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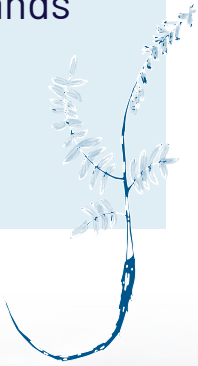
John A. Carlson Center

Saturday, May 6, 2023





We acknowledge the
Alaska Native nations upon
whose ancestral lands our
campuses reside. In Fairbanks,
our Troth Yeddha' Campus is
located on the ancestral lands
of the Dena people of the
lower Tanana River.



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TRADITION AND RENEWAL

For untold generations, the Tanana River valley's Dena people visited Troth Yeddha', the Fairbanks campus ridge, to pick nearby wild potatoes. 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. These ceremonies represent 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 101st commencement ceremonies, nearly 1,100 graduates will be recognized for their success.

We honor you, the Class of 2023, for your achievement today.

CONGRATULATIONS!



UA PRESIDENT PAT PITNEY

Dear UAF Class of 2023,

Congratulations! You have shown tremendous resilience and commitment, especially in the face of unprecedented challenges and uncertainties.

University of Alaska graduates like you are vital to the state's success, and I'm excited to see the positive impact you make. Wherever you go, I know you will represent UAF and Alaska well.

Stay connected, curious, and engaged with the world around you. I wish you all the best as you take on new challenges and opportunities. Go forth and make a difference!

A handwritten signature of Pat Pitney in dark ink.

Pat Pitney, President
University of Alaska



UAF CHANCELLOR DANIEL M. WHITE

Dear Graduate,

Congratulations, Class of 2023! Today is the start to your next chapter, and I look forward to seeing all of the great places that you will go equipped with a degree from UAF.

Today you are joining a distinguished group of University of Alaska Fairbanks alumni. Amid all of the celebration, I hope you will take a moment to reflect on your time at UAF, the lessons learned, and the friends you have made. Earning a degree is an accomplishment that you and your loved ones should be proud of.

On behalf of the UAF community, I wish you happiness and fulfillment in your future endeavors. Thank you for choosing UAF.

A handwritten signature of Daniel M. White in dark ink.

Daniel M. White, Chancellor
University of Alaska Fairbanks

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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES: MAY 6, 2023

NORM DAVIS, CLASS OF 1984, WILL READ GRADUATES' NAMES
AS THEY CROSS THE STAGE

GRAND MARSHAL	Eric Heyne, <i>College of Liberal Arts</i> <i>The grand marshal is the UAF emeritus faculty member who has the longest tenure and who leads the processional.</i>
PROCESSIONAL	Fairbanks Youth Symphony (<i>Mike McConnell, director</i>) and UAF Department of Music Troth Yeddha' Dance Group
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Ellie Martinson, <i>UAF vocal performance major</i>
WELCOME	Daniel M. White, <i>Chancellor, UAF</i>
REMARKS	Paul Layer, <i>Vice President of Academics, Students and Research, University of Alaska</i>
RECOGNITION OF HONORARY DEGREES, MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS AND EMERITI	Chancellor White <i>Honorary degrees recognize people of extraordinary accomplishment. Service awards express our appreciation for the university's most dedicated advocates. Emeritus status conveys our gratitude for distinguished work at UAF.</i>
ROTC CEREMONIAL COMMISSIONING	Major General Brian S. Eifler, <i>Commanding General for 11th Airborne Division (Arctic)</i>
INTRODUCTION OF CLASS SPEAKER	Owen Guthrie, <i>Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, UAF</i>
CLASS SPEAKER	Tasina Luta Win (<i>Marsha Jean Thomason-Oss, Class of 2023</i>)
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	Dennis Michel, Karen Perdue and Ralph Seekins, <i>Board of Regents, UA</i> ; Vice President Layer; Chancellor White; Anupma Prakash, <i>Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, UAF</i> ; and Richard Collins, <i>Director, Graduate School, UAF</i>
PRESENTING THE CLASS OF 2023	Graduates of the University of Alaska Fairbanks
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE	Rhonda Widener, <i>Class of 2001</i>

"ALASKA FLAG SONG"	Ellie Martinson, <i>UAF vocal performance major</i>
RECESSIONAL	
EXITING INFORMATION	Audience members are kindly requested to remain in their seats until the graduates have completed the recessional. Those seated on the second and third levels may exit the building through the second-floor doors.
ALUMNI RECEPTION	Please join us in the Pioneer Room of the Carlson Center immediately following the ceremony for a reception sponsored by the UAF Alumni Association.
AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS	Kathryn Dohner, <i>CI/CT and Ed:K-12</i> , and Lisa Kemble, <i>E.I.P.A. Ed:K-12</i>
ASSISTANCE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED	There are a limited number of personal hearing devices; go to any information table to obtain one.
PHOTOGRAPHY	Photos of individual graduates will be available through Grad Images, www.gradimages.com , 800-261-2576.
SAFETY INFORMATION	Exits are located on both levels of the building. Please take a moment to locate the two exits nearest your seat. In an emergency, information and directions will be announced. Please remain calm and follow all instructions. In compliance with the Fairbanks fire marshal's office, the aisles, walkways and doorways must remain clear at all times.
STANDARD FLAGS	The colors of the flags on stage represent each of the university's colleges and schools.
DEGREE CONFIRMATION	<i>Confirmation of degrees and honors for the May 2023 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 10 a.m. April 19, 2023. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of graduates' names, degrees and other information. We sincerely regret any errors and omissions.</i>

ACADEMIC DEGREE ABBREVIATIONS

A.A.	Associate of Arts
A.A.S.	Associate of Applied Science
A.S.	Associate of Science
B.A.	Bachelor of Arts
B.A.A.S.	Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences
B.A.M.	Bachelor of Applied Management
B.B.A.	Bachelor of Business Administration
B.E.M.	Bachelor of Emergency Management
B.F.A.	Bachelor of Fine Arts
B.M.	Bachelor of Music
B.S.	Bachelor of Science
B.S.E.M.	Bachelor of Security and Emergency Management
B.S.R.B.	Bachelor of Sport and Recreation Business
Cert.	Certificate
Gr. Cert.	Graduate Certificate
M.A.	Master of Arts
MBA	Master of Business Administration
M.Ed.	Master of Education
M.F.A.	Master of Fine Arts
M.N.R.E.	Master of Natural Resources and Environment
M.S.	Master of Science
M.S.D.M.	Master of Security and Disaster Management
O.H.M.	One Health Master's
P.B.C.T.	Post Baccalaureate Certificate
Ph.D.	Doctor of Philosophy

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

SASHES, STOLES AND CORDS

Red sash — *Alaska Native and Native American graduates*
 Blue sash — *Community and Technical College students*
 Blue sash with the Alaska Nanooks logo — *student-athletes*
 White stole with an orange logo or an orange and white cord —
 Tau Beta Pi engineering honor society graduates
 Blue and gold stole — *Beta Gamma Sigma business honor society graduates*
 Teal cord — *graduates who are the first in their family to earn a baccalaureate degree*
 Rainbow cord — *graduates who identify as members of the LGBTQ+ community*
 Red, white and blue honor cord — *active-duty service members, veterans and Gold Star families of the United States Armed Forces*
 International students may wear sashes recognizing their home countries.

HONORS RECOGNITION

GRADUATION WITH HONORS

Associate and baccalaureate degree students who earned cum laude and magna cum laude honors wear a gold honor cord, and students who earned summa cum laude honors wear a gold sash. Cumulative grade point averages required for graduating with honors are:

summa cum laude 3.9 or higher
magna cum laude 3.75–3.89 • cum laude 3.5–3.74

UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLARS

The honors scholars graduation designations require exceptional aptitude. Honors scholars complete credits in specially designed courses and an honors capstone/senior thesis. University Honors Scholars earned 12 honors credits with a minimum GPA of 3.25 and wear a long blue–trimmed and striped gold sash with a single blue and gold honor cord. University Honors Scholars with Distinction earned 18 honors credits with a minimum GPA of 3.5 and 40 hours of service. University Honors Scholars of Highest Distinction earned 24 honors credits with a minimum GPA of 3.5 and 80 hours of service. These scholars wear the same sash with a double 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. These students 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, and they 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.

CLIMATE HONORS SCHOLARS

Climate Honors Scholars engage in a highly interdisciplinary course of environmental education. They seek experiential opportunities throughout Alaska that hone a firsthand knowledge of how the environment is rapidly changing and what communities and scientists are doing to shore up a better future. Students receiving this recognition wear a twisted cord of green and blue.

The Class of 2023

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREES

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND MINES

Dr. William E. Schnabel, Dean

Fahimeh Dehghani *

Ph.D. Engineering: Mining Engineering

B.S., Iran University of Science and Technology, 2008; M.S., Amirkabir University of Technology, 2011.

Thesis: Investigating Impact of Pulp Density on Flotation Performance

To decrease water consumption in flotation circuits, solid percent in the pulp increased. Increasing solid percent negatively affects the flotation performance. These effects were investigated. To optimize the flotation performance, several parameters were tested and controlled. They included the type and dosage of the chemicals, pH/Eh, bubble sizes and turbulence.

Major professor: Dr. Tathagata Ghosh

COLLEGE OF FISHERIES AND OCEAN SCIENCES

Dr. S. Bradley Moran, Dean

Monica Elizabeth Brandhuber

Ph.D. Fisheries

B.S., Colorado State University, 2016; M.S., Colorado State University, 2017.

Thesis: Endocrine Biomarkers to Improve Reproductive Monitoring in Female Polar Bears

Polar bears are threatened by climate change in the wild and experience only moderate reproductive success in zoos. A suite of understudied reproductive and metabolic hormones in wild and zoo-housed female polar bears was characterized to better understand estrus and predict reproductive success.

Major professor: Dr. Shannon Atkinson

Kari Hammarsten Fenske **

Ph.D. Fisheries

B.S., University of Wisconsin Madison, 2000; M.S., University of Maryland College Park, 2009.

Thesis: Implications of Spatial Population Dynamics for Abundance Estimation and Catch Apportionment of Alaska Sablefish (*Anoplopoma fimbria*)

Sablefish are a highly valued fish with complex spatial population dynamics that make management challenging. A spatial population model and spatial simulation models were developed to inform managers about spatial abundance and sustainability, alternative methods to divide harvest opportunity were examined, and tradeoffs among harvest opportunity alternatives were shown.

Major professor: Dr. Curry Cunningham

Amy Lorraine Kirkham *

Ph.D. Fisheries

B.S., Stanford University, 2012.

Thesis: Physiological Regulation of Annual Life History Events in Adult Female Weddell Seals

To characterize regulation of annual reproduction, mass change and molt in female Antarctic Weddell seals (*Leptonychotes weddellii*), hormone concentrations and nutritional status in relation to these processes were assessed. Hormone and mass dynamics varied with recent reproductive history, altering seasonal patterns in seals that skipped reproduction in a given year.

Major professor: Dr. Jennifer Burns and Dr. Shannon Atkinson

* Summer degree recipient

** Fall degree recipient

Thilo Klenz

Ph.D. Oceanography: Physical

B.S., Kiel University, 2014; M.S., Kiel University, 2017.

Thesis: Lagrangian Surface Drifter Analyses From Observations and Numerical Modeling in the Subpolar North Atlantic

Lagrangian surface drifters aid in understanding the processes driving observed oceanic variability across a variety of scales. Observational and numerical drifters were used to understand the mechanical input of wind energy into the ocean and to infer information about the underlying dynamical regimes by investigating the Lagrangian frequency spectrum directly.

Major professor: Dr. Harper Simmons

Christopher J. Sergeant **

Ph.D. Fisheries

B.S., University of Washington, 2000; M.S., University of Washington, 2004.

Thesis: Freshwater Pressures on Pacific Salmon in the Coastal Watersheds of Alaska

A warmer, wetter climate's impacts on Pacific salmon were explored. While future flooding and drought events are likely to harm salmon abundance in Alaska, conservation measures that protect high-quality, diverse freshwater habitat will give salmon a fighting chance in the face of climate change and natural resource development.

Major professor: Dr. Jeffrey Falke

Lauren Nicole Sutton **

Ph.D. Marine Biology

B.A., Western Washington University, 2012; B.S., Western Washington University, 2015.

Thesis: Drivers of Functional Ecology of the Alaskan Arctic Epibenthos

Functional traits were used to examine Arctic epibenthic community function and stability in relation to environmental conditions, a new approach.

A much-needed benchmark was created to assess regions of ecosystem vulnerability and resilience in Alaska's Arctic.

Major professor: Dr. Katrin Iken

Brian Philip Ulaski **

Ph.D. Marine Biology

A.A., Santa Barbara City College, 2012; B.S., University of California Santa Barbara, 2014.

Thesis: Seaweeds Across Ecosystem Boundaries: From Habitat Formation to Harvest Implications

An investigation of wild seaweed ecology in the context of harvesting pressures used field and laboratory experiments to evaluate post-harvest regrowth and reproduction of attached plants, and reproduction and habitat formation of detached plants. This study provided fundamental benchmark information for harvest regulations as human use of seaweed increases.

Major professor: Dr. Brenda Konar

Alexis M. Walker **

Ph.D. Marine Biology

B.S., University of California Santa Cruz, 2009.

Thesis: Exploring the North American Arctic Benthos: Community Structure and Oil Degradation Potential of Sediment Bacteria and Archaea

The Arctic benthos houses ecologically important organisms subject to environmental changes. Benthic microbial communities can reflect these changes. Arctic, benthic microbes were characterized and their response to oil exposure was assessed. This first-of-its-kind survey of benthic microbes in the North American Arctic generated valuable insights for the changes to come.

Major professors: Dr. Sarah Mincks and Dr. Mary Beth Leigh

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Dr. Ellen D.S. Lopez, Dean

Michael James Letzring *

Ph.D. Historical Geography: Interdisciplinary Studies

B.A., Brooks Institute, 1986; M.A. University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2012; M.S., East Carolina University, 2017.

Thesis: Cartography, Territory and Empire Mapping the Alaska Boundary Dispute, 1821-1903

After the Klondike gold rush, a long-simmering dispute over the Alaska-Canada boundary rose to a boil. Colonial cartography contributed to a competition for imperial space on the northwestern coast, and the analysis of colonial mapping in this dissertation revealed geography mediating history, maps creating territory and the power of geographic knowledge.

Major professors: Dr. Mary Ehrlander and Dr. Brandon Boylan

Keggutailnguq Catherine Moses

Ph.D. Linguistics: Interdisciplinary Studies

A.A., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 1983; B.A., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 1984; M.A., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2010.

Thesis: Collaborative Dialogue for Ellangellerkaq and Crosslinguistic Awareness in Third Grade Yugtun English Bilingual Research Centers: A Teacher Action Research Study

This qualitative teacher action research study in Toksook Bay's third grade dual language classroom asked how the students used collaborative dialogue in Yugtun and English in the dual language research centers. Data were analyzed using constructivist grounded theory. One finding was that students engaged in collaborative dialogue during writing

Major professors: Dr. Sabine Siekmann and Dr. Joan Parker Webster

Angass'aq Sally P. Samson

Ph.D. Linguistics: Interdisciplinary Studies

B.E.D., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 1997; M.A., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2010.

Thesis: Elitnaurilleq Piciryaramtenek Qanemcitgun: A Participatory Teacher Action Research Study to Improve Language and Literacy Instruction in a Yup'ik Immersion School

Four Yugtun immersion teachers investigated Yugtun literacy instruction through lesson study. They asked how teachers' involvement in participatory action research can contribute to their own professional development, improve their language teaching and generate new strategies for teaching Yugtun reading. Data were analyzed using constructivist grounded theory.

Major professors: Dr. Sabine Siekmann and Dr. Joan Parker Webster

Russell W. Vander Lugt *

Ph.D. Arctic and Northern History: Interdisciplinary Studies

B.M., Wheaton College, 2000; M.A., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2010; M.S., Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, 2012.

Thesis: Among the Dene: Allen's 1885 Trans-Alaska Expedition

In 1885, Lt. Henry Allen crossed Alaska, surveying 2,500 miles of Dene territory along the Copper, Tanana and Koyukuk rivers. Allen, with Dene support, documented the social and physical environment of Alaska's Interior. Mutual respect between Allen and Alaska's Dene played an integral role in the expedition's success.

Major professor: Dr. Mary Ehrlander

Eduard Zdor

Ph.D. Anthropology: Culture

B.A., Moscow Humanitarian University, 1998.

Thesis: Chukchi Communities of the Bering Strait Region, a Hundred Years after Bogoras

An ethnographic portrait was drawn of Chukotkan communities a century past the time of Bogoras. Subsistence remains a great factor in shaping the Chukchi identity. However, they are also integrated within a global society. The clash of influences gives rise to a complex pattern of human passions and life goals.

Major professor: Dr. Sveta Yamin-Pasternak

* Summer degree recipient

** Fall degree recipient

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

Dr. Karsten Hueffer, Interim Dean

Ameneh Arabi **

Ph.D. Biochemistry and Neuroscience: Biochemistry

B.S., Payam Noor University, 2011; M.S., Payam Noor University, 2014.

Thesis: Development of a MUC1 Cancer Immunotherapy Using Complement Targeted Liposomes and Organoplatinum (IV) Complex as an Effective Anticancer Drug

Integration of TLR agonists with a MUC1 cancer vaccine to improve its effectiveness was investigated. Synthesis of organoplatinum compounds also was researched. Four octahedral organoplatinum(IV) compounds, namely $[\text{Pt}(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{X}_2\{\text{bipy}-\text{R}_2\}]$ ($\text{X} = \text{Br}, \text{I}$; $\text{bipy}-\text{R}_2 = 2,2'\text{-bipyridine}, 2,2'\text{-bipyridine-4,4'-dicarboxylic acid}$), have been isolated and structurally characterized.

Major professors: Dr. Max Kullberg and Dr. William Howard

Stefan Awender

Ph.D. Physics

B.S., California State University San Bernardino, 2015.

Thesis: Generalized Modeling of Complex Dynamical Systems: An Application to the Stability of Ecological Networks

Specific models describe biomass flow in food webs, but limited empirical observation induces uncertainty. Generalized models can produce stability of equilibria and are more efficient for larger webs and multiple replicates. One notable discovery: A phantom ecological network, which represents rare species, can positively impact food web stability.

Major professors: Dr. Renate Wackerbauer and Dr. Greg Breed

Jordan Wilson Bishop **

Ph.D. Geophysics: Solid Earth Geophysics

B.S., University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, 2016.

Thesis: Improved Computational Tools for Infrasound Analysis

Statistical outliers in infrasound array data were investigated, and a statistical approach to recognize these issues was proposed. Advanced numerical methods for infrasound propagation (finite differences and spectral elements) also were used to quantify the effects of terrain on propagation at local and regional distances.

Major professor: Dr. David Fee

Drew Alexander Coffin

Ph.D. Space Physics

B.S. University of Iowa, 2014.

Thesis: A Wiggle Around a Giant: Exploring the Hot Electrons Within the Io Torus

The System IV rotational periodicity at Jupiter maps to a persistent subcorotation within the Io plasma torus. The author proposed that this periodicity's origin is from superthermal electrons within the torus, energized by Alfvén waves to the planet. Also explored were consequences for Jovian aurora and moons.

Major professor: Dr. Peter Delamere

Federico Covi **

Ph.D. Geophysics

B.S., Università Degli Studi Di Trento, 2013; M.S., Universität Innsbruck, 2016.

Thesis: Processes in the Percolation Zone in Southwest Greenland:

Challenges in Modeling Surface Energy Balance and Melt, and the Role of Topography in the Formation of Ice Slabs

In situ observations and satellite images were used in conjunction with local and regional scale numerical modeling to investigate melt and subsurface processes in the percolation zone of the Greenland ice sheet.

Major professor: Dr. Regine Hock

Julia Elisabeth Gestrich **

Ph.D. Geophysics: Solid Earth Geophysics

B.S., University of Hamburg, 2017.

Thesis: Acoustic and Seismic Signature of Sustained Volcanic Eruptions

To connect seismic tremor to physical eruption properties, a river seismicity model was adapted and applied. Infrasound signals during sustained eruptions were compared to anthropogenic jet noise spectra to confirm volcanic jet noise. The connection between infrasound and lava fountain dynamics was analyzed using jet noise scaling laws.

Major professor: Dr. David Fee

Jordan R. Jenckes

Ph.D. Geoscience

B.A., University of Alaska Anchorage, 2012; B.S., University of Alaska Anchorage, 2015.

Thesis: Variability of Hydrogeochemistry and Chemical Weathering Regimes in High Latitude Glacierized Coastal Catchments

The hydrogeochemistry of freshwater discharged to the Gulf of Alaska is not well understood. To close the knowledge gap, a unique set of stream samples compiled from across the Gulf of Alaska watershed was utilized. Glacier coverage, watershed slope and geology are important controls on the variability of freshwater geochemistry.

Major professor: Dr. Paul McCarthy

* Summer degree recipient

** Fall degree recipient

Jaewoong Jung *

Ph.D. Physics

B.S., Seoul National University, 2017.

Thesis: Exospheric Neutral Density Study Using XMM-Newton Soft X-Ray Observations and MHD-Based Magnetosheath Model

The exospheric density at 10 Earth radii was estimated, which can help explain atmospheric loss due to the space environment and infer the evolution of Earth's atmosphere. A model was also developed for predicting soft X-ray images by parameterizing key parameters in the magnetosheath, which could aid future satellite missions.

Major professors: Dr. Hui Zhang and Dr. Hyunju Connor

Jishnu K. S. Krishnan **

Ph.D. Biochemistry and Neuroscience: Neuroscience

B.S., Periyar University, 2008; M.S., Bangalore University, 2010.

Thesis: Effects of Diet and Hibernation in Skeletal Muscle Performance

Skeletal muscular contractility and fatigue resistance in ex-vivo muscle tissues after being subjected to hypothermic stress were studied. Results showed that diet and hypothermic stress can alter various functional features of skeletal muscle, and summer-active AGS is more fatigue resistant than mid-torpor AGS.

Major professors: Dr. S. Ryan Oliver and Dr. Kelly Drew

Emilie Morrell

Ph.D. Biochemistry and Neuroscience: Biochemistry

B.S., Brigham Young University, 2014.

Thesis: Impacts of Sex, Biometals Homeostasis, and Dietary Fructose on Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease Pathogenesis

Worldwide, one in three people have non-alcoholic fatty liver disease; however, treatment options for this disease are limited. The impacts of biometals homeostasis, dietary fructose intake and sex on NAFLD pathogenesis were examined to identify potential mechanisms and pathways that could be targeted for the development of future therapies.

Major professors: Dr. Jason Burkhead and Dr. Lawrence Duffy

Jeffrey Park **

Ph.D. Mathematics

B.A., California State University Fresno, 2013; M.A., California State University Fresno, 2016.

Thesis: Controllability of Non-self-adjoint Systems of Partial Differential Equations

Controllability was investigated for three separate non-self-adjoint systems of partial differential equations: N one-dimensional coupled wave equation, the vector Schrödinger equation on the interval with a non-self-adjoint matrix potential, and the beam equation on an interval. The inverse problem for the second system was also solved.

Major professor: Dr. Sergei Avdonin

Anna Rix **

Ph.D. Biological Sciences

B.S., Michigan Technological University, 2012.

Thesis: Exploring the Evolution of Fishes at High Latitudes

Millions of years of evolution under extreme conditions have shaped the genetics of high-latitude fishes. Patterns of genetic variation in two evolutionarily distant types of high-latitude fishes were examined to enhance predictions of how these animals may respond to future environmental changes.

Major professors: Dr. Juan Lopez and Dr. Diana Wolf

Karen Joy Spaleta **

Ph.D. Geoscience: Geology

B.S., Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 2000; M.S., Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, 2002.

Thesis: Finding Solutions to the World's Pending Critical Minerals Supply Crisis: Developing New Geochemical Analytical Methods and Evaluating the Potential for Tellurium and Bismuth Extraction from Existing Gold Mines

A detailed mineralogical and elemental composition analysis of gold mill extraction samples from the Pogo Mine mill (Interior Alaska) and the Golden Sunlight Mine mill (Whitehall, Montana) evaluated potential sources of the critical minerals tellurium and bismuth that are necessary to meet increasing global demand for carbon-neutral energy production goals.

Major professors: Dr. Rainer J. Newberry and Dr. Sarah M. Hayes

Andrew Thanh Vu *

Ph.D. Physics

B.S., Emory University, 2013; M.S., Georgia Institute of Technology, 2014.

Thesis: Properties and Formation Mechanisms of Foreshock Transients

Interactions between solar wind and foreshock particles can form foreshock transients upstream of planetary bow shocks. Statistical studies of spacecraft observations and numerical simulations revealed their properties and formation mechanisms. This allows for the construction of a kinetic model and the ability to forecast their particle acceleration and geoeffects.

Major professor: Dr. Hui Zhang

Yuanyuan Zhao **

Ph.D. Mathematics

B.S., Tongji University, 2001; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2005.

Thesis: Control and the Inverse Problems for the Wave Equation on Metric Graphs

This thesis proved exact controllability of the wave equation on tree graphs and graphs with cycles. It also described the dynamical leaf peeling method, which is used to recover the connectivity, potential function on a tree graph, and the lengths of its edges from the response operator given on a finite time interval.

Major professor: Dr. Sergei Avdonin

COLLEGE OF RURAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Bryan Uher, Dean

Lyla June Johnston **

Ph.D. Indigenous Studies

B.A., Stanford University, 2013; M.A., University of New Mexico, 2017.

Thesis: Architects of Abundance: Indigenous Regenerative Food and Land Management Systems and the Excavation of Hidden History

Eleven Indigenous food and land management systems were examined to elucidate patterns and techniques. Indigenous land managers were interviewed for deeper perspectives. A theory of Indigenous regenerative ecosystem design and policy recommendations was offered. The work closed with an analysis of how precolonial histories are distorted and hidden.

Major professors: Dr. Jessica Black and Dr. Gregory Cajete

Angela Alsta Lunda **

Ph.D. Indigenous Studies

B.S., University of Washington, 1979; M.Ed., University of Alaska Anchorage, 2003.

Thesis: I'm a Killer Whale: The Process of Cultural Identity Development from the Perspectives of Young Indigenous Children

The phenomenon of cultural identity development was investigated using video collected by children wearing forehead cameras as they engaged in activities on the land. Children demonstrated their Indigenous identities by exhibiting intricate knowledge of the land, subsistence practices and core cultural values, with support from peers, teachers, parents and communities.

Major professors: Dr. Theresa John and Dr. Carie Green

John E. Pennington

Ph.D. Indigenous Studies

B.S., California Coast University, 2001; M.A., American Public University System, 2012.

Thesis: Sovereign Disasters: How Alaska's Tribes Participate in Government-to-Government Relations in a Post-Disaster Environment.

The government-to-government relationship between Alaska tribes and the Federal Emergency Management Agency when disasters occur in Alaska Native communities was explored, revealing the incompatibility of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act with current federal disaster policies in the United States.

Major professors: Dr. Richard Hum and Dr. Cameron Carlson

The Class of 2023

CERTIFICATES AND ASSOCIATE, BACCALAUREATE AND MASTER'S DEGREES

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND SECURITY MANAGEMENT

Dr. Cameron Carlson, Dean

Master's Degrees

Jefel Charmaine Acierto

MBA, Business Administration: General
Management

Tanielle Marion Waggoner Aniwanou **

MBA, Business Administration: General
Management

Kelli Marie Archer **

MBA, Business Administration: General
Management

Alanna K. Bailey **

MBA, Business Administration: General
Management

Marjorie Marie Baker

MBA, Business Administration: General
Management

Hunter L. Blake

MBA, Business Administration: General
Management

James Jeffery Bohn

MBA, Business Administration: General
Management

Hudson David Forest Bolduc **

MBA, Business Administration: General
Management

Sarah Louise Burge

MBA, Business Administration: General
Management

Trevor Campbell

MBA, Business Administration: STEM

Thomas Patrick Carroll

MBA, Business Administration: General
Management

Benjamin B. Cason

MBA, Business Administration: General
Management

Cody Coonjohn **

MBA, Business Administration: General
Management

MacKensie Cornelius

M.S.D.M., Security and Disaster Management:
Arctic Security

Amber L. Craine **

MBA, Business Administration: General
Management

Michael Edward Francis Daigle

MBA, Business Administration: General
Management

Robert James Dumouchel II

MBA, Business Administration: General
Management

Trevor Eastman **

MBA, Business Administration: General
Management

Erik Joseph Evans

M.S.D.M., Security and Disaster Management:
Cybersecurity

Jason Keith Tyler Greer *

M.S.D.M., Security and Disaster Management:
Strategic Leadership, Disaster Management

Justin Harmon **

M.S.D.M., Security and Disaster Management:
Strategic Leadership

* Summer degree recipient

** Fall degree recipient

Shawn William Hay *

M.S.D.M., Security and Disaster Management:
Strategic Leadership

LeAndra Kristine Hebert

M.S.D.M., Security and Disaster Management:
Cybersecurity

Davis Odell Huffman

MBA, Business Administration: Business
Continuity

John Henry Huffman **

M.S.D.M., Security and Disaster Management:
Disaster Management

Rayne Shayne Jones *

M.S.D.M., Security and Disaster Management:
Strategic Leadership, Climate Security

Artur Kavaliov **

MBA, Business Administration: General
Management

Mason Ksioszk

MBA, Business Administration: General
Management

Eric D. Lanser

MBA, Business Administration: General
Management

Ajor Lara-Neveaux

M.S.D.M., Security and Disaster Management:
Disaster Management

Erik James Largen *

MBA, Business Administration: General
Management

Zachary S. Little **

M.S.D.M., Security and Disaster Management:
STEM

Jessa Lyn Long

MBA, Business Administration: General
Management

Amanda Lynn Mckinney *

M.S.D.M., Security and Disaster Management:
Strategic Leadership

Jennifer Mejia *

MBA, Business Administration: General
Management

Justus Ambyr Miller

M.S.D.M., Security and Disaster Management:
Cybersecurity

Jordan Muzzillo **

MBA, Business Administration: General
Management

Tommy R. Nelson **

MBA, Business Administration: General
Management. *Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society*

Chelsey J. Okonek *

MBA, Business Administration: General
Management

Andrew Persen

MBA, Business Administration: General
Management

Neil Sabangan Pilaspilas

MBA, Business Administration: General
Management

Lukash Ladislav Platil **

MBA, Business Administration: General
Management

Jennifer Kay Puckett

MBA, Business Administration: General
Management

Jessica Ramos

MBA, Business Administration: STEM

Devin P. Reiersen **

M.S.D.M., Security and Disaster Management:
Disaster Management

David Erik Sandberg **

MBA, Business Administration: STEM

Daryl Paul Schaffer *

M.S.D.M., Security and Disaster Management:
Disaster Management

James L. Seigneur

MBA, Business Administration: General
Management

Mary Jo Gasmin Skaggs

MBA, Business Administration: General
Management

Eric Thompson

M.S.D.M., Security and Disaster Management:
Disaster Management

Monica B. Tolley

MBA, Business Administration: General
Management

Peter Berglund Varney

M.S.D.M., Security and Disaster Management:
Disaster Management

Molly Elaine Wilson *

M.S.D.M., Security and Disaster Management:
Disaster Management

Amy Yeboah *

MBA, Business Administration: General
Management

**Post-Baccalaureate and Graduate
Certificates**

Sandra I. Bishop **

P.B.C.T., Accounting

Vera Vladimirovna Boyarsky

P.B.C.T., Accounting

Mary Edna Christensen *

P.B.C.T., Accounting

Anne Hargis

P.B.C.T., Accounting

Jeffrey Jin Kim

P.B.C.T., Accounting

Julia Racette **

Gr. Cert., Arctic Security

Baccalaureate Degrees

Nicholas Mulcare Alexander **

B.B.A., Business Administration: Finance

Kaara Danielle Ames

B.B.A., Business Administration: General
Business

Eugene Amoko

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

Marine Angely **

magna cum laude, B.B.A., Business Administration: General Business

Katie Anthony

B.A.M., Applied Management

Vincent Lee Baehr Jr.

summa cum laude, B.A.M., Applied Management

Glenn Ray Albarico Balanza

summa cum laude, B.B.A., Business Administration: Finance

Westyn Beaudoin

B.B.A., Accounting

Payton Ann Bennett

summa cum laude, B.B.A., Accounting

Manuel Beza *

cum laude, B.B.A., Business Administration: Leadership, Finance

Corinne Riley Blankenship

B.B.A., Business Administration: Marketing

Camille J. Blue *

magna cum laude, B.S.E.M., Homeland Security and Emergency Management: Cybersecurity Information Technology Management

Jakobe Boyd *

B.B.A., Business Administration: Finance

Urs Brechbuehler **

magna cum laude, B.S.E.M., Homeland Security and Emergency Management: Law Enforcement Management

Colten Michael Brickel

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

Cassidy D. Bruno

B.B.A., Business Administration: General Business

Amanda M. Bryan

summa cum laude, B.B.A., Accounting

Angel Elizabeth Buchanan **

summa cum laude, B.B.A., Business Administration: Marketing

Eleanor Busick

B.S.E.M., Homeland Security and Emergency Management: Cybersecurity Information Technology Management

Jasen Charles Chausse

magna cum laude, B.B.A., Accounting

Kayden Andrew Christensen *

B.B.A., Business Administration: Leadership

Craig Kaviak Chythloolik

cum laude, B.B.A., Business Administration: Finance

Phoenix Bryce Collier

summa cum laude, B.B.A., Business Administration: General Business

Raina Ann Collins **

B.S.E.M., Homeland Security and Emergency Management: Cybersecurity Information Technology Management

Winnie Combs

B.B.A., Accounting

Darla Kaye Cook *

magna cum laude, B.S.R.B., Sport and Recreation Business: Recreation Management

Stacey Christine Cortez

B.B.A., Business Administration: Finance

Mark Crow

magna cum laude, B.B.A., Business Administration: Finance

Nikole Curry **

B.A.M., Applied Management

Caleb James Darling

B.S.E.M., Homeland Security and Emergency Management: Cybersecurity Information Technology Management, Public Safety Management

Brandon Davis **

summa cum laude, B.S.E.M., Homeland Security and Emergency Management: Homeland Security

Michelle Dombroski

summa cum laude, B.S.E.M., Homeland Security and Emergency Management: Emergency Medical Public Health

Christopher Duperior

B.B.A., Business Administration: Marketing

Talon James Erickson

B.B.A., Accounting

Patrick Charles Evans *

B.B.A., Business Administration: Finance

Michael Fazio

cum laude, B.S.E.M., Homeland Security and Emergency Management: Emergency Medical Public Health

Dalton Richard Fick

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

Mariah Sara Freyre-Sherwin **

magna cum laude, B.S.E.M., Homeland Security and Emergency Management: Emergency Medical Public Health

Milbia L. Fuller

magna cum laude, B.A.M., Applied Management

Thomas J. Garrett **

summa cum laude, B.B.A., Business Administration: Leadership

Meredith Gillenwater

summa cum laude, B.S.R.B., Sport and Recreation Business: Recreation Management

Nathan Rush Gilreath

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

Michael Shane Grimes *

summa cum laude, B.A.M., Applied Management

Curtis C. Halford

B.S.E.M., Homeland Security and Emergency Management: Cybersecurity Information Technology Management

Lee Foster Hall *

magna cum laude, B.A.M., Applied Management

* Summer degree recipient

** Fall degree recipient

Lilly Anne Harris

B.B.A., Business Administration: Finance

Saskia Harrison **

B.E.M., Homeland Security and Emergency Management: Emergency Management

Will Hartman

magna cum laude, B.A.M., Applied Management

Dylan Lee Heckle

B.A.M., Applied Management

Jacob Solomon Hoffman

summa cum laude, B.S.E.M., Homeland Security and Emergency Management: Homeland Security

Nicholle Hong **

cum laude, B.B.A., Accounting

Harrison Israels

summa cum laude, B.B.A., Business Administration: General Business

Spencer Jacobs

B.S.R.B., Sport and Recreation Business: Recreation Management

Jasmine Marlene Jemewouk

B.B.A., Business Administration: General Business

Joseph Lyndon Johnson

B.B.A., Accounting

Eileen Cheryl Johnston **

B.S.R.B., Sport and Recreation Business: Sport Management

Joshua David Jones

B.S.E.M., Homeland Security and Emergency Management: Cybersecurity Information Technology Management

Alexandria Kezer

B.A.M., Applied Management

Zeber S. Khan

magna cum laude, B.A.M., Applied Management

Katelynn Kimes

summa cum laude, B.B.A., Business Administration: General Business

Oljanna Lynae Kind

summa cum laude, B.B.A., Accounting

Christopher Kirsch **

summa cum laude, B.S.R.B., Sport and Recreation Business: Sport Management

Marcel Barbosa Krenzelok **

summa cum laude, B.A.M., Applied Management

Benjamin Leslie

summa cum laude, B.B.A., Business Administration: General Business

Susan Levenson **

magna cum laude, B.A.M., Applied Management

Branden Michael Lindsay

summa cum laude, B.B.A., Accounting

Heidi Lee Livengood

B.A.M., Applied Management

T.J. Lloyd

B.B.A., Business Administration: General Business

Luis A. Lopez

B.S.E.M., Homeland Security and Emergency Management: Emergency Medical Public Health

Jaydenn R. Manibusan

B.B.A., Business Administration: Leadership

Giovanni Amadeus Marchel

cum laude, B.S.E.M., Homeland Security and Emergency Management: Cybersecurity Information Technology Management

Hunter McDonald

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

Brayden D. McIntyre

B.B.A., Business Administration: General Business

Bradly Melton

magna cum laude, B.S.E.M., Homeland Security and Emergency Management: Cybersecurity Information Technology Management

Shaun Morgan

B.B.A., Accounting

Michael Roy Moriarty **

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

Eden Laurel Murchison

B.B.A., Accounting. *University Honors Scholar*

Myra Ann Murray

summa cum laude, B.S.E.M., Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Ahmad Bilal Mustapha *

B.B.A., Business Administration: Marketing, General Business

Zachary Norum **

cum laude, B.B.A., Business Administration: Finance

Marcellius Nunley

B.A.M., Applied Management

Sarah M. Olson

B.B.A., Business Administration: Marketing. *Leadership Distinction*

IvaLea Ray Packee

summa cum laude, B.B.A., Accounting

Jacqueline Ann Padilla **

summa cum laude, B.S.E.M., Homeland Security and Emergency Management: Cybersecurity Information Technology Management

Shawn Michael Paggi-Howe

magna cum laude, B.B.A., Accounting

Morgan Noelle Parsons Thompson *

B.B.A., Business Administration: Marketing

Natasha Mira Kurt Perkins **

B.B.A., Accounting

Rachell Rene Peterson **

B.B.A., Business Administration: General Business

Carson A. Pope

B.S.R.B., Sport and Recreation Business: Recreation Management

Shira Porter

B.B.A., Accounting

Mariel Merlii Pulles

cum laude, B.B.A., Business Administration:
Finance

Robyn Quigg **

B.A.M., Applied Management

Heidi Elizabeth Quinn

summa cum laude, B.S.R.B., Sport and Recreation
Business: Recreation Management

Peter J. Reed *

B.S.E.M., Homeland Security and Emergency
Management: Emergency Medical Public Health

Jen Brooke Robinson **

magna cum laude, B.A.M., Applied Management

Edison Ruland

summa cum laude, B.S.R.B., Sport and Recreation
Business: Recreation Management

Ian Matthew Schnauder

B.S.E.M., Homeland Security and Emergency
Management: Cybersecurity Information
Technology Management

Kira Sharp

B.B.A., Accounting

Mary Elizabeth Shier

B.S.E.M., Homeland Security and Emergency
Management: Cybersecurity Information
Technology Management

Madelyn Alexandra Shockey **

cum laude, B.S.R.B., Sport and Recreation
Business: Sport Management

Megan Smith

magna cum laude, B.B.A., Accounting

Shayna Smith **

magna cum laude, B.B.A., Accounting

Shayna Smith **

magna cum laude, B.S.R.B., Sport and Recreation
Business: Sport Management

Fatima Stone

B.B.A., Accounting

Katelyn Grace Stredny *

B.A.M., Applied Management

Jodie R. Street

cum laude, B.B.A., Accounting

Jodie R. Street

cum laude, B.B.A., Business Administration:
Finance

Tybenn Sturm

B.S.R.B., Sport and Recreation Business: Sport
Management

Don Kelvin Sumic **

magna cum laude, B.S.E.M., Homeland Security
and Emergency Management: Cybersecurity
Information Technology Management

McKenzie Syverson **

B.B.A., Accounting

Alexander Batie Teslow

B.B.A., Business Administration: Finance

Eaint Thiri

summa cum laude, B.S.E.M., Homeland Security
and Emergency Management: Cybersecurity
Information Technology Management

Carson Tobin

B.B.A., Accounting

Alison Trubacz *

B.B.A., Business Administration: General
Business

William Raymond Van Dam

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

Justin Vasileff

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

Aidan Walker

B.B.A., Accounting

Ethan Warren

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

Monica R. Wiehl

B.A.M., Applied Management

Mason Wilken

B.B.A., Business Administration: General
Business

Kyle Williams *

magna cum laude, B.S.E.M., Homeland Security
and Emergency Management: Cybersecurity
Information Technology Management

Patrick Woolery

cum laude, B.B.A., Accounting

Tiffany Wohlers Yaskus

cum laude, B.S.R.B., Sport and Recreation
Business: Sport Management

Eriks Zohovs **

B.B.A., Business Administration: Sport
Management

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND MINES

Dr. William E. Schnabel, Dean

Master's Degrees

Thimira Sanuka Thilakarathna
Asurapmudalige **

M.S., Electrical Engineering

Riley Joseph Bickford *

M.S., Mechanical Engineering

Naomi Kroyer

M.S., Electrical Engineering

James Miller

M.S., Electrical Engineering

Haley Nelson **

M.S., Mechanical Engineering

Victoria Ann Nelson

M.S., Geological Engineering. *Tau Beta Pi Honor Society*

Dylan Gregory Palmieri **

M.S., Computer Science

Daniel Randle

M.S., Electrical Engineering

Muradur Rashedin

M.S., Civil Engineering: Environmental Engineering

Mary Szatkowski **

M.S., Water and Environmental Science: Hydrology

Baccalaureate Degrees

Daniel Ackerman **

B.S., Electrical Engineering: Power and Control

Enigma Swan Adams

magna cum laude, B.S., Computer Engineering. *Tau Beta Pi Honor Society*

Brayden Thor Bahnke

magna cum laude, B.S., Mechanical Engineering: Aerospace. *Tau Beta Pi Honor Society*

Hunter Barndt

B.S., Computer Science

Coleman Baxter

B.S., Civil Engineering

Richard Brock **

B.S., Electrical Engineering: Power and Control

Benjamin Harding Brooks

B.S., Mining Engineering

Hunter Brooks

B.S., Mechanical Engineering: Mechanical

Ashley Lynn Clay

cum laude, B.S., Mechanical Engineering: Mechanical. *Tau Beta Pi Honor Society*

Apryle Collison

magna cum laude, B.S., Mechanical Engineering: Mechanical. *Tau Beta Pi Honor Society*

Mikahla Johanna deVries-Paris

B.S., Mining Engineering

Scott Daniel Doetsch

B.S., Mechanical Engineering: Mechanical

Catherine Michelle Sattu Dunleavy

B.S., Mining Engineering

Jessica Egbejimba

B.S., Mechanical Engineering: Mechanical

Cy Eller

B.S., Petroleum Engineering

Matthew Encelewski

B.S., Civil Engineering

Kyle Farley-Robinson

summa cum laude, B.S., Electrical Engineering: Power and Control

Alexis Francisco

magna cum laude, B.S., Electrical Engineering: Power and Control. *Tau Beta Pi Honor Society*

Joshua Garcia **

B.S., Mechanical Engineering: Mechanical

Tim Glidden

B.S., Civil Engineering

Jordan A. Goodman

B.S., Civil Engineering

Meaghan Christina Gould

magna cum laude, B.S., Geological Engineering. *Tau Beta Pi Honor Society*

Charles Fox Gregor

B.S., Mechanical Engineering: Mechanical

Brandon Hansen **

magna cum laude, B.S., Civil Engineering. *Tau Beta Pi Honor Society*

Cynan Hellmann

B.S., Mechanical Engineering: Mechanical

Jacob Hessinger

B.S., Civil Engineering

Ethan Hoover

cum laude, B.S., Mechanical Engineering: Mechanical

Kayla Horning

summa cum laude, B.S., Geological Engineering. *Tau Beta Pi Honor Society*

Jacob Jakiemiec

B.S., Computer Science; Computer Engineering

Gwendolyn S. Jones

B.S., Mechanical Engineering: Mechanical

Evan Joyce

magna cum laude, B.S., Geological Engineering. *Climate Honors Scholar; Tau Beta Pi Honor Society*

Christopher Kalev

B.S., Geological Engineering

Jason Hyukki Kim

B.S., Computer Science

Blake Allen Klein

B.S., Mining Engineering

Wayne Koelsch

summa cum laude, B.S., Mechanical Engineering:
Aerospace. *Tau Beta Pi Honor Society*

Elizabeth LaDouceur

B.S., Geological Engineering

Kellen McAferty

B.S., Mechanical Engineering: Mechanical

Jesse Nix **

B.S., Civil Engineering

Ariana Noel **

B.S., Civil Engineering

Mike Ophoff

cum laude, B.S., Mechanical Engineering:
Mechanical

Dylan Gregory Palmieri **

B.S., Computer Science

Daniel Peters

B.S., Mechanical Engineering: Aerospace

Chuluunbat Purev

B.S., Computer Science

Briana Randazzo

B.S., Geological Engineering

Nathan Rood *

B.S., Mechanical Engineering: Aerospace

Leona Sawyer

B.S., Civil Engineering

Matthew Scarboro

B.S., Civil Engineering

Andrew Schok **

B.S., Mechanical Engineering: Aerospace

Ahmed Rafat Shamata

B.S., Petroleum Engineering

David Startz

cum laude, B.S., Electrical Engineering: Power
and Control. *Tau Beta Pi Honor Society*

Areli E. Stringfellow

cum laude, B.S., Geological Engineering. *Tau
Beta Pi Honor Society*

Dylan Tillinger

B.S., Civil Engineering

Luke Bjorn Underwood

summa cum laude, B.S., Computer Science.
University Honors Scholar, Highest Distinction

Nicholas James Van Treeck

B.S., Geological Engineering

Connor Verfaillie

B.S., Civil Engineering

Michael Wyatt Vrana

B.S., Mining Engineering

Tiecheng Wang

B.S., Electrical Engineering: Computer
Engineering

Caleb M. White

B.S., Electrical Engineering: Power and Control

Lucas Woosley

summa cum laude, B.S., Geological Engineering.
Tau Beta Pi Honor Society

* Summer degree recipient

** Fall degree recipient

COLLEGE OF FISHERIES AND OCEAN SCIENCES

Dr. S. Bradley Moran, Dean

Master's Degrees

Jake Cohen **

M.S., Oceanography: Biological

Taylor L. Cubbage *

M.S., Fisheries

James Currie *

M.S., Marine Biology

Josianne Haag *

M.S., Oceanography: Chemical

Carolyn Hamman *

M.S., Fisheries

Elizabeth Hasan **

M.S., Marine Biology

Luke Hunter Henslee

M.S., Fisheries

Molly Payne *

M.S., Fisheries

Drew Eliot Porter **

M.S., Marine Biology

Alexandria Gibbons Reich

M.S., Fisheries

James Schloemer *

M.S., Marine Biology

Mary Carol Spanos *

M.S., Fisheries

Lindsey R. Stadler

M.S., Marine Biology

Michelle Trifari **

M.S., Marine Biology

Baccalaureate Degrees

Kortney Birch **

cum laude, B.S., Fisheries and Ocean Sciences:
Ocean Sciences

Madelyn Diane Hoefer

B.A., Fisheries: Fisheries Business and Social
Science

Anthony Kyle Jaster *

B.A., Fisheries: Fisheries Business and Social
Science

Kathryn Langlois

magna cum laude, B.A., Fisheries: Fisheries
Business and Social Science

Roger Antonio Maldonado *

cum laude, B.S., Fisheries and Ocean Sciences:
Fisheries Science

Bethany Matilda Matala

B.S., Fisheries and Ocean Sciences: Ocean
Sciences

Kyleigh Nichole McArthur

cum laude, B.S., Fisheries and Ocean Sciences:
Fisheries Science

McKenna Slivensky *

B.A., Fisheries: Fisheries Business and Social
Science

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Dr. Ellen D.S. Lopez, Dean

Master's Degrees

Pierce A. Bateman *

M.A., Arctic and Northern Studies: Northern History

Daniel Berriochoa

M.A., Arctic and Northern Studies: Northern History

Emma Corby

M.A., English

Allison Kate Cruz **

M.A., Anthropology

Julian Benjamin Dann

M.A., Applied Science Communication: Interdisciplinary Studies

Xochiyollotl Carrow Harbison **

M.F.A., Art: Ceramics

Wade Gray Harrison *

M.A., Justice Administration

Adrienne Hatley

M.A., Justice Administration

Carol Fuiten Hoefler *

M.A., Arctic and Northern Studies: Individualized

KJ Janeschek

M.F.A./M.A., Creative Writing and Literature

Elizabeth R. Klemm *

M.A., Arctic and Northern Studies: Individualized

Jane Litvin

M.F.A., Creative Writing

Sky L. Roehl

M.F.A., Art: Native Art

Aaron Charles Salzman

M.F.A./M.A., Creative Writing and Literature

Courtney Marie Skaggs

M.F.A., Creative Writing

Marjorie Linne Tungwenuk Tahbone

M.A., Cross-Cultural Studies

Cade Yongue

M.F.A., Creative Writing

Post-Baccalaureate and Graduate Certificates

Nathaniel Baring

Gr. Cert., Arctic and Northern Studies

Sandra Garnett Jackson **

Gr. Cert., Justice Administration

Maisie Thomas

Gr. Cert., Arctic and Northern Studies

Baccalaureate Degrees

Karisse Ackerman

B.A., Psychology

Chelsea Renee Anderson

magna cum laude, B.A., English. *University Honors Scholar*

Dena Anderson *

summa cum laude, B.A., Social Work

Mary DeAnne Anderson *

summa cum laude, B.A., Psychology

Natalie Angaiak **

B.A., English

Amanda Arai

cum laude, B.A., Art

Kennedy H. Atlee

cum laude, B.A., Psychology

Michael Christopher Austin

B.M., Music Education: Music Education K-12

Payton Mae Baker **

cum laude, B.S., Psychology

Michelle Barbieri

B.A., History

Ana C. Barbosa

B.A., Justice; Social Work

Aurora Barnes *

B.A., Communication

Bret Beeler

summa cum laude, B.A., Justice

Kelsey Nicole Bellant *

B.A., Communication

Donna Jeanette Bezold

magna cum laude, B.A., History

Brandon Blum **

B.A., Political Science

Cassidy R. Boese

magna cum laude, B.A., Social Work

Christen D. Booth **

summa cum laude, B.F.A., Art: Sculpture

Amanda Brand

summa cum laude, B.A., English

Kimberly Brewton **

B.A., Psychology

Heather Janene Brown *

B.A., Psychology

Candice Buchanan

cum laude, B.A., Social Work

Katrina Buchanan *

B.A., Art; Biological Sciences

Autumn Rose Cantu

B.A., Social Work

* Summer degree recipient

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Nastasia Avalin Caole

B.A., Arctic and Northern Studies. *University Honors Scholar; Climate Honors Scholar*

Sydney Ann Castorina

B.A., Justice

Gerek John Chmielowski *

cum laude, B.A., History; Foreign Languages: German

Samantha Fay Clemons

B.A., Justice

Chelsea Marie Coots **

B.A., Justice

Sonia Cuevas **

B.A., Psychology

Lakshmi Shalini Datla

B.A., Psychology

Brent Dellinger

B.A., Political Science

Emily Marie Doyel

B.M., Music Education: Music Education K-12

Rebecca Rose Dunne

summa cum laude, B.M., Music Education: Music Education K-12

Calista Elzey *

summa cum laude, B.A., Psychology

Tiffany Emmons

B.A., Digital Journalism

Sydney Erickson *

B.A., Psychology

Timothy Fewless

summa cum laude, B.A., History

Timothy Fewless

summa cum laude, B.A., Political Science

Brooke Alexandria Fisher

magna cum laude, B.A., Anthropology. *University Honors Scholar*

Rebecca Flores

B.A., Social Work

Arnold J. Francisco **

B.F.A., Art: Metalsmithing

Robert Leland Fuerstenau *

B.S., Psychology

Annelise Carol Fullerton

cum laude, B.A., Justice; Psychology

Mahala Anne McGregor Gale *

B.A., Film and Performing Arts: Film

Allyssia Garcia *

B.A., Political Science

Sarah Bierly Gerstenfield

B.A., Psychology

Kevin Grimes **

B.A., History

Garrett Guffey

B.A., Art

Chaweinta Hale

B.A., Art

Erin Harris

B.A., English

Abdurahman Ahmed Hassan

B.S., Psychology

Taylor Rae Hendricks *

B.M., Music Performance

Solveig Jeanette Henry **

summa cum laude, B.A., Justice

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B.A., Social Work; Psychology

Riley Hickman

B.A., Political Science

Alicia Ann Horstman

summa cum laude, B.A., Social Work

Daniell Amelia Huff

B.F.A., Art: Drawing

Rei Hum

B.A., Japanese Studies

Devony Irwin **

magna cum laude, B.F.A., Art: Metalsmithing

Miranda Jackovich

B.A., Anthropology

D. Rochelle Jackson

cum laude, B.A., Social Work

Jaci Lynn Jividen

B.A., Justice

Hally Jordan

cum laude, B.A., Psychology

Dayln E. Keith

magna cum laude, B.A., Psychology

Emily E. Kennedy

cum laude, B.A., Social Work

Macy Rae Kenworthy

B.A., Psychology

April Kinker

B.A., Psychology

Alex A. Kiwus

cum laude, B.A., Psychology

Benjamin Curtiss Knapp

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Dr. Katherine L. Arndt has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1989 to 2023. She has unique expertise in Alaska history and especially in the Russian-Alaska time period, which has greatly benefited the Rasmuson Library's world-class collections and the researchers who use them.

Dr. Arndt began work at UAF as a researcher in 1989 and joined the Rasmuson Library as a processing assistant in 2002; and in 2010 she became a faculty member, serving as the Alaska and polar regions bibliographer and the curator of rare books and rare maps. She has 21 publications and five translations of works on the Russian era of Alaska history, and she oversaw the digitization of hundreds of rare books and maps, making them available to scholars of polar regions worldwide.

She has served as a member of the Faculty Senate and on multiple university committees, and she has given numerous professional presentations at Alaska history and anthropology conferences, providing exposure for the library's outstanding collections to the public and researchers.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Katherine L. Arndt for her extensive contributions to the state of Alaska and to the university.

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She has built a highly effective, client-focused, outcomes-driven and service-oriented proposal unit. She has worked tirelessly under constant deadlines so that every research proposal reflects UAF in the best light — not only by ensuring that budgets and other documents are accurate but also by strengthening the proposal text.

Senior faculty members have seen Ms. Boatwright as an active partner in the research team, describing her as a pillar of support who delivers patient attention in the pursuit of funding, and she has mentored many new faculty members in proposal preparation. Ms. Boatwright received the Chancellor's Cornerstone Award in 2018, recognizing her exceptional skills.

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His research specialty has been Australasian literature, about which he has published and presented dozens of papers. He has served as reviews editor for *Antipodes*, a journal of Australian literature.

Dr. Carr has served as director of the UAF Writing Center since 1997, a centerpiece role in his professional life. He served as chair of the English Department for 10 years, providing leadership with his calm, reliable demeanor and exceptional skills in mediation. He has volunteered extensively for university initiatives and committees, as well as for numerous events and activities in the Fairbanks and Alaska communities.

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She has recruited, trained and mentored countless staff, acting on her conviction that UAF should develop its own fiscal professionals. She has provided career and professional development opportunities to student employees who later moved into long-term career positions, and she helps everyone who works with her understand the ebb and flow of life at the university.

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MR. WILLIAM J. COX

DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES, EMERITUS

Mr. William J. Cox served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in facilities maintenance and operation from 1987 to 1991 and from 1993 to 2023. Mr. Cox worked at the heating, ventilation and air conditioning shop for 17 years, first as a technician and then supervisor, before serving as maintenance superintendent for nine years. He spent his last two years as the director of utilities, overseeing UAF's heat, power and water utility operations. He knows every square inch of every utilidor and critical infrastructure system on campus.

He is a conscientious employee who cares for others deeply. He diligently upholds safety standards, taking every alarm and test seriously and ensuring that each system's staff and managers provide quality support. He has dedicated himself to teaching and coaching to create a cohesive team.

Mr. Cox is a true Renaissance man, with a passion for the arts, music and sharing stories, and he holds the principal trombone position in the Fairbanks Symphony Orchestra.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Mr. William J. Cox for his extensive contributions to the state of Alaska and to the university.

MS. KIMBERLEE S. DAVIS

MANAGING EDITOR, EMERITUS

Ms. Kimberlee S. Davis has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in public relations and fundraising from 1992 to 2023, including the past 15 years as managing editor of UAF's Aurora magazine. Ms. Davis served the university in fast-paced and highly deadline-driven environments, and the outstanding quality of her work has demonstrated her commitment to the institution. She has been a reliable organizing force behind numerous publications and events, including the annual commencement.

She provided the vision and editorial acumen to resurrect and greatly enhance the Aurora magazine, and she provided guidance and oversight to writers, photographers, editors and designers, holding herself and those around her to high standards. She chaired the planning committee for UAF's centennial in 2017, overseeing events and projects involving hundreds of participants across several years. Her vision and guidance brought the remarkable history of the first century of this university to life.

The Alaska chapter of the Public Relations Society of America recognized Ms. Davis on multiple occasions with top awards for the projects she led, including the Aurora magazine.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Ms. Kimberlee S. Davis for her extensive contributions to the state of Alaska and to the university.

EMERITI RECOGNITION

DR. CARY W. DE WIT

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF GEOGRAPHY, EMERITUS

Dr. Cary W. de Wit served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1999 to 2022. Dr. de Wit taught a broad variety of courses, creating unique opportunities that otherwise would not have been at UAF, and he advised a majority of undergraduate geography majors.

His research focused on American regional cultures, perceptual geography and sense of place, and his expertise in these topics and global geopolitics has drawn inquiries from numerous students and academics and led to many media interviews. He served as Geography Department chair and program coordinator for a dozen years, and he served on numerous university committees.

Dr. de Wit helped create a radio series on geopolitics that was broadcast locally and throughout Alaska and made available online. He initiated several well-attended public presentations by visiting scholars, government officials, international experts and journalists.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Cary W. de Wit for his extensive contributions to the state of Alaska and to the university.

DR. PETER A. DECARO

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF COMMUNICATION, EMERITUS

Dr. Peter A. DeCaro has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 2011 to 2023. He is known for his outstanding teaching. He chaired or served as a member on numerous graduate student committees and worked as a faculty advisor to several student clubs and organizations.

He directed development of fully online bachelor's and master's degree programs in communication. He created the alternative dispute resolution minor, with a focus on restorative practices. Dr. DeCaro was a co-founding member of the Veterans Memorial Project and served in an advising capacity to various military-affiliated groups on campus.

Dr. DeCaro has delivered dozens of presentations and produced dozens of publications in the communication field, including papers, articles, books and book chapters.

He served as the Department of Communication chair for many years after his arrival at UAF. He serves as executive director of the American Communication Association and has participated in numerous other professional activities.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Peter A. DeCaro for his extensive contributions to the state of Alaska and to the university.

EMERITI RECOGNITION

DR. ALEXANDRA F. FITTS

PROFESSOR OF SPANISH AND VICE PROVOST, EMERITUS

Dr. Alexandra F. Fitts has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching and public service from 1995 to 2023, first as a professor and then as an administrator. Dr. Fitts' students in the Spanish program greatly respected her both as a teacher and as a mentor.

She served as chair of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures for six years, during which time she earned a reputation for her wise, steady guidance. She redesigned the foreign languages major and she twice served as coordinator of the women, gender and sexuality studies program.

When Dr. Fitts' service as a professor concluded, she served as vice provost and dean of general studies, enhancing the academic experiences of students by providing guidance to deans and directors. She also oversaw academic advising and retention efforts. She served as accreditation liaison officer, leading UAF through several thorough and successful accreditation processes.

She served on and chaired numerous university committees. She served in the Faculty Senate, and she trained to staff a campus help desk for students experiencing partner violence.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Alexandra F. Fitts for her extensive contributions to the state of Alaska and to the university.

DR. PHILLIP HARRINGTON

EXECUTIVE OFFICER, EMERITUS

Mr. Phillip Harrington has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks and the University of Alaska system with distinction in fiscal management from 1990 to 2023. Mr. Harrington, after working at the UA statewide budget office, moved to UAF in 1998, where he served in financial and executive officer positions for the College of Engineering and Mines, the Office of Finance and Accounting, the Institute of Arctic Biology, and most recently, the Signers' Business Office.

He is renowned throughout UAF as an outstanding leader, able to change processes, create efficiencies and build cohesive teams. He trained and mentored some of UAF's brightest executive officers and finance managers. While at CEM, he encouraged all grant management staff to pursue certified research administrator training.

Mr. Harrington demonstrated true caring for the careers and personal lives of the staff with whom he worked, and his unflinching sense of humor and kindness fostered great teamwork.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Mr. Phillip Harrington for his extensive contributions to the state of Alaska and to the university.

EMERITI RECOGNITION

DR. ERIC HEYNE

PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH, EMERITUS

Dr. Eric Heyne has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and service from 1986 to 2023. He is currently the longest-serving faculty member in the College of Liberal Arts. Dr. Heyne distinguished himself for his excellence in teaching, offering instruction not only in introductory courses but also in upper-division and graduate courses, seminars and studies of unique topics. His dedication to, and regular instruction in, the English Department's general education program in writing is especially noteworthy.

He has engaged in award-winning and prolific research and creative works focused on Alaska and northern literature and he has numerous publications, including books, reviews, articles and poems.

Dr. Heyne served the English Department as chair and the College of Liberal Arts once as interim dean and twice as associate dean, and he served in the Faculty Senate, including terms as president-elect and president. He has served the University of Alaska Press as a board member and editor, and he has volunteered in the Fairbanks community for such programs as Guys Read and the Fairbanks Shakespeare Theatre.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Eric Heyne for his extensive contributions to the state of Alaska and to the university.

DR. SANTANU KHATANAR

PROFESSOR OF PETROLEUM ENGINEERING, EMERITUS

Dr. Santanu Khatanar has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and service from 1991 to 2023. Dr. Khatanar has taught a broad range of courses in petroleum engineering; and his students recognized his teaching abilities with six outstanding faculty awards from 1992-2020.

He has chaired or co-chaired 35 graduate student committees and served on more than 60 others; and Dr. Khatanar taught a number of courses in Anchorage, which boosted enrollment and industry connections.

Dr. Khatanar conducted internationally recognized research in gas-to-liquids technology and enhanced oil recovery. He drew more than \$10 million in research funding to UAF. He has published a book chapter, 29 peer-reviewed articles and over 50 refereed conference papers. Dr. Khatanar has been an invited technical speaker in international conferences. He has served on numerous UAF committees, including those involved in curriculum review and redesign, and he served as the Department of Petroleum Engineering chair.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Santanu Khatanar for his extensive contributions to the state of Alaska and to the university.

EMERITI RECOGNITION

MR. RICHARD MCDONALD

PROFESSOR OF COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS, EMERITUS

Mr. Richard McDonald has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching and service from 2014 to 2023. Mr. McDonald has greatly benefited UAF Community and Technical College students through his expert teaching in the information technology field. He secured technologies that the IT specialist program uses to teach online at a quality level previously achievable in only a face-to-face setting.

His novel methods have brought online technical training to students in rural Alaska. When COVID-19 globally disrupted teaching in 2020, Cisco Systems invited Mr. McDonald to present online teaching methods to its affiliated networking instructors worldwide. Mr. McDonald has published multiple technical textbooks, with some translated into more than a dozen languages. He has made numerous conference presentations on both technical topics and online teaching methods.

Mr. McDonald has served on several university committees, and he has served as a mentor to other faculty members in the IT program. He has volunteered as a docent at the University of Alaska Museum of the North.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Mr. Richard McDonald for his extensive contributions to the state of Alaska and to the university.

MS. PATRICIA MARTINEZ MERITT

PROFESSOR OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, EMERITUS

Ms. Patricia Martinez Meritt has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1986 to 2023. Ms. Meritt, who served as an adjunct for a decade before becoming a full-time faculty member, is a superb teacher and expert in her field. Her students consistently give her exceptional evaluations, and she received the 2019 Emil Usibelli Distinguished Teaching Award.

She was an early leader in bringing courses online to serve students in all walks of life and in all locations, including other countries. Ms. Meritt co-authored two editions of the “Constructive Guidance and Discipline in Early Childhood Development” textbook, and she wrote “Child Development: A Practical Guide to the First Three Years.”

Ms. Meritt motivated colleagues across the university to achieve national accreditation for the early childhood education program. She developed the undergraduate degree in child development and family studies and many courses. She routinely served on numerous university committees, and she has made dozens of presentations in myriad community venues.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation for Ms. Patricia Martinez Meritt’s extensive contributions to the state of Alaska and to the university.

EMERITI RECOGNITION

DR. VIKAS S. SONWALKAR

PROFESSOR OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, EMERITUS

Dr. Vikas S. Sonwalkar has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1995 to 2023. Dr. Sonwalkar taught a broad range of graduate and undergraduate courses in electrical engineering. He was the principal advisor to two postdoctoral fellows, 20 graduate students and nine undergraduate students, and he was recognized as the College of Engineering and Mines outstanding graduate student advisor in 2004.

He performed research into diverse topics and pioneered space-based whistler mode radio sounding of electrons and ions. He produced more than 50 articles, more than 150 conference abstracts and 30 major reports.

At UAF, Dr. Sonwalkar obtained research grants of more than \$15 million. Dr. Sonwalkar served on numerous university committees, in the UAF Faculty Senate and as department chair twice. He helped establish the computer engineering program and served as Alaska faculty advisor to Radio JOVE, a NASA project involving high school and college students in radio astronomy.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Vikas S. Sonwalkar for his extensive contributions to the state of Alaska and to the university.

MS. E. MICHELE STALDER

DEAN OF THE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE, EMERITUS

Ms. E. Michele Stalder has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in executive, administrative and staff positions from 1981 to 2023. She has applied her unstinting hard work, innovation and dedication to develop the UAF Community and Technical College and advocate for its mission.

She sought continuously to reduce barriers to postsecondary education. She conceptualized CTC's one-stop service where students take academic placement tests, receive advising, register, apply for financial aid and pay fees all in one location. She pioneered dual enrollment and credit for high school students.

Ms. Stalder successfully led efforts to ensure that CTC continued to function through the COVID-19 pandemic, producing qualified essential workers for critical enterprises. She has worked diligently with local businesses and industry to make them partners in CTC's programs, and she received the 2020 Bernice M. Joseph Education Advocate of the Year Award from the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Ms. E. Michele Stalder for her extensive contributions to the state of Alaska and to the university.

EMERITI RECOGNITION

MS. KIMBERLY ARAGON STEWART

INSTRUCTOR OF SPANISH, EMERITUS

Ms. Kimberly Aragon Stewart has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching and service from 1994 to 2023. Ms. Stewart is known for her outstanding teaching and mentorship, and her creative and challenging methods drew a dedicated following among students. She is unfailingly kind, warm and encouraging to students. She taught roughly 7,500 students in 240 courses across almost three decades.

She took on numerous tasks, always wanting to do what was best for her colleagues and the foreign languages program. She enthusiastically shared her expertise for language teaching and learning within the realm of second language acquisition. Ms. Stewart led multiple overseas study trips with students, encouraging cultural examination and reflection while patiently dealing with obstacles. She took on numerous additional duties, such as advising the Spanish club, mentoring high school Spanish teachers and judging high school poetry readings.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Ms. Kimberly Aragon Stewart for her extensive contributions to the state of Alaska and to the university.

MR. MARK D. YOUNG

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF APPLIED BUSINESS AND ACCOUNTING, EMERITUS

Mr. Mark D. Young has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching and service from 2006 to 2023. Mr. Young's students consistently rated his teaching as good to excellent. He employed innovations such as gamification, course flipping and teaming with local businesses on marketing. He led micro-credentialing efforts that verify students' skill sets for employers.

Drawing on his experience as a UAF Community and Technical College military programs coordinator from 2007–2012, Mr. Young continued as a faculty member to connect military personnel and their dependents with educational options. Mr. Young wrote an Alaska-specific textbook for his introductory business course. He helped create the Interior Alaska Business Accelerator, which mentors new small businesses.

Mr. Young, who also holds a bachelor's degree in fisheries, trained seafood processor employees in Kodiak and Dutch Harbor in management. Mr. Young has demonstrated exceptional leadership on many CTC committees. He served as a dynamic chair and coordinator for the department, where he promoted the program, created new curriculum, mentored faculty, led the advisory council and collaborated with the College of Business and Security Management.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Mr. Mark D. Young for his extensive contributions to the state of Alaska and to the university.

HONORARY DOCTOR OF LAWS



PUBLIC OFFICIAL, TRIBAL ADVOCATE, BUSINESS LEADER

RICHARD CHALYEE ÉESH PETERSON

Richard Chalyee Éesh Peterson is an innovative public servant and entrepreneur who advocates for economic development, tribal sovereignty and community sustainability. Mr. Peterson grew up in Kasaan, a community on Prince William Sound in Southeast Alaska. He is Tlingit from the Kaagwaantaan clan, Eagles Nest house.

Mr. Peterson's career in public service began in 1996 with his election to the Kasaan City Council. The following year, the council appointed him mayor, making him the youngest person in Alaska to hold such a position. He also was elected president of the Organized Village of Kasaan, the community's tribal government.

Mr. Peterson in 2001 helped create the Prince of Wales Tribal Enterprise Consortium, one of the first tribally owned corporations in Alaska to be qualified under the federal Small Business Act's 8(a) program. As chief executive officer, his innovative business strategies helped pave the way for such corporations to benefit all Alaska Native people.

In 2000, Mr. Peterson was elected to the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, a federally recognized tribe serving over 32,000 members. He was elected as the council's president in 2014. He focuses on economic development, tribal sovereignty and community sustainability. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he led the council's response with a nationally recognized system that not only responded to the emergency but also provided cultural and educational activities that ensured Indigenous knowledge continued to be passed on.

Mr. Peterson serves on the Alaska Federation of Natives board and multiple additional boards, councils and committees to represent tribal interests. He has received numerous awards, including National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development's Native American 40 Under 40 award.

HONORARY DOCTOR OF EDUCATION



LANGUAGE TEACHER, CULTURE BEARER,
MENTOR

HELEN MACLEAN

Ms. Helen (Dick) MacLean is a master instructor of the Dena'ina language, a mentor to students from preschool through graduate studies, and an artist and practitioner of traditional skills who has tirelessly shared her knowledge with the world.

Ms. MacLean was born at a spring camp in 1945, and she grew up in Hekdichen Hdakaq' (Lime Village), located along the Stony River in southwestern Alaska. She was raised, educated and trained in a traditional Dena'ina way, acquiring the knowledge and skills necessary to live from the land. Elders also charged her as a young girl to teach those who wanted to learn the Dena'ina language.

Ms. MacLean serves as a resident first language speaker for the Kenaitze Indian Tribe's Dena'ina Language Institute. She also has served as an adjunct, co-instructor and Elder-in-residence at Kenai Peninsula College. She has taught in Head Start classrooms, instructed at workshops and seminars across Alaska, and presented to conferences regionally and nationally.

Ms. MacLean has worked with numerous university doctoral candidates as a research participant, mentor and advisor. Her ability to interpret, analyze and respond to Western academic research pedagogy while maintaining Dena'ina Indigenous ways of knowing has made her invaluable to these students and their achievements.

Ms. MacLean is well-known for her art and craftsmanship. The Anchorage Museum's "Dena'inaq' Huch'ulyeshi" exhibit in 2013 featured her salmon skin work, a one-of-a-kind parka made from bear gut and lessons on building a Dena'ina fish trap. She also builds birch bark baskets and teaches classes on doing so, both in communities and at culture camps. In addition, she has worked with the Smithsonian Institution's Arctic Studies Center to develop an instructional video on moosehide tanning.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD



CARL BENSON

FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY, SCIENTIFIC CONTRIBUTIONS AND CIVIC ADVOCACY

Dr. Carl Benson has been associated with the University of Alaska for 63 years as a researcher and professor of geophysics and geology. His contributions to snow and ice science are legendary, and he has continued his research, teaching and service at the university long after retiring.

Dr. Benson earned his doctorate in 1960 based on research conducted while traversing the Greenland ice sheet. He joined the Geophysical Institute that year and retired in 1987. His research has focused on snow and ice physics, as well as air pollution. He taught and mentored many of today's leading scientists in these fields.

Dr. Benson also continued to give occasional scientific lectures, not only for students but also the general public. He and his wife, Ruth, have been generous donors, volunteers and participants in the UAF community.

Dr. Benson's civic activism has provided valuable insights for Alaskans and their leaders. For the past three decades, he has delved into Alaska state budget issues. He has shared his findings through testimony and newspaper commentaries, many of which have featured conversations with his fictional relative "Bengt."

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD



JOAN BRADDOCK

FOR HER LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE ON BEHALF OF THE UNIVERSITY

Dr. Joan Braddock has been a vital member of the UAF community for more than 40 years as an employee, student, faculty member and administrator. Even after retiring, she returned to serve in leadership positions.

Dr. Braddock, a microbiologist, earned her Ph.D. in oceanography from UAF in 1989. She joined the Institute of Arctic Biology faculty in 1990 and attained professor rank in 2003. She was a highly effective teacher and mentor. Her research focused on bioremediation of environmental contaminants, especially petroleum. From 2004 to 2009, she served as dean of the College of Natural Science and Mathematics.

In retirement, Dr. Braddock has volunteered multiple times to assist the university, serving on and chairing numerous committees. She returned twice to guide units in need of temporary leadership, first as director of the University of Alaska Press and then as interim dean of what is now the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences.

Dr. Braddock and her husband, Doug, are also generous donors to the university, and she has often joined others to informally tend UAF flower beds and clean the campus grounds.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD



JASON GOOTEE

FOR HIS ADVOCACY AND SERVICE ON BEHALF OF THE
UNIVERSITY AND ITS STUDENTS

Mr. Jason Gootee has been an enthusiastic supporter of UAF since graduating in 2005 with a degree in English. He has proven to be one of UAF's most active and engaging alumni.

Mr. Gootee served as the UAF Alumni Association's president, currently chairs the

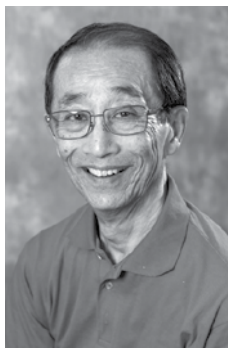
UAF Chancellor's Board of Advisors and serves as a director on the UA Foundation board.

Mr. Gootee, a generous personal donor, is deeply committed to ensuring the university is a healthy, robust place for learning and teaching. As UAFAA president, his advocacy helped lead the association to substantially increase its donations to support students and campus initiatives.

An avid hockey fan, Mr. Gootee and his father, Robert, created the Gootee Family Hockey Scholarship in 2017. It was recently endowed and will support UAF student-athletes for generations to come.

As vice president for sales and strategic market development at Moda Health, Mr. Gootee lives in Oregon with his wife, Katie, and their four children, but he travels frequently to Fairbanks. He also has hosted gatherings in the Pacific Northwest for alumni and benefactors to celebrate UAF's students and programs.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD



RON INOUE

FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY AND ADVOCACY OF
PRESERVING ALASKA'S HISTORY

Mr. Ron Inouye has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks for many decades as not only an employee but also an advocate. He is a calm but insistent proponent of education and the preservation of knowledge and history.

Mr. Inouye's university career began in 1970 as a Ketchikan Community College instructor. He then worked at the UAF Center for Northern Educational Research before joining the Rasmuson Library's Alaska and Polar Regions Collections and Archives. He worked there from 1988 to 2005, with many of those years dedicated to indexing Alaska's periodical publications. The index is heavily used by historians, researchers and students. Mr. Inouye also interviewed many Alaskans for recordings now housed in the library archives' Oral History Collection.

Mr. Inouye is a philanthropist, giving of both his financial resources and his time. He is active in numerous local civic efforts related to the university and the community, working to support projects such as speakers' series, book conferences and much more. He serves with the Friends of the University of Alaska Museum of the North and on the library's Rare Book Endowment Committee.

ACADEMIC TRADITIONS

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

GOWNS

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

HOODS

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

MORTARBOARDS

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

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

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

CHANCELLOR'S MEDALLION

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

The chancellor wears a metal alloy medallion designed in 2016 by Todd Sherman, a professor of art and dean of UAF's College of Liberal Arts. The medallion features the head of a polar bear — a nanook — based on an art piece also made by Sherman. The medallion is the result of a collaboration between Sherman, computer art student Lucas Cheek '14, Library Graphic Designer Emeritus Dixon Jones and Eric Johansen '85, a mechanical technician in the College of Engineering and Mines. Gwich'in Athabascan artist Dixie Alexander used dentalia shells, glass pony beads, crow beads and smoke-tanned moosehide to create the neckpiece that holds the medallion.

UNIVERSITY MACE

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

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



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.

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