*Ph.D.  Physics*  
*B.S., University of California, Berkeley, 2008; M.S., Ghent University, 2011.*  
**Thesis: Exploring the Mechanisms Behind Nondiffusive Transport in a Simple Turbulence Model**  
Turbulent transport remains an outstanding limitation towards sustainable nuclear fusion as an energy source. A simple flux-driven turbulence model was developed to investigate and demonstrate the nondiffusive transport characteristics of turbulent transport in fusion plasmas. A flux-driven setup is an essential ingredient for nondiffusive transport.  
Major Professor: Dr. David Newman

Daniel Jeffrey Rizzolo  
*Ph.D.  Biological Sciences*  
*B.A., Saint Anselm College, 1996; M.S., Oregon State University, 2004.*  
**Thesis: Contrasting Diet, Growth, and Energy Provisioning in Loons Breeding Sympatrically in the Arctic**  
This research investigated the consequences of resource partitioning on diet, body condition and reproductive success in Pacific and red-throated loons breeding on the coast of the Chukchi Sea. Results indicated that differential reliance on marine resources was associated with differences in diet, breeding success and, potentially, adaptive capacity.  
Major Professor: Dr. Mark Lindberg

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*B.S., University of Michigan, 2008; M.S., Florida Institute of Technology, 2011.*  
**Thesis: Rocket and Lidar Studies of Waves and Turbulence in the Arctic Middle Atmosphere**  
Multiyear lidar and MTeX rocket measurements were used at Poker Flat Research Range to investigate waves and turbulence in the Arctic middle atmosphere. Systematic relationships between large-scale meteorology, wave activity and turbulence were found. These results have implications for current climate models and understanding atmospheric transport.  
Major Professor: Dr. Richard Collins

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*Ph.D.  Public Health Nutrition: Interdisciplinary Program*  
*B.S., University of Minnesota, 1997; M.P.H., University of Alaska Anchorage, 2009.*  
**Thesis: Traditional Food Security and Diet Quality in Alaska Native Women**  
Traditional foods positively influence the health of low-income Alaska Native women receiving food assistance. Participants believe traditional foods are healthier than store-bought foods, and they consumed an average of 3.7 percent of their calories from traditional foods. Increasing traditional food intake was positively associated with higher diet-quality scores.  
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Ph.D.  Geology  
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Thesis: 60,000 Year Vegetation and Climate History of Southeast Alaska  
Pollen in sediment cores and stable isotopes from speleothems were used to reconstruct vegetation and climate of coastal Southeast Alaska during the last glacial/interglacial transition. Continuous stalagmite growth indicates areas free of ice, and appearance of tree pollen immediately following deglaciation suggests proximity to ice age forest refugia.  
Major Professor: Dr. Sarah Fowell

Alexis Prostel Will  
Ph.D.  Biological Sciences  
B.S., Bucknell University, 2006.  
Thesis: An Ecological-Physiology Perspective on Seabird Responses to Contemporary and Historic Environmental Change  
The study examined how seabird foraging behavior and nutritional status change at the interannual, decadal and multidecadal scale using stable isotope analysis and measuring the concentration of stress hormones in feathers. To do so, it was validated that this measure is indicative of exposure to nutritional stress in the study species.  
Major Professor: Dr. Alexander Kitaysky

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Ph.D.  Online Education and Psychology: Interdisciplinary Program  
Thesis: Strengths-Based Analysis of Student Success in Online Courses  
Online student success was evaluated through analysis of personal, circumstantial and course-related variables among 27,000 postsecondary enrollments. Additional data on noncognitive attributes and perceptions, as well as personal interviews with individual students, supported a comprehensive, contextually rich understanding. Predictive models of success were generated for each level of class standing.  
Major Professors: Dr. Dani Sheppard and Dr. Allan Morotti
Melissa Marie Hill
Ph.D.  Education and Communication: Interdisciplinary Program
Thesis: Schools in Rural Alaska with Higher Rates of Student Achievement: A Search for Positive Deviance in Education
This study sought to identify schools in rural Alaska with higher rates of student achievement and study what factors contribute to that success. Using an advocacy worldview, the study concludes that schools in rural Alaska may never perform as a collective as well as or better than their urban counterparts.
Major Professor: Dr. Gary Jacobsen

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Ph.D.  Science of Team Science: Interdisciplinary Program
Thesis: Management of Large Interdisciplinary Team Science Projects: A Multi-Methods Approach to Examining Competencies
A mixed-methods investigation used group concept mapping revealed five major competencies critical for team science managers: project management, shared leadership, personal competence, social competence and communication. Content analysis of position descriptions concluded that this suite of competencies is not reflected in current hiring practices for team science management positions.
Major Professor: Dr. John Monahan

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Ph.D.  Security and Disaster Management: Interdisciplinary Program
This study investigates the workforce needs of an integrated homeland security and emergency management education. In a post-9/11 environment, public safety and security challenges have become increasingly frequent and complex. Practitioners defined the basis for the core educational needs of an integrated and interdisciplinary program at the baccalaureate level.
Major Professors: Dr. Kevin Berry and Dr. O. Shawn Cupp
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Ph.D.  Natural Resources and Sustainability
Thesis: Valuing Residential Energy Efficiency in Two Alaska Real Estate Markets:
- A Hedonic Approach
  The relationship between residential energy efficiency and the transaction prices of
  single-family homes in the Fairbanks and Anchorage, Alaska, real estate markets
  was analyzed using a hedonic pricing framework and difference-in-differences
  analysis. In both markets, energy-efficient homes sell for a price premium over less
  energy-efficient homes.

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Ph.D.  Socio-bioeconomics: Interdisciplinary Program
B.A., University of Alaska Anchorage, 2003; M.S., Simon Fraser University, 2007.
Thesis: Invasive Elodea Threatens Remote Ecosystem Services in Alaska: A
- Spatially-Explicit Bioeconomic Risk Analysis
  A spatially explicit bioeconomic risk analysis combined expert elicitation with
  economic valuation and ecological modeling to estimate risk of elodea, Alaska's
  first invasive aquatic plant. Economic loss to fisheries and floatplane pilots — partly
  responsible for elodea's dispersal — is estimated at $100 million annually if no
  management occurs.

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Ph.D. Natural Resources and Sustainability
B.S., Hokkaido University, 2009; M.S., Hokkaido University, 2011.

Thesis: Past, Current, and Future Forest Harvest and Regeneration Management in Interior Alaska Boreal Forest: Adaptation under Rapid Climate Change

Forest harvest management has a 40-year history in boreal Alaska. Historical forest harvest is much smaller than the allowable cut. Only white spruce receives regeneration assistance. Management affects regeneration weakly compared to landscape environmental factors. Regeneration, largely successful now, would begin to fail with warming. Adaptive management planning approaches are offered.

Major Professor: Dr. Glenn Juday

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Ph.D. Polar Geography and Strategic Studies: Interdisciplinary Program

Thesis: Russian Capacity to Develop its Offshore Hydrocarbon Resources in the Kara Sea: Arctic and Global Implications

The Kara Sea represents the largest unexploited oil and gas potential remaining for Russia. Failure to achieve production at the pace they envision could impact its strategic stability. Scenario narratives were developed to explore the complex drivers of hydrocarbon development in the Kara Sea.

Major Professor: Dr. Lawson Brigham

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EMERITI RECOGNITION

MS. SUSAN ANDREWS
Professor of Arts and Letters, Emeritus

Ms. Susan Andrews has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching and public service from 1986 to 2017.

She adeptly taught a wide variety of courses in subject areas including writing, English, oral communication, journalism, humanities and Alaska Native studies; and with her colleague, Mr. John Creed, operated the Chukchi News and Information Service, a cultural journalism project based on student publications and that served as an incentive for high achievement.

Ms. Andrews authored more than seventy newspaper, magazine and journal articles, garnering regional and national writing awards, and co-edited two student writing anthologies, which won several national awards.

She served in important public service roles, including holding workshops on writing, reading or video in Kotzebue schools and for local children’s organizations, coaching Kotzebue Battle of the Books teams, and assisting schools, libraries and arts programs, among many other activities.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Ms. Susan Andrews for her extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.

DR. SUKUMAR BANDOPADHYAY
Professor of Mining Engineering, Emeritus

Dr. Sukumar Bandopadhyay has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1982 to 2016.

He has been a dedicated teacher and mentor to generations of undergraduate and graduate students of mining engineering, challenging and motivating them to excel; and served as the Dean of the School of Mineral Engineering from 2001 to 2005, leading it through the successful merger that formed the College of Engineering and Mines.

Dr. Bandopadhyay conducted valuable research on the mining and utilization of Alaska’s extensive coal deposits, including studies of how this resource could benefit remote rural communities; and his research has been reported in more than one hundred publications on topics that included air quality in open pit mines, combustion of pulverized coal and computer simulation of mines.

He was honored by the Pittsburgh Coal Mining Institute of America in 2016 with the coveted Steven McCann Memorial Education Excellence Award, and has received numerous other national and international awards.

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EMERITI RECOGNITION

MR. WILLIAM BARNES
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF COMPUTER AND
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, EMERITUS

Mr. William Barnes has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching and public service from 2009 to 2017.

He also served the University of Alaska Anchorage Kodiak Campus from 1984 to 2004; and has been dedicated to his students’ success, both in the classes he taught and in job placement support.

Mr. Barnes developed and expanded the Computer and Information Technology program, particularly with improvements in the Cisco Networking Academy and additions in cybersecurity.

He served very effectively in a wide range of professional and public service roles, including as a faculty advisor in the Academic Advising Center, an advisor and manager for the Arctic Innovation Competition, a docent for the University of Alaska Museum of the North, and a member of the Information Technology Committee of Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, among other activities.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Mr. William Barnes for his extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.

DR. JAMES BEGÉT
PROFESSOR OF GEOLOGY, EMERITUS

Dr. James Begét has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1984 to 2016.

He was indispensable in teaching many courses needed by Geoscience majors, including geomorphology, glacial and periglacial geology, quaternary dating methods, and physical geology; and wisely mentored more than thirty doctoral and master’s students, preparing them for successful careers.

Dr. Begét conducted important research that significantly contributed to knowledge of the geologic history of Alaska, authoring more than two hundred publications that spanned topics including volcanology, particularly studies of Augustine Volcano and the associated tsunami hazards, tephrochronology, and even ice fields as analogs of Mars.

He has received prestigious national and international awards, including the André Dumont Science Medal from the Geological Society of Belgium, and was named a Fellow of the Geological Society of America; and served in numerous important professional and public service roles, including as a member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and as a panelist for the Ford Foundation minority scholarship and fellowship program.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. James Begét for his extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.
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MS. LAURA BENDER
DIRECTOR OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL AND
INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMS, EMERITUS

Ms. Laura Bender has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction from 1983 to 2017.

She capably assisted fisheries and marine sciences students from 1983 to 2004, rising to the position of Graduate Program Coordinator for the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences; and since 2004 has been dedicated to the success of graduate students across all of the University of Alaska Fairbanks in her roles at the Graduate School.

Ms. Bender knows more about graduate programs, Graduate School policies and procedures, and graduate students than any other person at the University.

She is warmly remembered by generations of students as a compassionate person, a good listener and a problem-solver, who nonetheless gives her honest assessment and frank advice when needed; and always approaches any task or problem with her primary concern being the welfare of students.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Ms. Laura Bender for her extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.

MR. JOHN CREED
PROFESSOR OF ARTS AND LETTERS, EMERITUS

Mr. John Creed has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching and public service from 1987 to 2017.

He skillfully taught a wide range of courses in subjects including oral communication, writing, English, journalism and Alaska Native studies; and Mr. Creed, with his colleague, Ms. Susan Andrews, operated the Chukchi News and Information Service, a cultural journalism project based on student publications and that served as an incentive for high achievement, and

Mr. Creed authored more than eighty newspaper, magazine and journal articles, garnering regional and national writing awards, and co-edited two student writing anthologies, which likewise won several national awards.

He served in prominent professional and public service roles, including membership on the Alaska Press Club Board, including one year as President; membership in the Northwest Arctic Higher Education Consortium; and membership on the Statewide Faculty Alliance Academic Freedom Task Force, among many others.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Mr. John Creed for his extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.
**EMERITI RECOGNITION**

**DR. CATHERINE HANKS**  
Professor of Petroleum Geology, Emeritus

Dr. Catherine Hanks has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1992 to 2017.

She expertly taught sedimentary and structural geology for petroleum engineers, as well as courses in reservoir characterization and petroleum geology, among many others; and mentored sixteen master’s and doctoral degree recipients in geology, petroleum engineering and geophysics.

Dr. Hanks advised the highly successful University of Alaska Fairbanks Imperial Barrel Award student team, which consistently placed in the Pacific Regional Competition and finished in first place three out of five years.

She conducted both basic and applied research on wide-ranging topics, including Alaska structural geology and tectonics, petroleum reservoirs and sequestration of carbon dioxide; and served in prominent professional service roles, including Associate Editor for the American Association of Petroleum Geologists Bulletin.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Catherine Hanks for her extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.

**MS. JAYNE HARVIE**  
Governance Office Manager and Faculty Senate Coordinator, Emeritus

Ms. Jayne Harvie has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction from 1989 to 2017.

She has served as Governance Office Manager and Faculty Senate Coordinator since 2008, mentoring nine new sets of Faculty Senate officers and committee chairs through a steep learning curve to effectively conduct Senate business.

Ms. Harvie made numerous improvements in making Senate records and other important information more readily accessible; and has amazing knowledge concerning past Senate actions, academic policies and procedures, and the University as a whole, which has often proved invaluable.

She is herself a strong advocate for shared governance and has made significant contributions to positive outcomes of the governance process on a number of matters.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Ms. Jayne Harvie for her extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.
EMERITI RECOGNITION

MR. DIXON JONES
Library Graphic Designer, Emeritus

Mr. Dixon Jones has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction from 1989 to 2017. He has provided outstanding service to many units across the University, including the Alaska Center for Energy and Power, Alaska Native Language Center, College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, Fire and Police Departments, Geophysical Institute, KUAC, Summer Sessions and Lifelong Learning, University of Alaska Museum of the North, and University of Alaska Press, as well as the Library.

Mr. Jones has provided a wide range of excellent designs, including dozens of covers for books, handbooks, directories, catalogs and other publications, along with hundreds of brochures, signs and posters; and is widely respected for his attentiveness to clients, eye for detail, productivity and creativity; and has been exemplary in his work to visually represent the University mission and unique character.

He won national recognition from the American Association of Museums for a design project in collaboration with University of Alaska Museum of the North staff.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Mr. Dixon Jones for his extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.

DR. MARY KESKINEN
Associate Professor of Geology, Emeritus

Dr. Mary Keskinen has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1984 to 2016.

She was the first woman hired into a tenure track position by the University of Alaska Fairbanks Department of Geology and Geophysics, and has served as a role model for women students and faculty as they have increasingly populated the geosciences.

Dr. Keskinen was a mainstay in delivering the undergraduate and graduate geology curricula, teaching courses in igneous and metamorphic petrology, optical mineralogy, physical geology, mineralogy, and petrographic analysis.

She conducted research on topics including tectonics and petrology in Alaska and California, and the application of petrology and geochemistry to geothermal exploration and development; and served in important professional and public service roles, including serving as a panelist for the Ford Foundation minority scholarship and fellowship program.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Mary Keskinen for her extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.
Emeriti Recognition

Dr. Deborah McLean
Bristol Bay Campus Director, Emeritus

Dr. Deborah McLean has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in administration, teaching, and public service from 1993 to 2017.

She was a pioneering Early Childhood Education faculty member in the region before becoming Bristol Bay Campus Director in 2002; and, as campus director, expanded local course and degree offerings, making them more relevant to the region’s students and leading to substantial enrollment growth.

Dr. McLean championed the development of the Environmental Studies program and a Nursing degree program in collaboration with the University of Alaska Anchorage and the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation; and, under her leadership, Bristol Bay Campus secured millions of dollars in federal grants, which enhanced academic programs and greatly improved facilities.

She is known as an inspiring, dedicated and wise leader who served in additional important public service roles, including on the Dillingham City School District Board and the Southwest Alaska Vocational Center Advisory Board.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Deborah McLean for her extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.

Mr. Greg Owens
Associate Professor of Mathematics and Developmental Education, Emeritus

Mr. Greg Owens has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching and public service from 1987 to 2017.

He taught mathematics and developmental mathematics, providing individualized attention and down-to-earth explanations, coaching his students to greater success than they could imagine for themselves; and served as the mathematics coordinator and then the academic coordinator of the Rural Alaska Honors Institute for more than thirty years, helping prepare high school students from rural communities to succeed in college.

Mr. Owens has received several prestigious awards, including the Emil Usibelli Distinguished Teaching Award, the Robert Piacenza Award for Outstanding Teaching, the Dennis Demmert Appreciation and Recognition Award, and the Math and Science Incentive Award of the Engineering Information Foundation.

He served in important professional and public service roles, including as a member of a University of Alaska statewide task force on developmental education and the Governor’s Advisory Task Force on Higher Education and Career Readiness.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Mr. Greg Owens for his extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.
Emeriti Recognition

Mr. Peter Pinney has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in administration, teaching and public service from 1991 to 2017.

He taught English and Developmental English, making extraordinary efforts, both in and outside of classes, to assist his students’ learning; and served capably in several challenging administrative roles, including Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for the College of Rural Alaska, Interim Director of the Cooperative Extension Service, and Executive Dean of the College of Rural and Community Development.

Mr. Pinney devoted his efforts to important professional and public service roles, including serving on the executive committee of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education and as President of the Arctic Alliance for People, among many other activities.

His leadership, professionalism, good humor, charity and compassion were recognized by the Emil Usibelli Award for Distinguished Service in 2006.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Mr. Peter Pinney for his extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.

Dr. John Yarie has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1978 to 2017.

He expertly taught many forestry and natural resource management courses on topics including natural resources measurements, silviculture, forest ecology, geographical information systems, and research methods; and mentored numerous master's and doctoral students.

Dr. Yarie conducted influential research on boreal forest ecology and productivity, particularly examining effects of drought and fire; and has been a strong and tireless advocate for responsible and sustainable forest management in Alaska.

He served in important professional and public service roles, including Director of the Forest Soils Laboratory, Department Chair and Chair of the regional section of the Society of American Foresters.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. John Yarie for his extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.
Honorary Doctor of Laws

Architect, Business Owner and Community Advocate

Charles Bettisworth

Mr. Charles Bettisworth is a lifelong Alaska resident and dedicated member of the Fairbanks community. As a business owner and active community participant, he has contributed to City and State economic development efforts for many years.

As founder of one of Alaska’s largest architecture firms, Mr. Bettisworth has a professional vision and commitment to community building. His work totals some ninety projects in communities throughout the State and includes K-12 education projects, housing for seniors, visitor centers, and health care and recreation facilities, all dedicated to making life for Alaskans better.

Mr. Bettisworth’s work as an architect was recognized through his induction to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects in 2015, an invitation extended only to those who have made a significant contribution to architecture and society, and who have achieved a high standard of excellence in the profession.

With a strong commitment to Alaska, Mr. Bettisworth has been asked to bring his insights to bear on a number of boards and commissions throughout the State. In Fairbanks these include the Golden Heart Community Foundation, the Fairbanks Downtown Association and the Boy Scouts of America Board of Directors.

The dedication of Mr. Bettisworth toward improving the economic and social well-being of Alaska has led to many other honors as well, including the City of Fairbanks’ Outstanding Citizen of 2014, the Alaska Chamber’s 2015 Alaskan of the Year, and, as a joint honor with his wife, Ms. Karen Perdue, the 2016 Distinguished Citizen of the Year from the Midnight Sun Council Boy Scouts of America.
Mr. M. Torre Jorgenson has developed an outstanding international reputation in permafrost sciences, including geomorphology, ecology, botany, hydrology, soil science and, in particular, the linkages between each of these disciplines. He possesses a remarkable and deep understanding of the natural history of permafrost. He has made stellar contributions to the field through his recognition and documentation of the diversity of ways in which permafrost forms and responds to environment over time scales ranging from decades to millennia.

Mr. Jorgenson’s contributions to the University of Alaska Fairbanks began when he worked as a camp manager at Toolik Field Station, a position that fueled his interest in science and that inspired him to apply to the Master of Science program at UAF, from which he graduated in 1986. His academic legacy since then has included an advising role to many UAF graduate students in several of the University’s academic departments and research institutes. His active and sustained participation has been such that the Institute of Northern Engineering and the Institute of Arctic Biology have appointed him as Affiliate Faculty.

Mr. Jorgenson has authored or co-authored an extensive list of scientific publications, and he is routinely and widely cited by his peers in the research community. He is highly regarded for his innovative analyses and tireless efforts to translate field observations into principles of Arctic ecosystem science, and his environmental assessments have helped ensure that development in remote areas of the North protects the integrity of ecosystems while meeting the interests of business and industry. Perhaps of equal value is the esteem in which his colleagues hold him, for his mentorship, creativity and dedication to advancing scientific knowledge and its practical application.
University and State administrator and leader

Karen Perdue

Ms. Karen Perdue’s professional life has been as dynamic and varied as her home State of Alaska. She has been a Teamster on the trans-Alaska oil pipeline, business owner, health care executive, newspaper reporter, and aide and press secretary to U.S. Senator Ted Stevens. Ms. Perdue was the State Commissioner of Health and Social Services from 1994 to 2001 — the longest-serving Commissioner of that department since Statehood. She directed the State’s programs in public health, medical care, child welfare, Medicaid, public assistance, juvenile corrections, substance abuse and mental health.

Ms. Perdue also served as a University of Alaska Associate Vice President for a decade. Under her leadership, many health care and education programs were expanded, including those in nursing, allied health, behavioral health and medical education.

Her love for Alaska history led to a project documenting the treatment of Alaska’s mentally ill from the late 1800s to modern times. The work culminated in tracing some 5,000 Alaskans who were sent out of Alaska to institutional care. Ms. Perdue also led the University of Alaska’s celebration of the 50th anniversary of Alaska’s Statehood, including production of an award-winning documentary about the Alaska Constitution. In 2017, Ms. Perdue was appointed to the University of Alaska Board of Regents. She is also an active member of the Fairbanks Foundation Health Partners Board. Ms. Perdue’s talents and dedication have been recognized by many of the organizations that have benefited from her attention. Among those recognitions are the 1998 Alaska Meritorious Health Service Award and a 2012 Farthest North Girl Scout Women of Distinction Award. In 2016 she was awarded the Distinguished Citizen of the Year from the Midnight Sun Council Boy Scouts of America, an honor she shared jointly with her husband, Mr. Charles Bettisworth.
Colonel Bill Brophy, USA, Retired

Like many Fairbanksans who have made significant impacts on their community, Colonel Bill Brophy first arrived as a member of the military. He was deputy commander of the U.S. Army in Alaska and was stationed at Fort Wainwright from 1995-1998. When he retired in 1998, he moved to Illinois to oversee the ROTC programs in the region, but a job opportunity with what would become the Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation brought him back to Alaska in 1999. In 2001 he was asked to become a vice president for Usibelli Coal Mine Inc. and executive director of the Usibelli Foundation.

Col. Brophy is widely admired for his integrity, loyalty and selfless service. As a result, he has been asked to serve on the boards and committees of more than twenty-five nonprofit, advocacy and trade organizations over the years. He has worked closely with others on a range of issues touching nearly every aspect of life in the Interior, including resource development, service member support, the arts, community life and the University. His work on behalf of the University has been equally varied and includes, but is hardly limited to, efforts supporting the College of Engineering and Mines, Community and Technical College, ROTC, School of Management, and UA Museum of the North.

In recognition of his many years of public service, the University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Col. Bill Brophy and presents him with this Meritorious Service Award.
Academic Traditions

Gowns, Hoods and Mortarboards

Three types of black gowns may be distinguished in UAF’s academic procession. Certificate, associate and baccalaureate gowns have long, pointed sleeves. Master’s gowns have oblong sleeves with an arc cut away in the front. Doctoral gowns are faced with velvet and have bell-shaped sleeves with three bars of velvet.

UAF’s master’s and doctoral degree candidates will receive their hoods today, signifying they have gone beyond the bachelor’s degree to a higher level of academic achievement. UAF’s colors are blue and gold, and these colors line the inside of each hood. The velvet trim signifies the scholar’s field of study: master of arts, white; master of business administration, drab; master of education, light blue; master of engineering, orange; master of fine arts, brown; master of science, yellow; and doctor of philosophy, dark blue.

The square Oxford cap, or mortarboard, is black and has a long tassel fastened to the middle of the top. Some colleges and universities use the soft beret, but the prevailing style of cap is the traditional mortarboard. For undergraduates receiving their first degree, the tassel is customarily worn on the right side and shifted to the left after receiving the diploma. At UAF, the black tassel is worn on the cap for all certificate, associate, baccalaureate and master’s degrees, and gold tassels are worn for all doctoral degrees.

Chancellor’s Medallion

The UAF chancellor’s medallion signifies the authority vested in the chancellor. The chancellor wears a metal alloy medallion designed in 2016 by Todd Sherman, a professor of art and dean of UAF’s College of Liberal Arts. The medallion features the head of a polar bear — a nanook — based on an art piece also made by Sherman that hangs in the chancellor’s office. The medallion is the result of a collaboration between Sherman, computer art student Lucas Cheek ’14, Library Graphic Designer Emeritus Dixon Jones, and Eric Johansen ’85, a mechanical technician in the College of Engineering and Mines. Gwich’in Athabascan artist Dixie Alexander used dentalia shells, glass pony beads, crow beads and smoke-tanned moosehide to create the neckpiece that holds the medallion.

University Mace

The grand marshal carries the University of Alaska mace in the commencement procession and places it in a stand on the stage during commencement ceremonies to signify the importance of the occasion. The mace was commissioned by the University of Alaska Alumni Association in honor of the university’s 1967 Golden Anniversary and was created by UAF Professor Emeritus Ron Senungetuk using silver, jade and rosewood. At the top of the mace, a disk in the center of two open orbs depicts the University of Alaska seal on one side and the Alaska state seal on the other.