Tradition and Renewal

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

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 99th commencement ceremony, more than 1,200 graduates will be recognized for their success.

We honor you, the Class of 2021, for your achievement today.
Congratulations!

UA INTERIM PRESIDENT PAT PITNEY

Dear UAF Class of 2021,

Congratulations, graduates! Today you join the ranks of more than 100,000 University of Alaska alumni.

We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. Graduation is a milestone worth celebrating in any year. And it’s even more important to celebrate given the challenges and unique experience we’ve shared this past year. You did it despite COVID, despite being away from campus and your colleagues over the past year, and at a time when the university and the world underwent unprecedented change.

Now, allow your experience and knowledge to pave your path forward. Your hard work and resilience has prepared you to write the next chapter in your personal story. I hope you will continue to remain inquisitive and be courageous in the midst of uncertainty.

Whatever you choose to do, do it well and with passion. Carry it out with the great personal strength and the self-confidence you developed at UAF. I hope many of you will continue to make your homes in Alaska, helping strengthen this state we all love. Wherever life’s journey may take you, I hope you will find ways throughout your career to give back to your community.

Congratulations, again, and please accept my very best wishes for your happiness and continued success.

Pat Pitney, Interim President
University of Alaska
Dear Graduate,

This was a year to remember, the year of the COVID-19 pandemic and all of the challenges it threw at you. But you did it. Congratulations on your accomplishments and earning your degree!

Today you are joining a distinguished group of University of Alaska Fairbanks alumni, and although your journey has proved to be a little more memorable, to include taking part in our most creative commencement, I hope you will take a moment to reflect on your time at UAF, the lessons learned, and the friends you have made. Your UAF experiences will last a lifetime.

On behalf of the UAF community, I wish you success and happiness in your future endeavors.

Thank you for choosing UAF.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Daniel M. White, Chancellor
University of Alaska Fairbanks
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Grand Marshal

Kenneth Coyle

Grand marshal is a title given to the emeritus faculty member who has had the longest tenure at UAF and typically leads the processional.

Processional

UAF Inu-Yupiaq Student Dance Group

National Anthem

Jenna Dreydoppel, Class of 2021

Welcome

Daniel M. White, Chancellor, University of Alaska Fairbanks

Remarks

Pat Pitney, Interim President, University of Alaska System

Recognition of Emeriti

Anupma Prakash, Provost, University of Alaska Fairbanks

Recognition of Honorary Degrees and Meritorious Service Awards

Chancellor White

Introduction of Class Speaker

Keith Champagne, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, University of Alaska Fairbanks

Class Speaker

Ray Alda, Class of 2021

Recognition of Doctoral Candidates

Richard Collins, Director, Graduate School, University of Alaska Fairbanks

Conferring of Degrees

Sheri Buretta, Chair, Board of Regents, University of Alaska System

Presenting the Class of 2021

Graduates of the University of Alaska Fairbanks

Alumni Association Representative

Cindy Wright, Class of 1988

“Alaska Flag Song”

Jenna Dreydoppel, Class of 2021

Academy Acclamation

Deans and faculty members of the University of Alaska Fairbanks
Academic Degree Abbreviations

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Honorary Degrees and Meritorious Service Awards

Honorary degrees recognize people of extraordinary accomplishment, and service awards express our appreciation for the university’s most dedicated advocates.

Degree Confirmation

Confirmation of degrees and honors for the May 2021 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. April 26, 2021. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of graduates’ names, degrees and other information. We sincerely regret any errors and omissions.

* Denotes summer degree recipient
** Denotes fall degree recipient
HONORS RECOGNITION

GRADUATION WITH HONORS
Associate and baccalaureate degree students who graduated with honors in August and December and candidates for graduation with honors in May wear a gold honor cord or sash for summa cum laude honors. 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 SCHOLARS
The honors scholars graduation designations require exceptional aptitude, academic performance and achievement in a challenging course of study. Honors scholars 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 HONOUR 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.
The Class of 2021

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREES

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND MINES
Dr. William E. Schnabel, Dean

Robin J. Bullock
Ph.D. Engineering: Environmental Engineering
Thesis: Effectiveness, Environmental Pathways and Operational Readiness of OP-40 Chemical Herder when used in Conjunction with In-Situ Burning for Oil Spill Response in the Offshore Arctic
The Arctic contains large reserves of natural resources, and, as the Earth’s climate changes, so does the Arctic and its economy. Oil spills in this environment can prove damaging, as well as logistically challenging. This research assessed the effectiveness, environmental pathways and operational readiness of herder-assisted in-situ burning.
Major Professors: Dr. Robert Perkins and Dr. Srijan Aggarwal

Dustin Ray
Ph.D. Engineering: Mechanical Engineering
B.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2011; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2013.
Thesis: Computational Analysis of Nanofluids Flow and Heat Transfer in Microchannels and Fin Tube Air Coils
Investigations on compact and microchannel heat exchangers to determine nanofluids’ thermal and fluid dynamic performance demonstrated improvements in both areas. Furthermore, new hydrodynamic entrance length and apparent friction factor correlations were developed for rectangular microchannels for a wide range of aspect ratios and Reynolds numbers using computational fluid dynamics software.
Major Professors: Dr. Debendra Das and Dr. Rorik Peterson
Roy Takeo Strandberg

**Ph.D. Engineering: Mechanical Engineering**


**Thesis: Computational and Experimental Evaluation of Nanofluids in Heating and Cooling Forced Convection Applications**

The purpose of the research was to examine the heat transfer and fluid dynamic performance of various nanofluids in heating and cooling applications using empirical and computational methods. The nanofluids were found to offer the potential of improved performance but present some practical challenges that may hinder widespread adoption.

**Major Professors: Dr. Debendra Das and Dr. Rorik Peterson**
Channing Bolt

Ph.D.  Oceanography: Chemical
B.S., Humboldt State University, 2016.

Thesis: Utility of Trace Element Studies for Improving our Understanding of Geochemical Processes within the Arctic Ocean Environment
Chapter One investigates particulate trace elements in Arctic pack ice, snow and surface waters. Chapter Two considers dissolved barium, a lithogenic element, as a tracer of meteoric water throughout the Siberian Arctic Ocean. In Chapter Three, additional spatiotemporal geochemical parameters were used to model spatiotemporal distributions of Arctic water masses.

Major Professor: Dr. Ana Aguilar-Islas

Dmitry Brazhnikov

Ph.D.  Oceanography: Physical
B.S., Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology, 2008; M.S., Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology, 2010.

Thesis: Investigation of Variability of Internal Tides in the Tasman Sea
Internal tides, waves forced by the tidal flow in the ocean interior, are hard to predict and interpret, but their life cycle shapes deep ocean water properties. This study identifies and quantifies mechanisms driving significant changes of the Tasman Sea tide in response to varying oceanic conditions.

Major Professor: Dr. Harper Simmons

Marcus Jonathan Gho *

Ph.D.  Fisheries
B.A., Brigham Young University, 2003; M.S., Utah State University, 2006.

Thesis: Bristol Bay Dual Permit Operations, Vessel Heterogeneity, and the Migration of Alaskan Permit Holders
Three chapters examined aspects of Alaska’s Limited Entry program: the outcome of dual-permit regulations, the persistence of heterogeneity in the size of fishing vessels active in the Bristol Bay salmon drift gillnet fishery, and the factors that influence the migration of permit holders.

Major Professor: Dr. Keith Criddle
Sonia Natalie Ibarra

Ph.D. Fisheries
B.S., Humboldt State University, 2008.

Competition for resources between sea otters and humans in Southeast Alaska has led to food security concerns in rural subsistence communities. This dissertation documents Indigenous and local knowledge of Alaska Native customary and traditional food experts, sea otter hunters and elders to understand empirical observations for restoring balance with otters.

Major Professor: Dr. Ginny Eckert

Jenell Trillium Larsen Tempel *

Ph.D. Fisheries
B.S., Jacksonville University, 2014.

Thesis: Environmental Impacts on Reproductive Responses of Pacific Walruses (Odobenus rosmarus divergens) and Subsistence Users of St. Lawrence Island
In walruses, reproductive capacity fluctuated with changes in carrying capacity and the Bering Sea environment over a 35-year period; hormone profiles support the first physiological evidence for pseudopregnancy in this species. Discussions with St. Lawrence Island community members highlighted changes in key subsistence resources with regard to food security.

Major Professor: Dr. Shannon Atkinson DeMaster

Christopher Joseph Latty

Ph.D. Marine Biology
B.S., Grand Valley State University, 2000; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2008.

Thesis: Sources and Effects of Strontium in Waterfowl Eggs
Strontium may be a contaminant of concern in bird eggs. The factors affecting strontium concentration in the eggshells of waterfowl in Interior Alaska and the relationship between eggshell strontium and eggshell quality both appear related to the geochemistry near the nest, hen diet and hen physiology.

Major Professor: Dr. Tuula Hollmen

Valentina Melica **

Ph.D. Fisheries
B.S., University of Trieste, 2010; M.S., University of Trieste, 2013.

Thesis: Reproduction and Stress Response Endocrinology in Blue (Balaenoptera musculus) and Gray (Eschrichtius robustus) Whales
Hormones are tiny molecules produced by the body during important physiological processes, such as reproduction and stress response. This dissertation measured hormone concentrations in blubber of blue and gray whales from the eastern North Pacific Ocean and developed analytical tools to detect pregnancy and assess metabolic well-being.

Major Professor: Dr. Shannon Atkinson DeMaster

* Summer degree recipient

** Fall degree recipient
Wendel W. Raymond *

Ph.D. Fisheries
B.S., Oregon State University, 2012.

Thesis: Sea Otters in Southeast Alaska: Subsistence Harvest and Ecological Effects in Seagrass Communities

Sea otter (*Enhydra lutris*) subsistence harvest and population effects varied depending on locations and sizes of areas studied. Measuring biomass, stable isotopes and fatty acids in seagrass habitats found that sea otters have negative effects on shellfish, weak positive effects on seagrass and varied effects on other seagrass-associated species.

Major Professor: Dr. Ginny Eckert

Robert E. Spangler **

Ph.D. Fisheries
B.S., Oregon State University, 1991; M.S., University of Idaho, 1997.

Thesis: Spawning Migration Characteristics and Ecology of Eulachon (*Thaleichthys pacificus*)

This research sought to fill key knowledge gaps in eulachon spawning ecology that have impeded population monitoring efforts and habitat protection. Tests proved that eulachon produced viable offspring in brackish water, used estuaries as spawning habitat and migrated during the highest tides associated with the spring tide phase.

Major Professor: Dr. Brenda Norcross

Benjamin Phillip Weitzman *

Ph.D. Marine Biology
B.S., University of California Santa Cruz, 2008; M.A., University of California Santa Cruz, 2013.

Thesis: Sea Urchin Ecology: Effects of Food-Web Modification, Climate Change and Community Structure

Sea urchins showed increased variability in size and abundance and became more sensitive to environmental forcing following the loss of sea otters. These studies showed how large-scale global ocean change and fine-scale species interactions could influence sea urchins and their role as a driver of coastal ecosystem structure and function.

Major Professor: Dr. Brenda Konar
Charlene Aqpik Apok
Ph.D. Indigenous Studies

Thesis: Alaska Native Men’s Voices: Tracking Masculinities through Indigenous Gender Constructs

Major Professor: Dr. Sean Asiqluq Topkok

Ellen Margaret Carrlee **
Ph.D. Anthropology

Thesis: The Yup’ik Relationships of Qiluliuryaraq (Processing Intestine)
Investigation of intestine as an obsolete material revealed changes in technology and spirituality, while resilience of gut processing demonstrated identity and traditional values. The theoretical orientation focused on reciprocal relationships among humans and non-humans, while the methodology prioritized hands-on learning from Indigenous experts in both museums and Yup’ik communities.

Major Professor: Dr. Peter Schweitzer

Samuel Holmes Johnson *
Ph.D. Clinical-Community Psychology
B.A., Western Colorado University, 2005; M.S.W., University of Alaska Anchorage, 2007.

Thesis: Mental Health Problems in the Mountains: Needs, Assets, and Recommendations for Managing Mental Health Problems in Mountain-Focused Wilderness-Based Education and Related Fields
This exploratory community-based participatory research assessed needs, assets and recommendations related to mental health problems among students and instructors in wilderness-based education and related fields. Many areas are in need of further development, and the study provides recommendations for future directions in the development of training, screening, protocol and policy.

Major Professors: Dr. Ellen Lopez and Dr. Patrick Dulin

Yoko Kugo
Ph.D. Ethnogeography: Interdisciplinary Studies

Thesis: Iliama Lake Ethnogeography: Yup’ik Place Names and Sense of Place
This dissertation examines Iliamna Lake ethnogeography, the physical and mental understanding of landscape, by researching place names and related stories from Yup’ik perspectives. Telling and retelling such stories allows people to visualize their landscapes while reinforcing the knowledge that has enabled them to thrive in the region.

Major Professors: Dr. Mary Ehrlander and Dr. Walkie Charles
Annie Nichole Laweryson *

*Ph.D. Clinical-Community Psychology: Rural Indigenous Emphasis
B.S., Saint Martin's University, 2011; M.S., Bastyr College, 2015.
Thesis: Stigma, Self-Efficacy, and Adherence Behaviors in People with Type 2 Diabetes: Unexpected Outcomes
Social stigma negatively affects many people with Type 2 diabetes. Moderated-mediation analyses were conducted to test the ability of positive patient-provider relationships to deter the negative impact of stigma on health behaviors. Findings were unexpected and revealed paradoxical relationships between variables but were consistent with psychological reactance theory.

Major Professor: Dr. Kendra Campbell

Davita Aphrodite-Lee Marsden Giniw’Waabi ‘To See Like a Golden Eagle’

Ph.D. Indigenous Studies
This dissertation addresses how integration of Indigenous culture in public school curricula supports success of urban Indigenous students. Drawing on students’ artwork stories, the dissertation investigates how the adoption of Indigenous drumming and singing in classrooms contributes to student success. The study aligns with evidence-based approaches and quantification of learning.

Major Professor: Dr. Sean Asiqluq Topkok

Jessica McKay **

Ph.D. Clinical-Community Psychology
B.A., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2009; M.S.W., University of Alaska Anchorage, 2010.
Thesis: “I Hear What You’re Saying”: Evaluating the Couple Validation Training (CVT), a Brief Behavioral Intervention
This study explored the role of relationship education in reducing conflict among couples in a committed relationship. After a workshop to help couples, more than 85% of study participants improved their communication skills and experienced greater satisfaction from their relationships.

Major Professors: Dr. Valerie Gifford and Dr. John Worrall

Nicholas Schmuck

Ph.D. Anthropology
Thesis: Contextualizing the Development of Coastal Adaptations in Postglacial Southeast Alaska
To address the late Pleistocene people of Southeast Alaska, theoretical models were developed to explore how humans adapt to unfamiliar and changing landscapes. A regional synthesis of the marine reservoir effect refined local sea-level histories, and obsidian analysis reframed early Holocene lithic technology as an adaptation to local sources.

Major Professor: Dr. Joshua Reuther
Gerad M. Smith **  
Ph.D. Anthropology  
Thesis: Ethnoarchaeology of the Middle Tanana Valley, Alaska  
This study explores the shifting constructs of identity for the Middle Tanana people at the Swan Point and Pickupsticks archaeological sites. Construction methods there show a shift from single-family structures to multifamily houses approximately 1,000 to 1,800 years ago, reflecting the social importance of the potlatch in bringing nonrelated kin together in one society.  
Major Professor: Dr. Joshua Reuther

Angel R. Vasquez *  
Ph.D. Clinical-Community Psychology: Rural Indigenous Emphasis  
B.A., University of New Mexico, 2009; M.S., University of Alaska Anchorage, 2013.  
This three-phase mixed methods study utilized a sequential explanatory case study design to examine a medically assisted treatment (MAT) program for opioid use disorder in Fairbanks, Alaska. Treatment outcomes were examined and recovery trajectories were explored to better understand patient experiences and next steps to MAT development in the Alaska context.  
Major Professors: Dr. Kendra Campbell and Dr. Ellen Lopez
Chris G. Carr

Ph.D.  Geophysics
B.S., Montana State University Bozeman, 2006; M.S., Montana State University, 2011.
Thesis: Blood Falls, Taylor Glacier, Antarctica: Subglacially-Sourced Outflow at the Surface of a Cold Polar Glacier as Recorded by Time-Lapse Photography, Seismic Data, and Historical Observations
Blood Falls forms when iron-rich, hypersaline, subglacially sourced brine flows from a crack in the surface of Taylor Glacier, Antarctica. This research provides context for the history of brine release events from 1903-1994, wintertime brine release characteristics from winter 2014 and descriptions of the local seismic environment at Taylor Glacier.
Major Professors: Dr. Erin Pettit and Dr. Carl Tape

Matvey Vladimirovich Debolskiy **

Ph.D.  Geophysics: Snow, Ice and Permafrost Geophysics
B.S., Lomonosov Moscow State University, 2013; M.S., Lomonosov Moscow State University, 2013.
Thesis: Modeling Permafrost Dynamics and Water Balance of Arctic Watersheds in a Changing Climate
Permafrost is a key feature of the Arctic landscape. The role of permafrost in the terrestrial part of the Earth’s water cycle was investigated by the numerical modeling of coupled heat and moisture transport in soil on centennial and millennial timescales.
Major Professors: Dr. Regine Hock and Dr. Vladimir Romanovsky

Stanley Gene Edwin *

Ph.D.  Atmospheric Sciences
Thesis: Current Exposure of Yukon Flats Tribal Villages’ Residents to PM2.5 from Natural and Anthropogenic Sources: Establishing Baselines for Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience
An experimental analysis of air quality and meteorology was conducted for the eastern interior region of Alaska, where no data is available. This thesis provides an excellent level of scientific analysis using in-situ experimental data to guide the modeling effort and the use of reanalysis and satellite data.
Major Professor: Dr. Nicole Mölders
Jessica Inez Garron **

**Ph.D. Remote Sensing in Decision Making: Interdisciplinary Studies**

B.S., University of Maine, 1997; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2007.

**Thesis: Integration of Remote Sensing Technologies into Arctic Oil Spill Response**

Successful integration of landscape-level science into decision-making processes is vital for quality environmental stewardship. This dissertation identifies opportunities and solutions that support improved Arctic oil spill response decision-making through the application of remote sensing data and information in remote operational settings.

**Major Professors:** Dr. Franz Meyer and Dr. Sarah Trainor

Jason Edward Geck **

**Ph.D. Geology**

B.A., California State University, Sacramento, 1996; M.S., Alaska Pacific University, 2001.

**Thesis: Changing Glaciers in the Brooks Range and Western Chugach Mountains, Alaska: Mass Loss, Runoff Increase, and Supraglacial Volcanic Tephra Coverage**

Volume change of central glaciers in the Brooks Range, Alaska, were calculated for 1970s-2010 using elevational datasets. The mass change of Eklutna Glacier, Alaska, was hindcast over 1985-2019 using a glacier model. Remote sensing methods investigated the persistence of tephra from the 1992 Mt. Spurr eruption in western Chugach Mountains glaciers.

**Major Professor:** Dr. Regine Hock

Taylor R. Gofstein *

**Ph.D. Environmental Chemistry**

B.S., University of Bridgeport, 2015.

**Thesis: Fate and Effects of Commercial Crude Oil Bioremediation Products in Arctic Seawater**

Increased oil exploration in the Arctic has necessitated an investigation of the effects of the oil spill response products Corexit 9500 and Oil Spill Eater II on crude oil biodegradation in Arctic seawater and the associated shifts in the microbial community structure and function using mesocosm incubations.

**Major Professor:** Dr. Mary Beth Leigh

Marcus Hirtl

**Ph.D. Natural Sciences: Interdisciplinary Studies**

B.S., Vienna University of Technology, 2002.

**Thesis: Atmospheric Modeling of Natural Hazards**

The Weather Research Forecasting model with in-line chemistry was extended and used to simulate the emission and dispersion of volcanic ash and SO2 clouds. The model was evaluated with observations and applied during a natural hazard exercise to show the benefit of its integration into emergency response systems.

**Major Professor:** Dr. Martin Stuefer

* Summer degree recipient  
** Fall degree recipient
Alexandra Michelle Iezzi *

**Ph.D. Geophysics**

**Thesis: Exploring Infrasound Wavefields to Characterize Volcanic Eruptions**
Characterization of the propagation path infrasound experiences between the source and a receiver is vital in order to better understand the infrasound source itself. The effects of the atmosphere and topography on the recorded infrasound waveforms were modeled to better interpret the acoustic source and its implications on volcanic eruptions.

Major Professor: Dr. David Fee

Michael Edgar Johns **

**Ph.D. Biological Sciences: Wildlife Biology and Conservation**
B.S., California State University, Monterey, 2009; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2018.

**Thesis: The Effects of Individual and Environmental Heterogeneity on Long-Term Population Dynamics of Cassin’s Auklets (Ptychoramphus aleuticus)**
Reproductive output and survival are balanced through a tradeoff between current success and future potential. A 37-year record of breeding Cassin’s auklets showed evidence of a positive relationship between double brooding and survival attributed to individual quality. Higher rates of double brooding buffered the population against climate-driven periods of low adult survival.

Major Professors: Dr. Greg Breed and Dr. Mark Lindberg

Marianne Lian *

**Ph.D. Veterinary Biochemical Toxicology: Interdisciplinary Studies**
B.S., University of Copenhagen, 2009; M.S., University of Copenhagen, 2012.

**Thesis: Assessing Adverse Effects of Mercury in Two Pinniped Species**
Adverse effects were associated with mercury. There was a significant negative relationship between lipid peroxidation and selenium, and increased antioxidant activity and lipid peroxidation. A significant association between mercury and decreased tactile sensation, less movement and longer rehabilitations was found, confirming adverse effects in free-ranging pinnipeds exposed to mercury in utero.

Major Professor: Dr. Todd O’Hara

Marc Oggier **

**Ph.D. Geophysics: Snow, Ice and Permafrost Geophysics**
B.S., Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne, 2007; M.S., Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne, 2009.

**Thesis: Effects of Sea Ice Seasonal Evolution and Oil Properties on Crude Oil Upward Migration through Sea Ice**
Should an oil spill happen in ice-covered waters, quantifying oil containment in sea ice and determining the timing of vertical oil migration throughout the ice cover is critical for oil spill response and preparedness efforts. This thesis sought to understand the transport mechanisms and proposed a model to support cleanup efforts.

Major Professor: Dr. Hajo Eicken
Soma Raj Panta *

**Ph.D.  Physics**

*B.S., Tribhuvan University, 2006; M.S., Tribhuvan University, 2009.*

**Thesis: Control of Internal Transport Barriers in Magnetically Confined Tokamak Fusion Plasmas**

Turbulence transport, the mechanism that drives plasma particles and energy out of the machine in the magnetic confinement devices, has to be controlled for steady state fusion reactors. This work investigated mechanisms to control such turbulence transport with internal transport barriers. External heating and particle sources are used for such control mechanisms.

**Major Professor: Dr. David Newman**

Sarah Alison Rice **

**Ph.D.  Biochemistry & Neuroscience**

*B.S., Evergreen State College, 2011.*

**Thesis: Metabolite Influence on the Hibernating Arctic Ground Squirrel**

This work aimed to identify how hibernators maintain nitrogen homeostasis and amino acid supply, and how metabolites in return may influence hibernation physiology. The study found production of amino acids is highly regulated and sustained by free nitrogen recycling, while specific metabolites can exert thermogenic influence in hibernating ground squirrels.

**Major Professor: Dr. Kelly Drew**

Jiake Zhou *

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

*B.S., University of Montana, 2011.*

**Thesis: Climate Change, Moose, and Subsistence Harvest in Arctic Alaska**

Using field surveys and modeling, this research identified moose habitat requirements, mapped current and future distributions, and assessed harvest opportunities under future warming in Arctic Alaska. The work showed that rapid resource change does not necessarily translate into increased harvest, highlighting the importance of integrated assessment in evaluating climate change impact.

**Major Professors: Dr. Knut Kielland and Dr. Gary Kofinas**
Michael J. Healey *

Ph.D. Counseling and Counselor Education: Interdisciplinary Studies

Thesis: Beyond Trending: Using Risking Connection as a Framework for Moving Agency Culture Toward Trauma-Informed Care
Risking Connection (RC) is a curriculum-based training program that works with agencies interested in becoming trauma-informed. The current study examined the impact of RC on trainee outcomes for knowledge gain, attitude change and vicarious trauma on 119 participants who work at a therapeutic group home system in Atlantic Canada.

Major Professor: Dr. Susan Renes
# The Class of 2021

## Certificates and Associate, Baccalaureate and Master’s Degrees

## College of Engineering and Mines

*Dr. William E. Schnabel, Dean*

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B.A.A.S., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

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*summa cum laude*, B.S., Climate Resilience and Adaptation: Interdisciplinary Studies. *University Honors Scholar*

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B.S., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

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B.S., Mathematical Influences on Art: Interdisciplinary Studies

Kimberly M. Guetttinger **
*cum laude*, B.T., Community Restorative Practices: Interdisciplinary Studies

Kaylyn Hale **
B.T., International Marketing with a Focus in Japan: Interdisciplinary Studies

Katrina M. Howe
B.S., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

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B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

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B.A., Applied Technology and Economics: Interdisciplinary Studies

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B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

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B.S., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

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B.A.A.S., Corporate Resource Management and Allocation: Interdisciplinary Studies

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B.S., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

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B.A., Pedagogical Methods of Secondary Education with an Emphasis in Humanities and Social Sciences: Interdisciplinary Studies

Eric Matthew Zucker
B.A., The Pedagogy of Functional Anatomy: Interdisciplinary Studies

Associate Degrees

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A.A.S., Applied Environmental Education: Interdisciplinary Studies

Lance F. Thibedean **
A.A.S., Cold-water Research Diving: Interdisciplinary Studies
School of Education
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Master’s Degrees

Melissa A. Benson
M.Ed., Education: Online Innovation and Design

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M.Ed., Special Education

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M.Ed., Education: People, Place and Pedagogy

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Elementary Education

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Post-Baccalaureate and Graduate Certificates

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Gr. Cert., Secondary Education: Initial Teacher Certification Program

Marissa Bennett
Gr. Cert., Elementary Education: Initial Teacher Certification Program

Rachel Audrey Bennett
Gr. Cert., Counseling: School Counseling Secondary Education

Ansel Bird
Gr. Cert., Secondary Education: Initial Teacher Certification Program

Shellonda S. Bolton
Gr. Cert., Elementary Education: Initial Teacher Certification Program. *Golden Key Honour Society*

James Christopher Brothers
Gr. Cert., Elementary Education: Initial Teacher Certification Program

Tammy L. Bruce
Gr. Cert., Post-Baccalaureate K-12 Special Education Licensure: Additional Endorsement

Maureen Clay
Gr. Cert., Secondary Education: Initial Teacher Certification Program

Kathryn Grace Conway
Gr. Cert., Post-Baccalaureate K-12 Special Education Licensure: Additional Endorsement

Jacqueline Cunningham **
Gr. Cert., Post-Baccalaureate K-12 Special Education Licensure: Additional Endorsement

Kacey Duffield
Gr. Cert., Elementary Education: Initial Teacher Certification Program

Adelina Nasya Esco **
Gr. Cert., Counseling: School Counseling K-12

Rosemarie Fitch
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Gr. Cert., Elementary Education: Initial Teacher Certification Program

Jodi Friend
Gr. Cert., Teaching Credential-Secondary Education: Initial Teacher Certification Program

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Gr. Cert., Counseling: School Counseling Secondary Education

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Gr. Cert., Counseling: School Counseling Secondary Education

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Bret Logan Johnson
Gr. Cert., Teaching Credential-Secondary Education: Initial Teacher Certification Program

Jesse Keller
Gr. Cert., Secondary Education: Initial Teacher Certification Program

Misty Lecese Tweet
Gr. Cert., Counseling: School Counseling Secondary Education

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Cord Lindquist
Gr. Cert., Elementary Education: Initial Teacher Certification Program

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Gr. Cert., Counseling: School Counseling K-12

Olga J. Mesak
Gr. Cert., Elementary Education: Initial Teacher Certification Program

Alice Ester Moran-Tacey
Gr. Cert., Elementary Education: Initial Teacher Certification Program

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Gr. Cert., Post-Baccalaureate K-12 Special Education Licensure: Initial Teacher Certification Program

Eric Orphys
Gr. Cert., Secondary Education: Initial Teacher Certification Program

Holly Elizabeth Owens Padilla
Gr. Cert., Elementary Education: Initial Teacher Certification Program

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Gr. Cert., Secondary Education: Initial Teacher Certification Program

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Gr. Cert., Counseling: School Counseling Secondary Education

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Gr. Cert., Secondary Education: Initial Teacher Certification Program

Chelsea Taylor
Gr. Cert., Counseling: Additional Endorsement

Cirilo D. Tormis Jr.
Gr. Cert., Secondary Education: Initial Teacher Certification Program

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B.A., Elementary Education

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B.A., Elementary Education

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B.A., Elementary Education

Lauren Crain  
B.A., Elementary Education

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*cum laude*, B.A., Elementary Education

Naomi Rose Gourdin  
B.A., Elementary Education

Aubrey Hanna  
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Alissa Lynn Healy  
B.A., Elementary Education

Kenlynn Nicole Henry  
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B.A., Elementary Education

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B.A., Elementary Education

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Stephanie Agnes Eliza Maxie  
B.A., Elementary Education

Claire McElroy  
B.A., Elementary Education

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*cum laude*, B.A., Elementary Education

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B.A., Elementary Education

Rhonda Miller  
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Elizabeth Rolston  
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Ciera Ruckman  
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Hannah Jo Stiner  
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### Zachary Bryan
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MBA, Business Administration: General Management

### Joseph Byrnes *
MBA, Business Administration: General Management

### Diana Ericka Campero-Coss
MBA, Business Administration: General Management

### Giovanny Capote
MBA, Business Administration: STEM

### Benjamin Daniel Carstens *
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### Nimisha Chaturvedi
MBA, Business Administration: General Management

### Logan Coomes
MBA, Business Administration: General Management

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MBA, Business Administration: General Management

### Myha Cortez
MBA, Business Administration: General Management

### Carlene Crow
MBA, Business Administration: General Management

### Katie Damon **
MBA, Business Administration: General Management

### Mekayla Dezarn
MBA, Business Administration: General Management

### Josie Marie Dodds
MBA, Business Administration: General Management

### Jiarong Du
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### Austyn Ava Hewitt Grubb **
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### Edward R. Hix *
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### Lisa E. Laiti
MBA, Business Administration: General Management

### Jean-Philippe Landry **
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Devon Anderson  
B.A.M., Applied Management

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B.S.E.M., Homeland Security and Emergency Management: Fire Administration

Katherine Armstrong  
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magna cum laude, B.B.A., Business Administration: Marketing

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William Preston Ringo  
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EMERITI RECOGNITION

DR. MICHAEL CASTELLINI
PROFESSOR OF MARINE BIOLOGY AND
DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF FISHERIES AND OCEAN SCIENCES, EMERITUS

Dr. Michael Castellini has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1989 to 2020.

He is a prominent researcher of marine mammal physiology, a valued mentor and a highly respected advisor; and he championed the establishment of a marine biology doctoral program at UAF; and he chaired or co-chaired fifteen successful graduate student committees and served on many more.

Dr. Castellini has published more than seventy research articles and authored more than a dozen book chapters, and is a widely recognized expert in the physiology of marine mammals and their diving adaptations.

He has a remarkable record of service established through, among many other activities, his participation in numerous top-level national scientific panels, his guidance to the Alaska Sea Life Center, and his administrative leadership as a director and dean during development and construction of the research vessel Sikuliaq.

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

DR. G. BURNS COOPER
PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH, EMERITUS

Dr. G. Burns Cooper served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1990 until his death in 2020.

He began his career at UAF as a linguistics specialist but also distinguished himself as a teacher, author, award-winning poet and scholar of forensic speech science.

Dr. Cooper sought to meet each student’s needs, removing obstacles for those who struggled with grammar while challenging those attracted to the subject, all with encouragement and humor; and he chaired four successful graduate student committees and participated in nineteen others.

His major research, which led to a book, explored the linguistic roots of poetry’s musical qualities; and he published dozens of articles, reviews, papers and lectures, as well as poetry and essays.

Dr. Cooper served as a willing guide for myriad Alaskans seeking clarity on points of language; and he served on multiple University committees; and he is warmly remembered by colleagues for his leadership talent as chair of the English Department, acting chair of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, and interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation for Dr. G. Burns Cooper’s extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.
DR. KENNETH COYLE  
RESEARCH ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF OCEANOGRAPHY, EMERITUS

Dr. Kenneth Coyle served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in research and public service from 1974 to 2020.

Dr. Coyle, despite his research faculty appointment, has served on sixteen doctoral student committees and nine master’s student committees.

He has been the lead author of thirty-one research publications and co-author on another forty-eight, with most articles appearing in well-respected first-tier journals; and he has been principal investigator or co-principal investigator on forty-six projects; and he has worked as a talented field ecologist and an accomplished numerical modeler; and his efforts made UAF sufficiently competitive to be awarded a new National Science Foundation Long-Term Ecological Research site in 2017.

Dr. Coyle has worked with numerous other institutions, colleagues at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and UAF faculty members outside the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, service that exceeded the requirements of his research faculty assignment.

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

DR. MARY F. EHRLANDER  
PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AND ARCTIC AND NORTHERN STUDIES, EMERITUS

Dr. Mary F. Ehrlander has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 2001 to 2020.

Her students praise her high standards, academic rigor and thorough teaching style, while noting her accessibility and willingness to assist; and she received the Emil Usibelli Distinguished Teaching Award in 2016; and she served as chair of twenty-five graduate student committees and as a member of thirty-six others.

Dr. Ehrlander, since joining UAF, has written five books, several book chapters and numerous articles and papers; and she has written and presented on diverse topics such as education reform, policies and cultural issues surrounding alcohol use, and the politics of oil in Alaska.

She organized numerous conferences, panel discussions, seminars and lectures on public issues in Alaska and the North; and she directed UAF’s Arctic and Northern studies program; and she served on numerous University committees.

Dr. Ehrlander has received multiple awards for her work, including both the Alaska Historical Society’s James H. Drucker Historian of the Year Award and the Alaska Library Association’s Alaskana Award in 2018 for the biography “Walter Harper: Alaska Native Son”.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation for Dr. Mary F. Ehrlander’s extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.
Emeriti Recognition

Mr. Gary Freitag
Professor of Fisheries, Emeritus

Mr. Gary Freitag served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 2008 to 2021.

He is described as an ideal teacher who is eminently personable, relatable and likeable, qualities he applied in formal education settings at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and the University of Alaska Southeast and in the impressive range of informal teaching he undertook through countless public presentations and demonstrations.

Mr. Freitag is regarded as an outstanding partner by other researchers for his intellect, pragmatism, collaborative spirit and understanding of Alaska’s marine environment in relation to ecological and social issues.

He has, in addition to University committee and mentoring work, brought distinction to the University with service on advisory panels and committees at statewide, regional and national levels; and he was a founder and president of the Board of Directors of the OceansAlaska Marine Science Center; and he has lent his expertise to activities such as an invasive species monitoring project with the Smithsonian Environmental Research Institute and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Alaska Marine Mammal Stranding Network.

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

Dr. Christopher Hartman
Associate Professor of Computer Science, Emeritus

Dr. Christopher Hartman served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1997 to 2021.

Dr. Hartman, who is himself a graduate of the University, is a dedicated instructor who offers formal and informal assistance to all students, not just those enrolled in his classes; and he developed and regularly taught a course in software construction regarded by some students as their favorite class; and he is lauded by students for combining academic rigor with enthusiasm, curiosity and a sincere interest in students’ success.

He is considered a world expert on graph coloring problems; and has co-authored or participated in more than two dozen refereed publications and video and juried demonstrations; and he excels at collaborative, interdisciplinary work with other researchers, often providing key insights to the benefit of their projects.

Dr. Hartman has ably served the University in a variety of capacities, including as department chair and in roles on Faculty Senate, the Honors Faculty Advisory Committee, dean and faculty search committees, and a department accreditation self-study that was selected by the accrediting body as an example of a well-prepared report.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Christopher Hartman for his extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.
DR. DAVID KOESTER
Professor of Anthropology, Emeritus

Dr. David Koester has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1999 to 2021.

He is a highly respected teacher and advisor who has shared his encyclopedic expertise in anthropology without reservation; and he has recruited students nationally and internationally; and he reshaped the anthropology curriculum to meet his standards of excellence.

Dr. Koester, a prolific, multilingual scholar of circumpolar peoples from Iceland to the Russian Far East, has produced dozens of articles, presentations, papers and reports, as well as a film; and he has been a leader in numerous research projects, the most enduring of which brought him to Russia’s Kamchatka on fifteen field trips since 1996 to work with Itelmen communities; and he recently assisted in completing a dictionary of the endangered Itelmen language.

He served as chair of the Anthropology Department and, in that capacity, worked to bring the undergraduate and graduate degree programs to international prominence.

The film Dr. Koester co-produced, “Itelmen Stories,” won the grand prize at the International Festival of Ethnological Film in Belgrade, Serbia, in 2011.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation for Dr. David Koester’s extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.

DR. THOMAS B. KUHN
Professor of Biochemistry and Neuroscience, Emeritus

Dr. Thomas B. Kuhn has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1998 to 2002 and from 2004 to 2021.

He has been a highly popular teacher who sponsored the first student chapter of the American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and helped establish the annual student-oriented University of Alaska Biomedical Research Conference; and he has chaired thirteen successful graduate student committees and served on dozens more.

Dr. Kuhn’s research, which focuses on inflammatory and oxidative stress in the central nervous system, has elucidated the molecular and cellular mechanisms of a variety of biochemical processes, including the effects of Alaska berry polyphenols; and he helped found the Alaska Basic Neuroscience Program, which has led to nearly $20 million in research grants.

He helped design the current graduate curriculum in biochemistry and neuroscience, which draws high-caliber students and prepares them well for work in the field; and he worked with the University of Alaska administration to create a system to commercialize discoveries in research.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation for Dr. Thomas B. Kuhn’s extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.
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**DR. CHARLES MAYER**
Professor of Electrical Engineering and
Associate Dean of the College of Engineering and Mines, Emeritus

Dr. Charles Mayer has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1989 to 2021.

He taught not only upper-division and graduate classes but also, more recently, the first-year introductory course, where he shared insights from his career with more than two thousand aspiring engineers; and he served as committee chair for eleven graduate students.

Dr. Mayer pioneered research in the field of millimeter radio wave holography, applying it to the metrology of large reflector antennas to improve high-frequency performance; and he analyzed the high-speed radio transmission of data via NASA’s groundbreaking Advanced Communications Technology Satellite.

He served as department chair for fourteen years and associate dean for thirteen years; and he helped create the engineering doctorate and computer engineering undergraduate degree programs; and he served over four decades with the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, including fifteen years overseeing student chapters across the northwestern U.S..

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation for Dr. Charles Mayer’s extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.

**DR. PAUL METZ**
Professor of Geological Engineering, Emeritus

Dr. Paul Metz has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1975 to 2021.

He has taught a wide variety of geological and mining engineering courses, and his extensive experience equipped him to lead summer field and exploration courses that students have described as their most cherished memories of their education; and he served as chair for twenty graduate students and as a committee member or advisor for countless other graduate and undergraduate students.

Dr. Metz led forty-six research grants during his UAF career, most recently a $5.6 million award evaluating an Alaska-Canada rail link; and he authored more than one hundred publications related to geological engineering and the mining industry, including technical contract reports and refereed journal articles.

He made significant long-term contributions to not only the geological engineering program but also Alaska’s mining and geology industries; and he served as a director of the Alaska Miners Association; and private projects on which he has consulted have drawn millions of dollars in new capital, creating current and future jobs across the state.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation for Dr. Paul Metz’s extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.
Emeriti Recognition

DR. NICOLE MÖLDERS
Professor of Atmospheric Sciences, Emeritus

Dr. Nicole Mölders has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 2001 to 2021.

She is an award-winning teacher who has advised twenty-one undergraduate and thirty graduate students, including the first Alaska Native student to earn a doctorate in atmospheric sciences from UAF.

Dr. Mölders’ research is well-known internationally, especially in the field of air pollution, atmospheric chemistry, land-air interaction and mesoscale modeling; and she has published ninety-three papers in peer-reviewed journals and thirteen peer-reviewed book chapters; and she has co-authored a book on meteorology and authored another on land-use and land-cover changes.

She was the founding chair of UAF’s Department of Atmospheric Sciences; and she edited several international, peer-reviewed scientific journals, founded the journal Climate and served as a reviewer for almost fifty different journals; and she held national leadership positions in atmospheric research organizations; and she engaged in efforts to understand and find solutions to Fairbanks’ poor air quality.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation for Dr. Mölders’ extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.

DR. RAINER J. NEWBERRY
Professor of Geology, Emeritus

Dr. Rainer J. Newberry served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1982 to 2020.

He is an award-winning teacher who gave students a constant source of help in classes, research and training; and his courses were popular and well rated; and he chaired more than forty graduate committees and was a member for many more.

Dr. Newberry, whose specialty is economic geology, has authored or co-authored approximately one hundred eighty-five book chapters, peer-reviewed journal articles, reports and maps; and he has worked internationally in studies of critical mineral resources.

His work with geology-related industries and state and federal agencies has contributed to the development of Alaska’s resources and workforce; and his participation in the annual Science Potpourri and his visits to local schools have inspired and educated young people throughout the community; and he served twenty-one years with the Faculty Senate and on numerous university committees.

Dr. Newberry received the 2003 Emil Usibelli Distinguished Teaching Award, which recognized the creativity and enthusiasm he brought to his classes.

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

Dr. Brenda Norcross served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1989 to 2020.

She taught primarily graduate level courses while advising thirty-eight graduate students to completion of their degrees; and her students have found successful careers in state, federal and university faculty research positions.

Dr. Norcross came to UAF just prior to the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill, and her research from that era still informs oil spill prevention, planning and response efforts in Alaska and around the world; and her diverse work, from Southeast Alaska to the Arctic Ocean, has illuminated environmental influences on dozens of fish and invertebrate species; and she garnered approximately $27 million in research funding and produced eighty peer-reviewed publications.

Her expertise and knowledge is widely sought, and she has served many years on the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council’s groundfish plan team, on the National Research Council’s Arctic oil spill committee and on scientific committees for the North Pacific Marine Science Organization; and she has volunteered in multiple roles in the university and Fairbanks communities.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Brenda Norcross for her extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.

Mr. Brian O’Donoghue served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 2001 to 2020.

He served as the bedrock of the print journalism program, teaching more than one thousand students and inspiring and editing their reporting of issues on campus and in the broader community; and many of today’s Alaska journalists were taught by Mr. O’Donoghue.

Mr. O’Donoghue sustained a multiyear investigative reporting project on the conviction of four men for the 1997 murder of a Fairbanks teen; and his reporting and that of his students uncovered flaws in the case and contributed to the eventual release of the four men.

He served as advisor to the Sun Star student newspaper and coordinated student participation in the annual Alaska Press Club conference in Anchorage; and he served on the committee that annually selected the Snedden chair and brought nationally prominent reporters, editors and photojournalists into UAF’s classrooms.

Mr. O’Donoghue twice received the Alaska Press Club’s most prestigious recognition, the public service award; and he was chosen to serve as a 2012-2013 Fulbright-Nehru Scholar in Pune, India.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Mr. Brian O’Donoghue for his extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.
Emeriti Recognition

DR. ROBERT PERKINS
Professor of Civil Engineering, Emeritus

Dr. Robert Perkins served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1999 to 2021.

He is an excellent and highly rated teacher who, after joining the University following a successful professional career, developed four online courses in the fields of civil and environmental engineering; and he helped to create the engineering doctoral program and the engineering and science management master’s program; and he mentored more than forty master’s and five doctoral students.

Dr. Perkins’ research during his career has made significant contributions to understanding Arctic oil spill response options, safe remediation of hazardous materials, techniques of handling and processing transportation safety data, and alternative construction project management methods.

He has served the engineering profession and the engineering and construction industry in Alaska through numerous activities recognized by his peers in those fields; and he has lectured and coordinated many outreach programs in Alaska and lectured nationwide and in Russia.

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

DR. TODD RADENBAUGH
Professor of Environmental Science, Emeritus

Dr. Todd Radenbaugh served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 2006 until his death in 2020.

He was a dynamic, highly rated teacher who developed and taught a variety of geography, geoscience, environmental and biology classes at the Bristol Bay Campus; and the only class he missed in 15 years of teaching was on the day of his passing.

Dr. Radenbaugh built the only environmental science lab in the Bristol Bay region; and he studied and published research on isopods and the sea-bottom habitat of Bristol Bay; and he made dozens of presentations at scientific conferences.

He founded the Western Alaska Interdisciplinary Science Association and organized its annual conferences; and he frequently organized and presented at several other science and science education conferences; and he organized educational events for youths, such as the Bristol Bay Salmon Camp on Lake Aleknagik; and he consulted for Bristol Bay organizations and served on the board of the Nushagak Electric and Telephone Cooperative.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Todd Radenbaugh for his extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.
EMERITI RECOGNITION

MS. JULIE RILEY
PROFESSOR OF HORTICULTURE, EMERITUS

Ms. Julie Riley served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching and public service from 1984 to 2020.

She is known for her engaging presentations, use of humor, generosity and openness; and as an agent with the Cooperative Extension Service, she developed, taught for and managed volunteers in the master gardener programs, first in Anchorage and then in Fairbanks; and she helped develop an advanced master gardener curriculum and program.

Ms. Riley worked diligently to serve her communities through support of commercial endeavors, organization of food security coalitions and consultations with individuals experiencing plant or pest problems; and she is known across Alaska for her support of home gardening, local food production and agricultural business development; and her efforts have been vital to the Alaska peony industry and the establishment of Alaska as a world player in the international cut flower market.

She received numerous awards from local, state and national organizations.

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

DR. CURT A. L. SZUBERLA
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS, EMERITUS

Dr. Curt A. L. Szuberla served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 2005 to 2020.

He taught a variety of undergraduate and graduate physics classes; and, having himself earned a doctorate in physics from the University, he has in his turn mentored numerous master’s and doctoral students.

Dr. Szuberla has been active in pioneering research on measurements of infrasound, which grew from a local effort to a global endeavor with stations as far away as Antarctica, making the University one of the most acclaimed centers for infrasound research in the world; and he has authored or co-authored more than thirty publications and made more than one hundred presentations around the world.

He took an active role in department service, most notably by serving as chair for three years; and, in helping found and lead the Wilson Alaska Technical Center at the Geophysical Institute, he greatly enhanced the reputation of the University when the center became a University Affiliated Research Center for Geophysical Detection of Nuclear Proliferation with the U.S. Department of Defense.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Curt A. L. Szuberla for his extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.

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Mr. Daniel T. O’Neill has described elements of Alaska’s history, politics and lifestyles through insightful, thoroughly researched books, radio and television documentaries, articles, and columns for more than 40 years. His work has reflected Alaska not only to Alaskans but also to those living beyond its borders, allowing them to understand more deeply the cultural continents drifting and colliding within the state.

Mr. O’Neill hitchhiked to Alaska in 1972, the year he earned a bachelor’s degree at the University of California, Berkeley. Three years later, he moved north and stayed. His first decade in Alaska, he worked on the trans-Alaska oil pipeline and began building log cabins for a living. He and Sarah Campbell married in 1977. Turning to writing and research in the 1980s, he worked for the Rasmuson Library’s Oral History Program, where he interviewed dozens of Alaskans during a decade of effort. He also taught UAF courses on oral history and journalism.

Mr. O’Neill published “The Firecracker Boys” in 1994 after seven years of research and writing. The book described the federal government’s push to excavate a harbor in northwestern Alaska using nuclear detonations, the dismissal of Alaska Native people’s concerns and the University of Alaska’s initial role in the subsequently abandoned plan. Mr. O’Neill followed this masterpiece with “The Last Giant of Beringia,” about scientist David Hopkins, and “A Land Gone Lonesome,” about the depopulation of Alaska’s upper Yukon River region. Mr. O’Neill also produced more than 80 opinion columns, primarily featuring analysis of Alaska culture and politics, for the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner between 1998 and 2002.

On his journey, Mr. O’Neill immersed himself in the unique lifestyle offered by Alaska — hunting for moose, fishing for salmon and mushing a dog team to Nome.
ENGINEER, MENTOR, COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER

JAMES W. ROONEY

Mr. James W. Rooney is recognized worldwide as an innovator and expert in cold regions engineering. He also is an advocate of the international exchange of engineering expertise, a counselor to young engineers and an active participant in diverse elements of the Alaska community.

After earning a bachelor’s degree from Wayne State University in Michigan, Mr. Rooney came to Alaska in 1963 to work for the state Department of Highways as a project engineer. He then became soils engineer for the agency’s northern district and completed his master’s degree at WSU. In the late 1960s, he and Ralph Migliaccio formed R&M Engineering and Geological Consultants.

Discovery of the Prudhoe Bay oil field in 1968 prompted plans for the trans-Alaska oil pipeline. Mr. Rooney’s company conducted much of the initial geotechnical analysis that informed placement and construction of the pipeline and the Dalton Highway. His work established a foundation for the long-term success of the pipeline system.

Mr. Rooney and his company continued to develop innovative engineering solutions to the challenges of building in the North. His work helped build roads, airports and other public and private facilities across Alaska. Mr. Rooney also published numerous papers and edited materials on engineering in cold regions, earning a reputation as a “misplaced academic.” Beginning in the late 1980s, he visited permafrost scientists and engineers in Russia and hosted them in Anchorage, and he played an important role in the International Permafrost Association.

Mr. Rooney has served the Alaska and Anchorage communities in numerous volunteer capacities. He has been active with the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce, the Alaska Resource Development Council, the Alaska World Affairs Council and the Anchorage Festival of Music.
Ms. Esther Green began teaching kindergarteners in the Lower Kuskokwim School District during the late 1970s. After joining the University of Alaska Fairbanks Kuskokwim Campus more than 15 years ago, she has continued her work as a respected educator, Elder and storyteller for the people of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta.

Ms. Green, who resides in Bethel, began her teaching career with writing children’s stories, word search puzzles and games in the Yup’ik language. She succeeded in her advocacy of bilingual education, sometimes in the face of opposition, by not only teaching but also showing others how it was possible, all the while keeping her sense of humor. After retiring from the school district, Ms. Green joined UAF’s Rural Human Services Program as an Elder instructor, where she assists with several study tracks in social services training. She provides cultural grounding to the adult Indigenous students in these cohort-based programs, and her efforts have helped numerous students complete their degrees. Among many other activities, Ms. Green participates in a monthly Bethel public radio show, telling stories and encouraging people to live in a good way. The show’s name, “Ikayutet,” means “helpful,” an apt description of Ms. Green herself.
Scott Roselius

For His Dedicated Efforts In Building The UAF Hockey Program, And For His Tireless Advocacy Of Its Success

Mr. Scott Roselius was a member of the UAF hockey team from 1978 to 1981 but has never stopped playing for the Alaska Nanooks. He has helped ensure the hockey program’s success by tirelessly organizing and promoting support for the team, not only among alumni but also in the broader community.

Mr. Roselius came from Anchorage to UAF, where he followed his passion for sports into the physical education degree program. When he arrived, hockey, one of the university’s earliest sports, had withered to nothing. Mr. Roselius helped resurrect a club team, and he tirelessly promoted the games. Within a few years, the university once again had an NCAA Division II program, which eventually rose to Division I. After graduation, Mr. Roselius joined the Athletics Department, where he rose to become sports media relations director. While there, he sparked the creation of the Face-Off Club. Mr. Roselius left UAF in 1999 for a career in radio and television, but he continued to promote the Nanooks. He helped organize a 2005 reunion that led to the formation of the Alaska Nanook Hockey Alumni Association, which raises money for the program and provides scholarships. In 2016, Mr. Roselius was inducted into the Nanooks Hall of Fame.
Mr. Kesler Woodward is not only one of Alaska’s best-known artists but also a devoted advocate for the arts and the university’s role in sustaining them. After coming to Juneau in 1977, he joined UAF’s Department of Art in 1981 and taught for 20 years before retiring in 2000.

Today, all of Alaska’s major public art collections, as well as many private, museum and public collections across the United States, feature Mr. Woodward’s distinctive paintings. He has written six books and numerous articles on Alaska’s art, has curated major museum exhibits on Alaska’s most significant historical painters, and has lectured extensively on the art of the circumpolar North. He is a past president of the Alaska Arts and Culture Foundation and a former chairman of the Western States Arts Federation. In 2004, Mr. Woodward received the first Alaska Governor’s Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Arts, and in 2012 he received the Rasmuson Foundation’s Distinguished Alaskan Artist Fellowship. Mr. Woodward’s leadership has engaged many to believe in the power of the arts in our communities. His ability to mobilize philanthropic support for important causes has created opportunities for Alaskans that would not otherwise have materialized.
The Alaska Flag Song

Music by Elinor Dusenbury
Words by Marie Drake and Carol Beery Davis

Eight stars of gold on a field of blue,
Alaska’s flag, may it mean to you;
The blue of the sea, the ev’ning sky,
The mountain lakes, and the flow’rs nearby;
The gold of the early sourdough’s dreams,
The precious gold of the hills and streams;
The brilliant stars in the northern sky,
The “Bear,” the “Dipper,” and shining high,
The great North Star with its steady light,
O’er land and sea a beacon bright,
Alaska’s flag to Alaskans dear,
The simple flag of a last frontier.

A Native lad chose our Dipper’s stars
for Alaska’s flag that there be no bars
among our cultures. Be it known
through years our Natives’ past has grown
to share our treasures, hand in hand,
to keep Alaska our Great Land.
We love the northern midnight sky,
our mountains, lakes and the streams nearby;
Our great North Star with its steady light
will guide our cultures clear and bright
with Nature’s flag to Alaskans dear,
The simple flag of a last frontier.