



# COMMENCEMENT

Saturday, May 23, 2020

2020

# TRADITION AND RENEWAL

Tradition holds that for untold generations, Tanana Athabascans used the ridge the Fairbanks campus is built on, Troth Yeddha', 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 who have continued this tradition of collaboration and learning. Commencement is a special time for graduates and their families and friends who 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.

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 98th commencement ceremony, more than 1,300 graduates will be recognized for their success.

We honor you, the Class of 2020, for your achievement today.

# CONGRATULATIONS!



UA PRESIDENT JAMES R. JOHNSEN

Dear 2020 Graduates,

This commencement is not like any other the world has experienced in our lifetime. Although we cannot be together to celebrate your accomplishments in person, in spirit we are all together as a university community honoring your hard work and dedication to pursue the worthwhile goal of a higher education. The coronavirus pandemic may have necessitated that you complete your final semester online, yet you pressed on to the goal. Bravo!

Today you join a legion of proud graduates as you receive your degree from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. You follow many thousands, and thousands more will follow you and your example of accomplishment in the years to come. Congratulations on a great personal achievement. Your hard work invested in earning your degree prepares you well to write the next chapter of your life. Whatever path you choose, you can carry it out with the great personal strength and self-confidence you have developed here at UAF.

My counsel for you today is that you be courageous in the midst of this uncertain time in your life, remain inquisitive, continue to grow intellectually, and find ways throughout your careers to give back to your community and to UAF. I hope you make your home with us here in Alaska — helping to build the Alaska we all want. But wherever life's journey may take you, please accept my congratulations and very best wishes for a bright future.

Be well,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James R. Johnsen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "J" and "S".

James R. Johnsen, President  
University of Alaska



## UAF CHANCELLOR DANIEL M. WHITE

Dear Graduate,

This will be a year to remember, the year of the COVID-19 pandemic and all of the challenges it threw at you. But you did it. Congratulations on your accomplishments and earning your degree!

Today you are joining a distinguished group of University of Alaska Fairbanks alumni, and although your journey has proved to be a little more memorable, to include taking part in the first ever virtual commencement, I hope you will take a moment to reflect on your time at UAF, and the lessons learned and the friends you have made. Those experiences will last a lifetime.

On behalf of the UAF community, I wish you success and happiness in your future endeavors and thank you for all your contributions to the university.

Thank you for choosing UAF. GO 'NOOKS!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. White', enclosed in a circular flourish.

Daniel M. White, Chancellor  
University of Alaska Fairbanks

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# UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS

## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES: MAY 23, 2020

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GRAND MARSHAL	J. Leroy Hulsey <i>Grand marshal is a title given to the emeritus faculty member who has had the longest tenure at UAF and typically leads the procession.</i>
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Seth Blohm, <i>Class of 2020</i>
WELCOME	Daniel M. White, <i>Chancellor, University of Alaska Fairbanks</i>
REMARKS	James R. Johnsen, <i>President, University of Alaska System</i>
RECOGNITION OF EMERITI	Anupma Prakash, <i>Provost, University of Alaska Fairbanks</i>
INTRODUCTION OF CLASS SPEAKER	Keith Champagne, <i>Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, University of Alaska Fairbanks</i>
CLASS SPEAKER	Max Erickson, <i>Class of 2020</i>
RECOGNITION OF DOCTORAL CANDIDATES	Michael Castellini, <i>Interim Dean, Graduate School, University of Alaska Fairbanks</i>
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	Sheri Buretta, <i>Chair, Board of Regents, University of Alaska System</i>
PRESENTING THE CLASS OF 2020	Graduates of the University of Alaska Fairbanks
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE	Barbara Fujimoto, <i>Class of 2014</i>
“ALASKA FLAG SONG”	Naella Lundell, <i>Class of 2020</i>
ACADEMY ACCLAMATION	Deans and faculty members of the University of Alaska Fairbanks

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.A.S.	Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences
B.A.M.	Bachelor of Applied Management
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.S.E.M.	Bachelor of Security and Emergency Management
B.S.R.B.	Bachelor of Sport and Recreation Business
B.T.	Bachelor of Technology
Cert.	Certificate
Gr. Cert.	Graduate Certificate
M.A.	Master of Arts
MBA	Master of Business Administration
M.Ed.	Master of Education
M.F.A.	Master of Fine Arts
M.M.S.	Master of Marine Studies
M.N.R.E.	Master of Natural Resources and Environment
M.N.R.M.	Master of Natural Resources Management
M.S.	Master of Science
M.S.D.M.	Master of Security and Disaster Management
Ph.D.	Doctor of Philosophy

HONORARY DEGREES  
AND MERITORIOUS  
SERVICE AWARDS

*Honorary degrees recognize people of extraordinary accomplishment, and service awards express our appreciation for the university's most dedicated advocates.*

DEGREE CONFIRMATION

*Confirmation of degrees and honors for the May 2020 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. May 11, 2020. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of graduates' names, degrees and other information. We sincerely regret any errors and omissions.*

*Students in the College of Rural and Community Development have their home campuses indicated beside their names.*

*\* Denotes summer degree recipient*

*\*\* Denotes fall degree recipient*

# HONORS RECOGNITION

## GRADUATION WITH HONORS

Associate and baccalaureate degree students who graduated with honors in August and December and candidates for graduation with honors 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 SCHOLARS

The honors scholars graduation designations require exceptional aptitude, academic performance and achievement in a challenging course of study. Honors scholars 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.



# The Class of 2020

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREES

### COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND MINES

*Dr. William E. Schnabel, Dean*

**Jason Arlen Clark \*\***

***Ph.D. Ecology: Interdisciplinary Program***

*B.A., Pomona College, 2008; M.S., Yale University, 2012.*

**Thesis: The Role of Tundra Vegetation in the Arctic Water Cycle**

Vegetation cycles water back to the atmosphere and modifies the local environment.

This study examined vegetation in the water cycle through woody shrub stem water storage and woody shrub transpiration, and by partitioning evapotranspiration into major vegetation components. Mosses and sedges are the major constituents of evapotranspiration, while woody shrub contributions are limited.

**Major Professor: Dr. Kenneth Tape**

**Timothy Edward Theurer**

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

*B.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2010.*

**Thesis: High-Latitude Over-the-Horizon Radar Applications**

High-latitude over-the-horizon radar systems must contend with multipath and diffusive scattering effects produced by the ionosphere. Spatial processing algorithms to maximize angular resolution or preserve the characteristics of angle-Doppler coupled clutter through interference rejection are proposed. The derivation of transverse plasma velocity from spatial correlation analysis is also presented.

**Major Professor: Dr. William Bristow**

# COLLEGE OF FISHERIES AND OCEAN SCIENCES

*Dr. S. Bradley Moran, Dean*

**Cheryl L. Barnes \*\***

**Ph.D. Fisheries**

*B.S., San Diego State University, 2006; M.S., San Jose State University, 2015.*

**Thesis: Ecological Interactions Among Important Groundfishes in the Gulf of Alaska**

Ecological interactions drive population and community dynamics. This study assessed predation and competition to better understand these interactions in the Gulf of Alaska. Results showed intense, highly variable predation on walleye pollock and no evidence of competition between Pacific halibut and arrowtooth flounder, though similar diets suggest competition among smaller fishes.

**Major Professor: Dr. Anne Beaudreau**

**Jesse Coleman \***

**Ph.D. Fisheries**

*B.S., University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, 2008; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2012.*

**Thesis: Commercial Fishing Livelihoods, Permit Loss, and the Next Generation in Bristol Bay, Alaska**

Fishing people across the globe have experienced a fundamental restructuring of their livelihoods, communities and economies in response to shifts to rights-based fisheries management. This dissertation examines some of the long-term and latent effects of this and other historical transitions in the fishery-dependent Bristol Bay region of Alaska.

**Major Professor: Dr. Courtney Carothers**

**Philip J. Joy \***

**Ph.D. Fisheries**

*B.S., College of William and Mary, 1994; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2001.*

**Thesis: The Response of Juvenile Coho and Chinook Salmon Stocks to Salmon Spawner Abundance: Marine Nutrients as Drivers of Productivity**

An investigation of the relationship between salmon spawner abundance, nutrients imported to freshwater by spawning salmon, and the subsequent effects on rearing coho and chinook salmon found that the abundance of spawning pink salmon enhanced parameters of productivity in coho and chinook salmon populations at the watershed scale.

**Major Professor: Dr. Mark Wipfli**

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\* Summer degree recipient

\*\* Fall degree recipient

**Kofan Lu \***

**Ph.D. Oceanography: Physical**

B.S., National Tsing Hua University, 2007.

**Thesis: Numerical Investigations of the Hydrography, Dynamics and Ice Distributions of the Chukchi Sea Shelf**

Warm Bering Sea water carried into the Chukchi Sea provides oceanic heat for melting ice and sets up hydrographic features. Model integrations investigate the importance of eddies and the factors that affect dynamics such as frontal stratification. Strong wind effects on ice edge displacement are highlighted as well.

**Major Professors: Dr. Seth Danielson and Dr. Thomas Weingartner**

**Fletcher Sewall**

**Ph.D. Oceanography: Fisheries**

B.S., University of Alaska Anchorage, 1993; M.A.S., James Cook University 2005.

**Thesis: Pacific Herring Juvenile Winter Survival and Recruitment in Prince William Sound**

Juvenile herring survival to recruitment age in Prince William Sound varied synchronously with age-0 Gulf of Alaska pollock abundance, suggesting regionwide mortality processes common to both species. Size- and energy-dependent mortality related to temperature, food and predation were shown to require herring to attain critical size and energy levels to survive their first winter.

**Major Professor: Dr. Brenda Norcross**

**Lauren A. Wild**

**Ph.D. Fisheries**

B.A., Brandeis University, 2009; M.S., University of St. Andrews, 2013.

**Thesis: Diet and Movement of Depredating Male Sperm Whales (*Physeter macrocephalus*) in the Gulf of Alaska**

Stable isotope analysis and satellite tag data were used to assess diet and movement of sperm whales in Alaska waters. Sablefish represent a new prey source that is increasing in diets over time. Tag data revealed Alaska is an important foraging ground, and whales prefer the continental slope habitat.

**Major Professor: Dr. Franz Mueter**

**Ann-Christine Zinkann**

**Ph.D. Marine Biology**

B.S., Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, 2011; M.S., University of Hamburg, 2014.

**Thesis: Organic Matter Sources on the Chukchi Sea Shelf in a Changing Arctic**

The input of various primary production sources to the Arctic benthic system is shifting. Terrestrial and bacterial organic matter contributes significantly to marine sediments and is readily utilized by benthic invertebrates, and increases in these sources could partially compensate for the potential reductions of pelagic production to the benthos.

**Major Professor: Dr. Katrin Iken**

# COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

*Mr. Todd Sherman, Dean*

## **Martha J. Amore**

**Ph.D. *Feminist Gothic Creative Writing: Interdisciplinary Program***

*B.A., University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, 1992; M.F.A., University of Alaska Anchorage, 2009.*

**Thesis: *Shorebirds and Other Stories***

“Shorebirds And Other Stories” is a collection of original feminist gothic stories set in Alaska. A critical introduction to the creative portion situates the work within the context of feminist gothic literature and contemporary feminist psychology. The fictional stories reflect themes of maternal subjectivity, maternal ambivalence and reproductive justice.

**Major Professor: Dr. Christine Coffman**

## **Zenaida T. Asuncion \***

**Ph.D. *Culture and Leadership: Interdisciplinary Program***

*B.B.A., University of Santo Tomas, 1975; MBA, University of Guam, 2006.*

**Thesis: *Exploring the Impact of Culture in Strengthening the Stewardship of Compact Funds in the Federated States of Micronesia: A Convergent Parallel Mixed Methods Design***

This study explores the impact of culture in strengthening the stewardship of compact funds in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). Understanding island culture and its influences over FSM leadership and governance are essential in attempting to assist in the federal compliance requirements of the compact trust funds and other federal FSM assistance programs.

**Major Professors: Dr. J. Rob Duke and Dr. Ansito Walter**

## **Tyler J. Hoyt \*\***

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

*B.A., University of Montana, 2009.*

**Thesis: *Explorations of Intergenerational Healing, Resilience, and Post-Traumatic Growth by Helpers and Healers on the Blackfeet Nation***

This exploratory phenomenological project, comprising 14 narratives of helpers and healers working on the Blackfeet Nation, provides public narrative surrounding healing and resilience related to historical and intergenerational trauma. Seven central themes arose in narratives: spirituality, trauma, healing, resilience, helping role, community, and Blackfeet worldview.

**Major Professor: Dr. Valerie Gifford**

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\* *Summer degree recipient*

\*\* *Fall degree recipient*

**Hugh David Leonard \***

**Ph.D. *Clinical-Community Psychology: Rural Indigenous Emphasis***

*B.A., California State University Dominguez Hills, 2013.*

**Thesis: The Looking Glass Effect: The Influences of Clinical Supervision on Student Attitudes Toward Evidence Based Practices**

This study explored how student attitudes toward evidence-based practices (EBP) to clinical care in psychology are cultivated through clinical mentorship. Findings indicated mentors with multiple roles and students' positive attitudes toward research related to students' favorable attitudes toward EBPs. Results suggest the clinical psychology field includes adherence to this approach.

**Major Professor: Dr. Kendra Campbell**

**Dhara Shah \***

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

*B.A., Ohio State University, 2004; B.A., Rollins College, 2012; M.S., University of Texas at Tyler, 2015.*

**Thesis: Moderators of Bicultural Self-Efficacy and Mental Health Among Asian Americans**

This study examined the relationship between bicultural self-efficacy and mental well-being among Asian Americans. It specifically aimed to identify factors that may affect the strength of this relationship in order to further inform clinical and community interventions for Asian Americans experiencing psychological distress associated with the acculturation process.

**Major Professor: Dr. Eric John David**

**Marie Skanis \***

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

*B.A., Western Washington University, 2010.*

**Thesis: Attributions of Blame and Social Reactions to Scenarios of Sexual Assault of Adult Women**

Sexual assault is a serious issue in Alaska and at UAF. An experimental design examined UAF students' attributions and reactions toward stranger and acquaintance rape victims. Attributional processes, rather than assault type, influenced reactions to the victim. Qualitative analysis examined how UAF can improve sexual assault prevention and intervention.

**Major Professors: Dr. Inna Rivkin and Dr. Ellen Lopez**

**Emilie Springer \***

**Ph.D. *Anthropology***

*B.A., Stanford University, 2000; B.A., University of Washington, 2000; M.A., University of Washington, 2006.*

**Thesis: Sea Change, Know Fish: Catching the Tales of Fish and Men in Cordova, Alaska**

This dissertation collects oral history interviews from residents in the commercial fishing community of Cordova, Alaska. Interviews were used to construct character portraits that were later performed in front of the community with the intent of improving mutual understanding in a field that sometimes elicits conflict related to harvest rights.

**Major Professor: Dr. William Schneider**

# COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

*Dr. Kinchel C. Doerner, Dean*

## **Dina Abdel-Fattah**

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

*B.A., College of William and Mary, 2010; M.S., University of Amsterdam, 2011.*

**Thesis: Stakeholder Needs and Information Use in Cryospheric Hazard Planning and Response: Case Studies from Alaska**

This dissertation investigated stakeholder use of various information products and resources in three cryospheric hazard-prone communities in Alaska that experience glacial lake outburst floods or anomalous high-speed sea ice motion events. This dissertation also tested whether a structured decision-making methodology could be useful and applicable in a cryospheric hazard context.

**Major Professor: Dr. Sarah Trainor**

## **Katherine Lynn Anderson \***

**Ph.D. *Geology***

*B.S., University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, 2012.*

**Thesis: Paleobiology of Ichthyosaurs: Using Osteohistology to Test Hypotheses of Growth Rates and Metabolism in a Clade of Secondarily Aquatic Marine Tetrapods**

Ichthyosaurs are a group of secondarily aquatic reptiles that globally dominated the oceans during the Mesozoic Era. Multiple lines of evidence suggest ichthyosaurs experienced elevated growth rates, body temperatures and metabolic rates.

This thesis sought to test these hypotheses using osteohistological methods and examination of bone microstructure.

**Major Professor: Dr. Patrick Druckenmiller**

## **Till Martin Baumann \*\***

**Ph.D. *Atmospheric Sciences***

*B.S., University of Kiel, 2012; M.S., University of Kiel, 2015.*

**Thesis: Response of Major Modes of Eastern Arctic Ocean Variability to Climate Change**

The Arctic Ocean plays a central role in ongoing climate change. Using observations from moorings in the eastern Arctic Ocean, the study investigated hydrographic seasonality and high-frequency current dynamics. Findings indicated a new, more dynamic eastern Arctic Ocean with direct implications for the ecosystem and further sea ice reduction.

**Major Professor: Dr. Igor Polyakov**

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\* *Summer degree recipient*

\*\* *Fall degree recipient*

**Brandon Burkholder \***

**Ph.D. Space Physics**

*B.S., Clemson University, 2015.*

**Thesis: Solar Magnetic Fields — Source, Evolution, and Interaction with Planetary Magnetospheres**

Using a magnetohydrodynamic model of the solar magnetic carpet, the structure of boundaries in the sun's atmosphere was found to be similar to the structure of the solar wind near Earth. At Saturn, viscous interactions with the solar wind were modeled using a hybrid model to understand transport and heating.

**Major Professor: Dr. Peter Delamere**

**Mitali Chandnani \*\***

**Ph.D. Geology**

*B.T., Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, 2013.*

**Thesis: Effects of Target Properties on the Formation of Lunar Impact Craters in the Simple-to-Complex Transition**

Impact cratering is ubiquitous on the planets, and different bodies serve as natural laboratories for studying this geologic process. A study of lunar craters of similar size enabled impactor energy to be held constant so that the effects of target and impactor properties on the final crater could be explored.

**Major Professor: Dr. Robert Herrick**

**Tracie Nicole Curry \***

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

*B.S., University of Pennsylvania, 2007; M.L.A., Harvard University, 2013.*

**Thesis: Learning from the Local Scale: Identifying and Addressing Local Blind Spots in Arctic Environmental Governance**

Three qualitative and mixed methods studies were undertaken to address information blind spots impacting adaptation governance efforts concerning climate change in Alaska's Arctic. The research outcomes contribute to the availability of more comprehensive information that is inclusive of the range of perspectives and knowledge systems relevant for decision-making.

**Major Professors: Dr. Sarah Trainor and Dr. Chanda Meek**

**Sean David Egan \*\***

**Ph.D. Environmental Chemistry**

*B.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2010.*

**Thesis: Modeling Volcanic Ash and Sulfur Dioxide with the Weather Research Forecasting with Chemistry (WRF-Chem) Model**

The Weather Research Forecasting with Chemistry (WRF-Chem) model was validated for the modeling of volcanic ash and sulfur dioxide using three cases: the 2008 eruption of Kasatochi, the 2010 eruptions of Eyjafjallaökull and the 2019 eruption of Raikoke. The model was also modified to include volcanic ash aggregation processes.

**Major Professors: Dr. Martin Stuefer and Dr. Catherine Cahill**

## Joseph Eisaguirre

**Ph.D. Biological Sciences: Wildlife Biology and Conservation**

B.A., Colorado College, 2015.

**Thesis: Movement and Migration Ecology of Alaskan Golden Eagles**

This research studied how the movement and migration ecology of long-distance migratory golden eagles (*Aquila chrysaetos*) were affected by dynamic environmental conditions during migration and on the breeding grounds. It utilized novel statistical techniques that revealed how weather, habitats and anthropogenic landscape features affected the movement of a soaring bird.

**Major Professor: Dr. Greg Breed**

## Carla Frare \*

**Ph.D. Biochemistry and Neuroscience: Neuroscience**

B.A., University of Padova, 2007; M.A., University of Trieste, 2010.

**Thesis: Mechanisms Regulating the Circannual Rhythm of Hibernation**

This research investigated the neuronal pathways activated in adenosine A1 receptor agonist-induced hibernation in the arctic ground squirrel (*Urocitellus parryii*). Thermoregulatory pathways are modulated to reduce body temperature and increase vasoconstriction during the hibernation season, thus adenosine A1 receptor agonist promotes hibernation by the further suppression of thermogenesis and wakefulness.

**Major Professor: Dr. Kelly Drew**

## Graham G. Frye

**Ph.D. Biological Sciences: Wildlife Biology and Conservation**

B.S., Montana State University-Bozeman, 2009; M.S., Boise State University, 2012.

**Thesis: Population Ecology of Willow Ptarmigan (*Lagopus lagopus*) in the Presence of Spatially Concentrated Harvest**

This dissertation explores the effects of spatially concentrated harvest on willow ptarmigan population dynamics. Results suggested a lack of seasonal compensation for harvest mortality and limited permanent immigration distances. However, seasonal movements away from breeding territories may dampen the effects of concentrated harvest on local breeders during winter and spring.

**Major Professor: Dr. Mark Lindberg**

## Juliette Funck

**Ph.D. Biogeochemistry and Paleoecology: Interdisciplinary Program**

B.A., University of British Columbia, 2013; M.S., Universiteit Leiden, 2014.

**Thesis: Investigating Ancient Bison Migration in Alaska: A Bottom Up Approach Using Isotopes**

This thesis investigates the ecology and landscape use of both the present-day wood bison (*Bison bison athabascae*) and the ancient steppe bison (*Bison priscus*) in Alaska using isotopes for dietary and migratory geolocation analysis. It introduces new methodologies to bridge the gap between how we study the present day and the past.

**Major Professor: Dr. Matthew Wooller**

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\* Summer degree recipient

\*\* Fall degree recipient



**Kristin Rose Gagné**

**Ph.D. Environmental Chemistry**

*B.S., Arcadia University, 2015.*

**Thesis: Influence of Permafrost Extent on Photochemical Reactivity, Functional Group Composition, and Geochemical Cycling of a Sub-Arctic Discontinuous Permafrost Alaskan Watershed**

This study observed how permafrost leaching affected surface waters. Observations saw permafrost was heterogeneous and waters had seasonal variability. Winter had increased photoproduction of reactive oxygen species and metal concentrations. Finally, this study observed that the combination of metal and optical data aided in resolving the possible permafrost extent beneath lakes.

**Major Professor: Dr. Jennifer Guerard**

**Jesse Elliott Grunblatt**

**Ph.D. Environmental Science and Communication: Interdisciplinary Program**

*B.A., Middlebury College, 1975; M.S., Colorado State University, 1980.*

**Thesis: Science, Perception, and Scale: An Interdisciplinary Analysis of Environmental Change and Community Adaptive Capacity**

The gap between science-based assessments and local perceptions of environmental and climate change was explored through three separate but interrelated studies: 1) an assessment of community perception of change, 2) a science-based assessment of environmental change, and 3) an evaluation of the role news media plays in communicating science.

**Major Professors: Dr. Mark Wipfli and Dr. Barbara Adams**

**Diane Christine Huebner**

**Ph.D. Biological Sciences**

*B.F.A., School of the Art Institute of Chicago, 1982; M.S., Northwestern University, 2009.*

**Thesis: Seedling Recruitment, Genetic Diversity, and Secondary Growth of Deciduous Shrubs in Arctic Tundra Disturbed by Retrogressive Thaw Slump Thermokarst on Alaska's North Slope**

A study of deciduous shrub response to retrogressive thaw slump (RTS) disturbance at two North Slope, Alaska, sites found higher seedling recruitment, species richness and secondary growth in RTS. Willows showed high genetic diversity and low clonal spread regardless of disturbance. North Slope RTS may support enhanced tundra shrub growth.

**Major Professor: Dr. M. Syndonia Bret-Harte**

**Alexander Kotlarov**

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

*B.S., Northeastern University, 1990; M.S., London School of Economics and Political Science, 1992.*

**Thesis: Retrospective Analysis of the Alaska Halibut and Sablefish Individual Fishing Quota Fisheries Comparing the Program with the Anticipated Outcomes and Other Limited Entry Fisheries**

The thesis first describes and analyzes the development and evolution of the Alaska halibut and sablefish fishery. It then reports on surveys of halibut and sablefish quota share holders. It ends with a review of the community support measures included in Alaska fisheries and opinions for rebuilding communities.

**Major Professor: Dr. Keith Criddle**

**Don Larson \*\***

**Ph.D. Biological Sciences**

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

**Thesis: Host-Parasite Ecophysiology of Overwintering**

This thesis investigates the interrelations between host-parasite overwintering physiology and behavior in the trematode *Ribeiroia ondatrae* and its host, the wood frog (*Lithobates sylvaticus*), in Alaska. Host physiology in winter both hinders (through freezing) and facilitates (through cryoprotectant production) parasite survival.

**Major Professor: Dr. Brian Barnes**

**Jintai Li \***

**Ph.D. Atmospheric Sciences**

B.S., University of Science and Technology of China, 2013.

**Thesis: Radar Studies of Turbulence and Lidar Studies of the Nickel Layer in the Arctic Mesosphere**

Gravity wave and turbulence studies in the Arctic middle atmosphere were presented. The studies employ lidars and radar to characterize wave activity, instability and turbulence. In the lidar-based studies, turbulence and wave activity in the mesosphere-lower-thermosphere region were analyzed. In the radar-based study, turbulent parameters in the mesosphere were retrieved.

**Major Professor: Dr. Richard Collins**

**Robert W. Lichvar \*\***

**Ph.D. Phylogenetic Evaluation of Intermountain *Lepidium*: Interdisciplinary Program**

B.S., California University of Pennsylvania, 1976; M.S., University of Wyoming, 1979.

**Thesis: Phylogenetic Relationships Within the Western United States Species of *Lepidium L.***

*Lepidium L.* has been assessed using nuclear and chloroplast DNA showing incongruences. Internal transcribed spacer (ITS) regions were compared to a cladistic tree of 123 morphological traits. A comprehensive ITS tree and ploidy levels of 22 taxa were developed. Neither ITS nor ploidy levels provided an understanding into the current taxonomic.

**Major Professors: Dr. Gary Laursen and Dr. Lawrence Duffy**

**James Sydney Magdanz**

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

B.J., University of Missouri-Columbia, 1973.

**Thesis: It's so Good to Be Back: Explorations of Subsistence in Alaska**

This research explored rural Alaska's subsistence economies since 1980, using data from more than 18,000 household surveys. Contrary to popular narratives, data describe stable harvests, stable populations, dense subsistence sharing networks and high levels of food security. Road access has strong negative effects on harvests but little effect on personal incomes.

**Major Professors: Dr. Joshua Greenberg and Dr. Courtney Carothers**

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**David B. McAlpin \***

**Ph.D. Geology**

*B.B.A., Stetson University, 1980; M.S., Arizona State University, 2008.*

**Thesis: Multi-Sensor Techniques for the Measurement of Post Eruptive Volcanic Deformation and Depositional Features**

Remote sensing of volcanic activity is an increasingly important tool for scientific investigation, hazard mitigation and geophysical analysis. These techniques describe new strategies to combine remote sensing data in multisensor analyses that improve our understanding of volcanic activity, depositional behavior and the evolutionary history of past eruptive episodes.

**Major Professors: Dr. Franz Meyer and Dr. James Begét**

**Jaspreet Kaur Osan**

**Ph.D. Biochemistry and Neuroscience: Biochemistry**

*B.S., Bangalore University, 2009; M.S., Institute of Science-Mumbai, 2012.*

**Thesis: Biophysical Characterization of Class II Major Histocompatibility Complex (MHC) Molecules**

Major histocompatibility complex II (MHCII) molecules are proteins which present antigens to CD4+ T cells, thus generating immune response against the antigen. This study aimed to understand biophysical features of MHCII molecules and HLA-DM, a nonclassical MHCII molecule, thus generating tools which identify antigenic epitopes in novel pathogens. This can help us generate an effective vaccine.

**Major Professors: Dr. Andrea Ferrante and Dr. Thomas Kuhn**

**Jayme Parker \***

**Ph.D. Biological Sciences**

*B.S., Montana State University-Bozeman, 1999; M.S., Walden University, 2008.*

**Thesis: Application of New Technology for the Diagnosis of Viral Infection**

New technologies, including electrochemical detection and next-generation sequencing, outperform conventional laboratory methods when characterizing human pathogenic viruses in clinical specimens and enhance our ability to evaluate current pharmaceutical interventions more closely for their ability to prevent and treat actively circulating infectious diseases.

**Major Professor: Dr. Jackson Chen**

**Liran Peng \*\***

**Ph.D. Atmospheric Sciences**

*B.S., Nanjing University, 2008; M.S., University of Wyoming, 2013.*

**Thesis: Impacts of Storm on Sea Ice: From Case Study to Climate Scale Analysis**

This study presents a multiscale examination of how storms impact sea ice, consisting of an observation-based case study, model-based study and a new composite analysis to investigate the storm impact on sea ice over seven regions for all storms from 1979 to 2018.

**Major Professor: Dr. Xiangdong Zhang**

## Kyle Ken Smith

### **Ph.D. Geophysics**

*B.S., New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, 2012.*

### **Thesis: The Seismic Wavefield in Nenana Basin and Cook Inlet Basin of Alaska**

Seismic instruments were deployed on the Nenana basin and Cook Inlet basin of Alaska to study amplification from local earthquakes. Both basins amplified earthquake waves by at least a factor of two, and similar levels occurred for noise. Seismic noise needed to account for wind and a nearby river.

**Major Professor: Dr. Carl Tape**

## Lisa Smith

### **Ph.D. Biochemistry and Neuroscience: Biochemistry**

*B.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2008.*

### **Thesis: Role of Neurotropism in HIV-1 Gp120 Induced Oxidative Stress and Neurodegeneration**

Thirty-50% of individuals with long-term HIV infection are affected by a spectrum of neurocognitive dysfunctions for which the molecular mechanisms of pathogenicity remain poorly understood. This research identified a previously unknown role for HIV envelope protein gp120 in the induction of neurotoxic actin-cofilin rods leading to synaptic dysfunction.

**Major Professor: Dr. Thomas Kuhn**

## Yang Yang

### **Ph.D. Atmospheric Sciences**

*B.S., Nanjing University of Information Science and Technology, 2008; M.S., University of Wyoming, 2013.*

### **Thesis: Characteristics of Arctic Storms and Their Impact on Surface Climate**

Increase of the southerly wind associated with the intense storms from the North Pacific into the Chukchi and Beaufort seas plays a key role in decline of thin sea ice. Enhanced baroclinity in the low sea ice years plays a dominant role in the development of intense storms. Stronger potential vorticity anomaly of intense storms is associated with the QBO west phase.

**Major Professor: Dr. Xiangdong Zhang**

## Joanna C. Young

### **Ph.D. Geophysics**

*B.A., University of British Columbia, 2008.*

### **Thesis: Alaska's Shrinking Glaciers: Integrated Glaciological Research for Hydrological, Ecological, and Environmental Education Applications**

As air temperatures rise, glacier melt is accelerating, with impacts for hydrology, ecology and people. This interdisciplinary research revealed that glacier runoff from the western Juneau Icefield increased between 1980-2016, in turn modifying nearshore oceanographic conditions. The research also found that youth who experience climate-impacted glacier landscapes develop stronger pro-environmental motivation.

**Major Professor: Dr. Erin Pettit**

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**Samaneh Yourdkhani**

***Ph.D. Mathematics***

*B.S., Semnan University, 2002.*

**Thesis: Investigations in Phylogenetics: Tree Inference and Model Identifiability**

This research presents two projects in mathematical phylogenetics. The first is a new, statistically consistent, fast method for inferring species trees from topological gene trees under the multispecies coalescent model. The second establishes that the tree and numerical parameters of the Profile Mixture Model of protein sequence evolution are generically identifiable.

**Major Professors: Dr. John Rhodes and Dr. Elizabeth Allman**

# COLLEGE OF RURAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

*Mr. Evon Peter, Vice Chancellor*

*Mr. Bryan Uher, Acting Dean*

**Sharon Guenther Lind \*\***

***Ph.D. Indigenous Studies***

*B.B.A., Warner Pacific University, 1989; MBA, University of Alaska Anchorage, 2008.*

**Thesis: Definitions of Success for Alaska Native Corporations**

The elements that define success in a typical corporation have parameters that usually fixate on financial performance or value added to an investment portfolio.

At an Indigenous organization, the word success takes on a new meaning. This work examines key elements in the definitions of success in Alaska Native corporations.

**Major Professors: Dr. Beth Leonard and Dr. Michael Koskey**

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\*\* *Fall degree recipient*

# SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

*Dr. Amy Vinlove, Director*

**Havala Jessamyn Hanson \*\***

**Ph.D. *Statistics and Policy in Education: Interdisciplinary Program***

*B.S., University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, 2005; M.A., Brown University, 2010.*

**Thesis: *Paving the Road to College: Impacts of Washington State Policy on Improving Equitable Participation in Dual Credit Courses***

This quasi-experimental study evaluated a 2015 Washington state policy to increase participation in dual-credit courses. The policy positively impacted participation for 10th graders but did not impact participation for students attending schools near eligibility cutoffs for tuition subsidies. The findings identify places to strengthen implementation and guide future research.

**Major Professor: Dr. Amy Vinlove**

**Gary E. Leiter**

**Ph.D. *Educational Studies: Interdisciplinary Program***

*B.S., Grace College, 1984; E.D.E., Cedarville University, 1989; M.S., Corban University, 2008; M.Ed., University of Alaska Southeast, 2014.*

**Thesis: *Instructor-Student Relationships and Attrition Rates Among Students Enrolled in Developmental Asynchronous Online Courses***

Attrition rates in asynchronous online developmental courses were explored using student interviews to clarify challenges and offer applicable solutions to course dissatisfaction and attrition. Three themes emerged as central to student dissatisfaction: the instructor's lack of communication, being impersonal with students, and a confusing and complicated course structure.

**Major Professor: Dr. Susan Renes**

# SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

*Dr. Mark Herrmann, Dean*

## **Allen Christopher Molina \***

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

*B.S., San Francisco State University, 2007; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2015.*

**Thesis: *Wildfire in Alaska: The Economic Role of Fuel Treatments and Homeowner Preferences in the Wildland Urban Interface***

Homeowner preferences for wildfire risk reduction were explored via electronic survey and choice experiment. Homeowners had a significant willingness to pay for thinned public fuel treatments, as well as moderate private fuel reduction participation. These results can help inform land management agencies' decision-making, as well as community capacity-building organizations such as Firewise.

**Major Professor: Dr. Joseph Little**

## **Robert Guenther Snigaroff \***

**Ph.D. *Economic Sociology: Interdisciplinary Program***

*B.S., Warner Pacific University, 1986.*

**Thesis: *Alaska Native Corporations: The Long Run***

Alaska Native corporation economic results are reviewed, including business stability, longevity and the tradeoffs made for, or in relation to, ANCs' common mission of cultural continuation. ANC endowment models are more attractive after new legislation. ANC endowments invest in stocks; hence, the research studied stock returns and liquidity in relation to ANCs' goals.

**Major Professors: Dr. Joseph Little and Dr. Michael Koskey**

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# The Class of 2020

## CERTIFICATES, ASSOCIATE, BACCALAUREATE AND MASTER'S DEGREES

### COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND MINES

*Dr. William E. Schnabel, Dean*

#### Master's Degrees

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**Brian Van Baart**

M.S., Mechanical Engineering

**Adam Becia**

M.S., Petroleum Engineering

**Trace Braxling**

M.S., Computer Science

**Jay Rodney Byam \*\***

M.S., Computer Science

**Nabil Al Nahin Ch \***

M.S., Electrical Engineering

**Irwin Chou \*\***

M.S., Petroleum Engineering

**Tristan Craddick**

M.S., Computer Science

**Kelsey Marie Dean \***

M.S., Water and Environmental Science:

Hydrology

**Sarah Durand \*\***

M.S., Environmental Quality Science:  
Environmental Science and Management

**Gabriel Fulton \***

M.S., Civil Engineering: Transportation  
Engineering

**Robbin Garber-Slaght \***

M.S., Cold Climate Engineering:  
Interdisciplinary Studies

**Yojana Shivaji Gurav**

M.S., Petroleum Engineering. *Golden Key Honor  
Society*

**Gwen Pamela Holdmann \*\***

M.S., Energy Engineering and Policy:  
Interdisciplinary Studies

**Jared Jeffrey Klemm \*\***

M.S., Electrical Engineering

**Anand Korde \***

M.S., Petroleum Engineering

**Justin Woodruff Long \*\***

M.S., Electrical Engineering

**Jacob McKenna**

M.S., Computer Science

**Michael Ori Miller \***

M.S., Civil Engineering

**Benjamin Montz \***

M.S., Electrical Engineering

**John Lloyd Mullet**

M.S., Electrical Engineering

**Rowshon Ara Mannan Munny \***

M.S., Electrical Engineering

**Fawad Naseer \*\***

M.S., Geological Engineering

**Chukwuemeka Onyebuchi Okoli**

M.S., Petroleum Engineering

**James M. Petrilli**

M.S., Petroleum Engineering

**Eduardo Pimenta de Melo \***

M.S., Mining Engineering

**Matthew Robison \*\***

M.S., Petroleum Engineering

**Nicholas Eugene Sanders**

M.S., Petroleum Engineering

**Naresh Balaji Saravanan**

M.S., Petroleum Engineering

**Daniel Robert Serventi**

M.S., Mechanical Engineering

**Jason Slats**

M.S., Mechanical Engineering

**Rawser Spicer**

M.S., Computer Science

**Ryan Stonebraker**

M.S., Computer Science

**TristanRoe Suniga Van Cise**

M.S., Computer Science. *Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society*

**Arin Wooster**

M.S., Petroleum Engineering

**Baccalaureate Degrees**

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**Brandon Abbott**

B.S., Computer Science

**Andrew Adler**

*magna cum laude*, B.S., Computer Science

**Ahmed Ali \***

B.S., Petroleum Engineering

**Shawn Almario**

B.S., Mechanical Engineering

**Christopher Jason Bailey \***

B.S., Computer Science

**Joseph Becker**

*cum laude*, B.S., Mechanical Engineering:  
Mechanical

**Arthur J. Behm**

B.S., Civil Engineering

**Sameen Singh Bhullar**

B.S., Petroleum Engineering

**Conall T. Birkholz**

*magna cum laude*, B.S., Mechanical Engineering:  
Mechanical

**Maxwell Jordan Blankenship \*\***

B.S., Mechanical Engineering

**Andrew Bray**

B.S., Electrical Engineering: Computer  
Engineering

**Nicholas Brazier \***

B.S., Mechanical Engineering: Mechanical

**Ryan J. Burke \***

B.S., Computer Graphic Design: Interdisciplinary  
Studies

**Joseph Matthew Byam**

B.S., Computer Science

**Juan Pablo Camacho**

B.S., Petroleum Engineering

**Makenzie Carroll**

*cum laude*, B.S., Geological Engineering

**Abbie Lynne Carter**

B.S., Geological Engineering

**Morgan Adrienne Carter**

*magna cum laude*, B.S., Petroleum Engineering.  
*Golden Key Honor Society*

**Liam J. Cassell \*\***

B.S., Electrical Engineering: Computer  
Engineering

**Jacob Brandon Cates**

*cum laude*, B.S., Mechanical Engineering:  
Aerospace

**Cullen Chandler**

B.S., Mechanical Engineering: Aerospace

**John Clancy**

B.S., Petroleum Engineering

**Kate Marie Clancy**

B.S., Geological Engineering

**Joshua Cale Clifton \*\***

B.S., Electrical Engineering: Computer  
Engineering

**Frank Cline**

B.S., Computer Science

**James A. Colburn**

B.S., Petroleum Engineering

**Evan Boniface Connelly**

B.S., Mechanical Engineering

**Jesse Coulman**

B.S., Civil Engineering

**Rachel M. Crosley \*\***

B.S., Computer Science

**Hal Asher DiMarchi \*\***

B.S., Computer Science

**Ange Martial Wonbleon Djahon \*\***

B.S., Petroleum Engineering

**Mackinley Elya Donaldson \*\***

B.S., Electrical Engineering: Power and Control

**Wylie Curry Donich**

B.S., Mechanical Engineering: Mechanical

**Daniel Dougherty**

*magna cum laude*, B.S., Mechanical Engineering:  
Mechanical

**Jesse Drick**

*cum laude*, B.S., Electrical Engineering:  
Communications

**Nicholas Jay Druyvestein \***

B.S., Mechanical Engineering: Mechanical

**Charles Emerson III**

*cum laude*, B.S., Computer Engineering

**Maximilian Erickson**

B.S., Mechanical Engineering: Mechanical

**Kim T. Fairbanks**

B.S., Computer Science

**Ian Ferguson**

B.S., Computer Science

**Trevor K. Fiscus**

*summa cum laude*, B.S., Mechanical Engineering

**Duncan Gregory Fisher**

B.S., Mechanical Engineering: Mechanical

**Curtis C. Fortenberry**

B.S., Computer Science

**Wenshi Fraser**

*magna cum laude*, B.S., Civil Engineering

**Alec Froese**

*cum laude*, B.S., Mechanical Engineering:  
Mechanical

**Jonathan David Gates**

B.S., Geological Engineering

**Samuel Joseph Grenon \*\***

B.S., Computer Science

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\*\* Fall degree recipient

- Jacob Guenther**  
B.S., Computer Science
- Kimber D. Harnar**  
B.S., Geological Engineering
- Mitchell Hedrick**  
B.S., Electrical Engineering: Power and Control
- Benson Hoover**  
B.S., Petroleum Engineering
- Joel Patrick Huntsman**  
B.S., Petroleum Engineering
- Jessica Anne Jacobs**  
B.S., Petroleum Engineering
- Luther Jensen**  
B.S., Civil Engineering
- Trevor David Jepsen \*\***  
*magna cum laude*, B.S., Petroleum Engineering
- Bojan Jeremić \***  
B.S., Civil Engineering
- Myles Johnson**  
B.S., Civil Engineering
- Kyle Wesley Jones**  
*magna cum laude*, B.S., Mechanical Engineering:  
Mechanical. *Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society*
- Nathan Kaaihue**  
B.S., Civil Engineering
- Keifer Kanayurak**  
B.S., Civil Engineering
- Cody Douglas Keith**  
*summa cum laude*, B.S., Petroleum Engineering.  
*University Honors Scholar*
- Nami Kim**  
*magna cum laude*, B.S., Computer Science
- Angus Klancher \*\***  
B.S., Electrical Engineering: Power and Control
- Joshua Klina**  
B.S., Mechanical Engineering: Mechanical
- Vitaliy I. Kulakevich**  
*summa cum laude*, B.S., Mechanical Engineering:  
Aerospace
- Thatcher Lane \***  
*cum laude*, B.S., Computer Science
- Miles Leguineche**  
B.S., Petroleum Engineering
- Daniel Lind**  
B.S., Computer Science
- James Adam Jefferson Little**  
B.S., Petroleum Engineering
- Quetzal Luebke-Laroque**  
*cum laude*, B.S., Mechanical Engineering:  
Mechanical
- Laura Kathryn Lundell**  
B.S., Computer Science
- MaLinda Malenfant**  
B.S., Civil Engineering
- Christopher McClure**  
B.S., Computer Science
- Matthew McCoy \*\***  
B.S., Civil Engineering
- Jason Andrew McKee**  
*cum laude*, B.S., Civil Engineering
- Jacob McKenna**  
B.S., Computer Science
- George Thomas Meier**  
B.S., Computer Science
- Brent Warren Mello \*\***  
B.S., Computer Science
- Christofer Miller**  
B.S., Electrical Engineering: Communications
- Samuel Michael Mitchell**  
*magna cum laude*, B.S., Civil Engineering
- Bradley Morton**  
B.S., Computer Science
- Trevor Patrick Morton**  
*cum laude*, B.S., Civil Engineering
- Katelynn Nelson \*\***  
B.S., Civil Engineering
- Jacques H. Neptune \*\***  
B.S., Mechanical Engineering
- Simeon Ng**  
B.S., Computer Science
- Kurt Nunn**  
B.S., Computer Engineering; Electrical  
Engineering: Computer Engineering
- Kiara N. O'Neill**  
*cum laude*, B.S., Electrical Engineering:  
Communications. *University Honors Scholar.*  
*Golden Key Honor Society*
- Steven Orizotti**  
B.S., Geological Engineering
- Rachelle Palmer**  
B.S., Civil Engineering
- Andrew Robert Parker**  
B.S., Computer Science
- Jacob Peeples**  
*magna cum laude*, B.S., Civil Engineering
- Theodore James Peters**  
*cum laude*, B.S., Petroleum Engineering
- James M. Peterson**  
B.S., Mechanical Engineering
- Enoch Porter**  
*magna cum laude*, B.S., Electrical Engineering:  
Power and Control
- Levi Purdy**  
B.S., Computer Engineering
- Caleb Thomas Quinlan**  
B.S., Petroleum Engineering
- Akshay Ramachandran \***  
B.S., Mining Engineering
- Nathanael Wakantonka Omani Reams**  
B.S., Geological Engineering
- De'Jour Reed**  
B.S., Mechanical Engineering: Mechanical
- Justin Risley**  
B.S., Civil Engineering
- David Schweigert \*\***  
B.S., Civil Engineering

**Brendan Scott \***  
B.S., Electrical Engineering: Power and Control

**Christopher D. Seamount**  
B.S., Computer Engineering

**Frederick Walter Sommer III**  
B.S., Civil Engineering

**Matthew Louis Sperber \*\***  
*magna cum laude*, B.S., Civil Engineering

**Katarina Stoltzfus**  
B.S., Mechanical Engineering: Mechanical

**Arlo Gilbert Storey**  
*cum laude*, B.S., Electrical Engineering: Power and Control

**Cameron Kevin Titus**  
B.S., Computer Science

**Erin Tyler Tolman**  
B.S., Computer Science

**Dylan W. Tucker**  
B.S., Computer Science

**Roy Edward N. Valdez Jr. \*\***  
B.S., Civil Engineering

**Daniel T. Vandevort**  
B.S., Geological Engineering

**Cory Vaska**  
*magna cum laude*, B.S., Electrical Engineering: Communications. *Golden Key Honor Society*

**Benjamin F. White**  
B.S., Computer Engineering

**Benjamin F. White**  
B.S., Electrical Engineering: Power and Control

**Austen Lane Whitney**  
B.S., Geological Engineering

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

**Patrick F. Woolery**  
B.S., Civil Engineering

**Jordan Zellhuber**  
B.S., Civil Engineering

**Anthony M. Zizza**  
B.S., Mechanical Engineering: Mechanical

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\*\* Fall degree recipient

# COLLEGE OF FISHERIES AND OCEAN SCIENCES

*Dr. S. Bradley Moran, Dean*

## Master's Degrees

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**Kristin Lynn Brown**

M.S., Fisheries

**Michael Robert Knutson**

M.S., Fisheries

**Madison M. Kosma \*\***

M.S., Fisheries

**Rachel Lekanoff**

M.S., Oceanography: Biological

**Stephanie Hicks O'Daly \*\***

M.S., Oceanography: Chemical

**Kirsten Nicole Ressel \*\***

M.S., Fisheries

**Joshua Russell \***

M.S., Fisheries

**Alicia Rinaldi Schuler \***

M.S., Fisheries

**Michelle Eileen Stratton \***

M.S., Fisheries

## Baccalaureate Degrees

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**Kate Johanna Avila Ariola**

B.S., Fisheries and Ocean Sciences: Ocean Sciences

**Dennis J.L. Barril**

B.S., Fisheries

**Alta K. Dean**

B.S., Fisheries and Ocean Sciences: Ocean Sciences

**Tibor Dorsaz \*\***

B.S., Fisheries and Ocean Sciences: Ocean Sciences

**Alyx Nicole Gough \*\***

B.S., Fisheries and Ocean Sciences: Ocean Sciences

**Heidi Ingram**

*magna cum laude*, B.S., Fisheries and Ocean Sciences: Fisheries Science

**Noah Sat Sarbat Singh Khalsa**

B.S., Fisheries and Ocean Sciences: Fisheries Science

**Diego Aaron Madrid \*\***

B.S., Fisheries

**Kelsie Maslen**

B.S., Fisheries and Ocean Sciences: Fisheries Science

**Justin J. Ming**

B.S., Fisheries and Ocean Sciences: Ocean Sciences

**Jonathan Richard Napier \***

*magna cum laude*, B.S., Fisheries and Ocean Sciences: Fisheries Science. *University Honors Scholar*

**Deidra May Neeley**

B.S., Fisheries and Ocean Sciences: Fisheries Science

**Adrienne L. Stansberry \*\***

*cum laude*, B.S., Fisheries and Ocean Sciences: Fisheries Science

**Kimberly M. Wong**

B.S., Quantitative Aquatic Ecology: Interdisciplinary Studies

# COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

*Mr. Todd Sherman, Dean*

## Master's Degrees

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### David Aubuchon

M.F.A., Creative Writing

### Lauren Baranik \*

M.A., Arctic and Northern Studies:  
Individualized

### Pierce A. Bateman

M.A., Arctic and Northern Studies: Northern  
History

### Adrienne Irene Blackwood

M.F.A., Creative Writing

### Jennifer Ayaginaar Boyd \*\*

M.A., Applied Linguistics: Second Language  
Acquisition Teacher Education

### Julia Boynton \*\*

M.A., Applied Linguistics: Second Language  
Acquisition Teacher Education

### James Regan Campbell

M.F.A., Creative Writing

### Jessie Levi Carson

M.A., Justice Administration

### Venus Fultz

M.F.A., Creative Writing

### Kaitlyn Nicole Fuqua

M.A., Anthropology

### Austyn Grubb \*

M.A., Administration of Justice

### Lindsey Heaney

M.A., Professional Communication

### Hilary Alison Hilmer \*

M.A., Anthropology

### Yoshie Holland \*

M.A., Applied Linguistics: Second Language  
Acquisition Teacher Education

### Devin R. Johnson \*

M.A., Administration of Justice

### Rebecca Ashley Lawhorne

M.A., Professional Communication

### Nimasha Samadhee Malalasekera \*

M.A., Applied Linguistics: Second Language  
Acquisition Teacher Education

### Marley Moon McLaughlin

M.A., Arctic and Northern Studies:  
Individualized

### Odin Miller \*

M.A., Anthropology

### Elizabeth Molina

M.A., Justice Administration

### Keely Berndette Pliska

M.A., Professional Communication

### Urban Samuel

M.A., Arctic and Northern Studies:  
Individualized

### Bryce Baretyn Schwarz

M.A., Justice Administration

### Ryan Shek

M.F.A., Creative Writing

### Alicia Sidebottom

M.A., Arctic and Northern Studies:  
Environmental Politics and Policy

### Kevin M. Sippel

M.A., Anthropology

### Dougless I. Skinner \*

M.A., Anthropology

### Holly A. Smith

M.A., Anthropology

### Dominique Nichelle Spencer \*

M.A., Administration of Justice

### Elizabeth McKenna Sprankle \*

M.A., Administration of Justice

### Meryem Abrina Udden

M.A., English

### Ilisa Walter

M.F.A., Art

### Irene M. Wassillie \*\*

M.A., Applied Linguistics: Second Language  
Acquisition Teacher Education

### Leanna Prax Williams \*\*

M.A., Northern Studies: Northern History. *Phi  
Kappa Phi Honor Society*

### Theresa M. Woldstad

M.F.A., Art

## Baccalaureate Degrees

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### David C. Adams

B.A., Social Work

### Nina Adams

*magna cum laude*, B.F.A., Art: Photography

### Roxanne Mercedes Agüero-Vela \*\*

B.A., Psychology

### MiKaila DeAmari Alexander

B.A., Psychology

### Shawn Almario

B.A., Japanese Studies

### Erin Angela Anderson \*\*

*cum laude*, B.F.A., Art: Drawing

### Keara Shala Anderson \*\*

*summa cum laude*, B.A., Film and Performing  
Arts: Film

### Lucienne Anderson

B.A., English

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- Shelby Anderson**  
B.A., English
- Anthony Jaymes Annis-Rastaetter \***  
B.A., Film
- Bernard Keoki Aoto Jr.**  
B.A., Political Science
- Sebastian Paul Appelhanz**  
B.S., Psychology
- Maddison Momo Appolloni**  
B.A., Japanese Studies
- Kayla Bryanna Armstead**  
B.A., Psychology
- Ivana Constance Qalirnaq Ash**  
B.A., Linguistics
- Benjamin J. Auerbach**  
*cum laude*, B.F.A., Art: Metalsmithing
- Steven L. Avery**  
B.A., Justice
- Euris Manuel Baez**  
B.A., History
- Brandon Paul Baker**  
B.A., Japanese Studies
- Laura Jo Barber \*\***  
*cum laude*, B.A., Foreign Languages: German
- Eric Marc Barragan**  
*magna cum laude*, B.A., Film and Performing Arts: Film
- Madeline Faith Baumgarten**  
B.A., Foreign Languages: Spanish
- Rachel E. Beal**  
B.A., Psychology
- Nicole Ann Beard \***  
B.A., Psychology
- Denae Andrea Benson \***  
*cum laude*, B.A., History
- Heather Marie Bieber \*\***  
*cum laude*, B.A., Russian Studies:  
Interdisciplinary Studies
- Archer Bissot**  
B.A., History
- Kevin Blanchard**  
*cum laude*, B.F.A., Art: Drawing
- Seth Daniel Blohm \*\***  
*cum laude*, B.M., Music Education: Music Education K-12
- Sarita Borkovec**  
B.F.A., Art: Painting
- Abby Lynn Bravo**  
B.A., English
- Muriel Katuk Brower**  
B.A., Psychology
- Erin K. Brown**  
B.A., Psychology
- Abigail Buentello**  
B.A., Justice
- Aimee Darlene Bushnell \*\***  
*cum laude*, B.A., Foreign Languages: Spanish
- Stephanie Camp \*\***  
B.A., Communication
- Ronald Warren Casto**  
B.A., Communication
- Taylor Caudy**  
*magna cum laude*, B.A., Social Work. *Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society*
- Anthony Wayne Cavan**  
B.A., History
- Wayne R. Chambers \***  
B.A., Justice
- Billie J. Chavez**  
B.A., Communication
- Joshua M. Chavez \*\***  
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Interdisciplinary Studies
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B.A., Political Science
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- Mary Rose Conlin**  
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- Cory Coulman**  
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- Crystina Currier \***  
B.A., English
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Interdisciplinary Studies
- Jessica L. Denny**  
B.A., Anthropology
- Hunter James Desmond**  
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- Matthew Ryan Dobbins \*\***  
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- Allison Louise Lennon**  
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- Nastasia Levi \*\***  
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- Sadee Ellen Lightner-Martin**  
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- Jasmine Marie Lowery**  
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M.S., Biological Sciences

**Chanachai Charoonsophonsak**  
M.S., Statistics

**Stephanie G. Crawford**  
M.S., Biological Sciences

**Ragen Marie Davey**  
M.S., Chemistry: Environmental Chemistry

**Lindsey Marie Dorn**  
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**Adam John Dubour \***  
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**Joseph Eisaguirre \*\***  
M.S., Statistics

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M.S., Statistics

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**Geneva Mottet \***  
M.S., Physics

**Cole Sterling Richards**  
M.S., Geophysics: Solid Earth Geophysics

**Kanie Sayako**  
M.S., Natural Resources Management

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**Czarina Rose Aldeman**  
B.S., Biological Sciences

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**Alexander Kurtis Young Ashford**  
B.A., Biological Sciences

**Isaiah Klay Baker**  
B.S., Natural Resources Management

**Alaina Kupaaq Bankston**  
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**Hatsuko Olopai Tanaka Bearden**  
B.S., Biological Sciences: Physiology

**Sabrina Renee Bishop**  
*magna cum laude*, B.S., Biological Sciences:  
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Studies. *Leadership Distinction*

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**Noel Tara Burgener**  
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Interdisciplinary Studies

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- Cristina Marie Bussell \*\***  
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- Kyle J. Callegari**  
B.S., Biological Sciences
- Gabrielle Camp**  
B.S., Wildlife Biology and Conservation
- James Campbell**  
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- Michael K. Carpenter**  
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- Aaliyah N. Caruso**  
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- Sara Church**  
B.S., Natural Resources Management
- Shila Cotton**  
*magna cum laude*, B.S., Geoscience: Geology
- Jalen M. Cox**  
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- Bryce Nathaniel Davis \*\***  
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- Erick Russell Licop Dela Rosa**  
B.S., Natural Resources Management
- Katherine Dykes**  
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B.S., Biological Sciences: Physiology
- Alison Giffoni \*\***  
B.S., Geoscience: Geophysics
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- Mikayla Rae Grunin**  
B.S., Mathematical Influences on Art:  
Interdisciplinary Studies
- Samantha Lee Haines**  
B.S., Biological Sciences: Biomedical Science.  
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B.S., Biological Sciences
- Jon David Harwell Sr.**  
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B.S., Natural Resources Management
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B.S., Biological Sciences
- Stefan M. Johnson**  
B.S., General Science
- Trevor Pettus Jones \***  
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Paleontology. *University Honors Scholar*
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*magna cum laude*, B.S., Biological Sciences:  
Physiology
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B.S., Wildlife Biology and Conservation
- Carson Steven Linnell**  
B.S., Biological Sciences: Ecology and  
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- Tian Yang Liu**  
B.S., Biological Sciences: Physiology
- DeAnna Francine Lowden**  
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- Parker D. Merrifield**  
B.A., Chemistry
- Madeleine W. Michaud**  
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- Jared Harrison Miller**  
B.A., Earth Science: Earth Systems Science
- Amanda Mitchell**  
B.S., Biological Sciences
- Cristina Mondelli**  
*magna cum laude*, B.S., Biological Sciences: Biomedical Science. *University Honors Scholar. Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society*
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B.S., Mathematics: Statistics
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B.S., Biological Sciences
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B.A., Geography: Environmental Studies
- Kirsten Veech**  
B.S., Biological Sciences: Biomedical Science
- Sierra A. Von Hafften**  
B.S., Natural Resources Management
- Natalie Elizabeth Wagner**  
B.S., Geoscience: Geophysics
- Logan Fredric Wendling**  
B.S., Mathematics: Statistics
- Benjamin F. White**  
B.S., Mathematics
- Phillip Raymond Wilson**  
B.S., Geoscience: Geology
- Hannah Faith Wing**  
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- Brittany Kay Wintter**  
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**Cesa Agnes**

*Northwest Campus*, A.A.S., Human Services

**Siham Tayseer AlKurdi**

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**Tarean D'Nadine Allen**

*Community and Technical College*, A.A.

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- Kayla R. Anaver**  
*Kuskokwim Campus, A.A.*
- Alana Anderson**  
*Kuskokwim Campus, magna cum laude, A.A.S.,  
Human Services*
- Kimberly A. Andon \***  
*A.A.S., Community Health*
- Natalie Angaiak \*\***  
*Community and Technical College, A.A.*
- Caroline A. Asicksik**  
*Kuskokwim Campus, A.A.S., Human Services*
- Josephine A. Augustine-Edmund**  
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# EMERITI RECOGNITION

## DR. GANG CHEN

PROFESSOR OF MINING ENGINEERING, EMERITUS

Dr. Gang Chen has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and service from 1993 to 2020.

He is an excellent teacher whose students named him the department's outstanding professor seven times, and he served as chair or co-chair of the thesis committees for twenty graduate students and on the committees of another thirty-two.

Dr. Chen is an internationally recognized authority in rock mechanics; and he has conducted extensive research that has greatly benefited the mining industry; and he has produced more than one hundred published research papers and conference reports, many with his students; and research projects in which he has participated have received funding of more than \$7.5 million.

He has served as editor in chief and associate chief editor of two international journals, and has been a reviewer for the national science foundations of the U.S. and China.

Dr. Chen has been recognized for his teaching on numerous occasions by the Society of Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration; and he has been honored with chair positions at Fuzhou and Hebei universities in China, and he was named a Fulbright Scholar.

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

## MS. SUSAN L. GAUDIN

EXECUTIVE OFFICER, EMERITUS

Ms. Susan L. Gaudin has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in administration in multiple roles from 2001 to 2020.

Ms. Gaudin, after a varied career in accounting, worked at UAF as assistant to the director of the Alaska Satellite Facility, assistant to the director of the Tanana Valley Campus and assistant to the vice chancellor of advancement and community engagement, and she then spent the past eight years as executive officer of the Community and Technical College.

Sixty CTC staff and faculty members endorsed Ms. Gaudin's emeritus status, saying her hard work and professionalism are complemented by a gentle approach that sustained colleagues.

She successfully overcame diverse challenges that ranged from designing new accounting systems to relocating the aviation maintenance program's aircraft, and members of CTC's Community Advisory Council praised the clarity and depth of her presentations on the college's trends, revenues and expenditures.

Ms. Gaudin's efforts often went beyond normal job duties as she advanced such efforts as the CTC donor wall at the Barnette Street building.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Ms. Susan L. Gaudin for her extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.

# EMERITI RECOGNITION

## MS. DERYLEE ANN HECIMOVICH

PROFESSOR OF EXTENSION, EMERITUS

Ms. Derylee Ann Hecimovich has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching and service in the Cooperative Extension Service from 2001 to 2019.

Ms. Hecimovich, who focused primarily on youth programs, developed curriculum and taught eighteen to twenty-two noncredit classes, workshops and Extension programs annually on an impressively diverse range of topics; and she annually organized up to twenty classes led by others.

She annually organized the 4-H contest, 4-H livestock exhibits and other activities at the Alaska State Fair; and she worked with youth and adult volunteers through 4-H activities, leader trainings, officer trainings and animal husbandry workshops.

Ms. Hecimovich served as the state Project Learning Tree and state Forest Stewardship Committee coordinator; and she has been on the state Agriculture in the Classroom Advisory Board, Mat-Su Borough Agriculture Board and FFA Board of Directors for many years.

Her character and collegiality contributed to her success; and all who worked with her felt respected and supported, making her an excellent mentor, community leader and colleague.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Ms. Derylee Ann Hecimovich for her extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.

## DR. J. LEROY HULSEY

PROFESSOR OF STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING, EMERITUS

Dr. J. Leroy Hulsey has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and service from 1987 to 2020.

He passed along his expertise and engineering passion to hundreds of students during his years at UAF; and he not only taught structural engineering courses but also engineering science courses taken by students of multiple engineering disciplines; and he was recognized by the students of Chi Epsilon, the civil engineering honor society, for excellence in teaching.

Dr. Hulsey owned engineering firms and taught at two prestigious civil engineering schools before coming to UAF, where he has helped raise the prominence of the department's research program; and his research in structural engineering, particularly in bridge design, is nationally recognized; and he assisted in designing the new UAF Engineering Learning and Innovation Facility's high bay for testing of large structures.

He has advised the UAF Steel Bridge Team annually since 1993; and the teams have won the American Institute of Steel Construction's national competition two times and finished in the top ten nationally during four of the past five years; and this is a remarkable record, given that the contest draws more than two hundred teams, including entries from top U.S. engineering schools.

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

# EMERITI RECOGNITION

## MR. LEONARD J. KAMERLING

PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH AND CURATOR OF FILM, EMERITUS

Mr. Leonard J. Kamerling has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and service since the 1970s and, specifically, as Curator of Film at the University of Alaska Museum of the North and as an English faculty member from 1999 to 2020.

He has taught English courses focused on film writing, as well as courses in anthropological and ethnographical film production, documentary journalism and education; and he received the College of Liberal Arts Excellence in Teaching Award for 2004-2005.

Twenty-two of Mr. Kamerling's films have received international distribution, including multiple films about Alaska and Alaska Native cultures, the most noted of which is "Uksuum Cayuai: The Drums of Winter," which was included in the Library of Congress' National Film Registry; and he has a long-standing interest in Japanese culture that resulted in his 1998 film "Heart of the Country," as well as media production for the National Museum of Japanese History; and he has in recent years created several films with Peter Biella that documented Maasai family life and culture in Tanzania.

His films have won numerous awards; and he was selected as a Fulbright Scholar to Norway in 2018-2019; and his long and productive career as a filmmaker, writer, lecturer and teacher has brought international acclaim not only to himself but also to UAF.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Mr. Leonard J. Kamerling for his extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.

## DR. SHIRISH L. PATIL

PROFESSOR OF PETROLEUM ENGINEERING AND  
DIRECTOR OF THE PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT LABORATORY, EMERITUS

Dr. Shirish L. Patil served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and service from 1983 to 2019.

He helped shape the education and careers of hundreds of graduate and undergraduate students at UAF; and he received the Outstanding Faculty Award from petroleum engineering students nine times.

After many years of association with the Petroleum Development Laboratory, Dr. Patil became director in 2007; and in 2016 Dr. Patil took a leave of absence to serve as a professor in Saudi Arabia, whence he continued to advise UAF graduate students and participate in UAF research; and his extensive research has secured more than \$20 million in funding.

His remarkable record of service earned him the Alaska Engineer of the Year Award in 2005 and the Emil Usibelli Distinguished Service Award in 2007; and his contributions include serving as UAF Faculty Senate president in 2006-2007, as a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers' Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, and as editor of the Petroleum and Petrochemical Engineering Journal.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Shirish L. Patil for his extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.

# EMERITI RECOGNITION

## DR. WILLIAM D. POST

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MUSIC, EMERITUS

Dr. William D. Post has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and service from 1999 to 2020.

Dr. Post, who began as a lecturer before joining the faculty in 2006, has maintained a tremendous teaching workload at the undergraduate and graduate level; and students unanimously praise him in their evaluations; and Dr. Post in recent years has been the only faculty member qualified to teach theory and analysis courses, requiring him to take on additional duties.

His primary research area is the music of the modernist Austrian composer Anton Webern; and he has presented papers on the work of Webern and Richard Wagner at international conferences; and he has composed music for organ and choir that has been performed by the UAF Choir of the North.

Dr. Post has served on eight graduate student advisory committees and has advised an average of nineteen music majors annually; and he has served as department chair during a time made challenging by budget reductions and multiple searches to replace faculty.

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

## DR. VLADIMIR EVGENI ROMANOVSKY

PROFESSOR OF GEOPHYSICS, EMERITUS

Dr. Vladimir Evgeni Romanovsky has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and service from 1992 to 2020.

He taught a graduate-level course in permafrost science that drew students from many disciplines and was so in demand that he offered it annually.

Dr. Romanovsky has studied permafrost since his time as a graduate student and then faculty member at Moscow State University in the 1970s; and he has an international reputation in the study of snow, ice and permafrost; and he has participated in fourteen major research projects supported by tens of millions of dollars in funding; and he has been an author or co-author on a remarkable two hundred seventy-four scholarly journal articles and has written three books; and he received the 2011 Emil Usibelli Distinguished Research Award.

He has supervised thirty-three graduate students; and his expertise is regularly sought by government agencies, companies and the media internationally; and he has served as president of the U.S. and international permafrost associations; and he has promoted American-Russian scientific collaboration in Arctic studies.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Vladimir Evgeni Romanovsky for his extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.

# EMERITI RECOGNITION

## DR. ROGER W. RUESS PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY, EMERITUS

Dr. Roger W. Ruess has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and service from 1989 to 2020.

He has taught a variety of undergraduate and graduate courses in biology.

Dr. Ruess' early work on the effect of grazing upon the African savannah is considered a classic in ecosystem research; and at UAF he has studied Arctic and sub-Arctic ecosystems; and his studies have illuminated the dynamics of fine tree roots and their role in carbon and nitrogen cycling in the boreal forest; and his work has contributed to understanding how herbivores affect ecosystem productivity and plant succession; and more recently he and his students have contributed to our understanding of the importance of the symbiosis between alder and nitrogen-fixing bacteria in northern ecosystems.

He has led large, collaborative research programs, most notably the Bonanza Creek Long-Term Ecological Research Program, which includes a great breadth of studies investigating the impacts of climatic warming and the changing boreal forest and is supported by more than \$6 million in funding to UAF; and he received the 2014 Emil Usibelli Distinguished Research Award; and he has mentored many junior faculty and guided twenty-five graduate students in their research endeavors.

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

## DR. JAMES RUPPERT PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH, EMERITUS

Dr. James Ruppert served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and service 1988 to 2019.

He taught in the departments of English and Alaska Native Studies for much of his career at UAF, and thus carried a double set of responsibilities, including serving as chair of Alaska Native Studies for many years; and he created several new classes in both departments; and he helped create the film studies minor and taught classes in the topic; and he was always willing to teach whatever was needed; and he received the 2006-2007 College of Liberal Arts Outstanding Teacher Award.

Dr. Ruppert published six books, including "Meditation in Contemporary Native American Literature," a preeminent work in Native American literary studies; and he published more than fifty articles and book chapters and dozens of book reviews and poems.

He is an internationally recognized scholar who has received three Fulbright lectureships and two stipends from the National Endowment for the Humanities; and he was named the UA President's Professor of English and Alaska Native Studies for a five-year span.

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

# EMERITI RECOGNITION

## MR. TODD SHERMAN

PROFESSOR OF ART AND DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS, EMERITUS

Mr. Todd Sherman has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and service from 1992 to 2020.

He began teaching as an adjunct in 1986, and, after moving to a tenure track position, developed the Art Department's printmaking program and taught painting, drawing and aesthetic appreciation classes; and he has taught many hundreds of students in a variety of methods.

Mr. Sherman has shown his artwork professionally in more than forty solo exhibitions and in numerous juried and invitational exhibitions in Alaska, nationally and internationally; and his public art commissions include those in the UA Butrovich Building, Randy Smith Middle School and Jay Rabinowitz Courthouse in Fairbanks; and his works are found in collections across the nation.

He in 2005 founded the UAF Visual Arts Academy for junior and senior high school students; and he spends dozens of hours annually as a visiting artist in Fairbanks schools; and he helps maintain the Fairbanks North Star Borough Noel Wien Library's beloved mural by the late William D. Berry, whose work he has frequently researched and curated for various venues.

Mr. Sherman served eight years as dean of the College of Liberal Arts and brought his personable nature to the task.

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

## DR. MILAN P. SHIPKA

PROFESSOR OF ANIMAL SCIENCE AND

DIRECTOR OF THE AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY EXPERIMENT STATION, EMERITUS

Dr. Milan P. Shipka has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and service from 1999 to 2020.

He has taught multiple animal science courses and pioneered a sustainable agriculture course; and he taught dozens of Cooperative Extension Service courses in animal care.

Dr. Shipka is a recognized authority in the field of reproductive physiology of ruminant animals, with a particular expertise in reindeer developed after arriving in Alaska following an already successful career in the U.S. West and Midwest; and he has published two book chapters, twenty-five peer-reviewed articles and eighteen abstracts, as well as numerous articles and video productions for lay audiences; and he has been extraordinarily successful in obtaining research grants.

He has organized and presented at numerous conferences on animal care; and he has advised and mentored many undergraduate students, and has participated on numerous graduate student committees and has served as major professor for three; and in recent years he took on multiple leadership and administrative roles.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Milan P. Shipka for his extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.



# EMERITI RECOGNITION

## DR. VICTOR A. ZINGER

PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICS, EMERITUS

Dr. Victor A. Zinger has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and service from 2002 to 2020; and he came to UAF after a varied career that began in his home country of Russia, where he earned degrees in mathematics and oceanography; and that brought him to teach high school in the U.S., first in Texas and then Southwest Alaska.

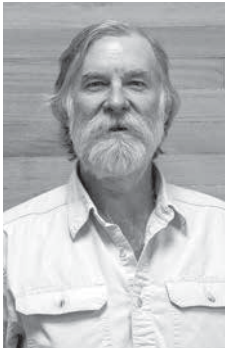
He has taught students at community campuses across Alaska, helping them successfully meet the math requirements for their academic degrees and certificates; and he has pioneered distance developmental math courses where students not only had a high pass rate but also succeeded in subsequent math courses; and he has a reputation for meeting students' needs with sensitivity, warmth and rigor.

Dr. Zinger developed a successful, nationally recognized teaching method of preparing rural Alaska students for success in college mathematics, in part by providing face-to-face and online support for high school teachers; and he has published multiple papers and given numerous presentations internationally on teaching methods.

He has served in the UAF Faculty Senate, as chair of the Universitywide Promotion and Tenure Committee and on the Statewide Steering Board for Distance Education.

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

# HONORARY DOCTOR OF SCIENCE



SCIENTIST, TEACHER AND WOODSMAN

## RANDY J. BROWN

Mr. Randy J. Brown has developed and shared vast amounts of knowledge about Alaska's wild fish populations during his nearly 25 years as a professional biologist, a career enhanced by the keen observational skills learned during years living along the Yukon River.

Mr. Brown grew up primarily in New Mexico before moving to Alaska to attend UAF. After one semester and at age 18, he left for the upper Yukon, where he was among the residents profiled by John McPhee in the bestselling 1977 book "Coming Into the Country." Mr. Brown and his family lived in the country between Eagle and Circle, and in other rural communities, for about 15 years.

Returning to Fairbanks and UAF, Mr. Brown earned a bachelor's degree in 1996 and began working for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He earned a master's degree in 2000 with a study that described Yukon River sheefish migrations as revealed by otolith microchemistry and radio telemetry.

Building on that work during the past 20 years, Mr. Brown has continued to conduct groundbreaking research that illuminates the biology and distribution of sheefish, salmon and whitefish, as well as other species important to subsistence fisheries, across Alaska. As an active participant in the Joint Technical Committee of the Yukon River Panel, he has made significant contributions to salmon management.

Mr. Brown has shared his professional and personal skills with the university and Fairbanks communities. He has served on the advisory committees of nine UAF graduate students. He also has taught subsistence skills developed during his years on the Yukon, including how to build birch-bark canoes.

# HONORARY DOCTOR OF LAWS



SCIENTIST, CATALYST AND WHALER

## RICHARD SAVIK GLENN

Mr. Richard Savik Glenn has used his unique background, training and abilities to meld Iñupiaq and Western traditions and knowledge, advancing science and engineering across Alaska's North Slope for the benefit of all Alaskans.

Mr. Glenn, who was born and raised in California, spent many summers in the Utqiagvik area with his mother's family during his teens. He learned to hunt and acquired an in-depth understanding of and respect for the sea ice.

Mr. Glenn earned two degrees in geology — a bachelor's from San Jose State University in 1985 and a master's from the University of Alaska Fairbanks in 1991. Within a few years, he was asked to lead the North Slope Borough's Department of Energy Management. In 2001, he joined the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, where he gained special expertise in Arctic resource development and geologic processes. Mr. Glenn is now ASRC's executive vice president of external affairs, responsible for all government affairs and corporate communications.

Mr. Glenn helped found the Barrow Arctic Science Consortium in 1996 and became its first president. Through this organization, he has served as a catalyst to bring together Iñupiaq and Western science, establishing Utqiagvik as a leading center of Arctic research.

Mr. Glenn has been appointed twice to the U.S. Arctic Research Commission and served as chairman of the Iłisaḡvik College Board of Trustees. He has frequently shared his knowledge with students and researchers at the University of Alaska and elsewhere.

Mr. Glenn serves as co-captain of the Savik Ahmaogak subsistence whaling crew.

# HONORARY DOCTOR OF EDUCATION



EDUCATION AND SELF-DETERMINATION  
ADVOCATE

## WILLIE KASAYULIE

Mr. Willie Kasayulie has promoted the health and welfare of Indigenous people through decades of community service, legal and political activism, and advocacy to reform education, governance, and subsistence hunting and fishing management.

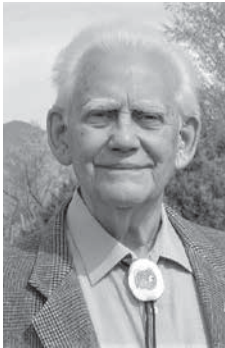
Mr. Kasayulie, originally from the village of Akiachak, on the lower Kuskokwim River, attended U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs schools there and in Wrangell and Oregon. He completed high school at Hartford High School in White River Junction, Vermont. He later earned certifications in tribal and corporate governance, laws and procedures.

In Alaska, Mr. Kasayulie entered a career of service in numerous local, state and national organizations. He served as chief of the Yupiit Nation. He also served as chairman of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Alaska Inter-Tribal Council, Association of Village Council Presidents and Calista Corporation. His service on boards includes those of the Association of Alaska School Boards, Alaska Civil Liberties Union, Indian Law Resource Center and Native American Rights Fund.

Mr. Kasayulie is one of the longest-serving school board members in Alaska, having spent more than thirty years on the Yupiit School District Board of Education. He also volunteered as a plaintiff, for a cumulative twenty-two years, in two lawsuits filed to correct the injustices he saw in Alaska's method of funding schools.

Mr. Kasayulie has worked tirelessly to advocate for the cultural integrity of Alaska's Indigenous peoples, their right to self-determination and their way of life. In the 1990s, he was one of seven tribal leaders in the nation invited to present to President William J. Clinton and his cabinet members.

# HONORARY DOCTOR OF SCIENCE



SCIENTIST AND ARCTIC RESEARCH ADVOCATE

## PATRICK J. WEBBER

Dr. Patrick J. Webber advanced the science of Arctic vegetation through new techniques that make it possible to link such work with integrated ecosystem studies, and his advocacy of Arctic science and logistics helped make the University of Alaska Fairbanks a leading institution in Arctic ecosystem research.

Dr. Webber was born, raised and educated in the United Kingdom. In 1960, he moved to Ontario, Canada, where he worked and studied until receiving his doctorate from Queen's University in 1971. He joined the University of Colorado-Boulder faculty in 1969 and spent most of the next twenty years there, studying Arctic and alpine regions. In 1990, Dr. Webber moved to Michigan State University to direct the W.K. Kellogg Biological Station.

Dr. Webber then began the first of two stints with the National Science Foundation, the latter of which involved directing the Arctic Systems Science Program in the Office of Polar Programs. He served as a professor and faculty associate at Michigan State until receiving emeritus status in 2005.

Dr. Webber, beginning with his historic doctoral dissertation, changed Arctic vegetation science from an effort focused primarily on classification of plant communities to an interdisciplinary effort to understand what drives vegetation patterns and change. He was the first to apply advanced ordination methods, which explore patterns in species composition and environmental factors.

As an NSF program officer, Dr. Webber helped launch a significant increase in support for Arctic research and logistics that has greatly benefited UAF, its faculty and students, and the Toolik Field Station.

# MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD



## ROGER BURGGRAF

Mr. Roger Burggraf has pursued a wide variety of careers and activities, many in service to the state and its people, during his 67 years in Alaska.

Mr. Burggraf, who grew up in New York and left home at age 14, earned a bachelor's degree in wildlife management from Cornell University while working summers in Alaska, then still a territory. After moving to Fairbanks and starting a family in 1959, he ran sled dogs and became president of the Alaska Dog Musers Association. Mr. Burggraf attended UAF but then pursued other opportunities, which over the years included commanding the local National Guard, banking, riverboat tourism, mining and consulting for mining companies. His mining experience led the former Sierra Club member to become a steadfast advocate of the industry. He eventually served as statewide president of the Alaska Miners Association. The Alaska Chamber of Commerce presented him with the 2014 William A. Egan Outstanding Alaskan of the Year Award, an honor named for the Alaska governor who helped him dedicate the National Guard armory in Fairbanks. Mr. Burggraf is a board member of the Friends of the University of Alaska Museum of the North and a former member of the UAF Board of Advisors.

# MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD



## CARY S. KELLER

Dr. Cary Keller has dedicated himself to caring for not only his patients but also his community, efforts that have enormously benefited Alaskans during his decades practicing in Fairbanks.

Dr. Keller, an orthopedic surgeon, is a second-generation doctor who graduated from the University of Chicago medical school in 1978, 21 years after his father did the same. While working as an emergency room resident at the school, he began treating student athletes, an interest he has followed ever since. In 1986, he opened Sportsmedicine Fairbanks, a practice designed to provide a full range of care for athletes. Since then, Dr. Keller has volunteered in numerous significant roles for UAF and the community. He has served as the Alaska Nanooks' team physician since 1990 and was inducted into the Nanooks Hall of Fame. He is a member of the University of Alaska Foundation Board of Directors. He has received UAF's Circle of Giving Award and the School of Management's Business Leader of the Year Award, in addition to numerous other awards from state and local organizations. Nationally, he is a fellow and former trustee of the American College of Sports Medicine.

# MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD



## LUISA MACHUCA

Ms. Luisa Machuca has been a steadfast advocate for education and training to help people in Northwest Alaska, as well as the state's other rural regions, reach self-sufficiency.

Ms. Machuca, an Iñupiaq from Council, Alaska, earned a bachelor's and master's degree in psychology from the University of Alaska Anchorage, completing her education there in 2005. She has worked for Kawerak Inc., the Bering Strait region's nonprofit tribal consortium, for more than a decade and is now vice president of its Education, Employment and Supportive Services Division. Ms. Machuca serves on the Northwestern Alaska Career and Technical Center Advisory Council, the Bering Strait Foundation, and the statewide Alaska Native Coalition for Education and Training. She also participates in the Bering Strait Health Consortium, which advances training and employment in the health care field. Since 2013, she has served as Kawerak's representative on the advisory council of UAF's Northwest Campus in Nome. She also has served on the University of Alaska's statewide Strategic Pathways review team for community campuses.



# MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD



## MARISA SHARRAH

Ms. Marisa Sharrah has applied her energy and talents toward providing excellent advocacy for the University of Alaska Fairbanks and the Fairbanks community.

Ms. Sharrah has been the president and CEO of the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce since 2016. She previously served as the community relations manager for Flint Hills Resources' North Pole refinery. She began work at the refinery shortly after earning a

bachelor's degree in business administration from UAF in 2001. Ms. Sharrah previously served on the board of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Alaska and, as a winter sports enthusiast, she joined the 2014 Arctic Winter Games organizing efforts. In 2019, when the university faced severe budget cuts, Ms. Sharrah helped lead the local "Save Our University" campaign. Ms. Sharrah also serves on the UAF Board of Advisors, where she helps shape UAF's future.



# THE ALASKA FLAG SONG

Music by Elinor Dusenbury

Words by Marie Drake and Carol Beery Davis

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 our Dipper's stars  
for Alaska's flag that there be no bars  
among our cultures. Be it known  
through years our Natives' past has grown  
to share our treasures, hand in hand,  
to keep Alaska our Great Land.  
We love the northern midnight sky,  
our mountains, lakes and the streams nearby;  
Our great North Star with its steady light  
will guide our cultures clear and bright  
with Nature's flag to Alaskans dear,  
The simple flag of a last frontier.

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