

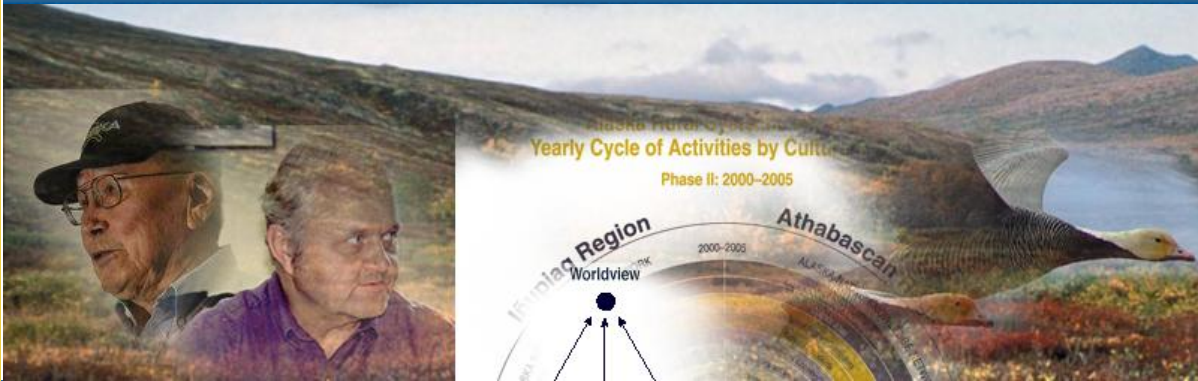
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**CENTER FOR CROSS-CULTURAL STUDIES**  
University of Alaska Fairbanks



## CXCS Newsletter Issue October 2017

Greetings!

Welcome to the Center for Cross-Cultural Studies (CXCS) monthly newsletter. As you may know, the CXCS department offers graduate programs to students that can earn a Master's or PhD degree via audio conferencing. Our faculty and staff are here to help you succeed, please contact our office at (907) 474-1902 if you have any questions.



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## Student Spotlight



### **Marjorie Kunaq Tahbone, current student in the M.A. Cross-Cultural Studies program**

Marjorie Kunaq Tahbone grew up in Nome, Alaska and is both Iñupiaq and Kiowa. While growing up she learned how to pick and gather food from the land. Her mother taught her the proper ways to take care of seal and fish to prepare for winter storage. This upbringing guided her to pursue an undergraduate in Alaska Native Studies and a minor in Iñupiaq language. She graduated with her bachelor's degree in 2012. Kunaq is currently working on her master's degree in Cross Cultural Studies. Her emphasis has been on reviving traditional Iñupiaq tattooing and reclamation of our ceremonies. Kunaq has been actively working as an Inuit tattooist in Alaska. She hopes to use her experiences and stories to share with the future generations. Her anticipated graduation date is December 2018.



## **Indigenous Studies Alumni**



**Richard Hum, P.h.D. Indigenous Studies, alumni 2017**

Rich has a diverse educational and professional background. He is from California, lived all over the Western United States, and has called both rural and urban Alaska his home for the past twenty years. He holds an M.A. in Networked Communication, a B.S. in Earth Science, and an interdisciplinary P.h.D focused on cross-cultural communication around environmental change issues. Professionally he has extensive experience in online education- specifically in development and delivery of mixed face-to-face and at-distance content. His research reflects this diverse background and utilizes mixed qualitative and quantitative methodologies to explore social ecological, or environmental, systems.

By attempting to more fully understand the processes of cross-cultural communication and institutional, or organizational, reform, Richard's work advocates for greater Urban-Rural communication in times of rapid environmental change. More generally, his research is focused on understanding spatially grounded communication networks in order to maintain cultural diversity while increasing connectivity and improving community well-being and self-reliance during times of rapid social-ecological change. In whimsical terms, he is interested in anything to do with how people interact and communicate with the environments they inhabit.

Check out this [VoiceThread](#) introduction to his work.

Courses Taught for Cross-Cultural Studies:

CCS 690: International Seminar in Indigenous Education

CCS 693: Talking in Circles-- cross cultural communication in the age of social media (an Introductory [VoiceThread](#) )

CCS 693: Network Weaving: Moving research to practice for community wellbeing

CCS 492: Comparative Food Systems

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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](mailto:uaf-cxcs@alaska.edu) with a paragraph of your accomplishments, your research, along with a photo.

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The University of Alaska Fairbanks is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. UAF is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer and educational institution. UAF joined the Harvard Affirmative Action Act of 2017. Students Alyssa Wells left and Marjorie Tallroth at UAF's Northwest Campus in Homer.

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**Alaska Native Knowledge  
Network is re-introducing our  
monthly brown bag luncheon  
series.**

Save the date:  
**10/18/2017 (12:00-1:00pm)**

*Join us in person or through audio conference.*

In-person: Gruening 503F

Audio: +1 866-245-8984 (no pin)

Each lunch will be an open discussion themed around key phases in a graduate student's life. This is an opportunity to ask questions, share experiences, challenges, and solutions to the many obstacles that conducting academic research can present in a person's life. Maybe more importantly, however, it's an opportunity to get to know (in a non-class setting) your peers and their work and passions. Center for Cross Cultural Studies faculty will be on hand, as well, and a variety of guest speakers will be invited in each month to lead us through special topics based on our collective research needs/interests.



For more information or to suggest possible guest speakers please e-mail Rich Hum at: [rehum@alaska.edu](mailto:rehum@alaska.edu) or via phone 907-474-5897

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## Resilience and Adaptation Program Presentation

With the semester off and rolling, many departments around the university have begun their monthly seminar series. The Resilience and Adaption Program is an interdisciplinary effort on campus to foster improved cross-discipline social and natural science collaborations to address complex social and environmental problems. Much of their research activities involve issues that hinge on how local communities adapt to environmental change. They have a strong focus on the natural sciences, but there is also recognition of the problems scientists often have in working with rural communities--especially in rural Alaska. As a result, they reached out to our department and Rich Hum spent an afternoon discussing culturally responsive learning with an engaged and highly motivated group of their students.

Check out his presentation on [Google Slides via this link](#). Share your thoughts with him via email at [rehum@alaska.edu](mailto:rehum@alaska.edu).

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## Educators Night

The night of September 20th was a night for local Fairbanks teachers to relax, enjoy some good food and explore a range of educational resources available on the campus of the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Alaska Native Knowledge Network was there to share our many culturally responsive curriculum and guides. The night was filled with amazing conversations and many new connection

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA  
**MUSEUM OF THE NORTH**  
**EDUCATORS' NIGHT**

September 20, 2017  
4 - 6:30 PM

FREE Admission – pre-registration required

You are invited to an evening of discovery  
and networking at the museum.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING OUR YOUTH!



**EXPLORE THE MUSEUM**

Visit galleries and see the special exhibit  
*Polar Passion.*



Examine kits and objects.  
Plan a field trip.



**DISCOVER OPPORTUNITIES**

Learn about other UAF outreach activities.



**RECHARGE**

Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and refreshments.  
Win door prizes.

REGISTRATION

RSVP online by September 11.

[www.uaf.edu/museum/education](http://www.uaf.edu/museum/education)

Teachers and administrators invited.

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into the local school system were made. A main topic of discussion was how educators are adapting and modifying our guides to today's new technology rich classrooms. Future projects and collaborations were envisioned to extend the night's conversations and the seed of an idea was sprouted to develop a MOOC-like professional development portal on the ANKN webpage... more to come soon! If you are interested in getting involved with ANKN, please email Rich Hum at [ehum@alaska.edu](mailto:ehum@alaska.edu).



**A students-only FREEcycling event**

**Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017 • Hess Rec Center • 10 - 11 a.m.**

Info: Summer Session & Lifelong Learning, 474-7021 or [www.uaf.edu/summer](http://www.uaf.edu/summer)

**DONORS:**

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**Saturday, Oct. 7, 8:30-10 a.m.**  
Hess Rec Center



# Tribal Governance Symposium

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### 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!

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

**2018 Angayuqaq Oscar Kawagley  
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**To Order ANKN Books & Materials contact  
Rich 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](mailto:rehum@alaska.edu) for any inquiries on books and posters.

**ANKN Website Link**



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