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 here today who have continued this tradition of collaboration and learning. Commencement is a special time for graduates and their families and friends who come to 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.

On May 3, 1917, Alaska Territorial Gov. John Strong signed the bill accepting a land grant from the U.S. government for the creation of a college in Fairbanks. In 2015, we celebrate 98 years of progress in higher education in Alaska.

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 93rd commencement ceremony, more than 500 students will cross the stage to receive a certificate or degree, and overall more than 1,000 graduates will be recognized for their success. Other UAF campuses and learning centers in Bethel, Dillingham, Kotzebue, Nome and Tok will honor their graduates with separate commencement activities.

We honor you, the Class of 2015, for your achievement today.
Congratulations!

**UA President Patrick K. Gamble**

Dear Graduate,

Completing your course of study and learning at the University of Alaska Fairbanks is a significant life achievement and an important personal milestone. First, enjoy this day … you’ve earned the celebration. But graduating in higher education is also all about new beginnings. How do you plan to use your education? My wish for you is that you always continue to question and then learn from the answers, grow intellectually, and remember to contribute regularly to your community. Be it here in Alaska or wherever the future might take you, earning your degree from UAF has prepared you well to take on the next chapter in your life. Congratulations and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Patrick Gamble, President
University of Alaska

**UAF Chancellor Brian Rogers**

Dear Graduate,

The diploma you receive today represents countless long hours of hard work. You now have something to show for that dedication — proof that you have knowledge and skill, and also that you have the perseverance to see something through. I hope today’s commencement — your new beginning — is just the start of a future filled with natural curiosity and confident determination.

I look forward to seeing what you accomplish in the future. I know your success will inspire others, and I know you will continue to make UAF proud.

Brian Rogers, Chancellor
University of Alaska Fairbanks
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Commencement Exercises: May 10, 2015

Norm Davis, Class of 1984, will read graduates’ names as they cross the stage

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Rhonda Widener, *Class of 2001*

Kaylee Miltersen, *UAF music major*

**Ensemble 64.8 (UAF Percussion Group)**
Director: Morris Palter

Audience members are kindly requested to remain in their seats until the graduates have completed the recessional. Those seated on the second and third levels may exit the building through the second-floor doors.

Please join us in the Arthur Buswell Pioneer Room immediately following the ceremony for a reception sponsored by the UAF Alumni Association.

Eli Ward, *College of Engineering and Mines* .... orange and black chevron
Alyssa Quintyne, *College of Liberal Arts* ... *fuchsia and white*
Adam Paskvan, *College of Natural Science and Mathematics* ........ golden yellow
Heather Hopson, *College of Rural and Community Development* .... *light gray and red*
Daniel Nero, *School of Education* ........ *light blue and blue*
Stephanie Berkman, *School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences* ....... *blue and golden yellow*
Julita Tomasic, *School of Management* ...... *drab and copper*
Trisha Levasseur, *School of Natural Resources and Extension* ........ *maize and forest green*

There are a limited number of personal hearing devices; go to any information table to obtain one.

Photos of individual graduates will be available through Grad Images, www.gradimages.com, 800-261-2576.

Exits are located on both levels of the building. Please take a moment to locate the two exits nearest your seat. In the event of an emergency, information and directions will be announced. Please remain calm and follow all given instructions. In compliance with the Fairbanks fire marshal’s office, the aisles, walkways and doorways must remain clear at all times.
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.S. .............. Bachelor of Arts and Sciences
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.T. ................. Bachelor of Technology
Cert. ................ Certificate
Gr. Cert. ............ Graduate Certificate
M.A. ................. Master of Arts
M.A.T. .............. Master of Arts in Teaching
M.B.A. ............... Master of Business Administration
M.C.E. .............. Master of Civil Engineering
M.Ed. ............... Master of Education
M.E.E. .............. Master of Electrical Engineering
M.F.A. .............. Master of Fine Arts
M.M. ................. Master of Music Performance
M.N.R.M.G. ....... Master of Natural Resources Management and Geography
M.S. ................ Master of Science
Ph.D. ............... Doctor of Philosophy

Students in the College of Rural and Community Development have their home campuses indicated beside their names. For the most part, degree candidates outside the Fairbanks area will participate in graduation ceremonies at their home campuses.

* Denotes summer degree recipient
** Denotes December degree recipient

Red sashes signify Alaska Native and Native American graduates. Blue sashes signify Community and Technical College students. Red, white and blue honor cords pay tribute to active-duty service members and veterans of the United States Armed Forces. Tau Beta Pi engineering honor society graduates wear a white stole with an orange logo, or an orange and white cord. Student-athletes are wearing a blue sash with the Alaska Nanooks logo. International students may be wearing a sash recognizing their home country.

Confirmation of degrees and honors for the May 2015 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 1, 2015. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of graduates’ names, degrees and other information. We sincerely regret any errors and omissions.

Carillon

David A. Stech, Professor of Music, Emeritus, provided the carillon music for the commencement events.
Honors Recognition

Graduation with Honors
Associate and baccalaureate degree students who graduated with honors in August and December and candidates for graduation 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 Program
The Honors Program graduation designation requires exceptional aptitude, academic performance and achievement in a challenging course of study. Honors students 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.

Student Ambassador Recognition and Honors
Students involved in the Student Ambassador Program have demonstrated outstanding campus leadership and have supported the growth of the university through outreach and community service. Ambassadors with 50 or more service hours graduate with Student Ambassador Honors. Students receiving honors recognition wear a blue and gold honor cord.
The Class of 2015

Doctor of Philosophy Degrees

College of Engineering and Mines

Dr. Douglas J. Goering, Dean

Katrina Eleanor Bennett **

Ph.D. Hydrology: Interdisciplinary Program
M.S., University of Victoria, 2006; B.S., University of Victoria, 2000.

Thesis: Changes in Extreme Hydroclimate Events in Interior Alaska Boreal Forest Watersheds

Extreme hydroclimate events in the boreal forest of Interior Alaska have changed in the past and are projected to change in the future. Statistical modeling tools indicate shifting hydrologic regimes from snowmelt toward rainfall-dominated systems. These changes will increase risk to society and the boreal forest environment.

Major Professor: Dr. Larry Hinzman

Charles Edward Jones Jr. **

Ph.D. Hydrology: Interdisciplinary Program
M.S., Northern Arizona University, 2003; B.S., Northern Arizona University, 1998; A.S., Sauk Valley Community College, 1993.

Thesis: The Integrated Hydrologic and Societal Impacts of a Warming Climate in Interior Alaska

Hydrological changes in Alaska associated with climate were examined using interdisciplinary methods. Local knowledge and field measurements informed modeling and remote sensing studies, which showed that summer flooding and winter ice conditions are becoming less predictable. These environmental changes are likely to further challenge the adaptive capacity of northern peoples.

Major Professors: Dr. Knut Kielland and Dr. Larry Hinzman
Lin Li  
**Ph.D. Engineering: Civil Engineering**  
M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2010; B.E., Chang’an University, 2004.  
**Thesis: Evaluate Unsaturated Soil Behavior Using Constant Water Content Triaxial Tests**  
A new triaxial test system was developed to investigate unsaturated soil behaviors through constant water content triaxial tests. In this system, a new type of high-suction tensiometer and a photogrammetry-based method were developed to monitor unsaturated soil suction and volume changes during undrained testing.  
Major Professor: Dr. Xiong Zhang

Vaibhav Kumar Raj  
**Ph.D. Engineering: Mining Engineering**  
**Thesis: Three Dimensional Computational Fluid Dynamics Models of Pollutant Transport in a Deep Open Pit Mine under Arctic Air Inversion and Mitigation Measures**  
Management of air pollution in deep open pit mines in the Arctic can be challenging in winters due to air inversions. Three dimensional CFD models were developed to study the stable boundary layers of an Arctic open pit mine. Mitigation models show that the pit can be cleared of the pollutants using cloud cover.  
Major Professor: Dr. Sukumar Bandopadhyay

Ravikanth Samba Siva Vajjha **  
**Ph.D. Engineering: Mechanical Engineering**  
M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2008; B.E., Osmania University, 2006.  
**Thesis: Experimental and Computational Studies of Nanofluids**  
This dissertation covered experimental study on the fluid dynamic and heat transfer performance of nanofluids and theoretical study on the influence of temperature and particle volumetric concentration on thermophysical properties and pumping power. It further explored experimentally the rheological properties of nanofluids and investigated computationally the performance in automotive radiators.  
Major Professor: Dr. Debendra Das

* Summer degree recipient  
** December degree recipient
Daniel Barton Curns **  
**Ph.D.** Clinical-Community Psychology  
**Thesis:** A Validity Study of the Reasons for Life Scale with Emerging Adult College Students  
This study examined the validity of the Reasons for Life Scale (RFLS), an assessment of suicide risk that does not mention suicide, with emerging adult college students. The RFLS showed significant relationships with other suicide assessments. The RFLS may be useful in contexts where directly discussing suicide is not appropriate.  
**Major Professor:** Dr. Vivian Gonzalez

David Luke DeHass **  
**Ph.D.** Rural Technology Management: Interdisciplinary Program  
**Thesis:** Honda Country — Relocalization through Technology in Nanwalek, Alaska  
The decline of Kodiak Alutiiq oral traditions and a limited awareness or understanding of archived stories has kept them from being used in schools. This study catalogs an anthology of Alutiiq literature and provides a historical and values-based analysis of the educational significance of stories as tools for well-being.  
**Major Professors:** Dr. Michael Koskey and Dr. Anthony Nakazawa

Michael Wayne Kenyhercz **  
**Ph.D.** Anthropology  
M.S., Mercyhurst College, 2010; B.A., Ohio State University, 2008.  
**Thesis:** Molar Size and Shape in the Estimation of Biological Affinity: A Comparison of Relative Cusp Locations Using Geometric Morphometrics and Interlandmark Distances  
Biological affinity of the four major ancestries in the U.S. was compared to one another and to parental populations using geometric morphometrics and interlandmark distances. Each of the modern groups was significantly different from their respective parental groups and also from one another, which can be used in forensic applications.  
**Major Professor:** Dr. Joel Irish
Jacqueline Marie Rahm **

Ph.D. Indigenous Studies


Thesis: Deconstructing the Western Worldview: Toward the Repatriation and Indigenization of Wellness

Through indigenous frameworks and methodologies, this research explores fundamental similarities between pre-Socratic and indigenous epistemologies. It examines historical forces that since shaped Western thought as it diverged and has impacted American indigenous peoples. It suggests the critical need for shifting the dominant paradigm toward an original congruity with indigenous worldviews.

Major Professor: Dr. Michael Koskey

College of Natural Science and Mathematics

Dr. Paul W. Layer, Dean

Benjamin Walter Abbott **

Ph.D. Biological Sciences

B.S., Utah State University, 2009.

Thesis: Permafrost in a Warmer World: Net Ecosystem Carbon Imbalance

This study investigated the effects of climate change on ecosystem carbon balance in the permafrost region. Permafrost thaw caused substantial hydrologic and gaseous carbon loss. However, results suggest that three-quarters of permafrost carbon release could be avoided if human greenhouse gas emissions are actively reduced before the end of the century.

Major Professor: Dr. Jeremy Jones Jr.

Andrew Wentworth Balser

Ph.D. Biological Sciences


Active layer detachment slides and retrogressive thaw slumps are important modes of permafrost degradation, affecting ecosystem structure and permafrost carbon release. In the Brooks Range and foothills of northern Alaska, up to 57 percent of terrain may be suitable for these features, and timing of weather influences their occurrence.

Major Professor: Dr. Jeremy Jones Jr.
Andrew P. Baltensperger

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

M.S., Colorado State University, 2009; B.S., University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, 2008.

**Thesis: Detecting the Effects of Environmental Change on Alaska’s Small Mammal Fauna Using Machine-Learning-Based Geographic and Isotopic Niche Modeling**

Stable isotopes, locational records, and machine-learning methods were used to model niches of 17 species of small mammals across Alaska. Dietary niches were segregated among co-occurring species, and geographic models predicted northward, inland, and upward shifts in decreasing species distributions over the coming century as a result of climate change.

Major Professor: Dr. Falk Huettmann

Tapas Bhattacharya *

**Ph.D. Physics**


**Thesis: Role of Ionospheric Conductance in Magnetosphere-Ionosphere Coupling**

This research presents numerical simulations of the magnetospheric and the ionospheric influences on the evolution and modification of field-aligned currents (FACs) and parallel electric fields in an attempt to better understand the information of discrete auroral arcs in response to the evolution of FACs for predetermined ionospheric conductance patterns.

Major Professor: Dr. Antonius Otto

Matthew A. Campbell *

**Ph.D. Biological Sciences**

M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2011; B.A., Willamette University, 2006.

**Thesis: Polyploidy, Base Composition Bias, and Incomplete Lineage Sorting in Fish Phylogenetics**

Understanding evolutionary relationships between organisms is of fundamental importance in biology. Evolutionary relationships are often depicted by constructing trees based on molecular data — molecular phylogenetics. The complexity of biological data challenges phylogeneticists. This study examined three empirical datasets of fishes while addressing three possible issues in phylogenetic inference.

Major Professors: Dr. J. Andres Lopez and Dr. Naoki Takebayashi

Katie Sarah Christie **

**Ph.D. Biological Sciences**

M.S., University of Victoria, 2005; B.S., University of Victoria, 2000.

**Thesis: Trophic Dynamics in a Changing Arctic: Interactions between Ptarmigan and Willows in Northern Alaska**

This study quantified the distribution and migration of ptarmigan in northern Alaska, and documented how they regulate their food source to their own benefit. In addition, a synthesis of new and existing information from Arctic ecosystems explored the degree to which herbivores inhibit the expansion of different woody shrub species.

Major Professors: Dr. Roger Ruess and Dr. Mark Lindberg
Christoff Gregory Furin *

Ph.D.  Biological Sciences
M.S., University of Alaska Anchorage, 2006; B.S., Western Washington University, 2000.
Thesis: Perchlorate Toxicity in Fish: Trophic Transfer, Developmental Windows, and Histological Biomarkers
Chemical, histological, morphological, and reproductive endpoints were used to study the bioaccumulation of and toxicodynamics and morphological changes caused by perchlorate exposure to threespine stickleback (*Gasterosteus aculeatus*) and northern pike (*Esox lucius*), particularly during early development, in order to understand when this endocrine disruptor has its greatest effects on fish.

Major Professors: Dr. Todd O’Hara and Dr. Frank von Hippel

Cristina M. Hansen

Ph.D.  Biological Sciences
B.S., University of Illinois at Urbana, 2003.
Thesis: Novel Methods of Disease Surveillance in Wildlife
Disease agents in wildlife impact human health, and accurate research, monitoring, and diagnostic methods are necessary. Methods for bacterial disease agent and mercury surveillance were developed using wildlife tissue samples, and an investigation of avian embryo mortality was conducted using one of these methods.

Major Professor: Dr. Karsten Hueffer

Susmita Hazra

Ph.D.  Space Physics and Remote Sensing: Interdisciplinary Program
M.S., Gauhati University, 2005; B.S., Gauhati University, 2002.
Thesis: Variation of Electron and Ion Density Distribution Along Earth’s Magnetic Field Line Deduced from Whistler Mode (Wm) Sounding of Image/RPI Satellite Below Altitude 5000 Km
This research effort provides a methodology to dynamically generate context-appropriate honeynets. The honeynet conforms to the target environment using passive or increasing degrees of active scanning. The gathered information aids the administrator in creating a network topology and understanding the flux of devices in the network.

Major Professor: Dr. Martin Truffer

Rebecca Eliza Hewitt *

Ph.D.  Biological Sciences
Thesis: Fire-Severity Effects on Plant-Fungal Interactions: Implications for Alaskan Treeline Dynamics in a Warming Climate
Major sources of uncertainty in predicting treeline advance are the controls over treeline seedling establishment with climate warming and associated wildfire activity. This study found that, at treeline and in tundra, wildfire severity influenced symbiotic fungal communities, and persistence of critical mycobionts after wildfire facilitated treeline seedling establishment.

Major Professors: Dr. Teresa Hollingsworth and Dr. F. Stuart “Terry” Chapin III

* Summer degree recipient
** December degree recipient
Min Shiu Hsieh *

**Ph.D.** *Space Physics*
M.S., National Central University, 2008; B.S., National Central University, 2006.

**Thesis: A New Model for the Substorm Growth Phase**

The physics of substorm growth phase is still not well understood. A new three-dimensional mesoscale magnetic flux depletion (MFD) model is used to result in a thin current sheet and equatorward motion of strong field-aligned currents during the growth phase. Adiabatic lobe compression in combination with MFD results in a double-current sheet evolution.

**Major Professor: Dr. Antonius Otto**

Kim Anke Jochum *

**Ph.D.** *Biological Sciences*
B.S., University of Hannover, 2008.


This study explores resilience in coupled human-wildlife systems of south Sakhalin Island, Russia, and Southcentral Alaska. Findings reveal spatially explicit social and ecological factors contributing to perceptions of positive and negative human-bear encounters, while impacts vary within urban and nonurban areas. Findings promote the integration of human dimensions in wildlife management.

**Major Professors: Dr. Lilian Alessa and Dr. Kris Hundertmark**

Takeshi Kammae **

**Ph.D.** *Physics*

**Thesis: Spectroscopic Study of Sprites**

Sprites are large electric discharges in the mesosphere. Their possible consequences to the environment have been proposed, but the characteristics of sprites have to be better understood. A series of spectroscopic observations confirmed that they are similar to a type of electric discharges, called streamer discharges, observed in laboratory experiments.

**Major Professor: Dr. Hans Nielsen**

James Long

**Ph.D.** *Computational Genomics: Interdisciplinary Program*
M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2000; B.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 1997.

**Thesis: A Sensitivity Analysis of a Biological Module Discovery Pipeline**

An open-source CODENSE implementation enumerates groups of genes having high expression correlation over collections of data representing different cellular states. Synthetic expression data used as input to the algorithm are generated from a known transcription network described in a language that compiles to a Systems Biology Markup Language model.

**Major Professor: Dr. Mitchell Roth**
Kumar Mayank  
**Ph.D.**  *Space Physics and Remote Sensing: Interdisciplinary Program*  
M.S., University of Lucknow, 2004; B.S., University of Lucknow, 2002.  
A new Z mode (ZM) sounding method has been developed to measure the electron density ($N_e$), ducts, and ZM cavities in the magnetosphere from ZM echoes observed on the IMAGE satellite. These measurements are important for building empirical models of $N_e$ and ducts, and play an important role in satellite communications and forecasting of space weather.  
Major Professor: Dr. David Newman

Timothy Carl Mullet **  
**Ph.D.**  *Biological Sciences*  
M.S., Sul Ross State University, 2008; B.S., Ohio State University, 2003.  
Thesis: Effects of Snowmobile Noise and Activity on a Boreal Ecosystem in Southcentral Alaska  
The effects of snowmobiles in the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, on plants, moose, wilderness character, and the soundscape were studied. Snowmobile activity negatively affected wilderness character, moose distributions, and plants. Noise was an appreciable contributor to remote soundscapes. Moose along noisy snowmobile trails did not exhibit higher stress levels.  
Major Professor: Dr. Falk Huettmann and Dr. John Morton

Jason R. Neuswanger *  
**Ph.D.**  *Biological Sciences: Biology*  
Thesis: New 3-D Video Methods Reveal Novel Territorial Drift-Feeding Behaviors that Help Explain Environmental Correlates of Chena River Chinook Salmon Productivity  
The recent decline of Chena River chinook salmon was associated with a pattern of low returns per spawner in years when juvenile salmon experienced sustained high stream flow or high population density. New 3-D video methods linked these trends to 3-D territorial competition and effects of debris on foraging success.  
Major Professors: Dr. Amanda Rosenberger and Dr. Mark Wipfli

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**Ph.D.**  *Outdoor Recreation and Community Resilience: Interdisciplinary Program*  
M.S., University of New Mexico, 1995; B.S., University of Michigan Ann Arbor, 1981.  
Thesis: The Role of Outdoor Recreation in Building Community Resilience and Adaptive Capacity  
Recreation theory was applied within resilience theory. The Recreation-System Community-Resilience Framework emerged to demonstrate the linkages. Anchorage, Alaska, neighborhoods were chosen to test the operational relationship between recreation diversity and community resilience and adaptive capacity. The findings indicate support for the hypothesis that community resilience increases as recreation diversity increases.  
Major Professors: Dr. Lilian Alessa and Dr. F. Stuart “Terry” Chapin III

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**Ph.D. Environmental Chemistry**

*B.S., Eastern Washington University, 2008; B.S., Eastern Washington University, 2008.*

**Thesis:** Examining the Role of Sea Ice and Meteorology in Arctic Boundary Layer Halogen Chemistry

The return of sunlight to the Arctic releases halogen radicals, altering the chemistry of the Arctic boundary layer. Measurements of BrO showed variations in atmospheric stability cause the vertical distribution of these halogen radicals to shift between shallow events and distributed events, which have lower concentrations but increased vertical extent.

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**Ph.D. Environmental Public Health: Interdisciplinary Program**

*M.P.H., University of Massachusetts, 2006; B.S., Eastern Kentucky University, 1999; A.S., Vincennes University, 1993.*

**Thesis:** Water, Behavior and Health in Alaska

This dissertation addressed the need for a better understanding of how water infrastructure and water use behaviors come together to influence health in Alaska. Participants reported increased water use, increased consumption of treated water and domestic hygiene measures, and better community health following provision of piped water and health promotion.

**Major Professor:** Dr. Andrea Bersamin

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**Ph.D. Biological Sciences**

*M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2008; B.A., Whitman College, 1999.*

**Thesis:** Invasive Plants and Pollination of Alaskan Berry Species: Integrating Ecology and Education

A rapidly changing climate and human disturbances have accelerated the spread of invasive plants in Alaska. This research investigated the impacts of invasive plants on pollination of berry species in boreal ecosystems and the education strategies that could best prepare Alaskans to respond to the issue.

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**Ph.D. Atmospheric Sciences**


**Thesis:** The Analysis of Turbulent Sensible Heat Fluxes Within a Heterogeneous Black Spruce Boreal Forest in Alaska

Surface energy exchanges are important for climate. Sensible heat fluxes within the black spruce boreal forest were evaluated at three scales. Local values had significant differences over short distances (~600 m), and the local flux captured about 82 percent of the large-scale flux (~1.4 km).

**Major Professors:** Dr. Anupma Prakash and Dr. Gilberto Fochesatto
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Ph.D. Indigenous Studies
Thesis: Inland Tlingit of Teslin, Yukon: Gaanax.ádi and Kookhittaan Clan
The objective of this thesis is to document the stories and the story-gathering processes associated with published and private holdings of the Kookhittaan and Gaanax.ádi clans with connections to the Inland Tlingit from Teslin, Yukon. This indigenous-led research focuses on the traditional clan stories from an insider perspective. As a result of this research, Tlingit ways of documenting history are discovered and a Tlingit research framework is revealed.
Major Professor: Dr. Raymond Barnhardt

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Barbara Josephine Amarok **
Ph.D. Indigenous Studies
Thesis: An Indigenous Vision of 21st Century Education in the Bering Strait Region
This research synthesized personal and professional experiences, similar to research methodologies such as triangulation, auto-ethnography, mixed methods, and various indigenous research methodologies that focus on webs of relationship. It makes recommendations relating to the effectiveness of formal elementary and secondary schooling of indigenous children in Alaska.
Major Professors: Dr. Eric Madsen and Dr. Bryan Brayboy

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**Ph.D.**  *Oceanography*

*B.S., University of Utah, 2007.*

**Thesis:** Using Strontium Isotopes to Track Pacific Salmon Migrations in Alaska

Alaska is geographically vast, geologically diverse, and home to abundant runs of Pacific salmon. Strontium isotope variation is driven by geologic heterogeneity. This work showed how, in geologically diverse habitats, strontium isotopes recorded in salmon otoliths could apportion fishery harvests to the sub-basin level of salmon biodiversity and elucidate freshwater movements.

**Major Professor:** Dr. Matthew Wooller

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**Ph.D.**  *Fisheries*

*M.S.C., University of Victoria, 2006; B.S., Simon Fraser University, 2001.*

**Thesis:** Biotic and Abiotic Influences on the Use of Arctic Lakes by Fish and Loons

Distribution and habitat use of freshwater fishes and yellow-billed loons in Arctic Alaska were examined. Results offer insights into the ecological mechanisms that determine how fish and loons are distributed across the Arctic landscape and add to our understanding of how to manage these poorly studied species.

**Major Professors:** Dr. Amanda Rosenberger and Dr. Mark Lindberg

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**Ph.D.**  *Marine Biology*

*M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 1997; B.S., University of Alaska Southeast, 1992.*

**Thesis:** Population Dynamics of Steller Sea Lions, *Eumetopias jubatus*, in the Eastern Gulf of Alaska

Vital rates and population trends of endangered Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*) were investigated in the eastern Gulf of Alaska to determine the strength of the recovery. Juvenile survival and female reproductive rates were greatly improved since the period of decline, exemplifying a significantly increasing population in recent years.

**Major Professor:** Dr. Alan Springer

Jonathan I. Richar *

**Ph.D.**  *Fisheries*

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

**Thesis:** Recruitment Mechanisms of Tanner Crab in the Eastern Bering Sea

Potential recruitment mechanisms for eastern Bering Sea Tanner crab were investigated through multiple approaches, including a 3-D hydrodynamic model, in an attempt to explain recruitment variability. Findings suggest that larval retention is important to local recruitment, while predation by groundfish, near-bottom temperature, and female spawner abundance may influence survival.

**Major Professor:** Dr. Gordon Kruse
Vanessa Rebeca von Biela  
**Ph.D. Fisheries**  
M.S., University of Alaska Anchorage, 2007; B.S., University of California Santa Barbara, 2004. 
**Thesis:** Examining Sources of Primary Production and Bottom-Up Limitations in Nearshore Ecosystems of the Northeast Pacific Ocean Using Fish-Based Indicators  
This dissertation examines the energy pathways and oceanographic influences in nearshore kelp forests. Stable isotope analysis indicated the importance of kelp in nearshore food webs. The width of annual growth rings in fish ear bones were correlated with local oceanography and revealed which conditions were associated with faster fish growth. 
**Major Professor:** Dr. Gordon Kruse

Shiway Wei Wang *  
**Ph.D. Marine Biology**  
M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2005; B.S., University of Colorado, 1996.  
**Thesis:** Tracking Carbon Sources through an Arctic Marine Food Web: Insights from Fatty Acids and Their Carbon Stable Isotopes  
An investigation of the Bering-Chukchi Sea food web used molecular and elemental biomarkers to describe the diets of zooplankton and ice-associated seals, and quantify the importance of sea ice algae to them to better predict the effects of climate-induced changes of Arctic sea ice on these animals. 
**Major Professor:** Dr. Matthew Wooller

Joel B. Webb **  
**Ph.D. Fisheries**  
**Thesis:** Reproductive Potential of Snow and Tanner Crab in Alaska  
Reproductive potential of female snow (*Chionoecetes opilio*) and Tanner (*C. bairdi*) crabs, measured as female fecundity and stored sperm reserves, is influenced by female size, reproductive history, and recent mating success. These factors ultimately impact population productivity, with implications for sustainable management of large male-only crab fisheries in Alaska. 
**Major Professors:** Dr. Ginny Eckert and Dr. Gordon Kruse
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Ph.D. Natural Resources and Sustainability
M.S., Walailak University, 2006; B.S., Walailak University, 2002.
Thesis: Evapotranspiration in a Subarctic Agroecosystem: Field Measurements, Modeling and Sustainability Perspectives
Surface energetics is central to understanding vulnerabilities of Alaska agriculture to climate change. Numerical and experimental methods were used to integrate data from disparate sources. Evapotranspiration was found to represent a large portion of the energy balance. Surface heterogeneities due to soil moisture and temperature drove differences in energy balance at various scales.

Major Professors: Dr. Gilberto Fochesatto and Dr. Elena Sparrow
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Heather Rae Reichenberg  
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Michelle L. Bartolowits  
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Melissa A. Benson  
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Ashley Marie Bowen  
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Jessica Renee Thompson  
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Shawna Cee Wilson  
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Ben Grossmann’s talents are as diverse as his background. Born in Washington, D.C., he grew up in Delta Junction, Alaska, and attended the University of Alaska Fairbanks, where he earned an associate degree before leaving to start a television production company.

Mr. Grossmann moved to Los Angeles in 2001 and began working his way up the ranks on feature film visual effects for movies like “Spider-Man,” “Master and Commander,” “The Italian Job” and “The Day After Tomorrow.”

In 2006, he won an Emmy for Outstanding Visual Effects for his work on the miniseries “The Triangle.” In 2008, he won a Gold Clio for Visual Effects on a seven-minute commercial short film, working with director Martin Scorsese. That relationship led to Mr. Grossman’s work on Mr. Scorsese’s film “Hugo,” for which Mr. Grossmann won an Academy Award for Outstanding Special Visual Effects in 2012. The day after the Oscars, he was back on set supervising visual effects for “Star Trek: Into Darkness.”

Mr. Grossmann is now the CEO and co-founder of Magnopus, a visual research and development company challenged to “simplify the complicated” with innovative thinking, cutting-edge techniques and efficient processes. He lives in Los Angeles with his wife, Ariane Rosier, and their young daughter, Scarlet.
EMERITI RECOGNITION

MS. JANE ASPNES
Adjunct Professor of Music, Emeritus

Ms. Jane Aspnes has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching and public service from 1980 to 2015.

She has been a widely admired and sought-after instructor who was awarded the College of Liberal Arts Excellence in Teaching Award and the Alaska Governor’s Award for the Arts; founded the UAF Horn Ensemble and Brass Ensemble; and fostered the musical development of both graduate and undergraduate students, including seven former students who become successful professionals in performance.

Ms. Aspnes has had a distinguished career in horn performance as a soloist, chamber musician, and ensemble member, founding the Borealis Brass Ensemble which has toured nationally and internationally; and has also performed with the UAF Wind Symphony, the Fairbanks Symphony, and the Arctic Chamber Orchestra, serving as the principal horn player of the Fairbanks Symphony and the Arctic Chamber Orchestra for 37 years.

She has served as the executive director of the Fairbanks Symphony Association and co-founded the UAF Summer Music Academy.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Ms. Jane Aspnes for her extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.

DR. GEORGE GUTHRIDGE
Professor of English and Developmental Studies, Emeritus

Dr. George Guthridge has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching and public service from 1990 to 2014.

He has inspired the students in the hundreds of writing classes that he has taught, employing innovative methods including teaching enthymematic reasoning skills; helped to develop the highly successful Rural Alaska Honors Institute (RAHI), whereby rural and Alaska Native high school students are immersed in the college experience; was named a Fulbright Scholar; advised rural students on how to complete interdisciplinary degrees, earning a UAF Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award; and received the Alaska Outstanding Distance Educator Award.

Dr. Guthridge has engaged in creative activities, producing four novels, a book of creative non-fiction, and novelettes, short stories, poems, and screenplays; and won numerous awards and honors, including the Bram Stoker Award for the year’s best horror novel in 1998, Nebula Award Finalist, Benjamin Franklin Award National Finalist, and four international film festival awards for a screenplay.

He has served ably in leadership roles at the University, notably as an active member of the Faculty Senate for many years, and as chair of the former Humanities Division of the College of Rural and Community Development.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. George Guthridge for his extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.
Emeriti Recognition

**DR. JOSEPH HAWKINS**  
**Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Emeritus**

Dr. Joseph Hawkins has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1987 to 2015.

He has been an excellent teacher and has enriched the Electrical Engineering curriculum by developing new courses; mentored more than twenty master’s and doctoral degree candidates through the completion of their programs by serving as chair of their thesis or dissertation committees; provided opportunities for about one hundred students to participate in undergraduate research; and brought extensive expertise to the creation of a new laboratory facility for microwave and digital communications.

Dr. Hawkins’ research on space systems engineering, ultra wideband and non-line-of-sight communications for unmanned vehicles, and instrumentation, telemetry systems, and antennas for space systems led to numerous publications and contributed to student-built payloads for five rockets launched from Poker Flat Research Range.

He has benefited the University and the State through his exceptional service, establishing and leading the Alaska Space Grant Program and the Alaska Student Rocket Program; and serving on the Board of Directors of the Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation and as a representative to the Universities Space Research Association Council of Institutions.

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

**DR. PATRICIA HOLLOWAY**  
**Professor of Horticulture, Emeritus**

Dr. Patricia Holloway has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1984 to 2014.

She has been a dedicated instructor who has developed numerous courses and provided research opportunities in horticulture and natural resources management for graduate and undergraduate students, and who created an endowment fund to support undergraduate students.

Dr. Holloway has been lauded for her research, which led to the development of Alaska’s specialty cut flower industry, fostered the development of the Alaska Peony Growers Association, identified antioxidant levels in Alaska’s wild berries and developed protocols and supported commercial business in the propagation and cultivation of more than one hundred of Alaska native plants and berries.

She has made extensive contributions in public service, including founding and directing the Georgeson Botanical Garden, which provides research and outreach opportunities and has brought prestige to the University, establishing endowment funds to support future Garden programs, and sharing her gardening expertise with countless individuals throughout Alaska and the circumpolar North; and has consequently been awarded the prestigious Emil Usibelli Award for Distinguished Service.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Patricia Holloway for her extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.
EMERITI RECOGNITION

MR. EDGAR HUSTED
Professor of Paralegal Studies, Emeritus

Mr. Edgar Husted has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching and public service from 1992 to 2014.

He has an outstanding record of teaching, being known for exceptional rapport with his students and steadfast support for their learning and professional success, which garnered him the Emil Usibelli Award for Distinguished Teaching; and has advised dozens of students each semester during his tenure at the University, earning the Outstanding Advisor Award.

Mr. Husted single-handedly prepared the Paralegal Studies Program to become an American Bar Association-approved program, a recognition achieved by less than one-quarter of paralegal studies programs nationwide, and maintained that accreditation to this day.

He has an exemplary record of service to the University and to the community, providing his expertise to numerous groups, notably the Faculty Senate Curriculum Review Committee, the Community and Technical College Academic Council, the Fairbanks Association of Legal Assistants and the American Association for Paralegal Education, which he served as treasurer; and publishing a newsletter, “Alaska Supreme Court Weekly Summaries,” circulated to lawyers throughout Alaska.

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

DR. STEPHEN JEWETT
Research Professor, Emeritus

Dr. Stephen Jewett has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in research and public service from 1974 to 2015.

He has made lasting research contributions in the fields of benthic ecology, taxonomy of benthic organisms, trophic interactions, Arctic ecosystems, benthic impact assessments, and pollution monitoring, authoring more than one hundred publications; and has discovered nineteen marine species new to science, with four more species under review, through his research near the Aleutian Islands.

Dr. Jewett earned the Emil Usibelli Award for Distinguished Research in 2004; was co-recipient of The Wildlife Society Wildlife Publications Award for Outstanding Monograph in 2004; was a Fulbright Scholar in 2006; and was named a Fellow National by the Explorers Club in 2011.

He was the first Institute of Marine Science Dive Safety Officer and was instrumental in forming the University of Alaska Scientific Diving Program and in UA becoming an organizational member of the American Academy of Underwater Sciences; and was awarded the Conrad Limbaugh Memorial Award for Scientific Diving Leadership in 2013.

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

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DR. GLENN JUDAY
Professor of Forest Ecology, Emeritus

Dr. Glenn Juday has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1981 to 2014.

He has been a dedicated instructor, teaching courses including Wilderness Management, Conservation Biology, and Tree-ring Analysis; and was a mentor and advisor to numerous postdoctoral researchers and graduate students, who benefitted tremendously from the breadth of his expertise.

Dr. Juday has conducted internationally recognized research, extensively cited by his peers, in sustainable wood biomass energy production, tree growth and long-term forest growth monitoring, environmental change effects at high latitudes, biodiversity and forest management, structure of old-growth forest ecosystems, and forest development and ecosystem life history.

He has shared his knowledge with the public, giving dozens of talks and interviews reaching national and international audiences; has advised Alaska and national governmental officials on biodiversity and climate change science; was a lead author for the forests chapter in the International Arctic Climate Impact Assessment; and has served as the Chair of the Forest Ecology Working Group of the Society of American Foresters and President of the Natural Areas Association, among many other professional service roles.

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

DR. HSING KUANG “STEVE” LIN
Professor of Hydrometallurgy, Emeritus

Dr. Hsing Kuang “Steve” Lin has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1986 to 2014.

He has been an outstanding faculty member who taught a wide range of undergraduate and graduate courses, bringing his rich engineering and research experience into the classroom, and successfully mentored more than a dozen graduate students as major professor.

Dr. Lin’s extensive research in the areas of mineral processing and mineral preparation engineering yielded more than one hundred publications and contributed greatly to the mineral industry in Alaska and beyond; and he has been recognized, along with his co-authors, by twice receiving the distinguished Arthur F. Taggart Award from the Society for Minting, Metallurgy and Exploration for outstanding papers published in the Journal of Minerals and Metallurgical Processing; and he was awarded six U.S. patents in the area of mineral processing.

He has provided valuable service to the department and to the University; has served on the editorial board of the Journal of Minerals & Materials Characterization and Engineering; and has provided professional outreach, greatly benefitting the Alaska mining industry and mining community.

That the University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Hsing Kuang Lin for his extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.
Emeriti Recognition

DR. JERRY LIPKA
Professor of Education, Emeritus

Dr. Jerry Lipka has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1981 to 2015.

He taught in the Cross-Cultural Education Development Program in the Bristol Bay region from 1981 to 1991, helping thirty rural students to earn their baccalaureate degrees in education.

Dr. Lipka has been a highly regarded researcher who has focused on indigenous knowledge systems, especially those of the Yup’ik people, examining the development of mathematical concepts and processes utilized by Yup’ik elders, and whose work has culminated in the Math in a Cultural Context program, which created educational materials that have transformed the teaching of mathematics in many of Alaska’s elementary schools.

He shared his knowledge through numerous national and international presentations and peer-reviewed publications; collaborated with indigenous peoples from Greenland, Micronesia, Russia, and other countries; and received the prestigious American Book Award from the Before Columbus Foundation for his co-authored book, Transforming Culture of Schools: Yup’ik Examples.

Dr. Lipka has provided professional workshops and consulting to many rural school districts in Alaska.

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

DR. ANTONIUS OTTO
Professor of Plasma Physics, Emeritus

Dr. Antonius Otto served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1992 to 2014.

He has been a highly regarded instructor during his many years of teaching courses, including magnetospheric physics, fundamentals of plasma physics, advanced plasma physics, and numerical simulations of fluids and plasmas, developing his own web textbooks for these courses; and has been a successful advisor and mentor to numerous undergraduate and graduate students.

Dr. Otto conducted research in magnetospheric physics, which has led to international recognition for innovation and novel physical insights into complex space plasma processes, including a mesoscale model of Earth’s magnetotail that elucidates the process of magnetic flux depletion in the near-Earth tail during the substorm growth phase; initiated research activities in comparative magnetospheres; and brought ingenuity to the long-standing problems of plasma transport and magnetic flux circulation of the magnetodiscs of the giant planets.

He has actively served the University as a member of the steering committee that developed a master’s degree in computational physics and as the leader of the Space Physics group from 2002 to 2009; and served his discipline by organizing scientific meetings and workshops.

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

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MR. RAYMOND RALONDE
PROFESSOR OF FISHERIES, EMERITUS

Mr. Raymond RaLonde has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1991 to 2015.

His work as an aquaculture specialist has had tremendous impact in helping to ensure the sustainable personal harvest of shellfish by Alaskans and their safety, through increased awareness of the dangers of paralytic shellfish poisoning, other toxic algal blooms, and bacterial pathogens; has yielded more than seventy research publications; and has reached over eighteen thousand participants through workshops and conference presentations.

Mr. RaLonde has had a distinguished record of public service, working with small and large oyster, geoduck, mussel and shellfish businesses and industry regulators, aiding the development of a multi-million dollar economic sector that is important in rural coastal communities; and has received national recognition with the prestigious 2012 National Sea Grant Extension Award from the National Sea Grant Assembly.

He has mentored many new faculty members, served as the Marine Advisory Program Associate Co-Leader and fulfilled many other roles in service to the University; and has served as the Alaska representative on the Western Regional Aquaculture Consortium board of directors and numerous other boards and committees.

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

DR. KENNETH SEVERIN
DIRECTOR OF THE ADVANCED INSTRUMENTATION LABORATORY, EMERITUS

Dr. Kenneth Severin has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction from 1990 to 2015.

He ensured that the Department of Geosciences’ analytical facilities served their users well; trained students and faculty alike to utilize the facilities; and educated the students so they understood the devices and their inherent analytical errors.

Dr. Severin was a respected instructor of courses, including X-Ray Spectrometry and Scanning Electron Microscopy, and successfully mentored undergraduate and graduate students, serving as a member of graduate committees for the Department of Geosciences as well as several other departments, including Biology, Anthropology and Engineering.

He has been a key collaborator in areas ranging from fishery biology to paleoecology to economic geology and beyond.

Dr. Severin transformed the laboratory facilities from a single, aged microprobe to today’s world-class multi-instrument analytical facility, which specializes in surface and elemental analyses as well as electronic microscopy and which provides technical support and facilities to students and researchers from the University and local, state, federal and private agencies throughout Alaska.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Kenneth Severin for his extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.
Emeriti Recognition

DR. STEPHEN SPARROW
PROFESSOR OF AGRONOMY, EMERITUS

Dr. Stephen Sparrow has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1981 to 2015.

He was a dedicated and respected instructor, teaching numerous undergraduate and graduate classes on soil biology, soil microbiology and biochemistry, soil management, research methods, and other topics; and served as a valued mentor and advisor to doctoral and master’s students, five of whom completed degrees under his guidance as major professor.

Dr. Sparrow’s research on bio-energy cropping, management of agricultural soils at high latitudes, and nutrient cycling in agricultural soils has yielded dozens of publications and helped to improve agricultural practices in the far North.

He provided leadership to the School of Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences as associate dean and recently led the School of Natural Resources and Extension as interim dean and director of the Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station; and has been an active member of his professional community, serving as a member and vice president of the Circumpolar Agricultural Association and as a member and president of the Alaska Branch of the American Society for Microbiology, along with membership in several other societies.

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

DR. ALAN SPRINGER
RESEARCH PROFESSOR, EMERITUS

Dr. Alan Springer has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in research and public service from 1992 to 2014.

He has guided five master’s and doctoral students to degree completion as major professor; and has served as an advisory committee member for numerous other graduate students.

Dr. Springer is an internationally recognized leader in the marine science of the Bering Sea, Gulf of Alaska, and North Pacific, on topics ranging from the biology and behavior of seabirds and marine mammals to integrated oceanography and marine ecology, who published more than eighty widely cited articles, chapters, and reports, and who applies interdisciplinary approaches and diverse data sets to “big picture” questions, including whether marine mammal declines might be the result of predation, an urgent issue affecting the welfare of marine mammals and regulation of fishing and other human activity in the Alaska region.

He has provided outstanding service on committees and boards at the local, state and national levels and has served an important role as Senior Scientist of the Alaska Sea Life Center during its successful transition from operation by the University of Alaska Fairbanks to an independent collaborator and partner.

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

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Emeriti Recognition

Dr. Dana Thomas
Professor of Statistics, Emeritus

Dr. Dana Thomas has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1981 to 2014.

He has been an outstanding teacher and mentor, earning him the Emil Usibelli Award for Distinguished Teaching and the Trio Champion Award; served as mentor, advisor, and statistics resource to numerous graduate students; and worked to develop the Math Bridge Program, which helps students to develop the quantitative skills needed to succeed at the University.

Dr. Thomas’s expertise has earned him an international reputation as a statistical scholar applying his knowledge to resource selection and analysis of field studies in biology; his co-authored text on Resource Selection by Animals has become an international standard; and his co-authored articles on methods for comparing research use and availability and analysis of animal resource selection from telemetry data are frequently cited by other researchers.

He served in important University leadership positions including Mathematics and Statistics Department Chair, Vice Provost, and University of Alaska Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research; earned the 2010 Institutional Administrator Award from the National Academic Advising Association Northwest Region and the 2014 Edith R. Bullock Prize for Excellence; and had leading roles in institutional accreditation.

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

Dr. Wesley Wallace
Professor of Geology, Emeritus

Dr. Wesley Wallace served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1985 to 2015.

He has been an outstanding instructor during his many years of teaching courses, including field geology, structural geology, global tectonics and seismic interpretation; has developed a well-regarded class on the geological evolution of Alaska; has been a successful advisor and mentor to numerous undergraduate and graduate students, including more than twenty master’s and Ph.D. students supervised as major professor; and was awarded the 2015 College of Natural Science and Mathematics award for Teaching Excellence in the Department of Geosciences in recognition of these accomplishments.

Dr. Wallace is a leading researcher on the geometry and kinematics of fold-and-thrust structures, the structure and evolution of the Brooks Range and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and the tectonic evolution of Alaska as a whole; and has published dozens of articles in prominent journals.

He provided interpretation of major Interior Alaska seismic events to the public through the Alaska Earthquake Center; and has shared his unparalleled knowledge and perspectives on the tectonic evolution of Alaska with University, government and industry researchers.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Wesley Wallace for his extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.
Emeriti Recognition

Mr. Brian Rogers
Chancellor of the University of Alaska Fairbanks, Emeritus

Mr. Brian Rogers served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction as Chancellor from 2008 to 2015 and the University of Alaska statewide system as Budget Director and Vice President of Finance from 1984 to 1995; was a member of the University of Alaska Board of Regents from 1999 to 2007, as Chair from 2003 to 2005; and has had a total of forty-five years of association with the University.

He has tirelessly promoted facility modernization, leading to renovations at the Northwest, Kuskokwim and Bristol Bay campuses; construction of the Margaret Murie Building for life sciences and the Arctic research vessel Sikuliaq; an addition to Wood Center; the beginnings of an Engineering building; and a major upgrade of the heat and power plant.

Mr. Rogers’ vision and energy have fostered increased baccalaureate graduation rates and doubling of enrollments in engineering programs; designation of Troth Yeddha’ Park; new revenue sources through the Office of Intellectual Property and Commercialization; a collaborative program in Veterinary Medicine with Colorado State University; and the increasing prominence of the Alaska Center for Energy and Power and the Alaska Center for Unmanned Aircraft Systems.

He has a distinguished record of public service, notably including elected membership in the Alaska House of Representatives from 1979 to 1983.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks and the University of Alaska system express their deep appreciation to Mr. Brian Rogers for his extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.
Teacher, mentor and scholar

Gust Bartman

Gust Bartman is a pillar of the Bristol Bay region’s Yup’ik community. He has made countless contributions to Yup’ik language preservation and documentation, and is an eloquent and passionate advocate for personal and community wellness. He has been a teacher of Yup’ik language and heritage, storyteller, mentor, translator during World War II, amateur boxer and boxing instructor, and outspoken opponent of substance abuse. His dedication to the intellectual, spiritual and emotional health of his people has earned him the deep respect and affection of generations of Alaskans.

Gust Bartman was born in 1924 in Igushik, on Bristol Bay. Orphaned at a young age, his adoptive father impressed on him the importance of retaining his native language, and throughout his life Mr. Bartman has been equal parts teacher and scholar of Yup’ik language and culture. He teaches Yup’ik with strategy and discipline in the classroom, and he also has been an exemplary informal teacher through the traditional art of storytelling.

As a scholar, Mr. Bartman has been invaluable in documenting Yup’ik toponyms, or place names, some of which even he, an accomplished translator, found difficult to define in English. His persistence and determination demonstrate his unshakeable belief in the importance of Yup’ik culture and heritage not only to his people but also to those beyond the Bristol Bay region.

Although he is described as a gentle and modest man, Mr. Bartman’s pursuit of scholarly and cultural excellence over many decades shows a fierce devotion to his people. An advocate of education and achievement, especially for Alaska Natives, Mr. Bartman has dedicated his life to helping ensure that Yup’ik culture and lifeways remain vital, valued and respected parts of Alaska’s heritage and future.
Thanks to his geologic acumen and scientific sleuthing, Thomas R. Marshall, Jr., dramatically changed the economic future of Alaska during the nearly two decades he spent as a professional geologist with the State government. In 1964, Mr. Marshall, through superior scientific evaluation coupled with determination, convinced State leaders to select lands — including the associated subsurface mineral rights — between the Colville and Canning rivers for their petroleum potential. At the time, most experts disregarded this area and considered the potential to be much higher to the west and east.

Mr. Marshall had a different judgment of the area and put his professional reputation on the line in recommending the selection. He faced strong and widespread criticism and opposition from members of the public, industry and state government. He persevered, the selection was made, and the lands were subsequently leased to the oil industry.

Mr. Marshall’s foresight was soon validated by discovery of the Prudhoe Bay oil field, North America’s largest, in 1968. A number of other oil and gas discoveries have been made subsequently on lands that were part of the selection. At one time, the immense Prudhoe Bay field and nearby satellite fields were the source of one quarter of U.S. domestic oil production. Even today, much of the petroleum exploration on the North Slope is focused in that region.

The revenue from the area selected by Mr. Marshall — once mocked as “Mr. Marshall’s Folly” — has formed the basis of the economy in Alaska. The wealth derived from these oil developments became the engine behind the educational systems, cultural assets and quality of life enjoyed by so many Alaskans.
Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts

Artist and mentor

Ron Senungetuk

Ron Senungetuk’s leadership and creativity has made him one of the State’s most sought-after artists and cultural advisors. He has been an innovator and a leader in contemporary Alaska Native art, forging a path for young and emerging artists.

Mr. Senungetuk was born and raised in the village of Wales. He attended Mt. Edgecumbe High School in Sitka, where his studies in studio art focused on styles and ideas of Alaska Native and modern Western art. Intent on a career in art, Mr. Senungetuk studied at the School for American Craftsmen of the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York, and then at Statens Håndverks- og Kunstindustriskole in Oslo, Norway, as a Fulbright scholar.

In 1961, Mr. Senungetuk accepted a position as visiting Carnegie instructor at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, where he helped establish the Native Art Center. The center eventually merged with the Department of Art, where Mr. Senungetuk served as chair until his retirement as professor emeritus in 1986.

His art has been commissioned for display throughout Alaska. One such commission was the ceremonial mace carried at the opening of the University’s Commencement Ceremony. In recognition of his tremendous body of work, in 2014 Mr. Senungetuk received the Alaska Governor’s Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Arts and Humanities.

Throughout his career, Mr. Senungetuk has pressed the boundaries of what is considered traditional in Alaska Native art. In his own work, he employs found objects, new materials and challenging subject matter. He has cultivated the talent and enthusiasm of student artists from throughout Alaska and beyond, crossing cultural boundaries and sharing the rich, diverse expressions of Alaska’s indigenous peoples.
Mr. Anthony F. Gasbarro’s extraordinary dedication to public service began when he joined the Peace Corps shortly after college, and that dedication has continued to this day. His quiet efforts have improved the lives of people not only in Alaska but also across the world.

Mr. Gasbarro spent twenty-three years as an instructor, associate professor and Cooperative Extension Service forester, leaving a legacy of practical advice and research for individuals and industry in Alaska. After retiring in 1996, Mr. Gasbarro rejoined the Peace Corps and traveled to El Salvador as a forestry advisor. Since then, he has worked with a nonprofit group that gives scholarships to impoverished young people in that country. A soft-spoken individual, he nevertheless frequently shares his insights about El Salvador with students and others in Alaska. During the past decade, Mr. Gasbarro also has volunteered to coordinate UAF’s Peace Corps Master’s International Program.

In recognition of his work to improve the quality of life in Alaska and beyond, the University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Mr. Anthony F. Gasbarro and presents him with this Meritorious Service Award.
For decades, Mrs. Karen Hansen Parr has devoted her remarkable energy to making our community a more stimulating and enjoyable place to live. Her many projects and undertakings have created positive impacts that will last for years to come.

Mrs. Parr began her work in Fairbanks as a schoolteacher in 1962, after having arrived with her husband, the late Charlie Parr, a UAF foreign languages professor. During the next twenty-five years, the engaging and thorough Mrs. Parr inspired Fairbanks students and worked on introducing computers to the school district. She also helped create a home in Fairbanks for troubled boys and contributed her talents to the local and statewide Episcopal Church. Mrs. Parr served on the borough assembly during two eras separated by seventeen years, and she twice ran for the Alaska Legislature, where her husband had served for eight years. Pursuing an interest in the arts, Mrs. Parr has served on the boards of several performance groups and operated a gallery downtown for more than two decades. During the past dozen years, Mrs. Parr applied her persistent, powerful focus to the successful creation of a nonprofit residential complex designed to make it easier for older independent Alaskans to remain in Fairbanks.

In recognition of her multifaceted public service, the University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Mrs. Karen Hansen Parr and presents her with this Meritorious Service Award.
Academic Traditions

For centuries, pomp and circumstance have added color and dignity to the recognition of scholastic achievement. Modern academic dress evolved from caps and gowns worn in medieval universities, which were agencies of the church. Academic gowns distinguished university personnel from townspeople who also wore gowns for daily dress. The costumes of doctors and lesser clerics were not as elaborate as those prescribed for officials, but they were distinctive nonetheless. Through the centuries, the traditional pageantry has not changed much. In ancient times, each individual scholar wore special colors, fur and fabrics, as did his students. Since the traditions began, however, official standards allow the observer to identify more about the scholar.

Gowns

Three types of black gowns may be distinguished in UAF’s academic procession. Certificate, associate and baccalaureate gowns have long, pointed sleeves. Master’s gowns have oblong sleeves with an arc cut away in the front. Doctoral gowns are faced with velvet and have bell-shaped sleeves with three bars of velvet.

Hoods

UAF’s master’s and doctoral degree candidates will receive their hoods today, signifying they have gone beyond the bachelor’s degree to a higher level of academic achievement. UAF’s colors are blue and gold, and these colors line the inside of each hood. The velvet trim signifies the scholar’s field of study.

Mortarboards

The square Oxford cap, or mortarboard, is black and has a long tassel fastened to the middle of the top. You may notice the University of Alaska regents and some of the faculty wearing soft beret-style caps. Some colleges and universities use the soft beret, but the prevailing style of cap is the traditional mortarboard. For undergraduates receiving their first degree, the tassel is customarily worn on the right side and shifted to the left after receiving the diploma. At many institutions, colored tassels are worn to indicate the candidate’s school or college. At UAF, a blue and gold tassel is worn on the cap for all certificates and associate, baccalaureate and master’s degrees, and gold tassels are worn for all doctoral degrees.

While you may not be able to identify the origins of each specific academic robe and hood appearing in today’s commencement ceremony, you can reflect that from the certificate recipient in a simple black gown to the doctor of philosophy in a velvet trimmed robe and colorful hood, students and professors alike are paying homage to more than 700 years of academic tradition.

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An academic legend tells of a wise old Greek who dressed his students in mason’s sackcloth robes and mortarboards because, he said, “Their destiny is to build. Some will build cities; some will build lives — perhaps one of them will build an empire; but all will be builders on the solid foundation of knowledge.”

**Chancellor’s Medallion**

During the Middle Ages, medallions signified membership in religious orders and workers’ guilds and, in the Renaissance, membership in elite orders of knighthood and prominence in government office. Today, colleges and universities strike medallions to commemorate important events and achievements or to designate a person of consequence. The UAF chancellor’s medallion signifies the authority vested in the chancellor.

Fabricated in bronze by Judie Gumm of Ester, Alaska, in 1991, the chancellor’s medallion depicts the University of Alaska seal featuring Mount McKinley, with the addition of a cluster of forget-me-nots — the state flower — at the bottom and a ribbon of aurora borealis across the sky. The medallion is held by a beaded neckpiece in a forget-me-not pattern made by Selina Alexander in the Koyukon Athabascan style. The central cord is made of tanned moosehide, covered with beads sewn together one by one and then sewn to the cord. The medallion was commissioned by Chancellor Patrick J. O’Rourke in his last year of office to reflect the Alaska roots and cultural diversity of the university’s students.

**University Mace**

Bodyguards of French and English monarchs carried ceremonial war clubs, or maces, in the Middle Ages. Later, the mace became an important symbol of office in civil processions and academic pageantry. The grand marshal carries the University of Alaska mace in the commencement procession and places it in a stand on the stage during commencement ceremonies to signify the importance of the occasion.

The mace was commissioned by the University of Alaska Alumni Association in honor of the university’s 1967 Golden Anniversary and was created by UAF Professor Ron Senungetuk using silver, jade and rosewood. At the top of the mace, a disk in the center of two open orbs depicts the University of Alaska seal on one side and the Alaska state seal on the other. The materials were selected to symbolize qualities of durability, strength and beauty.