

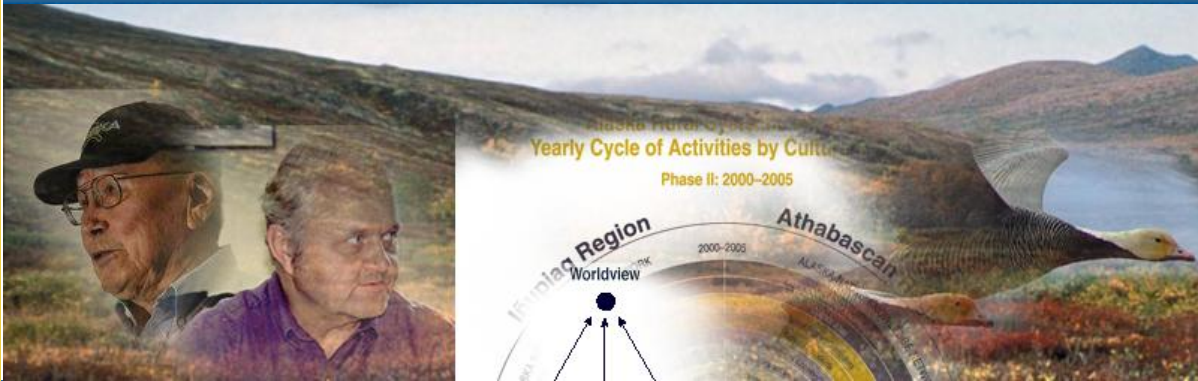
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CENTER FOR CROSS-CULTURAL STUDIES
University of Alaska Fairbanks



CXCS Newsletter Issue November 2018

Greetings!

Welcome! The holidays are almost upon us! Only a few weeks away from the end of the fall semester.

I hope your studies are going well.

As always a reminder to our students that 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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Cross-Cultural Studies Alumni Spotlight!

Amelia Ahnaughuq Katherine Topkok, M.A. Cross-Cultural Studies Alumni, Class of 2018

Amelia (Amy) *Ahnaughuq* Katherine Topkok is an enrolled member of the Iñupiaq group Kikiktagrumiut of Kotzebue. Her parents are from Shishmaref and Noatak, Alaska. Topkok has lived in Fairbanks for over 30 years, and achieved her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Art from UAF focused in Drawing and Native Art in 1997, and recently graduated in May 2018 with her Master of Arts in Cross-Cultural Studies from UAF, with her Master's project entitled, "Alaska Iñupiaq Skin-sewing Designs: A Portal into Cultural Identity." Topkok has worked at the University of Alaska Campus since 1994 in various



administrative positions, and is currently the Biomedical Learning and Student Training program (BLaST) Reporting and Outreach Coordinator. Recently, Topkok is teaching two courses at UAF: Alaska Native Studies Alaska Native Dance; and Aesthetic Appreciation of Alaska Native Performance. Topkok's research focused on identifying Native values and the importance of cultural identity within her family of skin-sewers, most of whom reached several generations.

Amelia has also performed Alaska Native Iñupiaq dance since the early 1990s, and has been an integral member of the non-profit group Pavva Iñupiaq Dancers of Fairbanks with her husband, Dr. Sean Topkok, and their three sons since its creation in 1999. Other volunteer work included being a member of Alaska Native Education program at the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District for over ten years, the Board Diversity Committee for one year under the FNSBSD, and also more recently volunteering through teaching Alaska Native dance at the Residential Treatment Center of Fairbanks. Topkok has been awarded the 2014 Parent of the Year by the National Indian Education Association (NIEA), for her volunteer efforts through the ANE program and the Native dance group. She is fluent in Norwegian, and limited in Iñupiaq language. Topkok believes in supporting all who have an interest in their own culture, understanding their role and responsibilities in their own circles of life.

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.

This is where we would post it: <http://www.uaf.edu/cxcs/graduate-profiles/>

College of Liberal Arts

Announcements

Indigenous Peoples Day

2018 Indigenous Peoples Day was a blast! Thank you to the College of Rural and Community Development for hosting Indigenous Peoples Day events on UAF campus. Our department participated in a vendor table selling ANKN books and talking to prospective students. If you have any questions about our Alaska Native Knowledge Network books and materials please contact Professor Richard Hum at 907-474-5897 or email rehum@alaska.edu.



Left to Right: Graduate Student and Administrative Coordinator Crystal Frank and Professor Richard Hum



Left to Right; Professor Sean Topkok and Professor Richard Hum

2018 Elders and Youth Conference

First time ever the Center for Cross-Cultural Studies participated in Elders and Youth Conference at AFN in Anchorage. Our Graduate Student & Administrative Coordinator Crystal Frank and Professor Theresa John attended the event. We hope to go again next year, it was such a fun and important event. Visitors, leaders and students from all over the state attend this event every year. We were able to talk to elders and youth about our programs and their educational goals. We also sold books and spoke to prospective students about the application process and important deadlines. A big thank you to all those that made this event possible.



Left to Right; Graduate Student and Administrative Coordinator Crystal Frank and Professor Theresa John at the 2018 Elders and Youth Conference in Anchorage



2019 Angayyuqaq 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, 2019**. Submit your nomination today!

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

2019 Angayyuqaq Oscar Kawagley Indigenous Scholar Award Application

Donate \$3 to the Oscar Kawagley Award

Iñupiaq Language Circle

RSS Gathering Room
Mondays 6:45PM-8PM

Do you want to learn Iñupiaq and support others who want to learn Iñupiaq? Come join our language circle! We can come together and create our own learning opportunities. If you have questions or ideas, email edsinnok@alaska.edu or sjkowalski@alaska.edu.

INUPIAQ LANGUAGE CIRCLE

NOV 5TH – DEC 2ND
Mondays 6:45 pm – 8:00 pm



Let's Learn Together!

LOCATED AT THE UAF RURAL STUDENT
SERVICES GATHERING ROOM

Do you want to learn Inupiat and support others who want to learn
Inupiat? Come join our language circle! We can come together and create
our own learning opportunities.
If you have questions or ideas, email adimuk@alaska.edu or
shwakh@alaska.edu



salmon people the future

OPEN SPACE WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, NOV. 13, 2018
8:30 AM - 5:30 PM

WHO/ WHY:

Alaskans who have an interest in the future of salmon in our state. The more diverse the perspectives, the better.

WHAT:

Participants working together set the agenda, identify the topics and host discussions related to the future of salmon in Alaska.

EVENT DETAILS - REGISTRATION:

Space is limited and registration is required. For event location and to register, visit Facebook/Calling All Alaska Salmon Stewards! The deadline to register is Nov. 9. Lunch is included with free registration.

WHAT TO BRING:

Bring your knowledge, skills, and passion for all things salmon!

Open Space Workshop

Tue, 13 November 2018
8:30 AM – 5:30 PM AKST

Please contact Sarah Warnock at sarah@nautilusii.com for any questions.

[CLICK here to REGISTER](#)

Join a Club!

Here is a list of a few clubs on the UAF campus. Thank you to the Rural Student Services Newsletter for providing this information.

Aarigaa

Aarigaa is a group for students to come together to learn about God, worship, and spend time with one another.

Aarigaa Fairbanks Director: Tricia Ivanoff (907) 625-1622

Alaska Native Education Student Association (ANESA)

ANESA is a student organization for students interested in becoming elementary or high school teachers. All students are welcome to join whether or not they are majoring or interested in this area.

Staff Advisor: Colleen Angaiak (907) 474-7871

American Indian Sciences & Engineering Society (AISES)

AISES is a student organization for students majoring or interested in the natural sciences, computer science, engineering, wildlife, mathematics, health fields, as well as students who intend to be math and/or science teachers.

Staff Advisor: Olga Skinner (907) 474-7871

Alaska Native Social Workers Association (ANSWA)

ANSWA is a student organization for students majoring or interested in social work, sociology, psychology, human service technology.

Staff Advisor: Gabrielle Russell (907) 474-7871

Faculty Advisor: LaVerne Demientieff (Social Work Department)

Beading and Sewing Club

This is a club where students can come together to bead and sew. Everyone is welcome! If you do not know how there will be someone there who can help you out!

Staff Advisor: Kathleen Meckel (907) 474-6842

Festival of Native Arts

The Alaska Native Studies Department hosts the annual Festival of Native Arts in March. Volunteers are needed to assist the student-operated organization. Your energy and ideas will contribute to this successful event.

Contact Alaska Native Studies Dept, (907) 474-6889 or (907) 474-6528

Iñu-Yupiaq

The Iñu-Yupiaq Dance Group is a student dance club that performs many Inupiaq and Yup'ik songs and dances. Everyone is invited to participate.

Staff Advisor: Minnie Naylor (907) 474-6616

Native American Business Leaders (NABL)

NABL is a student organization for students majoring or interested in accounting, applied accounting, applied business, business administration, economics, or rural development.

Faculty Advisor: Sam Alexander (907) 474-5571

Native Games

This is a group of students that get together to play Native games.

Staff Advisor: Gabrielle Russell (907) 474-7871

Native Student Union of UAF

Group of students with intentions and ideas for a positive change in politics. Everyone is invited to attend the meetings.

Faculty Advisor: Charlene Stern (907) 474-5293

Troth Yeddha' Dance Group

The Troth Yeddha' Dance Group is a student dance club that provides a positive space to learn traditional Athabascan songs and dances.

Student Coordinator: Rachael Teter rdteter@alaska.edu

Staff Advisor: Gabrielle Russell (907) 474-7871

SAVE THE DATES

Important Dates & Deadlines!

- **11/1/18** - Brown Bag Lunch: The Tools of Research
 - **11/2/18** - Last day for student and faculty-initiated withdrawals (W grade appears on academic transcripts)
 - **11/12/18** - Begin spring 2019 priority registration (UAF degree students)
 - **11/21/18-11/25/18** - Thanksgiving holiday (no classes, most offices closed)
 - **11/26/18** - Begin spring 2019 open registration (all UAF, UAA and UAS students, including non-degree students)
 - **12/6/18** - Brown Bag Lunch: Dance with Dr. Theresa Arevgaq John
 - **12/8/18** - Last day of instruction
 - **12/10/18-12/15/18** - Final examinations
 - **12/16/18** - Residence halls close, noon
 - **12/19/18** - Deadline for faculty to post grades, noon
 - **12/22/18-1/1/18** - Winter holiday (no classes, most offices closed; reopen Wednesday, Jan. 2nd at 8am)
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INDIGENOUS STUDIES

Brown Bag Lunch Series

Join us for informal discussions over lunch!

FALL SEMESTER 2018

JOIN US IN PERSON:
503F GRUE, UAF
OR
BY AUDIO AT:
1-866-245-8984

FOR MORE INFO:
DR. RICHARD HUM
REHUM@ALASKA.EDU

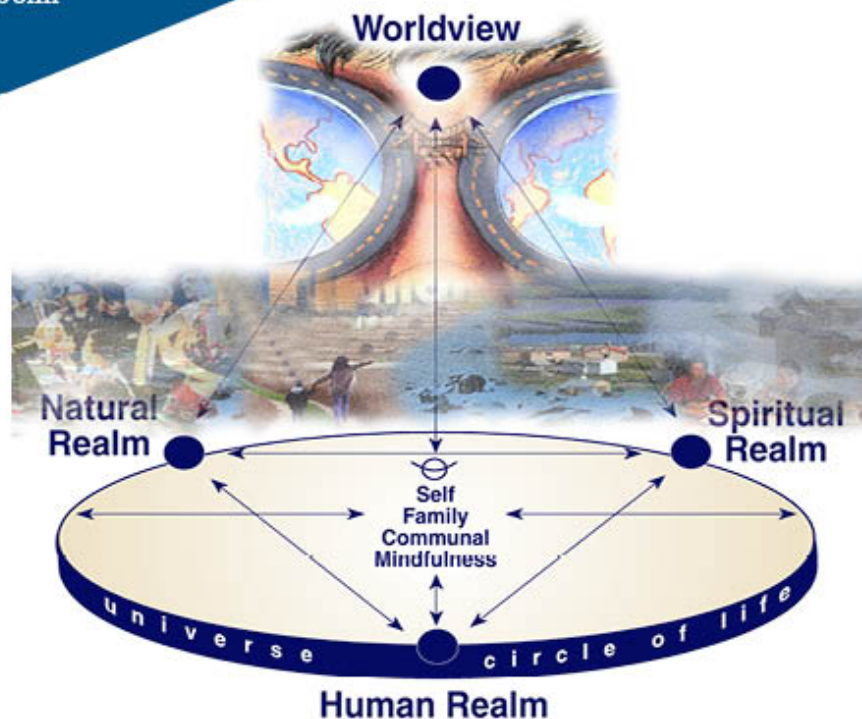
1st Thursday of every month 12- 1pm AK time

Oct. 4... Indigenous Scholarship with Dr. Alberta Jones

Nov. 1... The tools of research

Dec. 6... Dance with Dr. Theresa

Arevgaq
John



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Next Brown Bag Lunch

Join us for the next Brown Bag Lunch Thursday Nov. 8th, 12-1:00 pm Alaska time. We'll broadly be discussing the "tools of research" with a focus on how to stay organized and keep track of all they are learning you are doing while a graduate student-- from class work all the way through to dissertation writing.

Join us in person at Grue. 503F, or call in via 1 (866) 245-8984.

If you have any questions email Rich Hum at rehum@alaska.edu.

Cultural Programs

Gwich'in Athabascan Fiddle Dance



November 14th-17th, 2018 • 6:30pm - 1:00am
Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center
\$15 Adults/\$10 Kids 10 and Under

**TWO STEP • DOUBLE JIG • DUCK DANCE • SQUARE DANCE •
RABBIT DANCE • HANDKERCHIEF DANCE • NEETS'EE TLYAA**

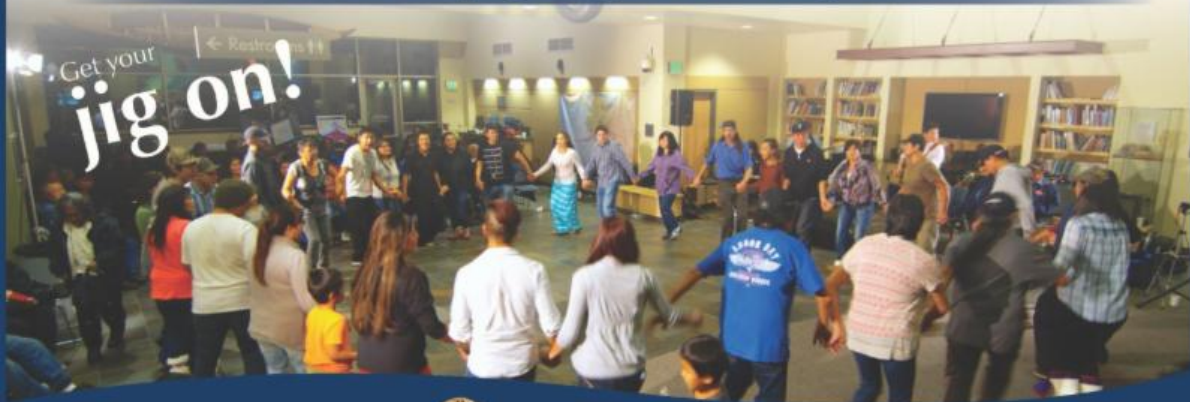
Dance lessons from 7-8 pm each night for those interested in learning the dances.

Musicians include: Bill Stevens, Trimble Gilbert, Willie Fields, Brennan Firth, Bobby Gilbert, Wilbert Kendi, Kelly May, Scott Fabien, Pete Peter, the Young Native Fiddlers and more!

Contact TCC Cultural Programs

907-459-3741

cultural.programs@tananachiefs.org



Tanana
Chiefs
Conference





UAF College of Liberal Arts

OPEN HOUSE

Friday, November 16 3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Wood Center Ballroom

IT'S FOR YOU!

Everyone is welcome to come investigate
CLA degree and career options!

WIN A SCHOLARSHIP!

5 scholarships worth \$500 each will
be awarded to event participants*

WWW.UAF.EDU/CLA

*Scholarship winners will be announced live during the event. Must be present to win. Scholarships will be posted as a credit to the winning student's UAF accounts during the semester the award is in effect. Must meet UAF Fairbanks A&S minimum academic standards.

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- WOMEN, GENDER & SEXUALITY STUDIES •

Sexual Assault Prevention Training

Required Students

- All degree seeking students.
- National and International exchange students.
- All students living on campus

COMPLETE BY

NOVEMBER 2, 2018

If the training is not completed by the required date a priority registration hold will be placed on the student account.

The training can be found on UAOnline under student trainings.



For more information contact the Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities at 907-474-7317.

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**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 Website Link](#)

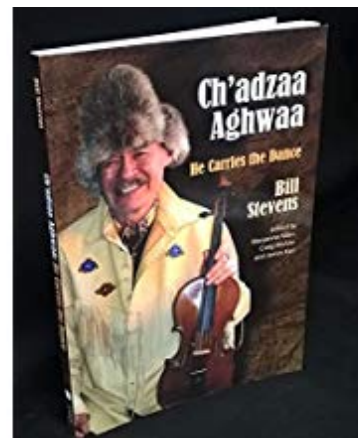


ANKN Monthly Book Feature

Ch'adzaa Aghwaa He Carries the Dance Bill Stevens

edited by Maryanne Allan, Craig Mishler and James Kari

Bill Stevens, who has the Gwich'in nickname Ch'adzah Aghwaa "He Carries the Dance," is one of Alaska's premier folk dance fiddlers. Moreover, he is a fine human being and an old-fashioned gentleman. True to his Fort Yukon and Black River roots. True to himself. And greatly respected. His music is very old and echoes all along the Yukon River, where it has tremendous staying power. With Bill's energetic leadership, Gwich'in fiddling will continue to figure prominently in Alaska's and America's cultural heritage during the 21st century. This unusual book is part autobiography, part biography, part documentary and combines numerous heartfelt tributes from his many friends and fellow musicians.



To order a copy, please contact the Alaska Native Knowledge Network at 907-474-5897 or email Richard Hum at rehum@alaska.edu.

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