Dr. William Schneider has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1980 to 2011.

He has worked extensively with faculty and graduate students to find new ways for teachers to teach and students to learn how oral history is an essential component in understanding Alaska; and whose exceptionally popular course on oral history has brought together hundreds of students from many disciplines.

He has devoted his career to the preservation of the tradition of oral storytelling and oral history though his creation of Project Jukebox, a vast collection of oral histories gathered from all over the State of Alaska that brilliantly combines modern technology with a sensitivity to the richness and immense cultural value of oral traditions.

He has spent nearly forty years of his professional life ensuring that the traditions and history of Alaska Natives will not be lost to time; and whose work has been recognized by the Alaska Historical Society, which awarded him the Contribution to Alaska History Award; and has been further recognized with the Governor's Award for the Humanities.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. William Schneider for his contributions to the State of Alaska and the University.