

EMERITI RECOGNITION

DR. JOEL D. IRISH

PROFESSOR OF ANTHROPOLOGY, EMERITUS

Dr. Joel D. Irish has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1998 to 2013.

He has been an outstanding faculty member who developed the biological anthropology program, and has taught a wide range of undergraduate and graduate classes that have been both demanding and popular, earning him the award of Excellence in Teaching by the College of Liberal Arts.

His research pertaining to dental anthropology and human osteology has an impressive international scope, with extensive fieldwork conducted in Egypt, where he has been the bioarchaeologist for two expeditions, and in Alaska, where he played a key role in the excavation and recovery of the remains of one of the earliest inhabitants of North America.

His service record is substantial and varied, having served as President of the Dental Anthropology Association, Associate Editor of the American Journal of Physical Anthropology, and Chair of the Anthropology Department; and as Curator of physical anthropology at the UA Museum of the North he has performed regular public service in helping identify human remains in both archaeological and forensic contexts.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Joel D. Irish for his extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.
