

TRADITION AND RENEWAL

Tradition holds that for untold generations, Tanana Athabascans used the ridge the Fairbanks campus is built on, Troth Yeddhá, 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 2016, we celebrate 99 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 94th commencement ceremony, nearly 600 students will cross the stage to receive a certificate or degree, and overall more than 1,000 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 2016, 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 for you is that you always continue to question 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 take on the next chapter in your life. Congratulations and best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "James R. Johnsen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name and last name clearly legible.

James R. Johnsen, President
University of Alaska



UAF CHANCELLOR MICHAEL POWERS

Dear Graduate,

The diploma you receive today represents countless long hours of hard work. You now have something to show for that dedication — proof that you have knowledge and skill, and also that you have the perseverance to see something through. 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.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Michael Powers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name and last name clearly legible.

Michael Powers, Chancellor
University of Alaska Fairbanks

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UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES: MAY 8, 2016

NORM DAVIS, CLASS OF 1984, WILL READ GRADUATES' NAMES AS THEY CROSS THE STAGE

PROCESSIONAL	Tanacross Dancers Wind Symphony "Pomp and Circumstance" Director: Karen Gustafson		
GRAND MARSHAL	Channon Price		
FACULTY PARADE MARSHALS	Amy Cooper Margaret Darrow Teresa Lantz	Charles Mason Nicole Mölders Trent Sutton	Susan Todd Amy Vinlove
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Elijah Graham, <i>Class of 2016</i>		
PRESIDING	Michael Powers, <i>Chancellor, University of Alaska Fairbanks</i>		
REMARKS	James R. Johnsen, <i>President, University of Alaska System</i>		
INTRODUCTIONS	Chancellor Powers		
ADDRESS	Aaron M. Schutt		
CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREES	Jyotsna Heckman, <i>Board of Regents, University of Alaska System</i> ; President Johnsen; Chancellor Powers; Susan Henrichs, <i>Provost, University of Alaska Fairbanks</i>		
CONFERRING OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS	Regent Heckman; President Johnsen; Chancellor Powers; Provost Henrichs		
RECOGNITION OF EMERITI	John Davies, <i>Board of Regents, University of Alaska System</i> ; Chancellor Powers; Provost Henrichs		
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	Regent Davies; Regent Heckman; President Johnsen; Chancellor Powers; Provost Henrichs and John Eichelberger, <i>Dean, Graduate School, University of Alaska Fairbanks</i>		
INTRODUCTION OF CLASS SPEAKER	Michael Sfraga, <i>Vice Chancellor for University and Student Advancement, University of Alaska Fairbanks</i>		
CLASS SPEAKER	Joseph J. Slocum, <i>Class of 2016</i>		

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE	Peter Van Flein, <i>Class of 1987</i>
"ALASKA FLAG SONG"	Kaylee Miltersen, <i>UAF music major</i>
RECESSIONAL	Ensemble 64.8 (UAF Percussion Group) Director: Morris Palter
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 outside the Carlson Center immediately following the ceremony for a reception sponsored by the UAF Alumni Association.
STANDARD FLAG BEARERS FOR THE COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS	Brice Hiles, College of Engineering and Mines <i>orange and black chevron</i> Katie Luper, College of Liberal Arts. <i>fuchsia and white</i> Anguyaluk (Jill) Pavilla-Anderson, College of Natural Science and Mathematics <i>golden yellow</i> Christina Edwin, College of Rural and Community Development <i>light gray and red</i> Michael Robbins, School of Education <i>light blue and blue</i> Madeline Jovanovich, School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences <i>blue and golden yellow</i> Henry Bolanos, School of Management <i>drab and copper</i> Trisha Levasseur, School of Natural Resources and Extension. <i>maize and forest green</i>
ASSISTANCE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED	<i>There are a limited number of personal hearing devices; go to any information table to obtain one.</i>
PHOTOGRAPHY	Photos of individual graduates will be available through Grad Images, www.gradimages.com , 800-261-2576.
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.

ACADEMIC DEGREE
ABBREVIATIONS

A.A.	Associate of Arts
A.A.S.	Associate of Applied Science
A.S.	Associate of Science
B.A.	Bachelor of Arts
B.A.S.	Bachelor of Arts and Sciences
B.B.A.	Bachelor of Business Administration
B.E.M.	Bachelor of Emergency Management
B.F.A.	Bachelor of Fine Arts
B.M.	Bachelor of Music
B.S.	Bachelor of Science
B.T.	Bachelor of Technology
Cert.	Certificate
Gr. Cert.	Graduate Certificate
M.A.	Master of Arts
M.A.T.	Master of Arts in Teaching
M.B.A.	Master of Business Administration
M.C.E.	Master of Civil Engineering
M.Ed.	Master of Education
M.E.E.	Master of Electrical Engineering
M.F.A.	Master of Fine Arts
M.Mu.	Master of Music Performance
M.N.R.M.G.	Master of Natural Resources Management and Geography
M.S.	Master of Science
Ph.D.	Doctor of Philosophy

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 December degree recipient*

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.

Confirmation of degrees and honors for the May 2016 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 29, 2016. 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.

HONORS RECOGNITION

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 2016

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREES

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND MINES

Dr. Douglas J. Goering, Dean

Vamshi Krishna Avadhanula *

Ph.D. Engineering: Mechanical Engineering

B.E., Osmania University, 2006; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2010.

Thesis: Evaluation And Parametric Modeling Of 50 kW Organic Rankine

**Cycle For Waste Heat Recovery From Rural Alaska Diesel Generator
Power Plants**

Stationary diesel engine waste heat (both jacket water and exhaust heat) to electrical power conversion was experimentally investigated using a 50 kW Organic Rankine Cycle power unit and studied the feasibility, reliability, economic benefit and engine fuel efficiency improvement achieved by installing the power unit in a rural Alaska diesel power plant.

Major Professor: Dr. Chuen-Sen Lin

Matthew Earl Calhoun **

Ph.D. Engineering: Civil Engineering

B.S., University of Alaska Anchorage, 2002; M.S., University of Colorado Boulder, 2010.

**Thesis: Synergistic Effects Among Leading Indicators Of Construction Safety
Management**

Annual accident statistics indicate the construction industry remains one of the most dangerous for workers. In an effort to help the industry, the Delphi method was used to quantify the pairwise synergistic effects among 13 leading indicators of construction safety management from the perspective of an owner and contractor.

Major Professors: Dr. Robert Perkins and Dr. Herbert Schroeder

Joel W. Homan **

Ph.D. Hydrology: Interdisciplinary Program

B.S., Southern Oregon University, 2005; Gr. Cert., Boise State University, 2007; M.S., Boise State University, 2008.

Thesis: Precipitation In The Alaska Central Arctic

Environmental change currently stimulates much of the interest in high-latitude hydrologic studies, as northern areas are expected to be strongly impacted by warming. A comprehensive assessment of solid and liquid precipitation throughout the Alaska Central Arctic provided spatial and temporal precipitation patterns and location of originating moisture for solid precipitation.

Major Professor: Dr. Douglas Kane

Brandon Ashlee Marken **

Ph.D. Computer Security: Interdisciplinary Program

B.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2006; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2010.

Thesis: On The Detection Of Virtual Machine Introspection From Inside A Guest Virtual Machine

This dissertation aims to enable a guest Virtual Machine (VM) to determine if it is under examination by an external Virtual Machine Introspection agent. To determine if a VM is under examination a series of statistical analyses are performed on timing data generated by the guest itself.

Major Professor: Dr. Orion Lawlor

Henry 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

Paul Vincent Perreault

Ph.D. Engineering: Arctic Engineering

B.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 1987; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 1993.

Thesis: Altering The Thermal Regime Of Soils Below Heated Buildings In The Continuous And Discontinuous Permafrost Zones Of Alaska

This research investigated using thermal insulation to alter ground temperatures below heated buildings. It extended frost-protected shallow foundation design methods to colder Interior Alaska climates. For permafrost sites with existing buildings, seasonal insulation, applied in the summer and removed in the winter protected the permafrost — even in a warming climate.

Major Professor: Dr. Yuri Shur

* Summer degree recipient

** December degree recipient

*** Summer 2016 candidate

Amani Reddy *

Ph.D. Engineering: Electrical Engineering

B.T., Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, 2005; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2007.

Thesis: Variation Of The Plasmaspheric Field-Aligned Electron Density And Ion Composition As A Function Of Geomagnetic Storm Activity

Whistler-mode radio sounding from the IMAGE satellite has led to the first measurements of plasmaspheric field-aligned plasma density and ion composition in the 90- to 4,000-km altitude range as a function of geomagnetic storm activity.

Major Professor: Dr. Vikas Sonwalkar

Jagannadha Reddy Satti **

Ph.D. Engineering: Mechanical Engineering

B.T., Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, 2009; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2012.

Thesis: Studies On Thermophysical Properties Of Nanofluids And Their Application In Ground Source Heat Pump

Nanofluids are dispersions of nanoparticles in heat transfer fluids. The goals of this dissertation were to measure the thermophysical properties of different propylene glycol nanofluids and develop new correlations with the obtained data. A numerical study was performed to study the benefits of nanofluids in cold-climate ground-source heat pumps.

Major Professor: Dr. Debendra Das

Feng Xiao ***

Ph.D. Engineering: Civil Engineering

B.E., 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 LIBERAL ARTS

Mr. Todd Sherman, Dean

Pearl Kiyawn Brower

Ph.D. Indigenous Studies

A.A., Shasta College, 2001; B.A., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2004; B.A., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2004; M.A., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2010.

Thesis: Tumitchiat: Iñuqqaat Aullarrisiatun Iłisaǵviit

A New Pathway: Indigenous Leadership In Higher Education

After centuries of colonization and assimilation, indigenous people are making commitments to nurture the next generation of Indigenous leaders. Focusing on Indigenous leadership through higher education, this dissertation defines Indigenous leadership, and creates a model Indigenous leadership program that has a foundation in Indigenous ways of knowing and learning.

Major Professor: Dr. Theresa John

Courtney Michelle Horwath-Oliver *

Ph.D. Clinical-Community Psychology

B.S., Cincinnati Christian University, 2005; M.A., Cincinnati Christian University, 2007.

Thesis: Parental Perceptions Of Play: The Influences Of Parent Gender, Gender Role Attitudes, And Parenting Styles On Parent Attitudes Toward Child Play

A moderated mediation model explored how parental attitudes about gender roles influence perceptions of play through parenting styles and how this effect differed for fathers and mothers. Analyses were also performed to understand the relationships between parent attitudes and parent play behaviors.

Major Professor: Dr. Kendra Campbell

Stefan Krist **

Ph.D. Anthropology

M.P., University of Vienna, 2000.

Thesis: Wrestling, Archery, And Horse Racing In Buryatia: Traditional Sports Competitions And Social Change

A description and sociocultural analysis of historic and current changes in the rules of, equipment used, and the organization of Buryat traditional sports competitions have shown that Buryat sportspeople's activities reflect as well as stimulate social change, including changes of leadership and the recent revival of Buddhism in Buryatia.

Major Professor: Dr. Peter Schweitzer

* Summer degree recipient

** December degree recipient

*** Summer 2016 candidate

Dinghy Kristine Sharma ***

Ph.D. Clinical-Community Psychology

B.A., University of the Philippines Diliman, 1996; M.A., University of the Philippines Diliman, 2005; M.S., University of Alaska Anchorage, 2012.

Thesis: Dance/Movement Therapy For Cancer Survivors And Caregivers In Fairbanks

A community-informed, collaborative practice-based study, conducted with the Cancer Center of 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

Norma Ann Shorty *

Ph.D. Indigenous Studies

B.Ed., University of Regina, 1998; M.Ed., University of Hawaii at Manoa, 2004.

Thesis: Inland Tlingit Of Teslin, Yukon: Gaanax̓.ádi And Kookhitta Clan Origin Stories For The Immediate And Clan Family Of Emma Joanne Shorty (Nee Sidney)

The objective of this thesis is to document the stories and the story-gathering processes associated with published and private holdings of the Kookhitta and Gaanax̓.ádi clans with connections to the Inland Tlingit from Teslin, Yukon. This indigenous-led research focuses on the traditional clan stories from an insider perspective. As a result of this research, Tlingit ways of documenting history are discovered and a Tlingit research framework is revealed.

Major Professor: Dr. Raymond Barnhardt

Charles Sean Topkok **

Ph.D. Indigenous Studies

B.A., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 1992; M.A., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2010.

Thesis: Iñupiat Ilitqusiat: Inner Views Of Our Iñupiaq Values

Iñupiat Ilitqusiat: Inner Views of Our Iñupiaq Values examines how Iñupiat pass down our cultural heritage. My doctoral research addresses how we view each Iñupiat Ilitqusiat (Iñupiaq values), how our Iñupiat Ilitqusiat have been passed down, and how we pass down our Iñupiaq cultural heritage to our future culture bearers.

Major Professor: Dr. Beth Leonard

Amy Lynn Wiita **

Ph.D. Anthropology

B.S., Michigan State University, 1998.

Thesis: Visual Artists Experiencing Nature: Examining Human-Environment Relationships

Visual artists' sense of experiencing was examined to understand their process of experiencing nature to produce artwork. Artists experienced nature with purpose and encountered both tension and inspiration. The experiencing formula framework developed may be suitable for describing human-environment relationships beyond the boundaries of artists and nature.

Major Professor: Dr. Molly Lee

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

Dr. Paul W. Layer, Dean

Bridget Borg *

Ph.D. Biological Sciences: Wildlife Biology and Conservation

B.S., University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2003.

Thesis: Effects Of Harvest On Wolf Social Structure, Population Dynamics, And Viewing Opportunities In National Parks

An examination of the effect of legal harvest of wolves (*Canis lupus*) along the boundaries of two national parks indicated that consumptive use of wolves adjacent to protected areas may reduce their potential for nonconsumptive use. These tradeoffs should be considered when developing regional wildlife management policies.

Major Professor: Dr. Laura Prugh

Casey Brown ***

Ph.D. Biological Sciences

B.A., Prescott College, 2004; M.S., Colorado State University, 2010.

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 Brown ***

Ph.D. Biological Sciences

B.A., The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2001; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2008.

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 Professor: Dr. Knut Kielland

* Summer degree recipient

** December degree recipient

*** Summer 2016 candidate

Roy Thomas Churchwell **

Ph.D. Biological Sciences

B.S., University of Idaho, 1999; M.S., Oklahoma State University, 2005.

Thesis: Stopover Ecology Of Semipalmated Sandpipers (*Calidris pusilla*) At Coastal Deltas Of The Beaufort Sea, Alaska

Avian migration is one of nature's wonders. Migration stopover ecology of Semipalmated Sandpipers (*Calidris pusilla*) foraging at coastal deltas on the Beaufort Sea coast, Alaska, was investigated during fall migration. Beaufort Sea deltas and their macroinvertebrate community were critical for successful shorebird migration.

Major Professor: Dr. Abby Powell

Manbharat Singh Dhadly **

Ph.D. Space Physics

B.S., Panjab University, 2004; M.S., Panjab University, 2006.

Thesis: Local Scale Structures In Earth's Thermospheric Winds And Their Consequences For Wind Driven Transport

This research used remote sensing to investigate local-scale non-uniformities occurring in winds at 250 km altitude above Alaska, and how these structures influence air parcel transport. Results suggested that the upper atmosphere manifests spatial structures at length scales of 40 km or less, indicating considerably more complexity than previously thought.

Major Professor: Dr. Mark Conde

Simon Filhol ***

Ph.D. Geophysics

M.E. Université Joseph Fourier, 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

Sophie L. Gilbert *

Ph.D. Biological Sciences

B.S., University of California, Los Angeles, 2006.

Thesis: Environmental Drivers Of Deer Population Dynamics And Spatial Selection In Southeast Alaska

Deer are the dominant herbivore in Southeast Alaska, yet critical knowledge gaps remain, which this project sought to fill using GPS-collared deer. Female deer selected habitat to meet nutritional needs and minimize predation risk in summer and against deep snow in winter. Snowfall was also a driver of population growth.

Major Professor: Dr. Kris Hundertmark

Vinay Kumar Kayetha *

Ph.D. Atmospheric Sciences

B.T., Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, 2005; M.T., Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, 2007; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2014.

Thesis: Investigation Of Thin Midlevel Ice Clouds In The Arctic Using Calipso Data And Radiative Transfer Modeling

We investigate the occurrence and properties of optically thin midlevel ice clouds. Globally, we find that these clouds occur at least 5% of the time and represent 7% of all tropospheric clouds. Model simulations show that these clouds have a significant net warming effect during winter in the Arctic.

Major Professor: Dr. Richard Collins

Joseph Huston Kennedy *

Ph.D. Physics

B.S., Western Washington University, 2008.

Thesis: Linking Climate History And Ice Crystalline Fabric Evolution In Polar Ice Sheets

An investigation into the climate-fabric correlation in ice sheets showed that surface variations in ice crystalline fabric persist deep into the ice sheets. Because microstructural processes that control the fabric are influenced by climate at the surface, these variations record past climate information; fabric has a “memory” of past climate.

Major Professor: Dr. Erin Pettit

Sun-Hee Lee *

Ph.D. Space Physics

B.S., Kyung Hee University, 2005; M.S., Ball State University, 2010.

Thesis: Cold Ions Of Ionospheric Origin Observed At The Dayside Magnetopause And Their Effects On Magnetic Reconnection

This dissertation presented case and statistical studies of the characteristics (species, density, velocity, pitch angle, velocity distributions, occurrence rates and dependence on the solar wind/interplanetary magnetic field) of the cold dense ions (of plasmaspheric/ionospheric origin) observed at the dayside magnetopause and their effects on magnetic reconnection by using Cluster spacecraft datasets.

Major Professor: Dr. Hui Zhang

Tyler Lance Lewis *

Ph.D. Biological Sciences

B.S., University of Oregon, 2000; M.S., Simon Fraser University, 2006.

Thesis: Trophic Dynamics Of Boreal Lakes In A Changing Northern Landscape — Impacts Of Lake Drying And Forest Fires

This study examined effects of wildfires and lake drying on ecosystems of sub-Arctic lakes in the Yukon Flats, Alaska. Nutrient, chlorophyll, invertebrate and waterbird abundance were all unaffected by a wildfire. On drying lakes, nitrogen and phosphorus increased >200% and >100%, respectively, yet phytoplankton, invertebrates and waterbirds were largely unaffected.

Major Professors: Dr. Mark Lindberg and Dr. Joel Schmutz

* Summer degree recipient

** December degree recipient

*** Summer 2016 candidate

Prajna Regmi Lindgren

Ph.D. Geophysics

B.E., Kathmandu University, 2004; M.A., Clark University, 2009.

Thesis: Remote Sensing Of Lake Dynamics In Alaska

Remote-sensing data were utilized in conjunction with field observations to study lake dynamics in Alaska associated with methane ebullition from a thermokarst lake, post-drainage succession patterns in drained thermokarst lake basins, and lake area change.

Major Professors: Dr. Guido Grosse and Dr. Katey Walter Anthony

James A. McKee ***

Ph.D. Environmental Chemistry

B.A., Dickinson College, 1998; B.S., University of the Sciences, 2004; M.S., University of the Sciences, 2008.

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. Thomas Green

Jordan S. Metzgar

Ph.D. Biological Sciences

B.S., Cornell University, 2003.

Thesis: Diversification Of The Fern Genus *Cryptogramma* Across Time And Space

Genetic differentiation in the boreal parsley ferns (genus *Cryptogramma*) was explored using plastid and nuclear DNA sequence data. Nine species of parsley fern were identified, including one of hybrid origin in Alaska. The parsley ferns most likely originated in Asia before spreading to North America and then Europe.

Major Professor: Dr. Stefanie Ickert-Bond

Justin J. Oldham **

Ph.D. Physics

B.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2009.

Thesis: Characterization And Diagnostic Methods For Geomagnetic Auroral Infrasound Waves

Geomagnetic auroral infrasound waves are frequently observed by the infrasonic station at College, Alaska, yet the fundamental generating mechanisms remain poorly understood. This research documents a large number of auroral infrasonic events and quantifies ionospheric and geomagnetic conditions necessary for wave generation and propagation to the ground.

Major Professor: Dr. Curt Szuberla

Canrong Qiu **

Ph.D. Environmental Chemistry

B.S., Xiamen University, 2006; M.S., Xiamen University, 2010.

Thesis: Structural Study Of Pb(II) And Sb(V) Adsorption On The Hydroxylated Hematite(1102) Surface

Structural studies of Pb(II) and Sb(V) adsorption on hematite (1102) was undertaken using crystal truncation rod X-ray diffraction to reveal the surface structure and surface reactivity relationship. The model results gave rise to the binding of Pb(II) and Sb(V) in a bidentate edge-sharing mode and tridentate mode, respectively.

Major Professor: Dr. Thomas Trainor

Celso Guillermo Reyes *

Ph.D. Geophysics

A.A., Miami Dade Community College, 1991; B.S., Northern Arizona University, 2002.

Thesis: Deciphering Okmok Volcano's Restless Years (2002-2005)

Between 1997 and 2008 a volcano's eruptive center changed locations, accompanied by ~3 years of patterned tremor. A widely shared package of seismology computational tools was created and used to catalog and locate tremor using relative amplitude techniques. Results were combined with other observations to interpret this change in activity.

Major Professors: Dr. Michael West and Dr. Stephen McNutt

Melanie M. Richter *

Ph.D. Biological Sciences

B.S., Colorado State University, 2007.

Thesis: Factors Controlling The Phenology And Limits Of Hibernation In A Sciurid

The lower ambient temperature limit of hibernation and maximum torpid metabolic rate was defined. Peaks in androgens correlated with male aggression and determined spring euthermy in males. Cache accumulation increased male reproductive development without ensuring it; access to food in spring did not ensure reproductive development, restriction did not prevent it.

Major Professors: Dr. C. Loren Buck and Dr. Brian Barnes

Courtney Rose Scerbak

Ph.D. Biological Sciences

B.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2011.

Thesis: Modulating Neuronal Aging: Insights From Insulin Signaling Genes And Alaskan Nutraceuticals

An investigation of the intricate relationship between genetics and diet in the aging process evaluated the association of age-related mechanosensory neuron morphology with overall health, the influence of genetics and nutrition on neuron morphology, and the specific molecular mechanisms underlying changes in morphology using the model nematode *Caenorhabditis elegans*.

Major Professors: Dr. Barbara Taylor and Dr. Elena Vayndorf

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Ph.D. Biological Sciences

B.S., University of Mumbai, 2001; M.S., Ohio State University, 2005.

Thesis: Role Of Fire Severity In Controlling Patterns Of Stand Dominance Following Wildfire In Boreal Forests

The relationship between fire severity and tree species dominance, and the drivers of post-fire stand dominance patterns were investigated in burned Alaska black spruce forests. Variations in fire severity and associated changes in soil and vegetation processes altered the relative dominance of deciduous versus coniferous tree species in post-fire forests.

Major Professor: Dr. Knut Kielland

Kendra Diane Sticka

Ph.D. Biochemistry/Molecular Biology

B.S., Montana State University, 1997; M.S., Central Michigan University, 2002; M.Ed., University of Alaska Anchorage, 2009; Gr. Cert., University of Alaska Anchorage, 2010.

Thesis: Glucose Transporter-4 On Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cells In Conditioned Vs. Sedentary College Students

Peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) were investigated as a potential proxy tissue for skeletal muscle to study the effects of exercise and diet on glucose transporter-4 (GLUT-4) protein and gene activity. Relationships between PBMC GLUT-4 and indicators of insulin resistance were also assessed.

Major Professors: Dr. Kriya Dunlap and Dr. Cindy Knall

Erin Dawn Trochim **

Ph.D. Remote Sensing and Hydrology: Interdisciplinary Program

B.S., University of Calgary, 2006; M.S. University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2008.

Thesis: Bridging Arctic Pathways: Integrating Hydrology, Geomorphology And Remote Sensing In The North

This work improved approaches for integrating patterns and processes within hydrology, geomorphology, ecology and permafrost on Arctic landscapes. Surficial drainage patterns were classified and mapped using robust, repeatable methods. Variability in vegetation characteristics was explored in satellite data. Permafrost was characterized using geophysical methods for Arctic road design and engineering.

Major Professors: Dr. Anupma Prakash and Dr. Douglas Kane

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Rachael Elise Blevins **

Ph.D. Fisheries

B.S., The University of Alabama, 2009.

Thesis: Sound And Human Impacts On Beluga Whales In Cook Inlet, Alaska

A study of underwater sound and its potential to affect endangered beluga whales (*Delphinapterus leucas*) in Cook Inlet, Alaska, utilized passive acoustic monitoring and local knowledge to evaluate variation in beluga acoustic behavior, to measure underwater sound levels, and to document beluga reactions to noise disturbance.

Major Professor: Dr. Shannon DeMaster

Reid S. 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

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 $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ isotopes, and fisheries modeling to ensure sound and sustainable future management of this resource.

Major Professor: Dr. Katrin Iken

Adrian Elizabeth Gall **

Ph.D. Oceanography: Biological

B.S., Cornell University, 1997; M.S., Oregon State University, 2004.

Thesis: Influence Of Physical And Biological Oceanography On The Structure Of The Seabird Community In The Northeastern Chukchi Sea

Ship-based surveys of seabirds and physical oceanography in the eastern Chukchi Sea revealed that the seabird community was dominated by planktivorous seabirds, a change from the dominance of piscivorous birds in the 1970s. The associations of seabirds with water temperature and fronts varied with their foraging method and preferred prey.

Major Professor: Dr. Arny Blanchard

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Ph.D. Marine Biology

B.S., La Roche College, 2007; M.S., Texas A&M University, 2012.

Thesis: Molecules To Marinescapes: The Characterization Of Microbial Life In The Arctic Ocean

An investigation of microbial diversity in the Arctic Ocean and Bering Sea used molecular markers and culturing surveys to describe two new species (*Sphaeroforma nاپiecek* and *S. sirkka*), assemble a genome, describe the life history of Arctic marine fungi from sea ice, and assess spatial distribution of eukaryotic microbes.

Major Professor: Dr. Rolf Gradinger

Zachary Nathan Hoyt **

Ph.D. Fisheries

B.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2000; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2003.

Thesis: Resource Competition, Space Use And Forage Ecology Of Sea Otters, *Enhydra lutris*, In Southern Southeast Alaska

Sea otters in Southeast Alaska are impacting shellfish except where heavily hunted for subsistence. Fisheries, sea otter geo-location, abundance and foraging datasets were analyzed to inform this marine mammal fisheries conflict. This sea otter population will continue to grow, and current shellfisheries cannot coexist with sea otters under existing management.

Major Professor: Dr. Ginny Eckert

Emily A. Lescak *

Ph.D. Fisheries

B.A., Clark University, 2007; M.A.T., Clark University, 2008; M.S., University of Alaska Anchorage, 2010.

Thesis: Contemporary Evolution In Threespine Stickleback From Uplifted Islands In Alaska

By analyzing phenotypic and genetic divergence between resident freshwater and oceanic threespine stickleback fish from terraces uplifted by the 1964 Alaska Earthquake, we support the hypothesis that freshwater populations have evolved from oceanic ancestors within 50 years and have differentiated to nearly the same extent as populations founded thousands of years ago.

Major Professors: Dr. Frank von Hippel and Dr. Juan Lopez

Joseph B. Liddle *

Ph.D. Fisheries

B.S., Northern Michigan University, 1986; M.S., Western Washington University, 1991.

Thesis: Population Dynamics Of Pacific Herring And Humpback Whales, Sitka Sound, Alaska 1981-2011

Humpback whales congregate in Sitka Sound each spring to consume Pacific herring. Whale abundance was estimated for 1981-2011. Age-structured assessment models, which included humpback whale abundance, showed there was no effect on herring mortality. Pacific herring and humpback whale abundance increased together, reaching their maximum values in 2011.

Major Professor: Dr. Terrance Quinn II

Courtney Doreen Lyons *

Ph.D. Fisheries

A.A., Skagit Valley College, 2000; B.S. Seattle Pacific University, 2002; M.S., Alaska Pacific University, 2006.

Thesis: Understanding Place In Fisheries Management: An Examination Of Ecological And Social Communities In The Pribilof Islands, Alaska

This interdisciplinary project blended insights from ecology and critical social science to inform fisheries management. Specific findings included insight into the ecology of local king crab stocks, indication that local empowerment increases rural development project success, and evidence that qualitative social data is essential for management of sustainable fishing communities.

Major Professors: Dr. Ginny Eckert and Dr. Courtney Carothers

Christopher V. Manhard

Ph.D. Fisheries

B.S., University of New Hampshire, 2006; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2012.

Thesis: Environmental, Biological, And Genetic Factors Influencing Local Adaptation Of Pink Salmon (*Oncorhynchus gorbuscha*) In Auke Creek, Alaska

Analyses of multiple data sets, which included measurements of environmental variables, salmonid censuses and experimental observations, were conducted to describe local adaptation of Pink Salmon (*Oncorhynchus gorbuscha*) that spawn in Auke Creek, Alaska. The results indicated that fine-scale local adaptation supports productivity and sustainability in salmonid populations.

Major Professor: Dr. Anthony J. Gharrett

Laura Elizabeth Oxtoby

Ph.D. Marine Biology

B.A., Carleton College, 2008.

Thesis: Carbon Sources And Trophic Connectivity In Seafloor Food Webs In The Alaska Arctic And Sub-Arctic

Molecular and elemental analyses offer critical insight into organic matter pathways that sustain and link consumers in high-latitude environments. This investigation used novel applications of stable isotope analysis, including compound-specific analysis of fatty acids, to describe trophic structure and connectivity among benthic fauna in the Bering, Chukchi and Beaufort seas.

Major Professor: Dr. Matthew Wooller

Linnea E. Pearson *

Ph.D. Marine Biology

B.S., Colorado State University, 2006.

Thesis: Blubber And Beyond: The Role Of Lipids In Thermoregulation And Energy Reserves Of Phocid Seals

An investigation into the role of blubber and skeletal muscle lipids in thermoregulation and energy reserves of phocid seals compared species and ontogeny of polar phocids to better understand variation in regulation, allocation and interactions among lipid stores, and how these varied among species with differing life history strategies.

Major Professors: Dr. Jennifer Burns and Dr. Larissa-Ariane Horstmann-Dehn

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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 ecosystem. 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

Joshua Taylor Ream

Ph.D. Ethnobiology: Interdisciplinary Program

B.S., The Pennsylvania State University, 2006; M.S., Austin Peay State University, 2008.

Thesis: Local Herpetological Knowledge In The North

Six species of amphibians are native to Alaska, but knowledge of their populations and their role in social-ecological systems is limited. Using local knowledge, citizen science and traditional field surveys I documented 3,645 amphibian observations as well as ethnozoological relationships with and attitudes toward these species.

Major Professors: Dr. Juan Lopez and Dr. Scott Gerlach

Michelle Rebecca Shero *

Ph.D. Marine Biology

B.A., St. Mary's College of Maryland, 2010.

Thesis: To Pup Or Not To Pup? Using Physiology And Dive Behavior To Answer The Weddell Seal's Overwinter Question

This dissertation demonstrates that the austral winter is an important time for the most southerly-breeding pinniped, the Weddell seal, to acquire energy stores. Body condition did not predict subsequent parturition rates, but hormones regulating energy allocation did. Gestating females also increased foraging efforts across the winter, exceeding aerobic dive capacities.

Major Professors: Dr. Jennifer Burns and Dr. Jo-Ann Mellish

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Ph.D. Wildlife and Culture: Interdisciplinary Program

B.C., Barkatullah University Bhopal, 1998; M.S., Manipal University, 2006.

Thesis: The Study Of Human-Caribou Systems In The Face Of Change: Using Multiple Disciplinary Lenses

Multiple disciplinary lenses were used to study human-caribou systems of North America. Meteorological and biological data were integrated to examine implications of climate change on the potential of mosquitoes to harass caribou in the four herds of Arctic Alaska. Participatory videography with Caribou People of North America was used to produce a film to document and analyze indigenous knowledge.

Major Professor: Dr. Gary Kofinas

John James Duffy *

Ph.D. Natural Resources and Sustainability

B.A., University of Alaska Anchorage, 1979; M.U.P.P., University of Illinois at Chicago, 1983.

Thesis: What Variables Foster The Adoption And Implementation Of Sustainable Practices By Local Governments

Local governments are important for developing sustainable communities, yet most are not pursuing sustainability. A multicase study of local governments was undertaken to understand why. This exploratory research identified the three variable categories as having strong to moderate association with local government pursuit of sustainability.

Major Professor: Dr. Susan Todd

Benjamin Vitaliano Gaglioti

Ph.D. Paleocology: Interdisciplinary Program

B.A., Sterling College, 2007.

Thesis: Landscape Sensitivity To Climate Change In Northern Alaska: Lessons From The Past

This dissertation uses biogeochemical proxies to reconstruct climate changes and environmental responses in Northern Alaska over the last 40,000 years. I test how sensitive permafrost, vegetation and aeolian activity were to past warming events. The results will be useful for understanding how these systems will respond in the future.

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Ph.D. *Natural Resources and Sustainability*

B.S., Hokkaido University, 2009; M.S., Hokkaido University, 2011.

Thesis: Implementing Adaptive Forest Harvest Management In Boreal Alaska Under Rapid Global 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. We offer adaptive management planning approaches.

Major Professor: Dr. Glenn Patrick Juday

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Ph.D. *Natural Resources and Sustainability*

B.A., Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, 2005; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2011.

Thesis: What Community Characteristics Lead To The Successful Outcome Of Rural Water Projects?

The sustainability of rural safe-water projects has been elusive. An examination of successful rural water projects showed that community characteristics such as a demonstrated ability to manage local projects, sound financial management, community support and an active role of women are as essential to success as sound infrastructure.

Major Professor: Dr. Susan Todd

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M.Ed., Counseling: School Counseling K-12

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Certificates**

Chris Niles Ballek

Gr. Cert., Secondary Education: Initial Teacher
Certification Program

Michelle Benisek

Gr. Cert., Post-Baccalaureate K-12 Special
Education Licensure

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Gr. Cert., Secondary Education. *Golden Key
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Gr. Cert., Secondary Education: Initial Teacher
Certification Program

Stephanie Ann Dawley

Gr. Cert., Elementary Education: Initial Teacher
Certification Program

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Gr. Cert., Secondary Education: Initial Teacher
Certification Program

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Gr. Cert., Secondary Education

Kristi A. Downing

Gr. Cert., Elementary Education: Initial Teacher
Certification Program

Julian Matthew Ferguson

Gr. Cert., K-12 Art: Initial Teacher Certification
Program

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Gr. Cert., Secondary Education

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Gr. Cert., Teaching Credential-Secondary
Education: Initial Teacher Certification Program

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Certification Program

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Gr. Cert., K-12 Art: Initial Teacher Certification
Program

Addie Lynn House

Gr. Cert., Secondary Education: Initial Teacher
Certification Program

Heidi Jean Jacobsen

Gr. Cert., Teaching Credential-Secondary
Education: Initial Teacher Certification Program

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Certification Program

Gretchen O. Kriegmont

Gr. Cert., Counseling

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Education Licensure

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Education Licensure. *Phi Kappa Phi Honor
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Gr. Cert., Secondary Education: Initial Teacher
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Trevor Alan Sparks

Gr. Cert., Secondary Education

Katy Celeste Talvi

Gr. Cert., Elementary Education: Initial Teacher
Certification Program

Shannon Kelley Trizzino

Gr. Cert., Elementary Education: Initial Teacher
Certification Program

Alexander S. C. Van Wyhe

Gr. Cert., Secondary Education: Initial Teacher
Certification Program

Dawson W. Walker

Gr. Cert., Secondary Education: Initial Teacher
Certification Program

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Education Licensure: Initial Teacher Certification
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B.A., Elementary Education

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Sarah M. Kincaid

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Rachel Earth LaSota

B.A., Elementary Education

Karen Carrie Paul

B.A., Elementary Education

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Master's Degrees

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M.S., Fisheries

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B.A., Fisheries: Fisheries Business and Social Science

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M.B.A., Business Administration: General Management

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Nicole Elena White **

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M.S., Natural Resources Management

Gabriela Halas *

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Brooke Marie McDavid **

M.S., Natural Resources Management

Eric Michael Schacht *

M.N.R.M.G., Natural Resources Management
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William H. Wilkins III

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Melissa Michelle Woodgate *

M.S., Natural Resources Management

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B.S., Natural Resources Management: Forestry.
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B.S., Natural Resources Management

Brandy K. Flores

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B.S., Natural Resources Management: Forestry

Kirsten Maria Williams

B.S., Natural Resources Management: Humans
and the Environment

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



AARON M. SCHUTT

Aaron Schutt grew up in a small Alaska town but left for a big Outside university, where he once wrote home about how odd it felt to be surrounded by people and yet see no one he knew. Now back with the people he knows, Schutt leads Doyon, Limited, the regional corporation formed 44 years ago by Interior Alaska's Athabascan people. As president and CEO, he oversees the company, which owns 12.5 million acres and more than a dozen subsidiaries operating everything from oil

drills to wilderness cabins.

Mr. Schutt's ancestral roots are Koyukon Athabascan. He and his twin brother, Ethan, were adopted by teachers David and Joyce Schutt, and they grew up in Tok.

Mr. Schutt excelled at science and math in high school. He earned a bachelor's degree in engineering at Washington State University, followed by a master's in engineering and a law degree, both at Stanford University.

Returning to Alaska, Mr. Schutt worked as an attorney from 2001 to 2006, when he joined Doyon as senior vice president and chief operating officer. The Doyon board hired him as CEO in 2011.

Mr. Schutt serves on the boards of the Rasmuson Foundation, Akeela Inc. and the Alaska Native Heritage Center. He is co-chair of UAF's Troth Yeddha' Legacy Initiative fundraising committee. He also coaches youth hockey.

Mr. Schutt is married to Marissa Flannery, also an attorney, and they have two sons and a daughter. They live in Anchorage.

EMERITI RECOGNITION

MS. JENNY BELL-JONES

DEPARTMENT OF ALASKA NATIVE STUDIES AND
RURAL DEVELOPMENT ACADEMIC CHAIR, EMERITUS

Ms. Jenny Bell-Jones has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching and University and public service from 1999 to 2016.

She initially taught as an adjunct professor for the welding program, and after advancing her own education through the Paralegal Studies and Rural Development programs, became an outstanding faculty member in the Department of Alaska Native Studies and Rural Development, where she developed many new courses and revitalized the curriculum to encompass current issues in rural Alaska.

Ms. Bell-Jones mentored and advised countless students; and demonstrated a special ability to reach out to and connect with nontraditional students; and served as the chair of the Department of Alaska Native Studies and Rural Development, working tirelessly to facilitate the work of the department and guiding and inspiring department faculty with her compassion, wisdom and strength.

She has served the community as a dedicated volunteer for the Festival of Native Arts and the Effie Kokrine Charter School, among many other activities.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Ms. Jenny Bell-Jones for her extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.

MS. OLIVIA EDDY

UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR, EMERITUS

Ms. Olivia Eddy served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction from 1986 to 2015.

She has given outstanding service to the University in many capacities through the years, beginning as a registration clerk at Tanana Valley Community College and advancing through several positions in admissions processing and records.

Ms. Eddy has consistently been a dedicated and conscientious employee, earning a Dennis Demmert Appreciation and Recognition Award, a Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Staff Member, a Vice Chancellor's Recognition Award from University and Student Advancement, and an Alumni Achievement Award for University Support.

She has a strong record of contributing service to the University outside her own department, having offered her enthusiasm, insights and expertise in a variety of contexts, notably as lead of the Statewide Admissions Work Team, and as a member of the Process Improvement Team and the General Education Revitalization Committee and other Faculty Senate committees.

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

EMERITI RECOGNITION

DR. GREGORY GOERING PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS, EMERITUS

Dr. Gregory Goering served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1990 to 2015.

He was an outstanding and versatile faculty member who taught seventeen different undergraduate and graduate courses on topics such as mathematical economics, public finance, and industrial organization; who maintained high academic standards and excelled in helpfulness to students; and who further served as a dedicated advisor to undergraduate and graduate students alike.

Dr. Goering's influential research centered on theoretical economics, including the behavior of firms manufacturing durable goods and the impact of corporate social responsibility and green policies on firm conduct and performance, yielding numerous publications.

He ably served in leadership and administrative roles at the University, notably as a member of the Faculty Senate and numerous faculty committees and as Associate Dean of the School of Management; and made important contributions to the ongoing work of maintaining the School's specialized accreditation.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Gregory Goering for his extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.

DR. SCOTT HUANG PROFESSOR OF GEOLOGICAL ENGINEERING, EMERITUS

Dr. Scott Huang has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1981 to 2016.

He has taught generations of students at the undergraduate and graduate levels, and students awarded him the Outstanding Faculty title numerous times; and Dr. Huang mentored many master's and doctoral degree candidates through the completion of their programs and prepared them for successful careers.

Dr. Huang has made numerous contributions to the research fields of geological, frozen-ground engineering and rock engineering, authoring more than one hundred publications; and earned with his co-authors the American Society of Civil Engineers 2004-2005 Best Journal Paper Award and the SINOROCK 2009 (International Society of Rock Mechanics sponsored symposium) Best Paper Award.

He has provided valuable service to the Alaska petroleum, construction and mining industries, earning him a Resolution of Appreciation from the Alaska Miners Association in 1993; and has served the University as interim dean, department chair, and in many other capacities.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Scott Huang for his extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.

EMERITI RECOGNITION

MR. JOHN KAWULA

PROFESSOR OF LIBRARY SCIENCE, EMERITUS

Mr. John Kawula has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1998 to 2016.

He has been a dedicated instructor of Library Science and has developed numerous online library guides to assist users in finding reliable information sources.

Mr. Kawula, as government documents and maps librarian, assisted many patrons in navigating the labyrinth of federal agency documents; and streamlined and refined the focus of the Library's collections.

He has contributed many articles and presentations that promoted unique Library and government materials on the environment, public lands and studies of the North.

Mr. Kawula has an exemplary record of service to the University and to the academic community, having mentored junior colleagues; served as a member of many University and professional committees; and served as department chair.

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

MR. RICHARD MACHIDA

SENIOR ENGINEER, EMERITUS

Mr. Richard Machida served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction from 1984 to 2015.

He has had a long and distinguished career with the University in numerous staff and leadership positions, beginning with the Geophysical Institute and culminating with the Office of Information Technology, where he applied his talent for engineering systems and his passion for innovation.

Mr. Machida has made notable contributions in public service, including serving as a member of the Board of Directors, Alaskaconnect, Inc.; chairing the digital subcommittee of the Science Management Advisory Committee for the Barrow Arctic Science Consortium; and participating in Internet2 advisory groups.

He served as a valued member of Staff Council, chairing several of its committees and representing Staff Council on the Master Planning Committee, the UAF Research Program Review Task Force, and other groups.

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

EMERITI RECOGNITION

DR. GERALD MOHATT

PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY, POSTHUMOUS EMERITUS

Dr. Gerald Mohatt served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1983 to 2010.

He was instrumental in developing the psychology programs at the University; had a leading role in developing the first Ph.D. program in psychology in the State of Alaska; and advised hundreds of undergraduate and graduate students.

Dr. Mohatt was an internationally renowned scholar on mental health in American Indian and Alaska Native communities; and was the founding director and principal investigator of the Center for Alaska Native Health Research, which focuses on interdisciplinary community-based health research; and contributed numerous influential articles.

He was honored with the Emil Usibelli Award for Distinguished Research; the Victor E. Howery Award for Contributions to Rural Mental Health by the National Rural Mental Health Association; and an American Book Award, among other awards.

Dr. Mohatt served as an influential department chair and dean; and contributed his time to a wide range of professional groups concerned with health disparities of minorities.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Gerald Mohatt for his extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.

DR. ALLAN MOROTTI

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF COUNSELING, EMERITUS

Dr. Allan Morotti has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1995 to 2016.

He has been an effective, creative, caring and challenging faculty member who taught a wide range of undergraduate and graduate courses, as well as successfully mentoring dozens of graduate students; contributed to the development of a highly regarded Counseling program at UAF and fostered its commitment to high standards, diversity and cultural competency; and provided countless hours of clinical supervision to individuals working toward licensure.

Dr. Morotti's research yielded numerous publications and presentations on topics such as school-based family counseling, identity development in multiracial and biracial individuals, bullying, suicide prevention, and Alaska Native children's perceptions of self through art and storytelling; and earned an Outstanding Contribution Award from the Oxford Symposium on School-Based Family Counseling.

He has provided valuable service as program head, as department chair and as dean during particularly challenging times for the School of Education; and has served on numerous agency, editorial and review boards.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Allan Morotti for his extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.

EMERITI RECOGNITION

DR. CHIEN-LU PING

PROFESSOR OF SOIL SCIENCE, EMERITUS

Dr. Chien-Lu Ping served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1982 to 2015.

He was widely respected for the depth of expertise that he brought to Alaska Soil Geography, Soil Genesis and Classification and other courses; and successfully advised and mentored numerous graduate students at the M.S. and Ph.D. levels.

Dr. Ping has been a highly regarded researcher who authored numerous publications; and who has made important contributions to management and understanding of cold soils in Alaska and throughout the world, for which he received international recognition as a Fellow of the Soil Science Society of America and an invited speaker at numerous conferences.

He served on many departmental and University committees; and has been a long-term member of the National Soil Taxonomy Committee and a representative to the National Cooperative Soil Survey Program in Alaska, among numerous other national and international working groups and committees.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Chien-Lu Ping for his extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.

DR. CHANNON PRICE

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS, EMERITUS

Dr. Channon Price served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1987 to 2016.

He has been a highly regarded instructor who was recognized three times as Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year; has been a successful advisor and mentor to many undergraduate and graduate students; and has been active in shaping the Physics undergraduate and graduate curriculum and student assessment.

Dr. Price conducted research ranging from the field of theoretical analysis based on the standard model of the physics of young neutron stars, to numerical studies of supernova dynamics, including successfully parametrizing the Rayleigh-Taylor instability in that context, to large-scale numerical studies of both linear and nonlinear space plasma instability.

He hosted an award-winning weekly KSUA radio show for over 22 years and served as a member of the ASUAF Student Media Board — charged with the oversight of the student-run radio station, KSUA — during which time KSUA won over one hundred Alaska Broadcasting Association Goldie awards and the 2013 MTV RadioWoodie award as the top college radio station in the country.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Channon Price for his extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.

EMERITI RECOGNITION

DR. JONATHAN ROSENBERG

PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, EMERITUS

Dr. Jonathan Rosenberg served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1993 to 2015.

He was an outstanding teacher, earning him the Emil Usibelli Award for Distinguished Teaching; taught courses that addressed both theoretical and practical aspects of comparing regions, economies and nations; helped to design the Global Studies minor; and served as mentor and advisor to numerous undergraduate and graduate students.

Dr. Rosenberg has been an influential and wide-ranging scholar who authored journal articles, books and book chapters on the politics of oil in Alaska, comparative environmental politics, participatory environmental management in the Eastern Caribbean, Cuban political economy, Mexican parties and interest groups, and other topics.

He provided outstanding service to the department and the University; notably with his work with the Alaska Legislative internship process, which allowed dozens of University students to participate as legislative interns; membership on the Faculty Senate and many of its committees; and leadership of the General Education Revitalization Committee.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Jonathan Rosenberg for his extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.

DR. JORDAN TITUS

PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY, EMERITUS

Dr. Jordan Titus served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1990 to 2015.

She was a talented instructor whose integration of ethnomethodology and conversation analysis, childhood, and the sociology of law has inspired hundreds of students; led a major revision of the Sociology curriculum, developing a department focus on social inequalities and social justice; and chaired and served on multiple graduate student committees.

Dr. Titus conducted research specializing in childhood, law and gender, authoring widely cited articles and presenting at regional and national professional conferences; and contributing erudite community perspective articles to the *Fairbanks Daily News-Miner*.

She served as Sociology department chair for many years, served on numerous University committees, and benefitted the faculty through her union service in leading roles with United Academics.

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EMERITI RECOGNITION

MS. JANE WEBER

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF DEVELOPMENTAL MATHEMATICS, EMERITUS

Ms. Jane Weber has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching and University and public service from 1993 to 2016.

She has been a dedicated teacher and advisor, garnering her a Meritorious Faculty Award for Teaching excellence, a TRiO Champion Award, and five Carol Feist/Douglas Schamel Outstanding Faculty Advisor Awards; and she has furthered curriculum redesign and innovation in developmental mathematics, including establishing a developmental math lab and the Math Tutoring Hotline for rural students.

Ms. Weber notably contributed to the formation and success of the Department of Developmental Education, which she led as department chair for many years; fostered the achievement of accreditation through the National Association for Developmental Education; and served on numerous University committees, including the Committee on the Status of Women, the Student Academic Development and Achievement Committee, and the Joint Health Care Committee.

She served her colleagues in leadership roles with the University of Alaska Federation of Teachers; and helped to create the Alaska Chapter of the American Mathematical Association of Two Year Colleges.

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

MS. KATHLEEN WYNNE

PROFESSOR OF MARINE BIOLOGY, EMERITUS

Ms. Kathleen Wynne served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1988 to 2015.

She advised fourteen marine biology and fisheries graduate students to master's degrees.

Ms. Wynne is an outstanding researcher who has conducted wide-ranging studies of marine mammal populations and their interactions with fisheries and other human activities, and studies of the trophic interactions of marine mammals.

She authored three widely used field guides, *Guide to the Marine Mammals of Alaska*; *Guide to the Marine Mammals and Turtles of the U.S. Atlantic & Gulf of Mexico*, which won the 2000 National Outdoor Book Award; and *Guide to the Marine Mammals and Turtles of the U.S. Pacific*, which won the 2015 National Outdoor Book Award.

Ms. Wynne has made extensive contributions to public service, including serving in the NMFS Marine Mammal Stranding Network in Alaska and New England; serving as a member of the NMFS Alaska Scientific Review Group; and working closely with marine resource users and managers to help resolve practical problems in marine mammal interactions with fisheries.

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

HONORARY DOCTOR OF EDUCATION



TEACHER, MENTOR AND SCHOLAR

ELIZABETH KAVRUK NICTUNE FLEAGLE

Elizabeth Kavruk Nictune Fleagle has made a second career as an invaluable mentor to students, teachers and professionals in the field of social work. Her encouragement and insights have helped hundreds of people learn to provide effective social services in Alaska and beyond. Her knowledge, dedication and enthusiasm have earned her the respect of people across the State and Nation.

Mrs. Fleagle was born in 1935 and grew up in the village of Alatna, on the traditional boundary between her Inupiaq ancestors' territory and that of the Koyukon Athabascans. Her mother passed away when she was young, so she learned from her father, Oscar Nictune Sr. At 16, she attended Mt. Edgecumbe High School in Sitka to train as a licensed practical nurse. She worked at Fairbanks and Anchorage hospitals but then resigned to raise a family. Many years later, after experiencing an often difficult life, she returned to work with the janitorial staff at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, from which she retired in 1997.

After retirement, Mrs. Fleagle began sharing her knowledge of beading, sewing and other traditional skills as a way to reconnect young Alaska Native people with their cultures. That work grew into service as an elder-in-residence at UAF, where she has provided insights and support to students, staff and faculty in the rural human services, social work, humanities and psychology programs. She greatly enhances the academic training in behavioral treatment methods with her knowledge of Alaska Native cultures. She also attends social service conferences and workshops across the country and has helped the University of Washington start its own elders-in-residence program. Mrs. Fleagle's enthusiasm has helped many students and professionals from rural communities persevere in their classes and work. She freely offers lessons learned from her own life and encourages everyone with her smiles, laughter and optimism.

HONORARY DOCTOR OF LAWS



EDUCATIONAL, TRADITIONAL AND SPIRITUAL
LEADER

TRIMBLE GILBERT

As a culture bearer, Rev. Trimble Gilbert is exceptionally knowledgeable about the Gwich'in/Dena culture and forms a living link between the ancient ways of his people and contemporary Alaska. Throughout his long life he has freely and willingly provided leadership and support to people of Alaska's

Interior, and on a broader level as an Episcopal minister he has offered religious leadership and guidance.

Rev. Gilbert was born in Vashraii K'oo — Arctic Village — in 1935. Together with his wife, Mary, he raised three children in traditional ways. Today, he is the traditional chief of his Neets'aiti Gwich'in people in Arctic Village and the second traditional chief of the Tanana Chiefs Conference. A natural and dedicated leader, he has used his position to advocate for the cultural, spiritual and physical health of his people, and is a strong proponent of both Native and Western forms of education.

Rev. Gilbert is frequently asked to teach Gwich'in traditions to children and parents throughout Alaska. A renowned fiddle player, he has tutored countless youngsters not just in music but in the power of music to overcome hardship. He offers boundless support and encouragement to young people, helping guide them to living successfully in the modern world while retaining their indigenous roots.

Through his life of service and education, Rev. Gilbert has garnered respect throughout Alaska. He is asked to provide instruction at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, where he bridges classroom learning and everyday life in rural communities, and is invited to participate in statewide meetings such as the Alaska Federation of Natives. Not least, his mentorship of young leaders demonstrates his commitment to ensuring a resilient, vibrant future for his people.

HONORARY DOCTOR OF SCIENCE



RESEARCHER, LEADER AND MENTOR

JACQUELINE A. RICHTER-MENGE

Jacqueline A. Richter-Menge is a leader in the field of polar climate physics, specializing in process studies of the Arctic sea ice cover. Her highly collaborative research, based on the Beaufort and Chukchi seas, has, among other things, contributed to the safety and efficiency of the offshore gas and oil activities in

Alaska. During the course of her career at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory, she has led or participated in more than twenty Arctic field programs and produced more than eighty publications in the scholarly literature. Her research has greatly enhanced understanding of the physical and mechanical properties of sea ice and the techniques used to measure these properties in harsh environments.

In addition to her research, Ms. Richter-Menge has made significant contributions to the scientific community through editorships, professional society participation and committee work. She possesses a remarkable facility for seeing connections between elements in the Arctic system and engages others in interdisciplinary work. Her diplomacy and skill in negotiating with different scientific and operational cultures have been instrumental in the success of vital field and data-preservation projects. An exceptional ambassador for Arctic science, she has further used her expertise, insight and humor to convey the importance of the changing North to audiences ranging from schoolchildren to peers at government agencies.

Ms. Richter-Menge works tirelessly to develop research projects and secure funds to carry them out. Many of those projects have directly benefited Alaska by documenting changes in glaciers, sea ice and permafrost and providing data for policymakers facing crucial decisions. She also has been a supportive mentor to early-career scientists in developing successful projects and establishing professional positions, helping ensure a dynamic new generation of researchers.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD



CAROLYN L. WALLACE

Mrs. Carolyn L. Wallace has been an invaluable member of the University of Alaska Fairbanks community for more than forty years. She began her affiliation with the University working in the School of Agriculture and Land Resources Management in the 1970s. She declined numerous employment opportunities over the years because of her commitment to the school, and she retired from there in 2000. During her professional tenure, she was an

energetic participant in a wide range of University committees and activities, including employee relations, fundraising and the arts. In the years following her retirement, Mrs. Wallace has continued her service to the University through her participation on several advisory boards. Known for her forthright, frank assessments, she has been a trusted advisor for University leaders and administrators for decades.

Mrs. Wallace's formidable energy, dedication and persuasiveness have made her a fixture of Fairbanks civic life. She and her husband, together with their many friends, established a University scholarship for active-duty military spouses, and their support of nonprofit organizations has garnered them awards for their leadership and citizenship.

In recognition of her many years of public service, the University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Mrs. Carolyn L. Wallace and presents her with this Meritorious Service Award.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD



GARY R. WILKEN

Mr. Gary Wilken has blessed Alaska with his hard work and sunny disposition for more than sixty years, starting as a youth and continuing as a businessman and public servant.

Mr. Wilken arrived in Fairbanks with his family in 1951 at age five. He helped win the State basketball championship before graduating from Lathrop High School in 1964. At Oregon State University, he played basketball and earned bachelor's and master's degrees in business. Mr. Wilken bought his father's food business, Fairbanks Distributors, in 1976 and operated it for twenty-eight years while he and his wife, Sue, raised a family in Fairbanks. He served as a Fairbanks utilities board member and then a State senator, spending a dozen years in each position. He is now on the State's industrial development corporation board.

Throughout his career, Mr. Wilken has advocated for young people and educational institutions, including the University. He spent decades on the boards of Fairbanks Youth Sports and many other organizations. Known for his thoughtful, inclusive analysis, Mr. Wilken has participated in difficult local and state decisions about policies and funding throughout his career. He continues to do so today, collecting ideas from a wide group of acquaintances.

In recognition of his many years of public service, the University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Mr. Gary Wilken 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, Rasmuson Library graphic designer Dixon Jones, and Eric Johansen '85, a mechanical technician in the College of Engineering and Mines.

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.