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 2012 we celebrate 95 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. 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 90th commencement ceremony, more than 500 students will cross the stage to receive a certificate or degree, and overall more than 1,000 graduates will be recognized for their academic attainments. Other UAF campuses and learning centers in Bethel, Dillingham, Fort Yukon, Kotzebue, Nome and Tok will honor their graduates with separate commencement activities.

We honor you, the Class of 2012, for your achievement today.
Congratulations!

UA President Patrick K. Gamble

Dear Graduate,

Your graduation today from the University of Alaska Fairbanks is a significant achievement and an important milestone. In earning your degree from this institution, I believe you are well-prepared to take on the next chapter in life. Enjoy this day; you've earned the celebration.

Graduating from UAF is also about a new beginning. What do you plan to do with your education from the University of Alaska Fairbanks? My wish for you is that you continue to learn, grow and contribute to your community for the rest of your life, whether it’s here in Alaska or wherever the future might take you. Congratulations and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Patrick K. Gamble, President
University of Alaska System

UAF Chancellor Brian Rogers

Dear Graduate,

Congratulations on your accomplishments! Today you are joining a distinguished group of more than 25,000 University of Alaska Fairbanks alumni. We look forward to your future contributions to your community, state and nation.

Whatever your future endeavors may be, I wish you success, happiness and fulfillment.

Celebrate this great accomplishment, now and in the future. You make UAF proud!

Brian Rogers, Chancellor
University of Alaska Fairbanks
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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES: MAY 13, 2012
ANDREW CASSEL (CLASS OF 2012) AND LUCAS ELLIOTT (CLASS OF 2009) WILL READ GRADUATES’ NAMES AS THEY CROSS THE STAGE

PROCISIONAL
DILLINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL DANCERS
UAF WIND SYMPHONY POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE
Conductor: Karen Gustafson

GRAND MARSHAL
John Keller

FACULTY PARADE MARSHALS
Andreas Anger Mike Davis Gordon Pullar
Jungho Baek Cary de Wit Dani Shepherd
Stephen “Walkie” Charles Maureen Hogan Elena Sparrow
Stephen Charles
Abhijit Dandekar Nicole Mölders Terry Whitledge
Margaret Darrow Channon Price Anjela Wong

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Lydia Graf, Class of 2012

PRESIDING
Brian Rogers, Chancellor, University of Alaska Fairbanks

INVOCATION
Associate Pastor Brian Bennett, Friends Community Church

REMARKS
Patrick K. Gamble, President, University of Alaska System

INTRODUCTIONS
Chancellor Rogers

ADDRESS
James A. Leach

CONFERRING OF DEGREES
Dale Anderson, Mari Freitag, Jyotsna Heckman, Michael Powers and Kirk Wickersham, Board of Regents, University of Alaska System; President Gamble; Chancellor Rogers; Susan Henrichs, Provost, and Lawrence Duffy, Interim Dean, Graduate School, University of Alaska Fairbanks

INTRODUCTION OF CLASS SPEAKER
Michael Sfraga, Vice Chancellor for Students, University of Alaska Fairbanks

CLASS SPEAKER
Jordan Culver, Class of 2012

RECOGNITION OF EMERITI
Regent Anderson; President Gamble; Chancellor Rogers; Provost Henrichs

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREES
Regent Wickersham; President Gamble; Chancellor Rogers; Provost Henrichs
Regent Freitag; President Gamble; Chancellor Rogers; Provost Henrichs

Jim Dixon, Class of 1990 & 1991

Kirsten Hutchinson, Class of 2012
Walter Fourie, Class of 2005 & 2012

ENSEMBLE 64.8 (UAF PERCUSSION GROUP)
Director: Morris Palter

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.

Please join us for a reception in the Arthur Buswell Pioneer Room immediately following the ceremony, sponsored by the Fairbanks chapter of the UAF Alumni Association.

Justin M. Cannon, College of Engineering and Mines ........................................orange and black chevron
Sacha Dwyer, College of Liberal Arts ..........fuchsia and white
Hailey Chacon, College of Natural Science and Mathematics ........................................golden yellow
Ruth Osborne, College of Rural and Community Development ......................light gray and red
Rob Holt, School of Education ....................light blue and blue
Anna Deveraux, School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences ........................blue and golden yellow
Shelby Carlson, School of Management........drab and copper
Nicole Torre, School of Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences ...............maize and forest green

Patricia Jacobson, Chair, Kodiak
Carl Marrs, Vice Chair, Anchorage
Kirk Wickersham, Secretary, Anchorage
Jyotsna Heckman, Treasurer, Fairbanks
Dale Anderson, Juneau .............................Mari Freitag, Fairbanks
Timothy C. Brady, Anchorage ................Mary K. Hughes, Anchorage
Fuller Cowell, Anchorage .........................Michael Powers, Fairbanks
Kenneth J. Fisher, Juneau

Interpreters may be available for our hearing-impaired guests. There are also a limited number of personal hearing devices; go to any information table to obtain one.

Photos of individual graduates will be available through Jolesch Photography, www.jolesch.com, 800-565-3724.
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.

Confirmation of degrees and honors for the May 2012 degree candidates whose names are listed in this program will be made when final grades are received.

* Denotes summer degree recipient
** Denotes December degree recipient

Red sashes signify graduating Alaska Native and Native American students, and celebrate both their academic accomplishments and heritage. Blue sashes signify graduating Community and Technical College students. The red, white and blue honor cords pay tribute to active-duty service members and veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

Information presented in this program is accurate as of 9 a.m., June 4, 2012 (corrected version). Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of graduates’ names, degrees and other information. We sincerely regret any errors and omissions.

Carillon
David A. Stech, Professor of Music, Emeritus, provided the carillon music for the commencement events.

Program Art
Lisa Peñalver
HONORS RECOGNITION

GRADUATION WITH HONORS
Associate and baccalaureate degree students who graduated with honors in August and December 2011 and candidates for graduation in May 2012 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 indicates completion of this program, which requires exceptional aptitude, academic performance and achievement in a challenging course of study. Honors students must complete 12 or 27 credits in specially designed courses and an honors capstone/senior thesis in their major. Students may also earn honors credits by studying abroad, through thesis credits, contracts, independent study agreements or through state, national or international internships. Graduating Honors Thesis Scholars have 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 have earned 27 honors credits and wear the same sash with a double blue and gold honor cord.

GOLDEN KEY HONOR SOCIETY
An interdisciplinary organization to recognize and encourage outstanding upper-division students, Golden Key is an international student-run service organization committed to meeting the needs of scholastic achievers. Initiated 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 as a whole. Students receiving this recognition wear a silver honor cord.

HONOR SOCIETY OF PHI KAPPA PHI
The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is open to students in all academic disciplines. PKP promotes the pursuit of excellence and the recognition of outstanding achievement by students and faculty alike. Membership is limited to the top students of each graduating class. Initiated members wear a blue ribbon and a medallion bearing the symbolic seal of the society.

STUDENT AMBASSADOR
Students involved in the Student Ambassador Program have demonstrated outstanding campus leadership and have supported the growth of the university through new-student recruitment and community-service efforts.

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THE CLASS OF 2012

CERTIFICATES, ASSOCIATE, BACCALAUREATE AND MASTER’S DEGREES

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND MINES

Dr. Douglas J. Goering, Dean

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Lisa Mae Anders
B.S., Electrical Engineering: Computer Engineering

David E. Apperson
B.S., Mechanical Engineering: Aerospace Emphasis

Lyle Jordan Axelarris
magna cum laude, B.S., Civil Engineering

Jason William Bell
B.S., Electrical Engineering: Communications

Edward Charles Gabriel Bergeron
B.S., Mechanical Engineering

Patrizia Bolz
magna cum laude, B.S., Geological Engineering
Golden Key Honor Society

Samuel Thomas Brewer
cum laude, B.S., Mechanical Engineering
University Honors Scholar

Nathan Thomas Burke
magna cum laude, B.S., Mechanical Engineering
Golden Key Honor Society. Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

Reuben Arthur Butteri
B.S., Mechanical Engineering

Sam Tucker Carlson
B.S., Civil Engineering

Tachit Chairat
B.S., Mechanical Engineering. Leadership Distinction. Student Ambassador

Matthew Vernon Chandler
cum laude, B.S., Computer Science

John Martin Chiment
B.S., Computer Science

Irwin Chou
B.S., Petroleum Engineering

Gregg A. Christopher **
B.S., Computer Science

William Eli Coleman
B.S., Mechanical Engineering

Jessie Anne Craig *
B.S., Civil Engineering

Marina Larene Critchett
B.S., Geological Engineering

Alvin Lyall Deighton
B.S., Mechanical Engineering

John Michael Demallie
B.S., Petroleum Engineering

Adriana Marie Dietrich
magna cum laude, B.S., Mechanical Engineering
Golden Key Honor Society

Miles T. Dinstel
B.S., Mechanical Engineering

Hui Du *
B.S., Petroleum Engineering

Gordon Michael Dufseth
B.S., Civil Engineering

James Blake Eggemeyer
B.S., Computer Science. University Honors Scholar

Kyle David Emery
B.S., Mechanical Engineering

Lucas R. Ferguson
B.S., Petroleum Engineering

Nicholas B. Ferree **
B.S., Civil Engineering

Warren Duncan Fraser
B.S., Computer Science
Steven M. Gieryic  
*cum laude*, B.S., Petroleum Engineering

Amanda L. Green  
*cum laude*, B.S., Civil Engineering

Russell W. Grieve **  
B.S., Civil Engineering

Lin Gu  
B.S., Petroleum Engineering

Kelsey Rose Hallford  
B.S., Mechanical Engineering

Justin Harvey  
B.S., Computer Engineering

Jennifer Christine Holland **  
**summa cum laude**, B.S., Civil Engineering

Adele Frances Hoople  
*cum laude*, B.S., Civil Engineering. *Golden Key Honor Society*

Chad R. Hough  
B.S., Petroleum Engineering

Brandon Earl Irvine  
B.S., Civil Engineering

Peter Joseph Jackson  
B.S., Civil Engineering

Alexander Bradley Janorschke  
*cum laude*, B.S., Petroleum Engineering

Hongyu Ji *  
B.S., Petroleum Engineering

Devin Curtis Jones  
B.S., Computer Science

Samuel Christopher Joseph  
B.S., Electrical Engineering. *Communications*

Thomas Kye Josephson **  
B.S., Civil Engineering

Tianye Kou *  
B.S., Petroleum Engineering

Edward Ryan L’Herault  
*cum laude*, B.S., Computer Science

Jeremy P. Langton  
B.S., Mechanical Engineering

Alexander Dirk Lauritzen  
B.S., Mechanical Engineering

Jeffrey Michael Leonelli  
B.S., Electrical Engineering. *Power and Control*

Jeffrey Lawrence Levison *  
B.S., Geological Engineering

Liang Li  
B.S., Geological Engineering

HongYang Liang  
B.S., Petroleum Engineering

Jingyi Liao  
B.S., Petroleum Engineering

Eric M. Lundell  
B.S., Computer Science

Dan Luo *  
B.S., Petroleum Engineering

Christine Ann McCabe  
B.S., Geological Engineering

Michael Wayne McCool  
B.S., Electrical Engineering. *Power and Control*

Gareth Gordon McDonald **  
B.S., Electrical Engineering. *Computer Engineering*

Everet Dillon Megli  
*cum laude*, B.S., Civil Engineering

Shelly W. Meyer  
B.S., Mining Engineering

Pablo Salvador Montes  
B.S., Electrical Engineering

Benjamin D. Montz  
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Louis Jonathan Nolin **  
B.S., Electrical Engineering. *Power and Control*

Erik Wesley Olson **  
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B.S., Mechanical Engineering. *Golden Key Honor Society*

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Deitrich Allen Smith **  
B.S., Mechanical Engineering

Allan R. Spangler **  
B.S., Mechanical Engineering

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** December degree recipient
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Kyle Robert Teegardin  
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Tadeusz Casimir Tomasic  
B.S., Petroleum Engineering  

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B.S., Petroleum Engineering  

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College of Liberal Arts  
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B.A., History

Antonio D. Adlesperger **  
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B.A., Social Work

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B.A., English

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B.S., Nutrition and Community Wellness: Interdisciplinary Program

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B.A., Psychology

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Orolmaa Anand  
B.A., Psychology

Davin J. Anderson  
B.A., Justice

Matthew R. Anderson *  
B.A., Journalism: News-Editorial

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Darnel Augustine  
B.A., Political Science

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Kasho’kwim Campus, B.A., Yup’ik Language and Culture

Shannon Lynn Baarlaer  
B.A., Psychology

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Emily Morrison Bass  
B.A., Social Work

Brianna Nicole Baurick **  
cum laude, B.A., Psychology

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** December degree recipient

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Kelsey Ace Bearden
magna cum laude, B.A., Foreign Language: Single Language: Spanish; Biological Sciences. University Honors Scholar

Christopher Ray Behnke
B.A., Northern Studies

Sarah Jean Belmont
cum laude, B.A., Journalism: Broadcast Journalism

Adeline Maria Bernal *
B.A., Psychology

Michael Stephanie Berrie
B.A., Art

Kendall Christine Bethune
B.A., Justice

Veronica Dale Bjorkman
B.A., English

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Steven P. Bridwell **
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Kimrah Nicah Brotherson **
B.A., Journalism: Broadcast Journalism

Abigail Darden Brown **
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Heather Marie Bryant
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Deleen Mac Cable **
B.A., Sociology

Raul Oscar Calvillo Jr *
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Emily Teresa Capra
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David Nathan Christian *
B.A., Japanese Studies

Alexander Lee Cloward
B.A., Justice

Amanda Marie Cobb
B.A., Art

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Sean D’Alessio *
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B.A., English

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B.A., Social Work

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B.A., Justice

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Jeffrey Theodore Dick **
B.A., History

Heather Rose Dittman **
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B.A., Music. Student Ambassador

Crystal L. Duncan **
B.S., Psychology

Timothy Ronald Edsell **
B.A., Journalism

Patrick Gregory Enters
B.A., Justice

Daylen Colt Waltz Evanger
B.S., Psychology

Yimin Fan *
cum laude, B.A., Psychology

Nicole Michelle Fantazzi
B.A., Justice; Psychology
Chelsea Rae Fillingim  
B.A., Social Work. Student Ambassador

Carlo Emilio Finucci  
B.A., Communication

William Morris Forsko  
B.A., Philosophy

Kaitlan Elizabeth Fournier **  
B.A., Justice

Rachel Marie Frame  
magna cum laude, B.A., History; Foreign Language: Single Language: German. University Honors Scholar

Caleb Joseph Frazier  
magna cum laude, B.A., English. ROTC Commissioned Cadet

Matt Ray Freel **  
B.A., Japanese Studies

Danah Elizabeth Frey  
B.A., Social Work

Kathleen Anne Frost **  
cum laude, B.A., Psychology

Raymond Escobar Ganacias  
B.A., Communication. ROTC Commissioned Cadet

Laurel Catherine Gangloff  
cum laude, B.S., Art In Science: Interdisciplinary Program

Marina Christine Gano  
B.A., Foreign Language: Two Languages

Adam J. Gillette  
B.A., Theatre: Design/Technical Theatre

Crimson Cyan Golat  
cum laude, B.A., History

Lydia Jeanne Graf **  
magna cum laude, B.M., Music: Performance. University Honors Scholar. Golden Key Honor Society

Lydia Jeanne Graf  

Jennifer A. Grieve  
B.A., Political Science

Jane S. Groseclose **  
B.A., Journalism: Photojournalism

Sean Ryan Gueco  
cum laude, B.A., Justice

Harland Roy Gustafson  
B.A., Northern Studies

Meghan Marie Hafner  
B.A., Justice

Megan K. Hahn  
B.A., Music

Wayne A. Halvarson  
B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

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Tiana K. Hanson  
cum laude, B.A., Theatre: Performance. Golden Key Honor Society

Howard Albert Hardee Jr *  
B.A., Journalism: News-Editorial

Erin Whitney Harris  
B.A., History

Matthew Charles Hartman  
cum laude, B.A., Art; English

Haley Alexis Hatch  
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M.B.A., Business Administration: General Management.  
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*B.A., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 1998.*

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Zhenhua Rui **

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B.S., Natural Resources Management: High Latitude Agriculture

Nina Dee Schwinghammer
B.S., Geography: Landscape Analysis and Climate Change Studies

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Magna cum laude, B.S., Geography: Landscape Analysis and Climate Change Studies. Honors Thesis Scholar

Nicholas Joseph Toye
B.A., Geography

Cherish Yuke
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MASTER'S DEGREES

Rebecca Ann Baird *

Tina M. Buxbaum *

Marsha Henderson

Kara E. Moore **

Josephine-Mary Osako-Adu Sam **

Mary Elizabeth Parent **
M.S., Natural Resources Management. B.S., University of Maine, 2009.

Tracy S. Rogers *
Walter Johannes Fourie **

**Ph.D.  Engineering: Environmental Engineering**


Thesis: Micro-Scale Analysis of Fluid Flow and Diffusion in Coarse Grained Porous Media

X-ray computed tomography and finite element analysis were used to visualize the internal geometry of coarse grained porous media and calculate the hydraulic conductivity and the diffusion of a dissolved species through the media. The relative importance of micro-scale parameters such as porosity, tortuosity, connectivity and constrictivity were assessed.

Major Professor: Dr. David Barnes

Donald Bruce Mentch *

**Ph.D.  Engineering: Electrical Engineering**


Thesis: CubeSat Attitude Control Utilizing Low-Power Magnetic Torquers and a Magnetometer

A satellite attitude control system based on a very low-power magnetic torquer was developed. This is the first use of this torquer to stop the satellite from spinning and the first use of a dual axis magnetic bias to point the satellite's camera in the correct direction.

Major Professor: Dr. Denise Thorsen
Zhenhua Rui **

**Ph.D. Energy and Mineral Engineering Management: Interdisciplinary Program**


**Thesis: Comprehensive Investigation into Historical Pipeline Construction Costs and Engineering Economic Analysis of Alaska In-State Gas Pipeline**

This study analyzes historical cost data of 412 pipelines and 220 compressor stations in terms of various parameters to provide a reference for the pipeline industry. On the basis of this analysis, the study also evaluates the feasibility of an Alaska in-state gas pipeline using Monte Carlo simulation techniques.

**Major Professors: Dr. Paul Metz and Dr. Gang Chen**

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**Stephen Walkie Charles ***

**Ph.D. Applied Linguistics: Interdisciplinary Program**


**Thesis: Dynamic Assessment in a Yugtun Second Language Intermediate Adult Classroom**

This study focused on seven college students through Dynamic Assessment. Students were able to accomplish tasks with teacher guidance which they cannot yet do individually. It shows how mediating learners through Yup’ik ways of teaching, they are able to self-correct and play more active roles in their own learning.

**Major Professors: Dr. Sabine Siekmann and Dr. Marilee Coles-Ritchie**

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**Cody L. Chipp**

**Ph.D. Clinical-Community Psychology**

(Awarded jointly by the University of Alaska Fairbanks and the University of Alaska Anchorage) B.S., Boise State University (Idaho), 2003; M.S., University of Alaska Anchorage, 2006.

**Thesis: Factors Contributing to Weight Gain Among College Freshmen and Beyond**

Dietary habits were drivers of weight gain among college students. University stakeholders identified supports for healthy living, including access to nutritious food and physical amenities. Barriers identified were access to high-calorie foods, limited recreation facilities, and policy challenges. Implications for health promotion, food availability, recreation, and physical amenities are discussed.

**Major Professor: Dr. Christiane Brems**
Valerie M. Gifford

**Ph.D. Clinical-Community Psychology**
(Awarded jointly by the University of Alaska Fairbanks and the University of Alaska Anchorage)
B.A., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 1997; M.S.W., Yeshiva University (New York), 2001.

**Thesis:** Factors that Contribute to Rural Provider Retention, Service Utilization, and Engagement in Mentorship by Cultural Experts
An exploratory qualitative study in Alaska's Bering Strait Region utilized grounded theory methods to identify personal qualities of healthcare providers and other factors contributing to provider retention, community member utilization of providers' services, and providers' engagement in cultural mentorship. In addition, factors contributing to local provider retention were examined.

Major Professor: Dr. Inna Rivkin

Jaymes R. Gonzales

**Ph.D. Clinical-Community Psychology**
(Awarded jointly by the University of Alaska Fairbanks and the University of Alaska Anchorage)

**Thesis:** Concurrent Validation of Alaska's Juvenile Justice Suicide Risk Screening Measure
The concurrent validity of Alaska's Division of Juvenile Justice Mental Health/Suicide Screening (MHSS) measure was examined by exploring its relationship with measures of suicidal risk and suicidal protective factors. The obtained correlations were not large enough to suggest concurrent validation or to advise the continued use of the MHSS.

Major Professor: Dr. Robert Boeckmann

Alison Dawn Laybolt

**Ph.D. Anthropology**
B.A., University of Waterloo (Canada), 1997; M.A., Memorial University of Newfoundland (Canada), 1999.

**Thesis:** Site Formation Processes and Environmental Reconstruction at the Mink Island Archaeological Site (XMK-030), Katmai National Park and Preserve, Alaska
Research was initiated to document climate and weather through geoarchaeological data, and possibly identify any related changes in human behaviors at an archaeological site in Katmai National Park and Preserve, Alaska. Results illustrated that the employed techniques were best suited to determining site formation processes, not broader climate events.

Major Professor: Dr. Maribeth Murray

Virginia Cress Parret *

**Ph.D. Clinical-Community Psychology**
B.S., University of Alaska Anchorage, 2002; M.S., University of Alaska Anchorage, 2005.

**Thesis:** Meeting the Needs of Breast Cancer Survivors in Alaska: Survivors' and Healthcare Providers' Perspectives
The study sought to identify and bring awareness to the needs of Alaskan breast cancer survivors. Results from 309 breast cancer survivors and 31 healthcare providers revealed key barriers and services gaps along with ways to improve services for breast cancer survivors living in Alaska.

Major Professor: Dr. Christiane Brems
Eric Thomas Adamson

**Ph.D. Space Physics**

B.S., University of Alaska Anchorage, 2003.

**Thesis: Magnetohydrodynamic Simulations of Plasma Dynamics in the Magnetospheric Cusp Region**

The Earth’s geomagnetic cusps pose a significant challenge for global magnetospheric models due to their relatively small scale. A mesoscale model was developed in order to address such characteristically small-scale structures. It was found that magnetic reconnection plays a crucial role in the structuring and dynamics of this region.

**Major Professor:** Dr. Antonius Otto

Michael Anderson **

**Ph.D. Biological Sciences: Biology**

B.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2002.

**Thesis: Sources of Variation in the Symbiotic Association between *Alnus* and *Frankia* in Interior Alaska**

A field investigation of symbiotic interactions between two species of alder and nitrogen-fixing *Frankia* bacteria was conducted. Differences between alder species in genetic diversity and taxonomy of symbiotic *Frankia* were examined, as well as differences in the structure and diversity of *Frankia* in alder nodules across both primary and secondary successional series.

**Major Professors:** Dr. Roger Ruess and Dr. Donald Taylor

Jeff Benowitz *

**Ph.D. Geology**


**Thesis: The Topographically Asymmetrical Alaska Range: Multiple Tectonic Drivers Through Space and Time**

The topographically segmented ~700 km long Alaska Range evolved over the last ~50 megaannurnin response to both far-field driving mechanisms and near-field boundary conditions. Periods of mountain building within the Alaska Range are related to Paleocene-Eocene ridge subduction, Neogene flat-slab subduction of the Yakutat microplate, and block rotation/migration.

**Major Professor:** Dr. Paul Layer

* Summer degree recipient

** December degree recipient
Jessica Anne Coltrane

Ph.D. Biological Sciences: Wildlife Biology
Thesis: Ecological and Physiological Adaptations of the Porcupine to Winter in Alaska
Captive and field studies were conducted to determine the physiological and ecological adaptations of the North American porcupine (Erethizon dorsatum) to winter in Alaska. Porcupines were able to efficiently digest low quality forage and conserve energy by maintaining low field metabolic rates, while utilizing fat stores to conserve lean tissue.
Major Professors: Dr. Peregrine Barboza and Dr. Donald Spalinger

Maegan M. Daniello-Weltzin *

Ph.D. Biochemistry/Molecular Biology
B.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2006.
Thesis: Investigation of the Allosteric Modulators Desformylflustrabromine and 4-(2-Hydroxyethyl)-1-Piperazineethanesulfonic Acid (Hepes) Interactions on Nicotinic Acetylcholine Receptors
Dysregulation of neuronal nicotinic acetylcholine receptors (nAChRs) can lead to pathologies including Alzheimer's disease, autism and nicotine addiction. New therapeutic avenues are positive allosteric modulators (PAMs). This thesis investigates the PAMs desformylflustrabromine and 4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazineethanesulfonic acid (HEPES) interactions with alpha7 and alpha4beta2 nAChRs. Discoveries will facilitate the development of therapeutic ligands.
Major Professor: Dr. Marvin Schulte

Matthew Langdon Druckenmiller *

Ph.D. Geophysics
Thesis: Alaska Shorefast Ice: Interfacing Geophysics with Local Sea Ice Knowledge and Use
This thesis interfaces geophysics with local and traditional knowledge of indigenous ice experts from Barrow, Alaska, to monitor processes that govern the state and dynamics of shorefast sea ice in the Chukchi Sea. Ice stability and strategies for safe hunting provide a framework for data collection and knowledge sharing.
Major Professor: Dr. Hajo Eicken

Julie Elliott *

Ph.D. Geophysics
Thesis: Active Tectonics in Southern Alaska and the Role of the Yakutat Block Constrained by GPS Measurements
This thesis presents a new, expanded GPS dataset for southern Alaska and eastern Canada and uses it to constrain a tectonic model for the Yakutat block collision with southern Alaska and its effects on the region.
Major Professor: Dr. Jeffrey Freymueller
Oceana Puananilei Francis

Ph.D.  Atmospheric Sciences
B.S., University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1995; B.S., University of Alaska Anchorage, 2002; M.S., University of Alaska Anchorage, 2004.

Thesis: Atmospheric Forcing of Wave States in the Southeast Chukchi Sea
Investigation of Chukchi Sea wave states through wave modeling and in situ and satellite observations was conducted which determined model/data suitability for this region due to increased wave activity affecting local operations, and explained how environmental parameters, i.e. diminishing sea ice or extratropical storms, were related to this wave activity.

Major Professor: Dr. Uma Bhatt

Heather Jay Huson *

Ph.D.  Molecular Genetics: Interdisciplinary Program

Thesis: Genetic Ancestry Modeling and Performance Association in the Alaskan Sled Dog
Alaskan sled dogs present us with the unique opportunity to study the development of a population of dogs produced from the selective breeding of high performance athletes. I established population structure, inbreeding values, and modeled ancestry. I also determined genetic loci and purebred breeds potentially influencing their athletic performance.

Major Professor: Dr. Jonathan Runstadler

Kyle Christian Joly *

Ph.D.  Biological Sciences: Wildlife Biology
B.S., Syracuse University (New York), 1992; M.S., Pennsylvania State University, 1996.

Thesis: Winter Range Studies of the Western Arctic Caribou Herd, Northwest Alaska
Wildfires are relatively common in northwest Alaska. They destroy lichens that are important caribou winter forage. Tundra is capable of re-burning more rapidly than forested areas. Burned areas are avoided by caribou for decades due to reduced lichen abundance. Climate change may increase wildfires and thus limit caribou range.

Major Professors: Dr. T. Scott Rupp and Dr. F. Stuart Chapin III

Katrina Kay Knott **

Ph.D.  Biological Sciences: Biology

Thesis: Contaminant Exposure and Associated Biological Responses in Southern Beaufort Sea Polar Bears
Female and young polar bears are the cohorts of concern for chronic low-level exposure to mixtures of mercury and polychlorinated biphenyls. Relationships between contaminants and physiologically-based biomarkers (e.g., selenium and thyroid hormone status) could not exclude natural variations and equally possible impacts of nutritional stress and changes in physiological status.

Major Professor: Dr. Todd O’Hara
Trixie Nicole Lee

Ph.D.  Biological Sciences: Biology  
B.S., Harding University (Arkansas), 2006.
Thesis: Expression and Mechanisms of Hibernation in the Arctic: The Alaska Marmot and Arctic Ground Squirrel  
I investigated hibernation under extreme, arctic conditions, both in the lab and field. I compared hibernation strategies between two related species with different social systems and studied metabolic fuel use in hibernation by developing stable isotopes as tools to monitor tissue metabolism and differentiate mixed fuel use in animals.

Major Professors: Dr. Diane M. O’Brien and Dr. C. Loren Buck

Karen H. Mager

Ph.D.  Biological Sciences: Wildlife Biology  
Thesis: Population Structure and Hybridization of Alaskan Caribou and Reindeer: Integrating Genetics and Local Knowledge  
Using oral history interviews to understand historical interactions of caribou and reindeer, and genetic markers to detect reindeer-caribou hybrids and analyze patterns of genetic differentiation among 20 caribou herds, this interdisciplinary study determined geographic, demographic, behavioral, and anthropogenic factors that influence genetic exchange among caribou and reindeer populations.

Major Professor: Dr. Kris J. Hundertmark

Irina Andrea Mueller

Ph.D.  Biochemistry/Molecular Biology  
B.S., Eberhard Karls University Tübingen (Germany), 2008.
Thesis: The Effect of Mitochondrial Ultrastructure on Function and Thermal Tolerance in Antarctic Notothenioid Fishes  
Antarctic notothenioid fishes are well adapted to the constantly cold environment of the Southern Ocean, which makes them vulnerable to elevations in temperature. The role of cellular adaptations in defining the thermal sensitivity of Antarctic notothenioid fishes was investigated.

Major Professor: Dr. Kristin M. O’Brien

Marc Mueller-Stoffels

Ph.D.  Physics  
D.P., University of Konstanz (Germany), 2002; M.S., University of Otago (New Zealand), 2006.
Thesis: Reversibility of Arctic Sea Ice Retreat - A Conceptual Multi-Scale Modeling Approach  
Arctic summer sea ice has retreated at record rates over the past decade. It is shown that the mode of sea ice retreat strongly depends on the albedo parametrization. The model shows that sea ice retreat can be bistable locally, but in a regional model lateral interactions extinguish this bistability.

Major Professor: Dr. Renate Wackerbauer
Lola Kay Oliver  
**Ph.D. Geology**  
**Thesis:** Characterization of Permafrost Development by Isotopic and Chemical Analysis of Soil Cores Taken From the Copper River Basin and an Upland Loess Deposit in Interior Alaska  
Chemical and isotopic analyses of pore water from permafrost cores taken from the dry lake bed of ancient Lake Atna in the Copper River Basin and from an upland loess deposit northeast of Fairbanks, Alaska, reveal information about the local past environments not available by other means.  
**Major Professor:** Dr. Vladimir Romanovsky

Santosh Kumar Panda  
**Ph.D. Geology**  
B.S., Sambalpur University (India), 2001; M.S., Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee (India), 2003.  
**Thesis:** Permafrost Distribution Mapping and Temperature Modeling Along the Alaska Highway Corridor, Interior Alaska  
The study employed a combination of field data and remote sensing techniques to generate a near-surface permafrost map for a part of the Alaska Highway corridor. It also modeled the effects of past and future changes in air temperature and winter snow precipitation on permafrost temperature and active-layer thickness.  
**Major Professor:** Dr. Anupma Prakash

Peter G. Rinkleff  
**Ph.D. Geology**  
B.S., Bemidji State University (Minnesota), 1996; M.S., New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, 1999.  
**Thesis:** Transport and Formation Processes for Fine Airborne Ash from Three Recent Volcanic Eruptions in Alaska: Implications for Detection Methods and Tracking Models  
A study of the chemistry and morphology of airborne ash collected from three volcanic eruptions in Alaska (Augustine 2006, Pavlof 2007, Redoubt 2008) demonstrated that atmospheric fate and transport processes influence removal rates of volcanic ash and impact the detection of ash by standard satellite remote sensing observation methods.  
**Major Professors:** Dr. Catherine F. Cahill and Dr. Jonathan Dehn

Jennifer Roach  
**Ph.D. Biological Sciences: Biology**  
B.S., Boston College (Massachusetts), 1998.  
**Thesis:** Lake Area Change in Alaskan National Wildlife Refuges: Magnitude, Mechanisms, and Heterogeneity  
The magnitude and mechanisms of lake area change for study areas and individual lakes in Alaska were estimated. Lake area trends were heterogeneous but net trends for the state and some study areas were declining. Dominant mechanisms for decreasing and increasing lake area were terrestrialization and thermokarst formation, respectively.  
**Major Professor:** Dr. Brad Griffith

* Summer degree recipient  
** December degree recipient
Maciej G. Śliwiński

**Ph.D. Geology**  
**Thesis:** Geochemistry of the Late Devonian ‘Punctata’ Event in the Western Canada Sedimentary Basin  
This work interprets geochemical records of the global Late Devonian ‘punctata event’ – a prominent paleoceanographic perturbation characterized by rapid, wide-spread marine eutrophication, petroleum source rock deposition and climatic cooling, related to the evolution of the first terrestrial forests and complex soils.  
**Major Professors:** Dr. Michael T. Whalen and Dr. Rainer J. Newberry

John M. Styers **

**Ph.D. Computational Auroral Studies: Interdisciplinary Studies**  
**Thesis:** An Interdisciplinary Computational Study of Magnetosphere-Ionosphere Coupling and its Visual and Thermal Impact in the Auroral Region  
A computational study of magnetosphere-ionosphere coupling was performed with an explicitly parallelilized, three-dimensional, three-fluid simulation. The model reproduced some of the characteristics of discrete auroral arcs. Visualization of the data had the appearance of discrete aurora in nature.  
**Major Professor:** Dr. Gregory Newby

Kenneth Drury Tape **

**Ph.D. Biological Sciences**  
**Thesis:** Arctic Alaskan Shrub Growth, Distribution, and Relationships to Landscape Processes and Climate During the 20th Century  
The primary change underway in the tundra of arctic Alaska is the increase in air temperature and expansion of deciduous shrubs since 1980. Shrub growth rings, site characteristics, and temporal series of imagery show that soil conditions predispose alder shrubs associated with disturbance to respond to warming.  
**Major Professors:** Dr. Roger W. Ruess and Dr. Jeffrey Welker

Caroline R. Van Hemert

**Ph.D. Biological Sciences: Wildlife Biology**  
B.S., University of Arizona, 2000; M.A., Western Washington University, 2005.  
**Thesis:** Epizootic of Beak Deformities in Alaska: Investigation of an Emerging Avian Disease  
An epizootic of beak deformities was recently documented among Black-capped Chickadees (*Poecile atricapillus*), Northwestern Crows (*Corvus caurinus*), and other resident bird species in Alaska. A multi-disciplinary investigation combined research techniques from ecology and diagnostic pathology and provided insights about the causes and consequences of this novel disease in wild birds.  
**Major Professors:** Dr. Todd O’Hara and Dr. Diane M. O’Brien
Robert Edward Wilson *

**Ph.D. Biological Sciences: Biology**

**Thesis: Genetic and Phenotypic Divergence Within and Between Cinnamon Teal (Anas cyanoptera) and Blue-winged Teal (A. discors)**
Heterogeneity in selection pressures resulted in morphological and genetic differentiation among South American Cinnamon Teal subspecies. The recently diverged Cinnamon Teal and Blue-winged Teal are distinct morphologically and genetically. Paraphyletic populations suggest multiple North America colonizations by Cinnamon Teal, enabling the formation of Blue-winged Teal and North American Cinnamon Teal.

**Major Professor: Dr. Kevin McCracken**

Jiang Zhu *

**Ph.D. Atmospheric Sciences**

**Thesis: Investigation on Cirrus Clouds by Cloud-Aerosol Lidar and Infrared Pathfinder Satellite Observation Data**
Cirrus clouds are investigated globally in terms of their macro and bulk-micro physical properties, as well as the linear depolarization ratios derived from the Cloud Aerosol Lidar and Infrared Pathfinder Satellite Observation dataset. The radiative effects of cirrus clouds are evaluated using a radiative transfer model.

**Major Professor: Dr. Kenneth Sassen**

**School of Education**

* Dr. Allan Morotti, Interim Dean*

David M.Q. Herbert

**Ph.D. Educational Leadership: Interdisciplinary Program**
B.S., Northern Arizona University, 1993; M.Ed., Northern Arizona University, 1997.

**Thesis: Alaskan Superintendent Turnover: Is There a Correlation Between Anticipated Turnover and the Organizational Culture of School Boards in the State of Alaska**
A quantitative study assessed whether type of school board culture predicts Alaskan public school superintendents' intention to leave their position, using Cameron and Quinn's types of organizational culture — hierarchy, market, clan, and adhocracy. Participants (47) completed the Anticipated Turnover Scale and Organizational Culture Assessment Instrument. No statistically significant correlations were found.

**Major Professor: Dr. Gary Jacobsen**

* Summer degree recipient
** December degree recipient
Michael Alan Johnson  
**Ph.D.  Education and Intercultural Studies: Interdisciplinary Program**  
B.A., Columbia International University (South Carolina), 1994; M.A., Columbia International University (South Carolina), 1997.  
**Thesis: Barriers to Ahtna Athabascans Becoming Public School Educators**  
An exploration of why Ahtna Athabascans have chosen not to become public school teachers used a cross-cultural mixed-method approach including a non-formalized survey and phenomenological interviews. A thematic analysis identified barriers such as negative K-12 experiences, financial disincentives, and the lack of culturally appropriate guidance counseling programs.  

Major Professor: Dr. Gary Jacobsen

SCHOOL OF FISHERIES AND OCEAN SCIENCES  
*Dr. Michael A. Castellini, Dean*

Beverly Ann Agler  
**Ph.D.  Fisheries**  
**Thesis: Growth of Western Alaska and Asian Chum Salmon (Oncorhynchus keta) in Relationship to Climatic Factors and Inter- and Intraspecific Competition**  
Climate shifts and interspecific interactions with Russian pink and Asian chum salmon influenced chum salmon growth. Warmer ocean temperatures led to faster first-year scale growth, but Asian chum salmon abundance negatively affected third year growth. These results suggest competition among salmon, potentially affecting chum fecundity by 3 percent.  

Major Professor: Dr. William Smoker

Seth Lombard Danielson  
**Ph.D.  Oceanography: Physical**  
B.S., Lehigh University (Pennsylvania), 1990; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 1996.  
**Thesis: Variability in the Circulation, Temperature, and Salinity Fields of the Eastern Bering Sea Shelf in Response to Atmospheric Forcing**  
Synoptic, seasonal and inter-annual variations in the Bering shelf temperature, salinity and circulation fields are driven by the Aleutian Low position and strength. Wind-driven surface Ekman divergence reorganizes currents into two opposing modes of circulation. These results have implications for the advection of oceanic contaminants, heat, freshwater, nutrients, and plankton.  

Major Professor: Dr. Thomas Weingartner
Leandra de Sousa *

**Ph.D.** Oceanography: Biological  
*B.S., University of Sao Paulo (Brazil), 1997.*

**Thesis:** Seabird Habitat Use and Zooplankton Abundance and Biomass in Relation to Water Mass Properties in the Northern Gulf of Alaska  

**Major Professors:** Dr. Kenneth Coyle and Dr. Thomas Weingartner

Jason R. Gasper **

**Ph.D.** Fisheries  
*B.S., University of Alaska Southeast, 2002; M.S., University of Washington, 2004.*

**Thesis:** Policy and Market Analysis of World Dogfish Fisheries and an Evaluation of the Feasibility of a Dogfish Fishery in Waters of Alaska, USA  
Spiny dogfish is a valuable commodity on the world market and has a global capture distribution. Results indicate that the dogfish market is adulterated, supplied by both sustainable and non-sustainable sources. Overcoming the loss of market share may require eco-labeling to inform consumers about sustainable dogfish stocks.

**Major Professors:** Dr. Gordon Kruse and Dr. Joshua Greenberg

Peter-John Frederick Hulson  

**Ph.D.** Fisheries  
*B.A., University of Pennsylvania, 2004; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2007.*

**Thesis:** Dealing with Uncertainties in Integrated Age-Structured Assessment Models  
Dealing with uncertainties in mathematical models to estimate fish abundance has become a central focus at all levels of fisheries stock assessment and management. My goal in this dissertation was to uncover the layers of uncertainty in fishery models and provide guidance on how to include and evaluate uncertainty.

**Major Professor:** Dr. Terrance Quinn II

Mandy J. Keogh *

**Ph.D.** Marine Biology  
*B.S., Texas A&M University, 1999; M.S., San Diego State University (California), 2006.*

**Thesis:** Endocrine and Immune Profiles of Immature Pinnipeds  
There is increasing interest in the health of pinnipeds due to population declines and conservation concerns. This study assessed the “health” of animals by quantifying hormones associated with fat mass, lipid and water metabolism, and growth as well as leukocyte counts and in vitro proliferation of peripheral blood mononuclear cell.

**Major Professor:** Dr. Shannon Atkinson

* Summer degree recipient  
** December degree recipient  

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Sara Elizabeth Miller *
Ph.D. Fisheries
Thesis: Physical Mechanisms for Variation in Pink Salmon (Oncorhynchus gorbuscha) Survival Within the Upwelling and Downwelling Domains of the Northeast Pacific
When stability was below average within Prince William Sound, the relationship between fish condition and survival was positive. Our findings were similar between the upwelling and downwelling domains, but differed by the distance offshore. Marine survival rates increased for pink salmon that experienced below-average stability on the inner shelf during early marine residence.
Major Professor: Dr. Milo D. Adkison

Dion Seth Oxman
Ph.D. Fisheries
B.S., California State University Long Beach, 1987; M.S., California State University Stanislaus, 1995.
Thesis: Genetic and Environmental Effects on Developmental Timing, Otolith Formation, and Gill Raker Development in Pink Salmon from Auke Creek, Alaska
The influences of incubation temperature and genetics on hatching time and development of otoliths and gill rakers were examined in native and hybrid pink salmon. Their development was influenced by temperature. Hatching had weak genetic influences. Otolith development was canalized. Hybridization prolonged development times but did not alter gill raker development.
Major Professor: Dr. Anthony Gharrett

Tania Marie Spurkland **
Ph.D. Marine Biology
Thesis: Effects of Glacial Discharge on Kelp Bed Organisms in an Alaskan Subarctic Estuary
This study determined how changing environmental conditions due to glacial melting affect subarctic nearshore kelp bed community structure and organism fitness. Kelps showed some resilience to glacial melt stressors through phenotypic plasticity within a genetically fixed seasonal growth cycle, but overall community composition declined.
Major Professor: Dr. Katrin Iken
Ashwin Sreenivasan **

**Ph.D.  Fisheries**

B.S., Bangalore University (India), 1997; B.S., Florida Atlantic University, 2002.

**Thesis:** Nucleic Acid Ratios as an Index of Growth and Nutritional Ecology in Pacific Cod (Gadus macrocephalus), Walleye Pollock (Theragra chalcogramma), and Pacific Herring (Clupea pallasii)

Nucleic acid ratios (RNA/DNA) were used to compare growth between fed and starved Pacific herring, and Pacific cod and walleye pollock larvae. Changes in herring RNA/DNA indicated terminal starvation and resource allocation. Colder temperatures increased RNA/DNA in cod and pollock. Cod nucleic acid patterns were used to identify growth stanzas.

**Major Professor:** Dr. William Smoker

Nathan Lord Stewart **

**Ph.D. Marine Biology**

B.A., Carleton College (Minnesota), 1996.

**Thesis:** The Influence of Habitat Complexity, Prey Quality, and Predator Avoidance on Sea Otter Resource Selection in Alaska

Sea otters forage selectively in a variety of nearshore habitat types in Alaska. The focus of this dissertation was to examine the influence of benthic habitat complexity, prey quality, and predator avoidance on sea otter foraging site selection in populations inhabiting the Aleutian Islands and Lower Cook Inlet.

**Major Professor:** Dr. Brenda Konar

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**SCHOOL OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES**

**Dr. Carol E. Lewis, Dean**

David Vincent D’Amore *

**Ph.D. Natural Resources and Sustainability**

B.A., University of Virginia, 1984; M.S., Oregon State University, 1994.

**Thesis:** Hydrologic Controls of Carbon Fluxes in Alaskan Coastal Temperate Rainforest Soils

Northern temperate ecosystems play an important role in the global balance of carbon flows between atmospheric and terrestrial pools. Measurements of soil respiration and DOC flux from soil combined with values of net primary productivity were used to calculate a net ecosystem production of 2.04 ± 0.81 Mg C ha-1 y-1 in the Alaskan coastal temperate rainforest.

**Major Professor:** Dr. David Valentine
James Edward Powell

Ph.D.  Natural Resources and Sustainability

Thesis: Conditions for Effective Use of Community Sustainability Indicators for Adaptive Learning
This study sought to identify the conditions for facilitating implementation and use of community sustainability indicator programs. Through an analysis of sustainability activities in sample cities across the United States and a case study of Juneau, Alaska, conditions for effective sustainability indicator implementation and use were discovered.

Major Professor: Dr. Gary Kofinas

Aiqin Zhao *

Ph.D. High Latitude Agriculture: Interdisciplinary Program
B.S., Shanxi Agricultural University (People's Republic of China), 2002; M.S., China Agricultural University, 2005.

The study was to find suitable methods to predict potentially mineralizable organic N (PMN) for subarctic Alaska soils. Results showed that PMN in these soils can be estimated by a double exponential model with fixed rate constants and unknown pool size, hot (80° C) water extractable or 1 M NaOH hydrolysable organic N.

Major Professor: Dr. Mingchu Zhang
EMERITI RECOGNITION

MS. CLARA R. ANDERSON
DIRECTOR OF INTERIOR-ALEUTIANS CAMPUS, EMERITUS

Ms. Clara R. Anderson has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction from 1983 to 2012.

She has consistently provided high-quality educational service evidenced by exemplary connection and engagement with rural Alaska communities. With extraordinary dedication, she has championed educational success for Alaska Native students at UAF for nearly 30 years.

She has been described by her colleagues as a visionary who dedicated heart and soul to the development of the Interior-Aleutians Campus. Under her leadership the campus developed numerous place-based, rural-focused degree programs to meet the needs of the students and communities IAC serves. She has demonstrated faithfulness to the University mission by successfully pursuing and receiving grant funding for several student-support projects such as the TRIO Upward Bound program.

She, throughout her career, has always believed strongly in the value of higher education to improve the lives of others, working indefatigably to fulfill her vision of self-sustaining and healthy rural communities.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Ms. Clara R. Anderson for her contributions to both the State of Alaska and the University.

DR. DAVID M. BLURTON
PROFESSOR OF JUSTICE, EMERITUS

Dr. David M. Blurton has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1992 to 2012.

He is a dedicated instructor who holds high standards for himself and the other faculty in the Justice Department. His teaching skills are lauded by students and colleagues alike, and throughout his tenure at UAF he has received numerous awards formally recognizing his outstanding academic advising skills, including the prestigious Carol Feist Advising Award in 2004.

He has been dedicated to meeting the needs of students and the people of Alaska over the past twenty years. He teaches classes of particular import to the State, including those related to Alaska Native and rural issues. He regularly develops new courses, and was a key collaborator in the development of UAF’s degree program in emergency management.

He retires from the University with a stellar record of service. He has been Department Chair of the justice program since 1998 and has chaired or served on thesis advisory committees, and served as an external reviewer for doctoral comprehensive examinations in other degree programs at the University. He has energetically pursued and established extensive community partnerships leading to placement for justice students in internships.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. David M. Blurton for his extensive contributions to both the State of Alaska and the University.
EMERITI RECOGNITION

MR. CHARLES N. DEXTER
Professor of Applied Business, Emeritus

Mr. Charles N. Dexter has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1985 to 2012.

He exemplifies all the best qualities to which any University professor could aspire. His teaching style is dynamic, passionate and effective, and he has motivated thousands of students over the years to reach their fullest potential, professionally and personally. Faculty peers seek his advice and counsel on a regular basis, and several consider his mentorship the primary factor in their success.

Under his leadership and vision, the applied business program at the Community and Technical College has grown into an academic powerhouse within the University, generating nearly five thousand student credit hours annually. He ensured that the program and classes taught under it met the needs of the local business community, and that students received a real-world education that would make them successful in their chosen careers.

He is extremely involved in the Fairbanks community and is perhaps one of the University’s most recognized professors. He has conducted myriad trainings and workshops for local organizations, writes a popular business column for the local newspaper, and has served on numerous local boards, government committees, and advisory groups.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Mr. Charles N. Dexter for his extensive contributions to both the State of Alaska and the University.

DR. RALPH GABRIELLI
Associate Professor of Rural Development, Emeritus

Dr. Ralph Gabrielli has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1980 to 2012.

He, throughout his thirty years of service to the University, has been a strong and fervent advocate for higher education in rural Alaska. He is known for always putting students and community members first, and his tireless efforts have often gone unnoticed because of his humility and avoidance of the spotlight.

His career at UAF began at the Northwest Campus in Nome, where he taught a variety of courses on topics ranging from early childhood education to English. He served in other capacities at the Campus, including Dean of Student Services and College Development, Associate Professor of education, and Development Officer. He is credited with playing a tremendous role in the growth of the campus.

He, after leaving the Northwest Campus, became the Associate Dean and, later, the Executive Dean, of the College of Rural Alaska, now the College of Rural and Community Development. He established a firm administrative foundation for the College and paved the way for rural and community education to be an integral part of the University mission. More recently, he has worked as a faculty member to expand the rural development graduate program.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Ralph Gabrielli for his extensive contributions to both the State of Alaska and the University.
Emeriti Recognition

Dr. A.J. Gharrett
Professor of Fisheries, Emeritus

Dr. A.J. Gharrett has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1976 to 2012.

He is an internationally recognized leader in his field of genetics, whose more than thirty years of research helped bring distinction to the University. His work has focused primarily on Alaska salmon and rockfish, and genetic markers within their populations. The results of these studies help guide fisheries management practices. In 2006 his excellence in research was recognized by the University when he received the prestigious Emil Usibelli Award for Research.

He has an exemplary record of producing well-prepared graduate students. He has been an integral member of the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences fisheries program since its inception, and has led an incredibly strong research and graduate mentoring program. His classes are demanding but invaluable to the students taking them, and his teaching is considered excellent by students and peers alike.

The culmination of one of the most outstanding service activities of his career was the construction of the UAF Lena Point Fisheries Facility in Juneau. Dr. Gharrett spent more than a decade working on various aspects of the project, serving as lead faculty member on the design and construction of the facility.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. A.J. Gharrett for his extensive contributions to both the State of Alaska and the University.

Dr. Thomas R. Jahns
Professor of Extension, Emeritus

Dr. Thomas R. Jahns has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1994 to 2012.

His work with the Cooperative Extension Service has reached throughout the entire State, affecting the lives of thousands of Alaskans through countless presentations, publications and distance education. He is passionate about the mission of CES and the role it plays in bettering the lives of Alaska's citizens through community outreach and education.

He focused primarily on agriculture and horticulture along the Kenai Peninsula, Dr. Jahns' dedication to his work is most evident when one travels to communities there. He worked with growers in the area to build the foundation of the Alaska Peony Growers Association, an endeavor with the potential for significant economic benefit to the State.

He is held in high regard by his colleagues for his advice on programs and careers. He has served as a dedicated mentor to junior faculty and provided early career assistance to many who are currently tenured faculty in CES. His wisdom and knowledge was also sought after from the six different Directors of Extension he has worked with over the years.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Thomas R. Jahns for his extensive contributions to both the State of Alaska and the University.
EMERITI RECOGNITION

DR. JOHN W. KELLER
PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY, EMERITUS

Dr. John W. Keller has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1979 to 2012.

He is an accomplished teacher and researcher. He was a founding member of the biochemistry and molecular biology program at the University, a program that has grown significantly since its inception in 1985. He has taught a broad range of classes, and his research program has attracted student participants from all levels, including high school students, undergraduate chemistry majors and graduate students.

His work as a researcher is revered. He has authored or co-authored twenty-four research articles related to organic chemistry in books and journals. His ability to combine the disciplines of organic chemistry and molecular biology was unique to the Department for many years.

He has a strong record of service to his Department, College and the University. He has served as Department Chair and made significant contributions to the promotion and tenure process at all levels of the University. He has been a shining example of professional leadership for many years. His commitment to high standards while maintaining a friendly and enthusiastic approach to science is highly valued by his colleagues and students alike.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. John W. Keller for his extensive contributions to both the State of Alaska and the University.

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DR. JEFFRY ALAN LEER
PROFESSOR OF ALASKA NATIVE LANGUAGES AND LINGUISTICS, EMERITUS

Dr. Jeffry Alan Leer has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1976 to 2012.

He has distinguished himself in the field of linguistics for Alaska Native languages, with work primarily on the Tlingit and Alutiiq languages. His work is recognized among linguists as being of utmost importance to the field, and he is known among Alaska Natives for his exceptional knowledge of several Native languages. Dr. Leer has made a significant contribution to the State and its people with his research, which documents, analyzes and preserves our linguistic heritage.

His teaching has had a great impact on his students. He taught language as well as reading, writing and grammar, both at UAF and in off-campus workshops, where his understanding of the complex grammar of several Native languages was highly valued. Dr. Leer developed a speaking ability in a number of the languages he worked with, and this knowledge of the spoken languages allowed him to conduct many of his classes with little English used, so that students gained conversational exposure to their language of study in addition to grammatical instruction.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Jeffry Alan Leer for his extensive contributions to both the State of Alaska and the University.
EMERITI RECOGNITION

MS. DEBRA MOSES
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF DEVELOPMENTAL MATHEMATICS, EMERITUS (POSTHUMOUS)

Ms. Debra Moses served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction from 1997 to 2012.

She was an exceptional instructor, a knowledgeable advisor, and a generous and intellectual colleague. She was known as a strong and gentle soul whose kindness toward others, particularly students, will always be a part of her legacy at the University.

As an instructor, she was in turns demanding of and nurturing to her students. She was responsive to their individual needs while helping them understand the mathematical concepts they needed in order to advance. She had a love of her subject that motivated even the most reluctant student. She was not only a tireless instructor but a wise advisor, who took the time and attention to understand students' stories and help them identify and reach their goals. Her undergraduate advising twice earned her the Feist-Schamel Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award in 2007 and again in 2010.

She was also a professor of service. She served on multiple committees, giving her sage input and offering her voice of reason. She was outspoken in her support of students, especially of the underserved population at UAF, including nontraditional and developmental students.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Ms. Debra Moses for her extensive contributions to both the State of Alaska and the University.

MR. JOHN C. “JAKE” POOLE
VICE CHANCELLOR FOR UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT, EMERITUS

Mr. John C. “Jake” Poole has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction from 1997 to 2012.

His contributions have touched nearly every aspect of UAF, including athletics, academics, workforce development and community relations. He has done so with dedication and an exemplary work ethic, and with a great amount of pride for the University and what it stands for.

His leadership and unwavering service to the University includes being the Executive Director of the UAF Alumni Association, director of the UAF Tanana Valley Campus and Vice Chancellor for University Advancement. He has also been tasked by University leadership to directly oversee other departments during times of transition, including serving as Interim Vice Chancellor for Student and Enrollment Services and Interim Director of Athletics and Recreation.

He is a highly respected leader whose opinion and advice are sought by many within the University and the Fairbanks community. He is extremely active in the community, having volunteered countless hours through his involvement on numerous boards and organizations. He has earned a reputation as a fair and compassionate problem solver, never seeking accolades for himself and always finding reward in the success of others.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Mr. John C. “Jake” Poole for his extensive contributions to both the State of Alaska and the University.
EMERITI RECOGNITION

MR. LARRY N. ROBERTS
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF JUSTICE, EMERITUS

Mr. Larry N. Roberts has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1984 to 2012.

His career with the University has focused on providing high-quality and culturally appropriate college-level instruction in human services for residents of rural Alaska. His work with the University has stretched across much of the State, from Southeast Alaska to Bethel. He has been a pioneer in including Alaska Native elders in his teaching endeavors and as co-presenters at conferences across the Nation. His work with Alaska Native students has served to foster a cadre of rural graduates who are staunch supporters of the University.

He developed and directed the Lilly Arctic Institute on Innovations and Excellence in Teaching, and is director of the Alaska Rural Behavioral Health Training Academy. As a former coordinator and instructor at the Tok Center, his commitment and dedication helped expand the program into one that annually serves more than twenty percent of the adult population in the region.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Mr. Larry N. Roberts for his extensive contributions to both the State of Alaska and the University.

MS. DIANE E. RUESS
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LIBRARY SCIENCE, EMERITUS

Ms. Diane E. Ruess has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1989 to 2012.

She has been committed to the delivery of information and library services for the University’s diverse clientele all across Alaska. She has taught the core curriculum class, library information and research, ever since coming to UAF, providing information literacy instruction for several hundred students. Her recognition of the growing role of technology in libraries was instrumental in a redesign of the curriculum and to the development of the class as a web-based course.

She has ably provided subject-related library instruction in disciplines as wide-ranging as dental hygiene and psychology, and to audiences of all kinds, from high school students to University faculty.

Colleagues in the Library regard her as a leader whose analytical and organizational abilities, communication skills, and calm demeanor have gained their respect and trust. She has led the Library through difficult transitions, serving as Interim Director and Deputy Director. She has given generously of her time in mentoring junior colleagues, not only in serving as a role model but also in guiding them through the University’s promotion and tenure process.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Ms. Diane E. Ruess for her extensive contributions to both the State of Alaska and the University.
Rep. Leach served from 1977 to 2007 as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, representing Iowa’s 1st and 2nd Congressional districts. While in Congress, Rep. Leach chaired the House Committee on Banking and Financial Services, the Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs, and the Congressional-Executive Commission on China. He developed a reputation in Washington as a respected lawmaker who championed a range of worthy causes, such as international debt relief, environmental protection and political campaign reform.

Rep. Leach proved to be a strong and active proponent of funding for the humanities. He was the co-founder and co-chair of the Congressional Humanities Caucus. In 2005, the National Humanities Alliance honored Rep. Leach with its Sidney R. Yates Award for Distinguished Public Service to the Humanities. His 30 years of public service was followed by a brief stint in academia, serving as a professor at the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University and interim director of Harvard’s Institute of Politics.

Rep. Leach attended Princeton University, the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University and the London School of Economics. He holds eleven honorary degrees and is the recipient of the Wayne L. Morse Integrity in Politics Award, the Adlai Stevenson Award from the United Nations Association, the Edgar Wayburn Award from the Sierra Club, the Norman Borlaug Public Service Award and the Woodrow Wilson Medal from Princeton.
Artist and Educator

Daniel P. Pierce

Considered one of America’s most outstanding graphic artists, Daniel P. Pierce is an unsung hero of the Alaska art world. His teachings and influence have inspired some of the State’s most important artists of the twentieth century.

Mr. Pierce came to the University of Alaska in 1959 at the invitation of President Ernest Patty to be a Carnegie-sponsored artist-in-residence. Within a few years he had established the university’s art department and was teaching courses in printmaking, drawing and painting. The importance of his influence on the institutional heritage of the university is substantial. Mr. Pierce taught technical skills and aesthetic concepts that were new at the time to Alaska students. He traveled throughout the State, conducting workshops for many art students and artists. Some of the notable artists he influenced include Rie Munoz, Bernard Katexac, Joseph Senungetuk and Dale DeArmond. The knowledge and enthusiasm he provided during a crucial period in Alaska’s artistic development is still evident today.

Mr. Pierce actively supported greater artistic freedom and choice for Native artists, and he was a galvanizing force for contemporary Native art practice. His leadership sparked a period of remarkable and energetic printmaking by Native artists from around the state.

Since his first exhibit in 1946, his paintings and prints have been shown in all fifty states and in nearly twenty different countries. His work has landed in major collections, including the Bibliothèque Nationale de France, the Museum of Modern Art, the Library of Congress and the Smithsonian Institute. In addition to his work at the University of Alaska, he has taught at the Cornish Institute in Seattle and for twenty years at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, where he has been honored with an archive in his name. At age 91 he continues to be a prolific and dedicated artist.

Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts

University of Alaska Fairbanks
ADVOCATE, VISIONARY AND LEADER

H. ROBIN SAMUELSSEN, JR.

Through his leadership and vision, H. Robin Samuelsen, Jr., has committed his personal life and career to supporting education, subsistence, local fisheries, and village economic development and employment in Alaska. Mr. Samuelsen has followed in his late father’s footsteps, working tirelessly for rural Alaskans and for Alaska Natives.

As the CEO and board president of the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation in Dillingham, Mr. Samuelsen put into place several programs and scholarships that encourage postsecondary education and help students achieve their higher-education goals. Under his guidance, BBEDC committed nearly $1 million in educational funding in 2010 to Bristol Bay-region residents. Mr. Samuelsen has worked diligently over the years to establish funding streams for Bristol Bay students who attend Alaska’s postsecondary institutions.

A lifelong fisherman, Mr. Samuelsen’s interest in fisheries is rivaled by few. In the early 1990s he served on the Alaska Board of Fisheries, shaping policies and regulations in the interest of subsistence, commercial and personal-use fishermen Statewide. As a member of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, Mr. Samuelsen promoted Alaska’s interests on the Federal level. He worked toward an equitable approach to the rationalization of the Bering Sea crab fisheries, and he helped set the stage for important policy decisions on salmon bycatch in Western Alaska. In both organizations, Mr. Samuelsen was a forceful voice for Alaska Natives on State and Federal fisheries issues.

Throughout his career Mr. Samuelsen has been a champion for educational and economic improvement in communities across Bristol Bay and throughout Alaska. The impact of his service will be felt for many years to come.
PATTY KASTELIC

Patty Kastelic has been an innovative and inspiring leader as a strong advocate and supporter of women’s rights and causes, higher education, public broadcasting, and the arts. Over the years her numerous contributions to the University, the community of Fairbanks and the State of Alaska have been unparalleled.

Ms. Kastelic has devoted many hours working for women’s rights and causes, including her involvement with the National Organization of Women and the Alaska Women’s Lobby Steering Committee. She was the founding director of Women in Crisis Counseling-Assistance in Fairbanks, an organization that offers counseling and support for women who have encountered a variety of difficulties, including physical abuse.

Ms. Kastelic has worked in a variety of positions within the statewide University system, including as coordinator of student affairs at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, director of the UAF Women’s Center, and executive director of human resources at UA statewide. She has remained dedicated to the University after her retirement. She championed the Ruth Lister Scholarship Fund, which provides financial assistance to single mothers attending UAF’s Community and Technical College, and serves on the KUAC Leadership Council, the board of directors of the Georgeson Botanical Garden, and as a member of the UAF College of Fellows.

As a board member of the Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival, she was instrumental in establishing a partnership between the festival and the University that has helped make the festival the success it is today.
BOB AND CARRIE UHL

With a profoundly insightful understanding of the arctic environment and subsistence living as large as the great state they call home, Bob and Carrie Uhl have made extensive contributions to helping develop a better understanding of the cultural and natural history of Western Alaska.

Mr. Uhl moved to Kotzebue from California in 1948, where he met and married Carrie Williams. For more than half a century the two spent their summers in a tent outside Kotzebue, living off the land and observing and chronicling the natural world that surrounded them, in everything from seasonal movements of various fish species to growth patterns in a rare species of plant.

For more than three decades, researchers and scientists have eagerly sought their advice and expertise. Their enthusiasm for sharing their knowledge and their hospitality to those who came to learn from them are well-known throughout the state. The two have made contributions to the UAF oral history collection, and Mr. Uhl, despite no formal education, has written, among other things, several government reports.

Mr. and Mrs. Uhl played an instrumental role in establishing public policy for subsistence issues in the Western Arctic National Parkland and for all parklands established under the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act.

Their lives exemplify and model how to live thoughtfully on the land and respect all that Alaska provides its inhabitants.
**ACADEMIC TRADITIONS**

For centuries, pomp and circumstance have added color and dignity to the recognition of scholastic achievement. Modern academic dress evolved from caps and gowns worn in medieval universities, which were agencies of the church. Academic gowns distinguished university personnel from townspeople who also wore gowns for daily dress during that time. The costumes of doctors and lesser clerics were not as elaborate as those prescribed for officials, but they were distinctive nonetheless. Through the centuries, the traditional pageantry has not changed much. In ancient times, each individual scholar wore special colors, fur and fabrics, as did his students. Since the traditions began, however, official standards have been documented that allow the observer to identify more about the scholar.

**GOWNS**

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.

**HOODS**

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.

**MORTARBOARDS**

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. You may notice the University of Alaska regents and some of the faculty wearing soft beret-style caps. 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 many institutions, colored tassels are worn to indicate the candidate’s school or college. At UAF, a blue and gold tassel is worn on the cap for all certificate, associate, baccalaureate and master’s degrees, and gold tassels are worn for all doctoral degrees.
While you may not be able to identify the origins of each specific academic robe and hood appearing in today’s commencement ceremony, you can reflect that from the certificate recipient in a simple black gown to the Doctor of Philosophy in a velvet trimmed robe and colorful hood, students and professors alike are paying homage to more than 700 years of academic tradition.

An academic legend tells of a wise old Greek who dressed his students in mason’s sackcloth robes and mortarboards because “Their destiny is to build. Some will build cities; some will build lives — perhaps one of them will build an empire; but all will be builders on the solid foundation of knowledge.”

**CHANCELLOR’S MEDALLION**

During the Middle Ages, medallions signified membership in religious orders and workers’ guilds and, in the Renaissance, membership in elite orders of knighthood and prominence in government office. Today, colleges and universities strike medallions to commemorate important events and achievements or to designate a person of consequence. The UAF chancellor’s medallion signifies the authority vested in the chancellor.

Fabricated in bronze by Judie Gumm of Ester, Alaska, in 1991, the chancellor’s medallion depicts the University of Alaska seal featuring Mount McKinley, with the addition of a cluster of forget-me-nots — the state flower — at the bottom and a ribbon of aurora borealis across the sky. The medallion is held by a beaded neckpiece in a forget-me-not pattern made by Selina Alexander in the Koyukon Athabascan style. The central cord is made of tanned moosehide, covered with beads sewn together one by one and then sewn to the cord. The medallion was commissioned by Chancellor Patrick J. O’Rourke in his last year of office to reflect the Alaska roots and cultural diversity of the university’s students.

**UNIVERSITY MACE**

Bodyguards of French and English monarchs carried ceremonial war clubs or maces in the Middle Ages. Later, the mace became an important symbol of office in civil processions and academic pageantry. 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 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. The materials were selected to symbolize qualities of durability, strength and beauty.
Alaska Flag Song

Music by Elinor Dusenbury • Words by Marie Drake and Carol Beery Davis

(with a martial air)

Eight stars of gold on a field of blue, Alaska’s flag
May it mean to you the blue of the sea, the ev’ning sky
The mountain lakes and the flow’rs nearby
The gold of the early sourdough’s dreams
The precious gold of the hills and streams
The brilliant stars in the northern sky
The “Bear,” the “Dipper” and shining high
The great North star with its steady light
O’er land and sea a beacon bright
Alaska’s flag to Alaskans dear
The simple flag of a last frontier

A Native lad chose the Dipper’s stars
For Alaska’s flag that there be no bars
Among our culture. Let it be known
Through years the Native’s past has grown.
To share life’s treasures, hand in hand,
To keep Alaska our Great-Land;
We love the northern midnight sky,
The mountains, lakes, and streams nearby.
The great North Star with its steady light
Will guide all cultures, clear and bright,
With Alaska’s flag to Alaskans dear,
The simple flag of the last frontier.

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