

# **CXCS Newsletter Issue March 2019**

#### Greetings!

Welcome! Spring is right around the corner. Before you know it, it will be graduation time! Students are knocking out dissertations, graduate forms are flowing in and there's excitement in the air.

As always 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.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram and join our newsletter for updates and events and what's happening.





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# **Student Spotlight!**

# Nate O'Connor, M.A. Cross-Cultural Studies Candidate



Nate O'Connor is a Masters student in the Cross-Cultural Studies program. He was born and raised in Pennsylvania and moved to Alaska in 2008 to attend UAF for his undergraduate studies. While working towards his BA in Philosophy and a minor in Linguistics, he spent a summer in Conamara, County Galway learning *gaeilge* and traditional Irish culture, music, and worldview. This experience in Ireland led to an interest in language revitalization and language shift in Galway was the focus of his undergraduate honors thesis.

Nate's current research interests build on his undergraduate studies and includes language revitalization efforts, particularly on the individual level, family support of language in the home domain, and community development/planning of language revitalization; how language and culture integrate with each other and inform epistemology and worldview; and how immersion school experiences influence students' perception and use of language and culture as well as their health and wellbeing.

Nate's advice for current or incoming graduate students is first – don't panic! Other advice includes realizing that the master's or PhD is just a step in your own learning and growth;

it's okay to not have all the answers. For tips, he highly suggests using reference management software, like Mendeley, EndNote, or Zotero.

## We are proud of our alumni and students!

Stay connected 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.

This is where we would post it: http://www.uaf.edu/cxcs/graduate-profiles/https://www.uaf.edu/cxcs/student-spotlight/

College of Liberal Arts

## **Announcements**



# CHARLENE STERN

# FOR TANANA CHIEFS CONFERENCE VICE PRESIDENT 2019

"I am running for the Vice President of Tanana Chiefs Conference to put my education and experience to work for our region. I strongly believe in the right of tribal communities to determine their own future and I am committed to working hard to advance the vision and interests of Interior tribes."

My name is Charlene *Khaih Zhuu* Stern. I am the daughter of Florence Newman of Arctic Village and Peter Stern of Fairbanks; the granddaughter of the late Rev. James and Maggie Gilbert, and the late Alfred and Barbara Stern. I was born and raised in Fairbanks and Arctic Village and am an enrolled member of the Native Village of Venetie Tribal Government. For the past two years, I have served as the President of Fairbanks Native Association and as a delegate on the Yukon Tanana Subregion. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to work on behalf of the Interior Native community.

#### BACKGROUND / INTERESTS:

10+ years experience working with Tribal governments and non-profit organizations
Professor of rural development

Demonstrated record of board service at local, regional and international levels
Experience planning and facilitating village-based projects

Strong advocate for Tribal sovereignty



Shalak najį (my relatives), it is with a humble heart that I would like to formally announce my candidacy for Vice President of Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC). My interest in this position is to put my education and experience to work for the tribes of the region. I am a proud tribal member of the Native Village of Venetie Tribal Government and have experience working with my tribe as well as other Interior tribes through my role as a delegate on the Yukon Tanana subregion, my previous work with RurAL CAP, and my ongoing involvement within the Yukon Flats. As TCC Vice President, I commit to working tirelessly on behalf of all Interior tribes and to be a strong advocate for the people, the land and the resources upon which our ways of life depend. Mahsi' choo (thank you very much) for the opportunity to share this message and I look forward to visiting with you all at Convention.

Dr. Charlene Stern is a graduate of the PhD in Indigenous Studies program. Good luck Charlene!



The Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) 2019 Annual Convention and Full Board of Directors Meeting has started! Tune in to their livestream. Event dates: March 11-14, 2019

https://www.tananachiefs.org/convention2019/livestre am/?fbclid=lwAR1y76LgwDyfEgSnBneGgS-vRM5wcC-v\_acYdhckrGG3zpKTM37sL23igUI

# REGISTER NOW to present at

# RESEARCH & CREATIVE ACTIVITY DAY APRIL 9, 2019

# POSTER & DISPLAY SESSION

- For all undergraduate students
- Dean's Choice Awards: \$250
- Free tshirt and jump drive for presenters

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#### REGISTRATION

- April 2, 2019 deadline
- Free poster printing

SUBMIT A PDF OF YOUR
POSTER BY APRIL 2 TO BE
ELIGIBLE FOR A DEAN'S
CHOICE AWARD

#### **REGISTRATION & INFO AT**

www.uaf.edu/ursa



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# 2019 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 **extended** deadline April 1, 2019. Submit your nomination

today!

Website: http://www.uaf.edu/cxcs/aok-award/

2019 Angayuqaq Oscar Kawagley Indigenous Scholar Award Application

**Donate \$3 to the Oscar Kawagley Award** 



The goal of this project is to improve college education for Alaska Native students. To achieve this goal, this project gathers Alaska Native students' thoughts on college education and present them to university officials and other audiences.

#### Who can participate?

Any Alaska Native college student aged 18 years old or older is welcomed to participate.

## What will you do?

- Submit your thoughts on college education in any format and in any language via email.
- Take part in a one-hour-long interview and talk about your submission and college experiences.
- Review a summary report about your submission written by the project team.

This summary report will be presented to audiences later, but don't worry, your name will not be shared.

#### What are the benefits to you?

Your voice will contribute to improvement of higher education. If you are an undergraduate student, you will receive a \$15 gift card upon completion!

If you are interested, please scan QRL code or type URL, and get the submission form!

Any questions? Feel free to ask Taiyo Itoh at titoh@alaska.edu.



at titoh@alaska.edu. https://goo.gl/PS6DM6

This project has been approved by UAF Institutional Review Board. The principal Investigator of this project is Dr. Sean Asigluq Topkok. If you have questions about your rights as a participant, talk to the UAF Office of Research Integrity at 474-7800 or uaf-irb@alaska.edu.



SPRING 2019 HOURS

# WOOD CENTER FOOD PANTRY



Located near the games area in the Wood Center

M: 3-5 PM

TU: 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

W: 11 AM - 2 PM

F: 9-11 AM

The Wood Center Food Pantry serves ALL UAF students with a Polar Express Card!

Donations are always accepted at the Wood Center Front Desk!

Call (907) 474-6311 for more information.

# FREE TAX PREPARATION

# **Let GAAP Help You E-File for FREE!**

#### DATES

Saturday, March 2 Saturday, March 23 Saturday, March 30 Saturday, April 6 Saturday, April 13

#### TIME

10:00am-2:00 pm

#### NOTE

We reserve the right not to accept returns after 1:00 p.m. each day, depending on the number of taxpayers waiting

### LOCATION

UAF Campus Bunnell Building 1790 Tanana Loop Room 319

#### WHAT TO BRING

- SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS or copies of cards for you, your spouse, and all dependents
- 2. Government-issued photo identification card
- 3. W-2 Forms (Wage and Tax Statement) from each employer
- All income information
   e.g. Forms 1099-INT, 1099-DIV, SSA-1099 or RRB-1099 and 1099R
- 5. Property tax and mortgage interest statements
- List of your medical expenses, interest, contributions, and miscellaneous expenses (to itemize your deductions)
- 7. Copies of last year's tax return
- Child care payment information and name, address, and SSN/EIN of your child care provider
- 9. Bank routing and account numbers for direct deposit

Questions? Contact:

Courtney Snodgress at cnsnodgress@alaska.edu or Amy Cooper at (907) 474-5745





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# First Alaskans Institute Summer Internship \*\*2019 SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS\*\*

We are excited to announce applications are now being accepted for our 2019 Summer Internship Program to place Alaska Native, American Indian, Indigenous and rural undergraduate and graduate students into organizations around Alaska to provide dynamic leadership development and employment experience. Students must be high school



graduates currently enrolled in a higher education institution, or recent graduates of a higher education institution. It is a paid full-time internship with worksites available throughout Alaska, and it takes place over 10 weeks in the summer.

The application deadline is Friday, March 15, 2019. Apply online at

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2019FAlSummerIntern shipProgr.... Please contact Ella Sassuuk Tonuchuk at 907.677.1700 or ellatonuchuk@firstalaskans.org with any questions.

#IndigenousLeadershipContinuum #FirstAlaskans

Link: application link

# **Indigenous Studies Apparel**

Indigenous Studies t-shirts and hoodies for sale with the Indigenous Studies logo (open for anyone to order). For Indigenous Studies Ph.D. students and faculty, you can order the Indigenous Studies Qaspeq (Kuspuk) from this website: http://kuspuks.com/.

For those graduating this spring, red sashes are available for Alaska Natives who are graduating through the College of Rural and Community Development (CRCD) (please contact them at 907-474-7143). Santa Stitches can embroider the Indigenous Studies Logo on your sash. Please email Professor Sean Topkok at cstopkok@alaska.edu for more details and order form.





# To Order ANKN Books & Materials contact Richard Hum at 907-474-5897

## Alaska Native Knowledge Network

The Alaska Native Knowledge Network (ANKN) is a unique resource maintained through the Center for Cross-Cultural

Studies for our students and the communities they serve.

ANKN is located on the 5th floor of the Gruening Building, room 503F. Please contact Richard Hum at 907-474-5897 or email rehum@alaska.edu for any inquiries on books and posters.

**ANKN Book Order Form** 

**ANKN Website Link** 

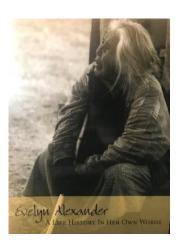


# **ANKN Monthly Book Feature**

# EveyIn Alexander A Life History in her Own Words

In Collaboration with Joshua Weiser

Evelyn Alexander's life story gives us a glimpse into a way of life in Interior Alaska that is gradually fading from memory as those who experienced it first hand pass on. In collaboration with Joshua Weiser, Evelyn describes her experiences growing up in the Minto Flats area and how the demands of day to day living forged a close relationship to the land and to those she shared her life with. Through her words, we are able to gain an appreciation of the immense changes that people of her generation underwent in their lifetime. Young and old together can learn from Evelyn's story.



Please contact the Alaska Native Knowledge Network at 907-474-5897 or email Richard Hum at rehum@alaska.edu.

Order form for ANKN books and Materials: https://form.jotform.com/90216390139151

## SAVE THE DATES

# **INDIGENOUS STUDIES**

# Brown Bag Lunch Series

Join us for informal discussion over lunch!

SPRING 2019

JOIN US IN PERSON: 503F GRUE (ON-CAMPUS) OR BY VIA AUDIO:

DIAL 1-866-245-8984

CONTACT: DR. RICHARD HUM REHUM@ALASKA.EDU (907) 474-5897 Time: Noon - 1PM AK time

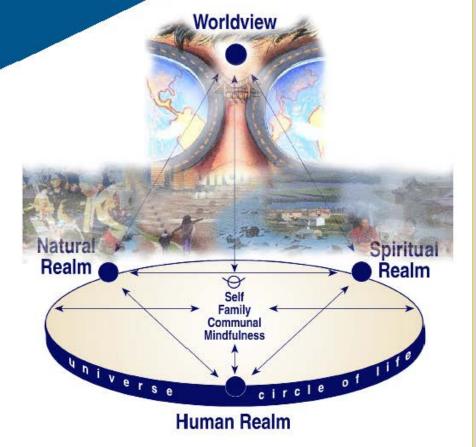
Join via audio, dial 1-866-245-8984

Meeting dates scheduled:

February 20th

March 27th

April 24th







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March 8th- 10th, 2019 | 9-5pm

Baha'i Center | 1207 E 74th Ave, Anchorage, AK

This 3-day gathering is for Alaska Native who want to become change agents, community developers, and leaders. The GOAN is based on several ideas: community healing is necessary substance abuse prevention; healthy traditions in the Alaska Native community are key to effective prevention; the holistic approach to wellness is a traditional part of Alaska Native belief systems; every member is of value in community empowering the community; and the GOAN is a safe place for communities to share, heal, and plan for action.

WHO SHOULD COME?
Elders,
Parents
Education Staff
Tribal Police
Tribal Health Staff
Tribal Council
Tribal Court
Social Services
Youth Task Force
Cultural Programs
Community Members
Anyone interested in the
wellness of our community.

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Contact Information | Sonia Vent smvent@gci.net

## Are you planning on graduating this Spring?

Here are some important deadline reminders for PhD Indigenous Studies students:

Step 1: Graduation applications are due February 15th for Spring graduation.

Step 2: Final dissertation is due to the CXCS Department Chair Mike Koskey on March 10th (once changes are made as requested, the dissertation will be sent back to the

student's committee for review, once the committee is okay with it, you may forward it to Dean Todd Sherman).

Step 3:Final dissertation is due to CLA Dean Sherman March 25th for review (email a Word format electronic copy to tlsherman@alaska.edu and also be sure to cc: Mike Koskey at mskoskey@ alaska.edu and your committee members) - - at the same time please email your Thesis Approval Form to Crystal Frank at cafrank@alaska.edu. She will assist with gathering the signatures.

Note: Once the Dean has reviewed the final dissertation, it will be sent back to the student and committee with suggestions via email. Also be sure to acknowledge the receipt of his email with suggestions.

Step 4: Once changes are made and is also approved by your committee chair, a copy of your final dissertation can be submitted on the UAF Graduate School website for formatting. It is due to the UAF Graduate School April 7th.

Submit here: https://www.uaf.edu/gradsch/current/ready-to-graduate/

Outside examiner needs to be requested two weeks before the oral defense. All other graduate school paperwork is due April 24th

To learn more about the graduation process, please join our Brown Bag Luncheon. See flier below for more information. RSVP to Richard Hum at rehum@alaska.edu

Good luck on the semester everyone! Please contact our office if you have questions.

UAF Graduate School website: http://www.uaf.edu/gradsch/calendar/dates-and-deadlines/

## Important Dates & Deadlines!

- 3/1/19 MA and PhD Indigenous Studies Admission Applications are DUE for CXCS (Fall admission only)
- 3/10/19 Thesis dissertations are due to CXCS Department Chair Michael Koskey for review
- 3/11/19-3/15/19 Spring break (no classes)
- 3/15/19 University holiday (most offices closed for spring break)
- 3/18/19 Fall 2019 course list available at UAOnline
- 3/24/19 Thesis/Dissertation Deadline to the CLA Dean's Office
- 3/29/19 Last day for student and faculty initiated withdrawals (W grade appears on academic transcripts)
- 4/1/19 Begin fall 2019 priority registration (UAF degree students)
- 4/15/19 Begin fall 2019 open registration (all UAF, UAA and UAS students, including non-degree students)
- 4/19/19 Spring Fest (classes are NOT cancelled)
- 4/29/19 Last day of instruction
- 4/30/19-5/4/19 Final examinations
- 5/4/19 Commencement
- 5/8/19 Deadline for faculty to post grades, noon.

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