CCS/NRM 656

Sustainable Livelihoods and Community Wellbeing

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Zoom: link will be provided

Pre-requisite: Graduate standing or approval of the instructor. Upper division undergraduates from any of the social and natural sciences are also encouraged to enroll.

Course Description: In this course we will review the basic principles captured within the notion of sustainability, and we'll look at the cultural practices and individual behaviors that enhance or degrade sustainable livelihoods and community wellbeing. Emphasis is on understanding the historical context of ideas about sustainability, on understanding the nature and magnitude of the social, economic and ecological dimensions of contemporary change, and the "best practices" currently in place for communities to respond effectively to change. Case studies will be used from around the world and the framework is comparative, cross-cultural, and geographic; the primary focus of the course, however, is on understanding problems, impacts and design solutions specific to high latitudes.

Requirements and Expectations: This is a graduate seminar, with emphasis on literature review, discussion and critical evaluation of the literature, problem formulation and analysis. You are expected to have read all of the assigned material each week, and to be prepared for each seminar. Final grades are based on completion of all assignments, including three problem sets, personal contributions to weekly discussions, oral presentations, and the final research paper.

Problem sets are very specific, are defined by the instructor, and are typically no more than 3-5 pages in length for your written response; a problem is defined—one related to some aspect of community sustainability—and you are expected to find and prepare a design solution. The research paper is a formal paper, one that approximates a paper prepared for publication, and the topic is yours to choose. Length varies depending upon problem chosen, but on balance the final research paper should be between 10 and 20 pages, including references cited, maps, figures and tables. The specifications and expectations for the problem sets and final research paper will be discussed at the beginning of the semester.

Course Goals & Learning Objectives

- 1. To understand the frameworks and design solutions as applied to contemporary social and ecological problems that urban and rural communities must confront if they are to be sustainable.
- 2. To explore the multiple ways that communities are responding effectively or ineffectively to global, regional and local change; the framework is cross-cultural and comparative.
- 3. To develop, evaluate and apply new conceptual approaches, models and methods for evaluating sustainability and resilience, approaches that build constructively from the integrated assessments that have been used in the past.
- 4. To learn and apply a corpus of qualitative and quantitative skills to "real world" social, economic and ecological problems, skills that are interdisciplinary in their historical development, that are applicable to multiple temporal and spatial scales and varying levels of sociopolitical organization and integration, and that are appropriate for the analysis of Sustainable Livelihoods and Community Wellbeing.

Class Expectations

While an effort is made to adhere to the class schedule, it may shift in response to student interests and the availability of guest speakers. You will be made aware of any changes as they occur. Assigned readings should be read before class date, so that everyone will gain the most from class discussions. As graduate students, you are expected to become an active partner in the learning process. You should ask questions, read critically, consider new ideas, and challenge assumptions.

To make in-class contributions, you will need to attend class on time, read the assignments, and be fully prepared to participate in class discussions. Written assignments must be typed, double-spaced, and proofread. Clarity, brevity and expression of your own ideas in your own words are expected. Written assignments are graded both on content and on grammar, punctuation, and format. They must reflect assigned readings, class discussions and most importantly, original thinking.

As a required part of your class participation, you will need to take an active role in discussion about the readings and to pose critical and thoughtful questions about the issues being presented. You may also occasionally be asked to give updates on your research as it progresses. You will be given an opportunity to present your research to the class near the end of the semester.

Course Readings

Please see the schedule at the end of this syllabus for the readings for this class. In addition to these readings will be others connected with the assignments. *Please note that all required readings for this course (except for student-led new article discussion) will be provided by the instructor.*

Summary of Coursework

1. Reading Reactions 3 (presented according to schedule devised in class)

2. Problem Sets
3. Paper & Presentation
3. (scheduled throughout the semester)
4. (due at end of semester)
5. 1 presentation

<u>Reading Discussions</u>: Each student will lead three or four group discussions based on the readings, depending on the number of registered students. The reading presentations will include a 2-4 page summary sheet e-mailed to all the students and instructor, and a summary presentation in class (5-10 minutes) followed by a class discussion (5-10 minutes).

<u>Problem Sets</u>: Problem sets are very specific, are defined by the instructor, and are typically no more than 3-5 pages in length for your written response; a problem is defined—one related to some aspect of community sustainability—and you are expected to find and prepare a design solution.

<u>Position Paper & Presentation</u>: Each student will write a project paper that incorporates understanding of the role of academic research and local knowledge in developing respectful, culturally informed, cooperative research. This paper should ideally cover a topic that is related/helpful to your MA/MS/PhD thesis/project, and that addresses some aspect of community wellbeing and sustainability. Each student will present in class a summary of their research near the end of the semester. The 20-25 minute presentation will be followed by a 10-20 minute discussion. The paper itself should be 10-20 pages in length, depending on the nature of the project (double-spaced, at 10-12 point font).

Writing Expectations

All written assignments must be typed, double-spaced, 10-12 point font, and proofread for spelling and grammar errors. It is important to write according to established conventions so that you can most effectively and accurately communicate your ideas to others. Clarity, brevity, and expression of your own ideas in your own words are expected. Written assignments are graded primarily on content, but also on grammar and spelling, all of which is necessary when writing a potential paper for publication. It can be possible to develop publishable papers through your work in this class. Finally, written assignments must reflect knowledge gained from the assigned readings, class discussions, and most importantly, original thinking.

Summary of Grading Criteria for this Course

"A" work: UNIQUE

(1) Responds fully to the assignment, (2) expresses its purpose clearly and persuasively, (3) is directed toward and meets the needs of a defined audience, (4) begins and ends effectively, (5) provides adequate supporting arguments, evidence, examples, and details, (6) Is well organized and unified, (7) uses appropriate, direct language, (8) correctly acknowledges and documents sources, (9) is free of errors in grammar, punctuations, word choice, spelling, and format, and (10) maintains a level of excellence throughout, and shows originality and creativity in realizing (1) through (7).

"B" work: UNCOMMON

Realizes (1) through (9) fully and completely and demonstrates overall excellence, but shows little originality or creativity.

"C" work: COMMON

Realizes (1) through (9) adequately and demonstrates overall competence, but contains a few, relatively minor errors or flaws. A "C" paper may show creativity and originality, but those qualities don't make up for poor or careless writing. A "C" paper usually looks and reads like a next-to-final draft.

"D" work: Fails to realize some elements of (1) through (9) adequately and contains several, relatively serious errors or flaws, or many minor ones. A "D" paper often looks and reads like a first or second draft.

"F" work: Fails to realize several elements of (1) through (9) adequately and contains many serious errors or flaws, and usually many minor ones, as well. An "F" paper usually looks and reads like an incomplete draft.

Overall Grading will be as follows:

Class Participation and Attendance	20%
Reading Discussions (3-4 total)	20%
Problem Set Papers (3 total)	20%
Student Presentation and accompanying in-class discussion	20%
Semester Position Paper	20%
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	Grading Scale	
A + : 98 -100 %	A: 93-97 %	A - : 90-92 %
B+:87-89 %	B:83-86%	B - : 80-82 %
C + : 77-79 %	C: 73-76 %	C -: 70-72 %
D + : 67-69 %	D: 63-66 %	D - : 60-62 %
F : below 60%		

Respect

The rules for respect are simple: anyone may talk about anything that they wish to; the speaker is not to be interrupted, questioned or judged; one may pass on the privilege of speaking if uncomfortable to another; any personal or otherwise sensitive information given and heard never goes beyond the class.

Class & Reading Schedule

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The following is the listing of readings for the class for the listed date, along with general class topics. These texts need to be read *before* the scheduled class, since they will constitute an important focus of inclass discussion. Guest speakers may be inserted into the schedule according to their preferences. *Please remember, class attendance is required, and repeated absences will result in a lower final grade.*

August 31st

Week 1

- 1. INTRODUCTIONS
- 2. BASICS OF CULTURAL, SUSTAINABILITY, & WELLBEING STUDIES
 - Robards, M., Alessa, A. (2011). Timescapes of Community Resilience and Vulnerability in the Circumpolar North. *Arctic* 57 (4): 415-427.

September 7th

Week 2

- 1. INTRODUCTION TO CULTURAL & CROSS-CULTURAL RESEARCH
- 2. BACKGROUND, LIVELIHOOD, AND PLACE-BASED DESIGN
 - White Jr., L., (1967). The historical roots of our ecological crisis. *Science* 155(3767): 1203-1207.—*Dallas*
 - Kates, R., Clark, W.C., Corell, R., Hall, J.M., Jaeger, C.C., Lowe, I., McCarthy, J.J., et al. (2001). Sustainability Science. *Science*, 292(5517), 641-642.—*Cachet*
 - Kates, R. (2011). What Kind of a Science is Sustainability Science? *PNAS* 108(49): 19449-19450—*Cachet*
 - Morrison, A., Doussineau, M., (2019). Regional innovation governance and place-based policies: design, implementation and implications. *Regional Studies, Regional Science* 6(1): 101-116.— *Cachet*

September 14th

Week 3

- 1. INTRODUCTION TO SUSTAINABILITY & WELLNESS
- 2. CARRYING CAPACITY, IMPACT, THE COMMONS, AND OTHER CULTURAL CONCEPTS
 - Hardin, G. (1968). The Tragedy of the Commons. Science 162(3859) 1243-1248.—Emma
 - Toman, M. (1992). The difficulty in defining sustainability. *Resources*, 106, 3-6.—*Nathan*
 - Sayre, N. (2008). The Genesis, History, and Limits of Carrying Capacity. *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*, 98(1), 120-134.—*Emma*
 - Viscogliosi, C. (2020). Importance of Indigenous elders' contributions to individual and community wellness: results from a scoping review on social participation and intergenerational solidarity. *Canadian Journal of Public Health*, 111, 667-681.—*Lillian*

September 21tst

Week 4

- 1. THE HUMAN
- 2. POPULATION AND POPULATION GROWTH
 - Holdren, J.P. (1991). Population and the energy problem. *Population and Environment*, 12(3), 231-255.—*Danny*
 - Hopfenberg, R., & Pimentel, D. (2001). Human Population Numbers as a Function of Food Supply. *Environment, Development and Sustainability*, 3(1), 1-15.—*Lillian*
 - Rahnema, M. (2002). A Different Look at the "Population Problem." *Population & Environment*, 24(1), 97-104.—*Nathan*
 - Hamilton, L.C. & Mitiguy, A.M. (2009). Visualizing Population Dynamics of Alaska's Arctic Communities. *Arctic*, 62(4), 393-398.—*Lillian*

Position Paper summaries due

GUEST SPEAKER (Sustainability Science)—Dr. Sarah Trainor

September 28th

Week 5

- 1. OUR COMMUNITIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT
- 2. CLIMATE CHANGE AND GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE
 - Berman, M., Juday, G., & Burnside, R. (1999). Climate Change and Alaska's Forests: People, Problems, and Policies. Center for Global Change and Arctic System Research, University of Alaska Fairbanks.—Danny
 - De Fries, R., Asner, G., and J. Foley. (2006). A glimpse out the window: What landscapes reveal about livelihoods, land-use, and environmental consequences. *Environment* 48(8): 22-36.—

 Dallas
 - Lynch, A., & Brunner, R. (2007). Context and climate change: an integrated assessment for Barrow, Alaska. *Climatic Change*, 82, 93-111.—*Melody*
 - Marino, E. (2009). Immanent Threats, Impossible Moves, and Unlikely Prestige: Understanding
 the Struggle for Local Control as a Means towards Sustainability. In A. Oliver-Smith & X. Shen
 (Eds.), Linking Environmental Change, Migration & Social Vulnerability (pp. 42-50). Bonn,
 Germany: UNU Institute for Environment and Human Security.—Melody

October 5th

Week 6

- 1. OUR COMMUNITIES AND SOCIOECONOMIC CHANGE
- 2. INFRASTRUCTURE, EMPLOYMENT, DEMOGRAPHICS, EDUCATION
 - Ribova, L. (2000). Individual and Community Wellbeing. *The Arctic*, Stefansson Arctic Institute, Akureyri, Iceland.—*Melody*
 - Barnhardt, R., & Kawagley, A. O. (2004). Culture, Chaos and Complexity: Catalysts for Change in Indigenous Education. *Cultural Survival Quarterly*, 27(4), 59-64.—*Christine*
 - Huskey, L., Berman, M., & Hill, A. (2004). Leaving home, returning home: Migration as a labor market choice for Alaska Natives. *Annals of Regional Science*, 38(1), 75-92.—*Haley*
 - Meadow, A., Meek, C., & McNeeley, S. (2009). Towards Integrative Planning for Climate Change Impacts on Rural-Urban Migration in Interior Alaska: A Role for Anthropological and Interdisciplinary Perspectives. *Alaska Journal of Anthropology*, 7(1), 57-69.—*Danny*

Problem Set 1 due

October 12th

Week 7

- 1. SUSTAINABILITY AND DEVELOPMENT
- 2. HEALTH, RISK, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
 - Krieger, N. (2005). Embodiment: a conceptual glossary for epidemiology. Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health, 59(5), 350-355.—*LJ*
 - Checker, M. (2007). "But I Know it's True:" Environmental Risk Assessment, Justice, and Anthropology. *Human Organization*, 66(2), 112-124. [w/ Utley (Checker addendum)]—*Emma*
 - Poepoe, K. K., Bartram, P. K., & Friedlander, A. M. (2007). The use of traditional knowledge in the contemporary management of a Hawaiian community's marine resources. In Haggan, N., Neis, B., Baird, I. *Fishers' knowledge in fisheries science and management*. p. 119-143. Paris: UNESCO [full Neis & Baird volume located in Week 10 reading folder].—*Kristina*
 - Wernham, A. (2007). Iñupiat Health and Proposed Oil Development: Results of the First Integrated Health Impact Assessment/Environmental Impact Statement for Proposed Oil Development on Alaska's North Slope. *EcoHealth*, 4(4), 500-513.—*Kyla*

October 19th

Week 8

FOOD SYSTEMS, FOOD PRODUCTION, SUBSISTENCE, FOOD SECURITY, NUTRITION AND HEALTH

- Kloppenburg, Hendrickson, J., & Stevenson, G. (1996). Coming into the Foodshed. *Agriculture and Human Values*, 13(3), 33-42.—*Kate*
- Sundkvist, A., Milestad, R., & Jansson, A. (2005). On the Importance of Tightening Feedback Loops for Sustainable Development of Food Systems. *Food Policy*, 30, 2 24- 239.—*Kyla*
- Loring, P. and Gerlach, S. (2009). Food, Culture, and Human Health in Alaska: An Integrative Approach. *Environmental Science and Policy* 1 (4): 466-478.—*Haley*
- Fieldhouse, P., and Thompson, S. (2012). Tackling Food Security Issues in Indigenous Communities in Canada: The Manitoba Experience. *Nutrition & Dietetics* 69: 217-221.—

 Nathan

Problem Set 2 due

October 26th

Week 9

- 1. COMMUNITIES AND THE ECOSYSTEM
- 2. HYDROLOGICAL CHANGE, WATER AVAILABILITY, SAFETY, AND HEALTH
 - Gleick, P. (2003). Water Use. Annual Review of Environment and Resources. 28(1): 275-314.— Kate
 - Postel, S. (2005). From the Headwaters to the Sea: The Critical Need to Protect Feshwater Ecosystems. *Environment* 47(10): 8-21.—*Jetta*
 - Thomas, T.K., Ritter, T., Bruden, D., Bruce, M., Byrd, K., Goldberger, R., Dobson, J., Hickel, K., Smith, J. (2016). Impact of providing in-home water service on the rates of infectious diseases: results from four communities in Western Alaska. *Journal of Water Health*. 14(1): 132-141.— *Haley*
 - Sohns, A, Ford, J., Adamowski, J., Robinson, B. (2020). Participatory Modeling of Water Vulnerability in Remote Alaskan Households Using Causal Loop Diagrams. *Environmental Management*. 28: 26-42.—*Peter*

November 2nd

Week 10

FISHERIES AND FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

- Allison, E., Perry, A.L., Badjeck, M., Neil Adger, W., Brown, K., Conway, D., Halls, A.S., et al. (2009). Vulnerability of national economies to the impacts of climate change on fisheries. Fish and Fisheries, 10(2), 173-196.—Michelle
- Carothers, C., Lew, D.K., & Sepez, J. (2010). Fishing rights and small communities: Alaska halibut IFQ transfer patterns. *Ocean & Coastal Management*, 53(9), 518-523.—*Jetta*
- Islam, D., and Berkes, F. (2016). Indigenous peoples' fisheries and food security: a case from northern Canada. *Food Security* 8: 815-826.—*Jetta*
- Donkersloot, R., et al. (2020). Assessing the sustainability and equity of Alaska salmon fisheries through a well-being framework. *Ecology and Society*. 25(2): 18.—*Kate*

Problem Set 3 due

November 9th

Week 11

- 1. ENERGY CONSERVATION AND USE
- 2. CONVENTIONAL AND ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SYSTEMS IN DESIGN AND PRACTICE
 - Douglass, M. (1998). A Regional Network Strategy for Reciprocal Rural-Urban Linkages. *Third World Planning Review*, 20(1), 1-33.—*Michelle*
 - Pickett, C, Cadenasso, M., Grove, J., Nilon, C., Pouyat, R., Zipperer, W., & Costanza, R., (2001). Urban Ecological Systems: Linking Terrestrial Ecological, Physical, and Socioeconomic Components of Metropolitan Areas. *Annual Review of Ecological Systems* 32:12 7-157.—*Peter*
 - Lehrer, J. (2007). The Living City. Seed. July.—Kristina
 - Holdmann, G., Wies, R., & Vandermeer, J. (2019). Renewable Energy Integration in Alaska's Remote Islanded Microgrids: Economic Drivers, Technical Strategies, Technological Niche Development, and Policy Implications. *Proceedings of the IEEE*, 107(9).—*Michelle*

Position Paper updates due

November 16th

Week 12

- 1. MODELS OF SOCIAL AND ECOLOGICAL SYSTEMS ANALYSIS
- 2. UNDERSTANDING AND APPLICATION IN ECOLOGICAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY
 - Lovelock, J. (1986). Gaia: The World as a Living Organism. *New Scientist*, 112(1539): 25-31.— *Dallas* [Original 1973 article included for reference.]
 - Dublin, D.R, & Tanaka, N. (2014). Indigenous Agricultural Development for Sustainability and "Satoyama." *Geography, Environment, Sustainability*, 7(2), pp.86-95.—*Kristina*
 - Chapin, S.C., Knapp, C., Brinkman, T., Bronen, R., & Cochran, P. (2016). Community-Powered Adaptation for Self-Reliance. *Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability*, 19: 67-75.—*LJ*
 - Mancuso, F. (2019). *Nenana Community Development Plan: 2019-2023*. Nenana Native Council, Tanana Chiefs Conference, pp. 48-62.—*Peter*

November 23rd

Week 13—Thanksgiving Break; no classes.

November 30th

Week 14

- 1. INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNITY-BASED PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH (CBPR)
- 2. LOCAL KNOWLEDGE, MODELS AND METHODS USED IN CUMULATIVE EFFECTS ANALYSIS, INTEGRATED ASSESSMENT, AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DESIGN
 - Cash, D.W., Borek, J.C., & Patt, A.G. (2006). Countering the Loading Dock Approach to Linking Science and Decision Making. *Science, Technology & Human Values*, 31(4), 465-494.—*LJ*
 - Johnson, J., Howitt, R., Cajete, G., Berkes, F., Louis, R.P., & Klisky, A. (2015). Weaving
 Indigenous and sustainability sciences to diversify our methods. Sustainability Science 11: 1-1.—
 Christine
 - Latulippe, N., & Klenk, N. (2020). Making room and moving over: knowledge co-production, Indigenous knowledge sovereignty and the politics of global environmental change decision-making. *Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability*, 42: 7-14.—*Christine*
 - Norström, A., et al. (2020). Principles for Knowledge Co-Production in Sustainability Research. *Nature Sustainability*, https://doi.org/10.1038/s41893-019-0448-2.—*Kyla*

GUEST SPEAKER (CBPR)—Yoko Kugo

Semester Position Papers due

December 7th

Week 15

First Student Position Paper Presentations

1. Cachet	2. Kyla	3. Emma	4. Dallas
5. Daniel	6. Haley	7. Jetta	8. Melody

December 14th

Week 16

Second Student Position Presentations

1. Christine	2. Nathan	3. Lillian	4. Michelle
5. Kristina	6. <i>LJ</i>	7. Peter	8. Kate

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- Developmental Math Lab, Gruening 406
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- For more information and resources, please see the Academic Advising Resource List (https://www.uaf.edu/advising/lr/SKM 364e19011717281.pdf)

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