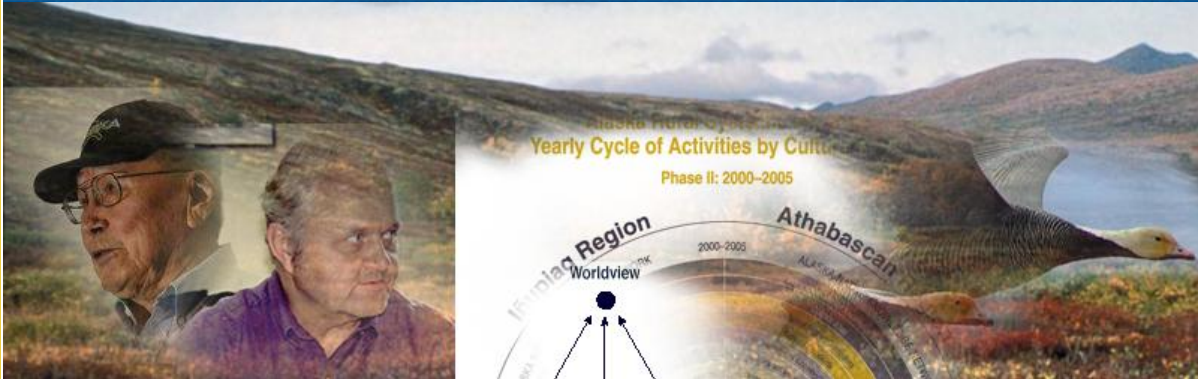




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University of Alaska Fairbanks



CXCS Newsletter Issue December 2017

Greetings!

Happy holidays and a Happy New Year! Welcome to the Center for Cross-Cultural Studies (CXCS) monthly newsletter. As you may know, the CXCS department offers a **PhD in Indigenous Studies** and an **MA in Cross-Cultural Studies** to students that can earn their graduate degree via distance audio-conferencing.

Our faculty and staff are here to help you succeed, please contact our office at (907) 474-1902 or email uaf-cxcs@alaska.edu if you have any questions.



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Student Spotlight!

January Scott, PhD in Indigenous Studies Candidate



January Scott is Tlingit from Kake, Alaska. Born and raised in Kake, Alaska, she attended high school in Juneau, AK and graduated from Juneau Douglas High School. She attended and graduated from Reed College in Portland, Oregon in 2002 with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology. Her interest in working with youth and adolescents led her to pursue and receive her Masters in the Arts of Teaching from the University of Alaska Southeast in 2006.

In previous work positions, she has worked with a wide-cross section of Rural and Alaska Native people and has traveled across rural Alaska due to her work with youth. She has 15 years' experience leading and developing youth programming that is culturally responsive and based on positive youth development that is consistently guided by research of current best practices. During her tenure working in the non-profit realm, January graduated from the Alaska Humanities Forum's Leadership Anchorage program in 2014 and Foraker Group's Catalyst for Nonprofit Leadership program in 2015.

January began her PhD in Indigenous Studies with University of Alaska Fairbanks this Fall of 2017. She was selected to assist in the research project "Indigenizing Salmon Management" which is a new research project with UAF. While her passion is working with youth in the educational realm, equity and access for Alaska Native people is the primary motivation behind the work that she is engaged in and dedicates her efforts towards.

As with education, equity and access are at the heart of the Indigenizing Salmon Management Project. The goal of the Indigenizing Salmon Management project is to use a deeply participatory approach to document the breadth and depth of Indigenous values, knowledge, management and governance systems in its connection to salmon across Alaska and to use this community informed information and knowledge to assess and make recommendations for improving current salmon management processes in Alaska. The project focuses deeply on the inequities in the salmon management system that stem from the historical context of colonialist practices which are currently perpetuated in today's management systems.

Indigenous Studies Alumni Spotlight

Dr. Theresa Arevgaq John PhD Indigenous Studies Alumni Class of 2010



Dr. Theresa Arevgaq John is an Associate Professor in the Department of Cross-Cultural Studies at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. She was raised in a large family in the traditional Yup'ik lifestyle in the village of Toksook Bay in Southwest Alaska. These early life grounded her in Indigenous cultural principles and values and knowledge systems, which has shaped both her personal and academic life. As an advocate for Native education, she is highly involved in various organizations and projects that promote traditional Native culture, history, rituals and ceremonials, spirituality, language and education. Dr. John received her B.S., M.Ed., and Ph.D. from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Her thesis was titled: *Yuraryararput Kangiit-llu: Our Ways of Dance and Their Meanings*. She has authored numerous academic articles and a co-author of a book *Yupiit Yuraryarait: Yup'ik Ways of Dancing* and has presented her work at dozens of local, national, and international professional conferences. Dr. John currently serves on the National Advisory Council on Indian Education and the International Indigenous Women's Forum. She is a former member of the Alaskan State Council Arts and the former Chair of the Traditional Native Arts Panel. She is also the recipient of the Governor's Distinguished Humanities Educator Award and Alaska State Library Award.

National Advisory Council on Indian Education (NACIE)

President Obama appointed me to serve on NACIE in 2011. The National Advisory Council on Indian Education (NACIE) is authorized by section 7141 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), 20 U.S.C. 7471; and governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. II.

The fifteen NACIE members are appointed by the President and serve with the following purpose and functions: To advise the Secretary of Education (Secretary) concerning the funding and administration (including the development of regulations and administrative policies and practices) of any

program, including any program established under Title VII, part A of the ESEA, with respect to which the Secretary has jurisdiction and that includes Indian children or adults as participants or that may benefit Indian children or adults.

White House is planning the next NACIE meeting for January 2018.

We are proud of our alumni!

Stay connect with the Center for Cross-Cultural Studies. Do you have an exciting career or family success story to share? We would love to feature you on our newsletter and highlight your accomplishments.

To share your story, email uaf-cxcs@alaska.edu with a paragraph of your accomplishments, your research, along with a photo.

Chancellor's Holiday Gathering and Lighting of Centennial Square



The Chancellor's Holiday Gathering will take place on the Fairbanks campus Monday, Dec. 4, from 4-6 p.m. in the Wood Center multilevel lounge. Please join us as we celebrate the last big centennial event before the end of the semester by lighting up Centennial Square, in front of Wickersham Hall. The Centennial Overture will be played on the carillon at 4 p.m. The event is open to staff, faculty and students.

Sweet and savory foods will be served, and the Nanook String Quartet will provide music during the event. Staff and faculty are also encouraged to bring nonperishable donations for the Wood Center food pantry. You can watch a short, student-produced video about the food pantry [here](#).

For more information about the Chancellor's Holiday Gathering, email Carla Browning at uaf-events@uaf.edu.

<https://news.uaf.edu/chancellors-holiday-gathering-lighting-centennial-square/>

College of Liberal Arts



2018 Angayuqaq Oscar Kawagley Indigenous Scholars Award

Our nomination application is now live! You may access it by clicking on the link below or going to our website at

<http://www.uaf.edu/cxcs/aok-award/>.

Please submit your nomination by the deadline **February 1, 2018**. The award will be presented during the Alaska Native Studies Conference in Juneau, AK in April 2018. Submit your nomination today!

For questions please contact our office at 907-474-1902 or email

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Indigenous Scholar Award Application**

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INDIGENOUS SCHOLAR AWARD**



Do you know an individual that has given exemplary contributions to articulating the significance of Indigenous Knowledge Systems, Native Ways of Knowing and Worldviews? **Nominate them today!**

The Angayuqaq Oscar Kawagley Award is annual award to recognize an Indigenous scholar who has made a significant contribution to our understanding of Indigenous knowledge systems and Native ways of knowing in Alaska.

Nominations are DUE: February 1, 2018 at 5PM

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Please be sure to indicate that it is for the Johnny & Sarah Frank Scholarship Fund. Here is the link to donate online.

https://www.alaska.edu/foundation/ways_to_give/give-now/

2017 We Are CLA Event

The Center for Cross-Cultural Studies participated in the We Are CLA event that was held at the Ballroom of the Woodcenter. There was a great turn out, thanks to Naomi Horne for coordinating this event.

Graduate Student Administrative Coordinator Crystal Frank and Professor Richard Hum attended most of the event to share information about the Center for Cross-Cultural Studies and the PhD in Indigenous Studies and spoke to prospective students.

Spring 2018 CXCS Course Fliers

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