Emeriti Recognition

Dr. Judith Kleinfeld
Professor of Psychology and Northern Studies, Emerita

Dr. Judith Kleinfeld has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1969 to 2010.

She expanded greatly opportunities for graduate students at the University of Alaska Fairbanks by creating the northern studies program; and has demonstrated her unceasing devotion to undergraduate studies by teaching core sociology classes at the University; and through her work has been a tireless advocate for the education of marginalized men and women of all ages and socioeconomic levels.

She has written extensively about effective cross-cultural education; and whose research has changed the way schools around the globe approach the teaching of young men and women; and whose studies of the peoples of the North have opened the eyes of the world to the challenges faced by educators and students in rural Alaska.

She has shared her observations with the local community by writing a regular newspaper column whose topics range from life and family issues in Interior Alaska to more general observations of human nature; and whose writings have helped identify those qualities of spirit and determination that define Alaskans; and has worked to expand the human concept of community to include populations which might otherwise be ignored.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Judith Kleinfeld for her contributions to the State of Alaska and the University. 🎓