

# Rural Development News

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## Rural Development Masters Program underway

The University of Alaska Board of Regents approved a new Master of Arts degree in Rural Development at its meeting in Anchorage on June 9. The new 30-credit graduate program will be administered through the Department of Alaska Native and Rural Development in the College of Rural Alaska.

The new graduate program came about as a result of a vocal demand from graduates of the popular baccalaureate program in Rural Development. The BA program has graduated 97 students over the past 14 years with this spring's graduating class of 13 the largest ever. Graduates are serving in key leadership and managerial positions throughout rural Alaska. Over 85 percent of graduates are Alaska Natives. The program currently has about 100 students including 70 in the applied field-based program, a program that makes it possible for students to

earn their BA degrees without leaving their villages or communities for extended periods.

"The Rural Development MA program is a natural progression from the BA program," said department director Gordon Pullar. "The real beauty of the new program is that it came about as a result of a grassroots demand."

After a brief recruitment period over the summer 18 students were accepted into the program. Eight of the new graduate students participated in a travel / study experience to Scotland and Denmark in late August (see page 6) but the program officially opened with an intensive 10-day "Circumpolar Indigenous Leadership Symposium" in Fairbanks and Galena held on September 18-27. The new students were greeted with words of welcome from UA President Mark Hamilton, UAF Chancellor Marshall Lind, CRA Executive Dean Ralph Gabrielli, and Graduate School Dean Joe Kan.



*The group of new RD MA students gather with faculty at the Leadership Symposium in Fairbanks held September 18-27. Front row: (left to right) Darlene Wright (interdisciplinary MA student), Lauri Weston-O'Brien, Mary Jane Nielsen, Marie Greene, Sharon Anderson, Vivian Johnson (DANRD Faculty). Second row: (left to right) Linda Joule, Vera Metcalf, Dorothy Larson, Dixie Dayo. Third row: (left to right) Rick Caulfield (RD Academic Program Head), Jim LaBelle, Gordon Pullar (DANRD Director). Back row: (left to right) Chris Kiana, Andrey Khalkachan, Carl Jack, and Jens Dahl (RD Affiliate Faculty from Denmark).*



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## WELCOME

Eleven new students were admitted to the Applied Field Based B.A. Degree Program in Rural Development for fall semester 2000. They are:

Joe Alexie, Togiak  
Nancy Barnes, Juneau  
Jonathan Dyasuk, Dillingham  
Andrew Ebona, Juneau  
Ava Walsh Edwardsen, Barrow  
Ivine Franks, Nome  
Annie Roach, Quinhagak  
Mathilda Lawrence, Mountain Village  
Gertrude Peter, Bethel  
Charles Pullock, Nome  
Nina Tugatak, Dillingham

Eighteen new students were admitted to the new M.A. program. They are:

Lydia Abbott, Kodiak  
Sharon Anderson, Ouzinkie/Anchorage  
Odin Brudie, Juneau  
Dixie Dayo, Manley Hot Springs/Fairbanks  
Johnny Evan, Tuntutuliak/Bethel  
Kevin Gallagher, Anchorage  
Marie Greene, Kotzebue  
Carl T. Jack, Kipnuk/Anchorage  
Linda Joule, Kotzebue  
Christopher Kiana, Sr., Kotzebue/Anchorage  
James LaBelle, Anchorage  
Dorothy Larson, Dillingham/Anchorage  
Daniel Lung, Anchorage  
Vera Metcalf, Savoonga/Nome  
Nina Miller, Tanana/Anchorage  
Mary Jane Nielsen, South Naknek  
Gabe Sam, Huslia/Fairbanks  
Laurinda Weston-O'Brien, Bethel

***Congratulations on joining the RD Program!***

## 1999-2000 RD graduates

The 1999-2000 rural development graduates earning baccalaureate degrees numbered 13, the most ever! The graduates and their concentration areas are:

Judy Bauman (Fairbanks) Small Business Management  
Caroline Constantine (Tyonek/Kenai) Local Government Administration  
Rocelyn Daniels (Trapper Creek) *cum laude*, Community Research and Cultural Documentation  
Elvin Dayton (Ruby) Land/Renewable Resources  
Beverly Rose Demientieff (Fairbanks) fall '99, Small Business Management  
Jonella Quungaq Larson (Nome) Community Research and Cultural Documentation  
Alexa Martinson (Nome) Land/Renewable Resources  
Vera Metcalf (Nome) fall '99—Community Research and Cultural Documentation  
Kristy Nicholas (Nulato) Community Research and Cultural Documentation  
Rebecca Shellikoff (Grayling) Small Business Management  
Fred Smith (Noorvik) Local Government Administration  
Laurinda Weston-O'Brien (Bethel) Community Organization and Service  
Jaylene Wheeler (Nome) Land/Renewable Resources



Seven of the 13 graduating Rural Development students participated in the graduation ceremony on the UAF campus in May. They are (from left to right) Judy Bauman, Elvin Dayton, Kristy Nicholas, Alexa Martinson, Beverly Demientieff, Jonella Larson and Rocelyn Daniels. Academic program Head Rick Caullfield is at the far right.

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## RD students on UAF Dean's List, Spring 2000

**Congratulations to** Patricia K. Carey, Fairbanks  
Caroline Lee Crow, Fairbanks  
Rocelyn Edith Daniels, Trapper Creek  
Jennifer Kleinschmidt, Nenana

for earning a place on the UAF Dean's Honor List (3.5 to 3.99 GPA) for Spring 2000 semester! Well done!

## Rex Snyder attends whaling meeting in Australia

By Rex Snyder, RD Student

RD student Rex Snyder of Barrow attended the International Whaling Commission annual meeting held in Adelaide, Australia last July. His wife Meda (the daughter of North Slope Borough Mayor George N. Ahmoagak, Sr.) accompanied him on the ten-day, privately-funded, RD travel study experience. They were impressed that Australia had a television channel dedicated to aboriginal people and greatly enjoyed seeing the Madame Butterfly opera in Sydney. Rex gave a presentation on the trip on September 29, on the UAF campus.

The Rural Development Program allows students to stand at the center of their community and focus on the relationships between people, organizations, and governments on many levels, including global influences. As UAF students and active whalers from Barrow, we were given a once in a lifetime opportunity to observe the International Whaling Commission (IWC) in action. This was a chance to look at bowhead whale management beyond the local level and realize the implications of whaling as a global issue. Who makes management decisions and how they make them are important questions?

The IWC was established in 1946 to bring commercial whaling countries together to effectively manage whale stocks that were, at that time, depleted or endangered as a result of a century of overharvesting. Today, according to scientists, many whale stocks have recovered to acceptable levels. While commercial whaling worldwide is currently at a pause, many countries allow some aboriginal whaling within their maritime boundaries. Since the 1960's and 70's aboriginal whaling, like the Alaskan Inuit harvests of bowhead, has fallen under the management umbrella of the IWC. In the late 1970's and early 80's, Alaskan Inuit joined together to form the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission (AEWC) in response to a moratorium by the IWC and the U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), telling Inuit to stop hunting bowhead in Alaska. As a result, a quota system has been hammered out among the AEWC, NMFS, and IWC. The Alaskan bowhead quota has risen from zero to a sustainable yield harvest of over 60 a year. This rising quota is mostly due to the efforts of the AEWC doing much of its own research, which combines modern scientific method with traditional knowledge.

Currently, the IWC is working out Revised Management Procedures to once again resume commercial whaling of certain species. It is a slow process due to different points of view by many countries. Some countries like the United Kingdom and Australia want no commercial whaling at all even though the IWC Scientific Committee states target species are within sustainable



Meda and Rex Snyder (left) with Chukotka representatives Genady Inankeuyas, Peter Typykhkak and Olga Etylin at the International Whaling Commission annual meeting in Adelaide, Australia. Vladimir Etylin, who has been a guest presenter at an RD seminar, is second from the right.

harvests. Others, like Norway and Japan, are spearheading efforts to establish new harvest procedures and open up markets for whale products.

Our Inuit cousins in Russia are having a difficult time organizing their subsistence whaling efforts. Currently, with little money and a lack of strong scientific research, they direct much of their harvest efforts on the abundant gray whales to provide locally needed foods and products, hunting them with old equipment and medium caliber rifles. The AEWC has been working hard to supply them with money, weapons, and knowledge so they might

have a better chance to resume bowhead harvests under their own cooperative. The Russian Inuit of Chukotka, however, are becoming proactive and have established the Union of Marine Mammal Hunters in their region.

Whaling as a source of food and whaling as a source of cash income are obviously quite different, however, we can find similarities in the level of global politics. Whales in a global context symbolize different things to different cultures, and we must ask ourselves if management on a global scale is appropriate where decisions are influenced by countries and cultures that are worlds apart. Would regional management better fit the needs of people as well as whale stocks? The IWC does do some good things though, especially in science, and it is important to recognize the need for some global relations in whaling. As for subsistence whaling in Alaska, the outlook is good for continued bowhead whaling. However, two concerns that must be addressed are continued funding and marine environment issues.

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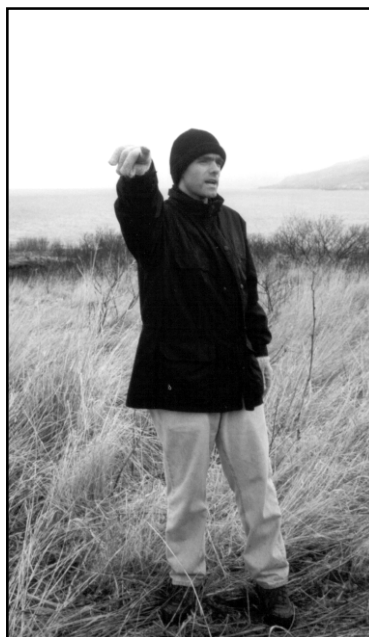
# RD 492 Kodiak/Old Harbor seminar

## April 2000

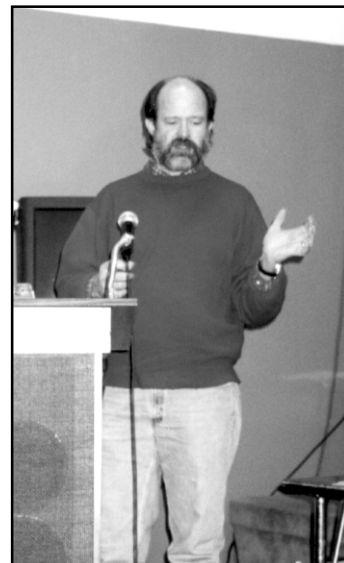
The final RD Applied Field-Based Program seminar of the 1999-2000 academic year was held April 6-10 in Kodiak and Old Harbor. The theme of the National Park Service supported seminar was Managing Cultural Resources in Rural Alaska. Students and faculty received warm welcomes in both Kodiak and Old Harbor and had the opportunity to learn of cultural resource issues on a firsthand basis. The seminar opened with Kodiak Mayor Carolyn Floyd presenting DANRD Director, Gordon Pullar with the key to the city. In Old Harbor, local students gave special presentations and performed traditional dances for the students. Koniag, Inc., the regional Native corporation for the Kodiak area, provided generous financial support to help get the group from Kodiak to Old Harbor.



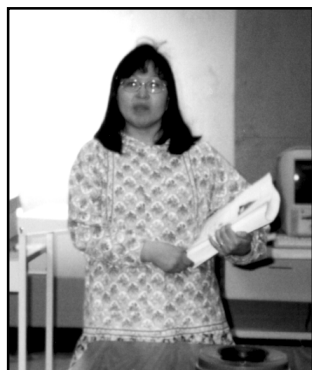
*Carolyn Floyd, Mayor of Kodiak presented DANRD Director, Gordon Pullar the key to the city.*



*Ben Fitzhugh, archaeologist from the University of Washington has worked on archaeology projects with Old Harbor students.*



*Aron Crowell, Director of the Alaska office of the Smithsonian Arctic Studies Center gives a presentation to RD students.*



*Lauri Weston-O'Brien presented her senior project during the seminar. She is currently enrolled in the new Rural Development Masters Program.*



*Session held at Old Harbor School.*



*Lydia Black, Professor Emerita, UAF, explains her work of organizing Russian Orthodox Seminary Archives in Kodiak.*

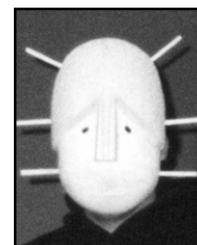




A group stands next to Old Harbor barabara. Pictured (left to right): Anna Ross, Inez Webb, Gloria Simeon, Verna Nanalook (students), Gail Staudinger (staff), Bonnie Ayojiak (student), and Kathy Arndt (presenter).



Vivian Johnson, RD Faculty, coming out of barabara (sod house) that was built by the students of Old Harbor School.



Old Harbor students display the traditional hats and masks they made.



The Kodiak Alutiiq Dancers perform dances that tell stories of cultural and historical ways of life.



RD faculty member Roxanne Houston (left) and students Max Angellan and Bob Charles join the Alutiiq Dancers in the performance.



Students, faculty, and guest presenters share a light moment at the Old Harbor seminar. Left to right: Professor Roxanne Houston, Sitka RD faculty; Professor Ben Fitzhugh, University of Washington, Dr. Sven Haakanson, Jr., Harvard University; Lorrena Prince, RD student, Kotlik; and Dianne Schaeffer, Kotzebue RD student.



National Park Service staff members Randi Owens (left) and Brenda Mobley during the seminar visit to the Abercrombie State Park historic site near Kodiak. They were instrumental in the coordination of the seminar.

Facts were taught, ideas were stimulated, emotions were touched, memories were made.

Our heartfelt thanks go to Koniag, Inc. for providing a transportation grant that helped get us to Old Harbor for this unique seminar experience.

The best part was (from participant comments):

- Getting into the rural environment and actually "living" the culture.
- Learning from and listening to other students.
- Native dancing, potluck, Native leaders, great speakers!
- It's good to hear about our history, it's even better to learn about our history from our own people.
- Going out to actual sites; learning to semi-recognize possible sites!



Patrick Saltonstall, archaeologist with the Alutiiq Museum explaining prehistoric site to faculty and students in Kodiak.

# RD graduate students travel to Europe

Eight students in the new Rural Development MA program participated in a travel/study experience in August led by DANRD director Gordon Pullar. The travel was made possible as a result of a grant from the National Science Foundation. The students gave a formal presentation at the 12th Inuit Studies Conference at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland. They then went on to Copenhagen, Denmark where they participated in group discussions at the International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs, the Indigenous Peoples' Secretariat of the Arctic Council, the Department of Eskimology at the University of Copenhagen, the National Museum of Denmark, and the Greenland Home Rule Government. The Copenhagen program was coordinated by RD affiliate faculty member Jens Dahl, who is the director of IWGIA.



DANRD faculty and students attended the Inuit Studies Conference at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland. Pictured (left to right): Mike Davis, RD faculty, Gordon Pullar, DANRD director, Johnny Evan, Andrey Khalkachan, Marie Greene, Linda Joule, Nina Miller, Dorothy Larson, Carl Jack and Mary Jane Nielsen.

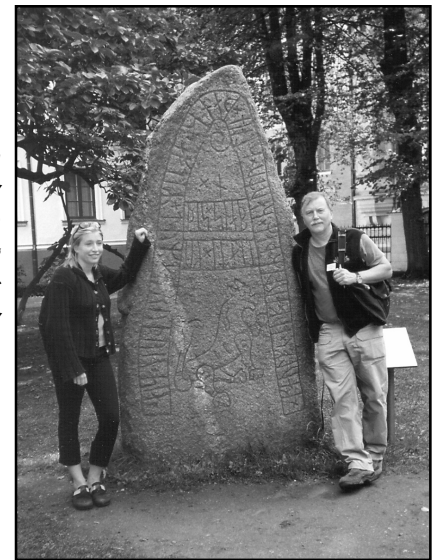


Mary Jane Nielsen, Dorothy Larson and Linda Joule in the garden of Crathes Castle in Royal Deeside, Scotland. Crathes Castle and Gardens were given by King Robert the Bruce to the Burnett family in 1323; and the castle was built in the late 1500s.



RD MA student Marie Greene (right) speaks with Tove Sovndahl Petersen, the Director of the Indigenous Peoples' Secretariat of the Arctic Council, in Copenhagen, Denmark. Petersen is originally from Greenland.

RD faculty Mike Davis with Swedish anthropology student Emma Johansson with an ancient Viking stone carving on the campus of the University of Lund, Sweden.



Rural Development MA students give presentation at the Inuit Studies Conference in Aberdeen, Scotland. Pictured (left to right) are Nina Miller, Andrey Khalkachan, Mary Jane Nielsen, Dorothy Larson, Johnny Evan, Carl Jack, Marie Greene and Linda Joule.



## RD student serves as YKHC project manager

RD Senior, Velda Miller, is working this semester at the Learning Center at the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation. As a Project Manager she is responsible for the management of two major projects for the Learning Center. The first project is the

YKHC Career Pathways Grant Application which is proposed to place Education Coordinators in the subregional clinic villages of Toksook Bay, Aniak, St. Mary's, Emmonak and in Bethel. The Education Coordinators will work with the local school districts in the region to provide awareness activities, exploration of health careers, preparation activities and post high school training options for students in the Yukon-Delta Region related to the health care fields. The second project she is responsible for is the next step in strategic planning for the development of the Learning Center at YKHC. Velda will complete her Senior Project at the Learning Center.

## RD student with African delegates



*Andrey Khalkachan poses with two African delegates at the United Nations Working Group on Indigenous Populations in Geneva, Switzerland. Khalkachan is in his final year of study in the UAA Master of Public Administration program and has begun studies on a MA in Rural Development at UAF. Khalkachan is an Even, (a Siberian Native group) from Magadan Region, Russia.*

## Canadian Native dignitaries visit DANRD offices

The Honourable Pearl Calahasen, the Associate Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and member of the Alberta Legislature, visited the DANRD office in Anchorage in October to discuss issues facing rural education in the north with DANRD director Gordon Pullar. She was accompanied by Bronwyn Shoush, the Director of Aboriginal Justice Initiatives for Alberta, John Kristensen, Executive Director of Aboriginal Relations, International and Intergovernmental Relations for Alberta, and her executive assistant, Carol Dillman.

## DANRD named as host of the 13th Inuit Studies Conference

The Department of Alaska Native and Rural Development has agreed to host the conference in 2002. DANRD was the popular choice of attendees at the 12th ISC held in Aberdeen, Scotland in August. Amsterdam and Quebec City were also considered.

The conference has been scheduled for August 1-2-3, 2000 at UAA in Anchorage. Rooms have been reserved at the UAA Commons for lodging. They are a very reasonable \$45 per person per day.

In the very near future a planning committee will be developed that will involve interested faculty, staff and students, as well as some key people outside the DANRD program. There will be a large "idea committee" and a smaller "working committee" (made up mostly from the RD MA students). Gordon Pullar, DANRD Director, will design a special topics class around this effort so students can earn credit for working on this project.

Those interested are encouraged to think of developing presentations to give.

The information on the Aberdeen conference is still on the web for those interested. It can be found at: <http://www.abdn.ac.uk/conference/inuitstudies/>

Please let Gordon Pullar, know who may be interested in being involved in this effort either by email, [anglp1@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:anglp1@uaa.alaska.edu) phone, 800-770-9531, 279-2706 or fax 279-2716.

## John Bruder receives award

Over the years, Professor Bruder has developed the reputation of making the distance-delivery math class interesting, if challenging, and relatively painless, or even fun. It is not surprising to the many Rural Development students who have taken his Math 131X audioconference class that Professor Bruder was awarded the prestigious 2000 Emil Usibelli Award for Teaching on May 1.

### NEW RD LOGO!



Mie Kojima, layout artist and UAF graduate student, has incorporated the design of Yupik artist Chuna McIntyre in the center, and used striking colors of red, black in white to create our bold new logo! Chuna presented his design to our department as a gift in 1996.

# Fall seminar held in Fairbanks and Galena

The first Rural Development Applied Field-Based Program seminar of the 2000-2001 academic year was held in Fairbanks and Galena on September 21-25. The theme of the seminar was "Community Environmental Health: Collaborative Models."

Several distinguished presenters highlighted the seminar. Among the Fairbanks presenters were Jean Gamache, Environmental Protection Agency; Roland Shanks, Alaska Inter-Tribal Council; Malcolm Ford, Cooperative Extension Service; Steve Howdeshell, Tanana Chiefs Conference; and Jacqueline Ballew, Kluckhohn Center for the Study of Values.

In Galena, the students were given a presentation on the community-based environmental program by Ragine Attla, Tribal Administrator, and Martha Sommer, Environmental Director of the Loudon Tribal Council. Bill Stokes, of the Rural Issues Program of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, conducted an interactive training session called, "Seven Generations: Addressing Village Environmental Issues for the Future Generations of Rural Alaska Seven Generations."

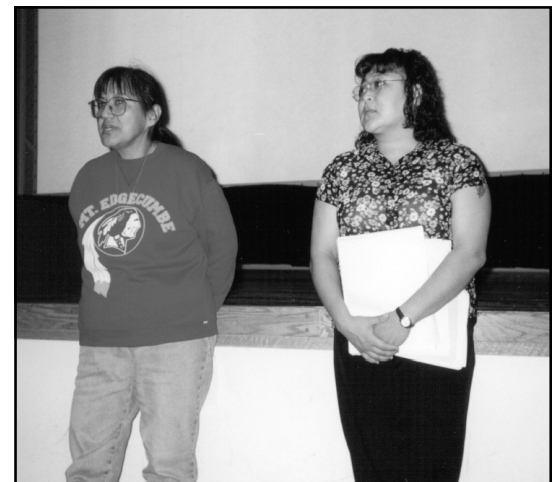
Sidney Huntington, a well-known and highly respected Galena elder, was a luncheon speaker. The author of the book, *Shadows on the Koyukok*, and former member of the Alaska Board of Game, Huntington shared some of his vast wisdom with the students and faculty. Huntington also holds an honorary doctorate from UAF.

Students from the new RD MA program joined the BA students for the Galena portion of the seminar.

*RD faculty member Mike Davis serves caribou stew to RD MA student Nina Miller at a potluck hosted by the Rural Student Services on the UAF campus during the seminar.*

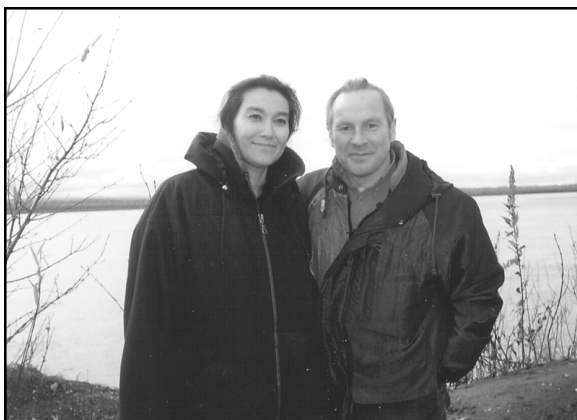


*Martha Sommer, Environmental Director, and Ragine Attla, Tribal Administrator, Loudon Tribal Council, speak to students in Galena about their community-based environmental program.*

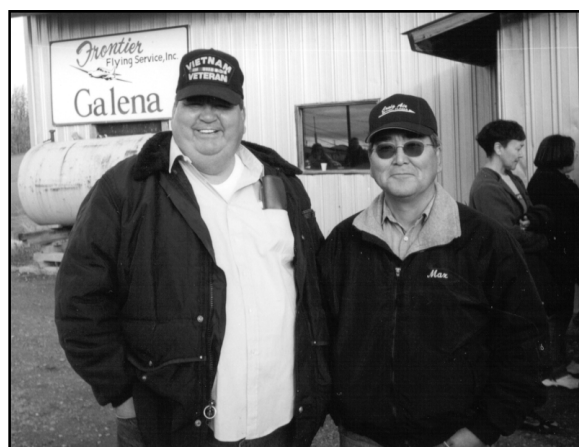


*Students, faculty and presenters gather on the banks of the vast Yukon River in Galena at the conclusion of the seminar.*

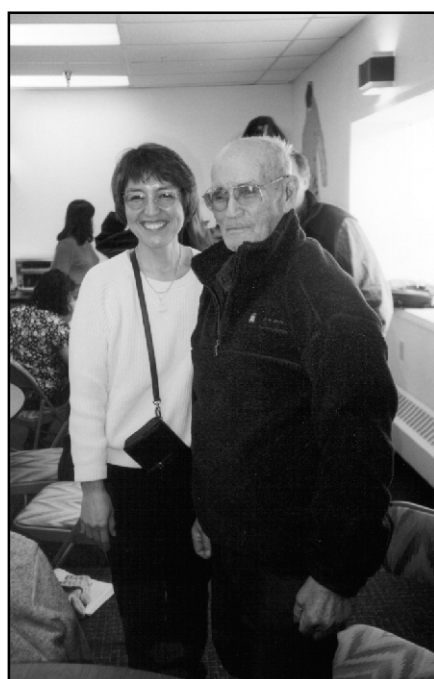




*Sofie Jessen of Greenland and RD affiliate faculty member Ande Somby of the University of Tromsø, Norway stand next to the Yukon River in Galena.*



*RD MA student Chris Kiana (Fairbanks) and BA student Max Angellan (Kwethluk) at the Galena Airport.*



*RD MA student Dixie Dayo (Manley Hot Springs/Fairbanks) with Galena elder Sidney Huntington after Huntington's luncheon presentation to the students in Galena.*

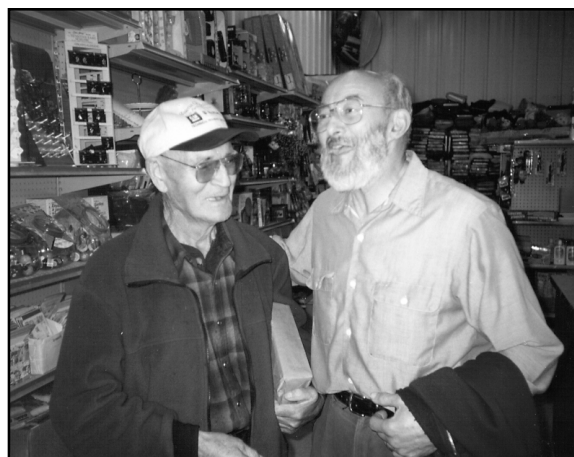


*RD BA student Audrey Bifelt (Huslia) takes some food at the traditional foods potluck held at the Rural Students Services at UAF. Audrey was one of the student planners for the seminar.*



*Anna Ross (Akiachak), Vera Weber (Anaktuvuk Pass), Sofie Jessen (Nuuk, Greenland), and Inez Webb (Dillingham/Anchorage) share a laugh while waiting for a plane at the Galena Airport.*

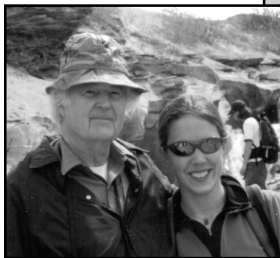
*Galena elders Sidney Huntington and Max Huhndorf at the store in Galena. Huhndorf is the store owner.*





# RD class goes to Katmai

**Geology and Archeology of Katmai National Park and the Valley of 10,000 Smokes held in June**



*Instructors Don Dumond, anthropology professor emeritus from the University of Oregon and Michelle Combs, UAF.*



*RD class with instructors and President Hamilton at Valley of 10,000 Smokes.*



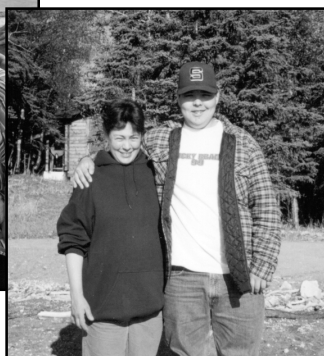
*The RD Class reached the Katmai area by float plane. Bristol Bay Campus staff are seen here posing with RD students.*



*From left to right, Andria Agli, April Ferguson, and Inez Webb.*



*RD graduates Dorothy Larson and Mary Jane Nielsen.*



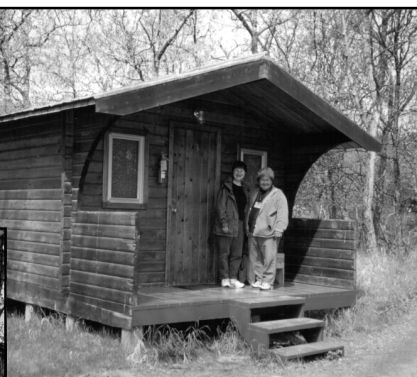
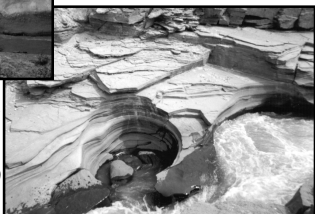
*April Ferguson, vice president of BBNC and her son attended the field trip together.*



*University of Alaska President Mark Hamilton and his wife, Patricia, participated in the Katmai class.*



*Some of the interesting lava formations found in the Valley of 10,000 Smokes.*



*Participants stayed in rustic cabins with breath taking views.*

Photos courtesy of Inez Webb

## STUDENT RESOURCES

### STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO OWN UAF RECORDS ON WEB

using social security number as userid and birthdate as pin #

*Check it out at <http://students.alaska.edu>*

### CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!

**[www.uaf.edu/uafrural/](http://www.uaf.edu/uafrural/)**

**NEW MASTERS SECTION**

*Comments and Suggestions are Welcome!*

Send to [fnmak1@uaf.edu](mailto:fnmak1@uaf.edu)

### Off-Campus Library Services available to RD students

UAF Off-Campus Library Services, Rasmuson Library  
(907) 474-5241

[www.uaf.edu/library/services/off-campus\\_services.html](http://www.uaf.edu/library/services/off-campus_services.html)

The UAF Off-Campus Library Services staff believe that libraries are an integral part of a college education. They look forward to working with you and hope that you will stop in at the library when you visit the Fairbanks campus.

Research is an important part of the college experience and we encourage students to make use of local resources first. However, the UAF Off-Campus Library Services can be a valuable resource for you.

#### **Services Available:**

1. provide all types of library materials needed for a project or paper
2. search the indexes and catalogs for you
3. send materials to you; delivery methods include: mail, fax, e-mail or via the web
4. make interlibrary loan requests from other libraries
5. provide guidance to do your searches using online resources

### Free tele-fax tutoring available to RD students

UAF Writing Center  
(907) 474-5314

[www.uaf.edu/english/writing\\_center](http://www.uaf.edu/english/writing_center)

The UAF Writing Center offers students one-on-one tutoring sessions. They can assist you with all your writing projects--organizing materials for essays; refining technical papers; documenting research papers; perfecting business letters, applications, resumes, and more. Collaborating with a tutor can prove an invaluable step in the writing process.

#### **To set up an appointment with a tutor:**

1. Call (907) 474-5314 to make an appointment (up to one appointment per day)
2. Fax a clean, legible copy of your paper to (800) 478-5246. Include your name, session phone #, message phone #, and your scheduled appointment time.
3. Be at your session phone at least five minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time with your paper, instructor directions, and any required texts.

### UAF Computer-Based Test Center

*Opened October 2, 2000 on a part-time basis*

*(M-W-F afternoons, T-Th mornings)*

*located at 207b Gruening, UAF Campus*

Accommodate testing for the  
GRE, GMAT, TOEFL, PRAXIS I

Contact Patty White in Testing Services at  
(907) 474-5277 for more information.

### UAF CRA Math Hotline

**1-866-823-6284**

UAF - MATH

*The CRA Math Hotline is up and running!*

This is an 800-number that students in the rural areas call with math questions related to their courses.

Tutors will be available on Mon & Wed 5-8:45 pm and Tue & Thu 5-8:30 pm. The tutors have copies of all of the math books being used at the rural campuses and they are waiting for calls!

## STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

### FINANCIAL AID Quick Reference

UAF Financial Aid Office  
PO Box 756360  
Fairbanks, AK 99775-6360  
(907) 474-7256

#### *To receive any financial aid, students must:*

1. Be admitted by the Office of Admissions.
2. Be enrolled in a program leading to a degree, diploma, or certificate.
3. Be making satisfactory academic progress toward their educational goal.
4. Submit an application to the proper agency administering the financial aid programs.

Call the UAF Financial Aid Office for forms and information. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday (financial aid advisors are available at 9 a.m.)

### Special scholarship opportunities for RD students:

#### Alyeska Rural Development Scholarship

Deadline: November 17, 2000 (for Spring semester)  
April 20, 2001 (for Fall semester)

Eligibility: good standing in the RD program, with minimum GPA of 2.5

#### Joseph V. Paniyak Memorial Scholarship

Deadline: October 31, 2000 (for Spring semester)  
April 30, 2001 (for Fall semester)

Eligibility: western Alaska UAF students who have resided in the Coastal Villages or Yukon-Kuskokwim region for five or more years

For forms and information contact:

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ffrac@uaf.edu

## RD students looking for projects:

**Maniilaq Association, Kotzebue** have two projects available for student participation; a consumer expenditure analysis project and an energy conservation project that includes education and identification of resources. There are also projects in Watershed Council development (BA or MA level), surveys, tourism development, feasibility studies and more. Contact Patricia Faye-Brazel at (907) 442-7687 for more information.

## International and national conferences call for papers

The Fourth International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences has put out a call for papers, and has requested titles of papers and abstracts (max. 200 words) be submitted by February 10, 2001. This major conference is held every three years and is sponsored by the International Arctic Social Sciences Association (IASSA). The conference will be held in Quebec City, Canada, May 16-20, 2001.

For more information you can visit their website at [www.fss.ulaval.ca/iassa](http://www.fss.ulaval.ca/iassa), or contact them at tel: (418) 656-7596, fax: (418) 656-3023, or [iassa.getic@fss.ulaval.ca](mailto:iassa.getic@fss.ulaval.ca).

The Symposium about Language and Society-Austin is encouraging the submission of abstracts on research that addresses the relationship of language to culture and society. Abstracts (max. 400 words) are due no later than January 23, 2001. Speakers will have 20 minutes for presentation and 10 minutes for discussion at the annual meeting being held at the University of Texas at Austin.

Visit their website for submission guidelines at [www.utexas.edu/students/salsa](http://www.utexas.edu/students/salsa), or contact them at [utsalsa@uts.cc.utexas.edu](mailto:utsalsa@uts.cc.utexas.edu).

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## DANRD NETWORKING

### "RURAL-L" Discussion List

**An e-mail discussion list for information about rural Alaska**

Welcome! This free e-mail discussion list is for use by anyone interested in UAF's Rural Development BA degree program. You can use it to share information about classes, Rural Development seminars, workshops, news about graduates, funding and job opportunities, news about rural Alaska and other great ideas! It is available to anyone who shares these interests.

By subscribing to and using this list, you can easily send e-mail messages to all other subscribers. You choose whether or not to subscribe to this discussion list (see instructions below). There is no cost for subscribing, and you can unsubscribe at any time.

Experience suggests that discussion lists are best for sharing brief bits of information on an occasional basis. Keep in mind that many subscribers already receive large amounts of e-mail and probably don't want to be overloaded with more. If you have a message of interest only to a few people, please send directly to those interested.

For more information about this discussion list, see the help menu or contact Rick Caulfield (ffrac@uaf.edu)

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### RD Masters-L Discussion List

**An e-mail discussion list for RD students enrolled in the RD Masters Program**

Many of the RD students enrolled in the RD Masters Program are already using this new discussion list to share ideas, discoveries, reflections and comments. For more information contact Rick Caulfield (ffrac@uaf.edu).

## RD faculty highlights

### Pullar named to NSF committee and elected to other posts

DANRD director Gordon Pullar was selected as a member of the Committee of Visitors for Polar Programs at the National Science Foundation. The COV met in the summer of 2000 to perform an evaluation of all Polar Programs within NSF.

Pullar was also reelected president of the Board of Directors of the Koniag Education Foundation last Spring. KEF awards nearly \$200,000 annually in scholarships to students from the Koniag region. He was also elected president of the Leisnoi Village Tribal Council and gave a presentation on a panel at the Alaska Federation of Natives Elders Conference in October in Anchorage.

### Caulfield invited to Iceland

Richard Caulfield, DANRD Academic Program Head, recently returned from a week in Iceland where he was an invited presenter at a Northern Research Forum sponsored by the Hon. Olafur Ragnar Grimsson, President of Iceland.

There were 105 participants from all Arctic countries. The Forum was designed to have academics, community representatives, business people, and policymakers share views about pressing issues in the North, and to develop recommendations about future research needs.

The range of ideas presented was wide: economic development, information technology, health care, language and cultures, rural energy, contaminants, higher education (especially University of the Arctic), fisheries, and more.

Some of the sites visited in Iceland included fish processing plants, whaling boats, geothermal energy production sites, and the universities of Iceland and Akureyri. The conference closed with a wonderful dinner at the Icelandic "white house" sponsored by Iceland President Grimsson.

### Berda Willson elected to board

Berda Willson, RD faculty member at Northwest Campus in Nome, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Norton Sound Health Corporation, the regional Native health corporation for her region. She will be representing the Native Village of Council on the board.



*Mike Davis, Dillingham-based RD faculty, runs his own successful commercial fishing operation in Bristol Bay during the summer months. In photos, Captain Mike and crew members are pulling in the salmon.*



## What are Rural Development Graduates Doing Now?

**Austin Ahmasuk** ('97 Nome) is the natural resources administrative assistant for Kawerak, and the acting subsistence specialist for the time being. He is working under Carl Kava who took Caleb Pungowiyi's place as EWC Director, and finds Kawerak a nice place to work, with good benefits.

**Brian Bourdon** ('99 Nome) is the village planning specialist for Kawerak, Inc. where he works with village grant writers and provides technical assistance and assistance editing and packaging their grants.

**Linda Joule** ('95 Kotzebue) has shifted from her RD faculty assignment with the RD B.A. Program, to becoming one of the first RD Masters Program students in Fall 2000.

**Marla McPherson** ('97 Homer) has been working for Cook Inlet Keeper, a citizen-based group in Homer working to protect the vast Cook Inlet watershed and the life it sustains. Marla's first project was to create a comprehensive Cook Inlet Watershed Directory, and she now serves as Cook Inlet Keeper's Development Director. You can check out their website at [www.inletkeeper.org](http://www.inletkeeper.org).

**Vera Metcalf** ('99 Savoonga/Nome) serves on the Native American Graves protection and Repatriation Review Committee. She was in the news on April 4, 2000 when the Juneau Empire Online Local News featured her picture and an article on her committee's work following their 3 day meeting in Juneau.

**Kristy Nicholas** ('00 Nulato) has taken a new position with Chugach North Consulting on assignment with Alyeska Pipeline Service Company in Fairbanks. Congratulations Kristy!

**Kyan Olanna** ('98 Shishmaref) is doing well at Yale Law School, and has enjoyed her first year. Her "federal courts" class last semester talked a lot about tribal court jurisdiction and formal and legal definitions of sovereignty. Kyan reports that it was great to revisit these familiar topics and to apply more technical terms.

We are always interested in finding out what our graduates are doing, and their current whereabouts.

*If you have any graduate information to share, please drop a line to any of our faculty or staff, photos are appreciated too!*

Their phone numbers and e-mail addresses can be found on the back page of this newsletter.

## Circumpolar Ph.D. students visit Alaska



Twenty-three students from the eight Arctic countries plus Japan visited Alaska in August 2000 for the Circumpolar Arctic Social

Science (CASS) Ph.D. Network. Dr. Rick Caulfield hosted the group, assisted by Mie Kojima, a UAF graduate student from Japan. Founders of the CASS Network, now in its sixth year, are professors Rasmus Ole Rasmussen of Roskilde University, Denmark, and Gerard Duhaime, Université Laval, Quebec, Canada.

The goal of the CASS network is to prepare the next generation of Arctic social science researchers for working collaboratively across national and disciplinary boundaries on circumpolar research topics. It also provides students pursuing their Ph.D. degree in Arctic social sciences with a sophisticated understanding of issues essential for effective Arctic research today. Of particular importance are ethical issues of research, and ways of incorporating traditional knowledge with Western scientific approaches in research.

This year's CASS workshop began in Anchorage, and had the theme of "Northern communities and global change: New approaches to community resource management and use." Invited presenters included distinguished Alaska Native leaders, senior faculty from circumpolar universities, Alaska business and civic leaders, leaders in the scientific community, and representatives of circumpolar NGOs.

CASS participants also spent two days at elder Howard Luke's fish camp on the Tanana River near Fairbanks. Despite rainy weather, students learned directly from Athabaskan elders about indigenous lifeways and knowledge, community responses to rapid socio-economic and cultural change, methods of documenting indigenous knowledge, and ethical issues in community research. The final part of the workshop involved visits to Kotzebue and Prudhoe Bay. In Kotzebue, RD graduate students Linda Joule and Marie Greene gave presentations about the Northwest Arctic Borough and NANA, and made arrangements for students to learn about community development issues in the NANA region. At Prudhoe, students met with Ann Peltier of Phillips Alaska, who provided a tour of oil development facilities.

Funding for the CASS Network was provided in part by the National Science Foundation, Phillips Alaska, NANA Regional Corporation, the UAF Graduate School, and the College of Rural Alaska. Thanks to all who made this year's session a great success!



## Russian journalist working in DANRD office on fellowship

Nina Belomestnova, a journalist from Chita Oblast in Russia, has been working out of the Anchorage office of the Department of Alaska Native and Rural Development on a four-month fellowship from the U.S. State Department-funded International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX). IREX is, "dedicated to promoting advanced field research and professional training programs between the United States and the countries of Eurasia, Central and Eastern Europe, East Asia, and the Near East."

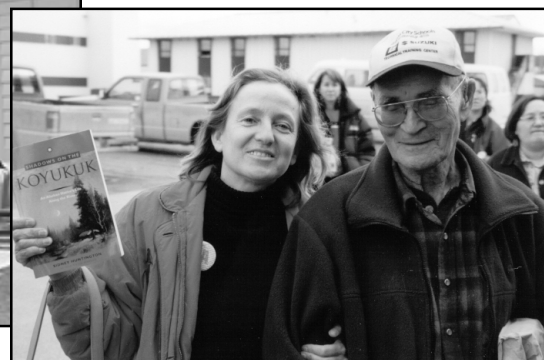
Belomestnova, a former Russian army officer and champion swimmer, grew up among the *Evenks*, one of the Siberian Native groups, where her father was a physician. She has grown increasingly concerned about the social and health issues facing the Evenks and applied for the IREX fellowship in order to study social and health issues among Alaska Natives in hope of finding ideas and solutions she can take home.

"The Evenk's average life span is only 35-40 years," Belomestnova said in her IREX proposal. "The Natives die by the hundreds from alcohol abuse, violent death or suicide." Belomestnova is especially concerned of the extraction of natural resources from the Evenk homeland without them sharing any of the benefits.

As components of her Alaskan research project, Belomestnova has participated in the RD MA and BA seminars in Fairbanks and Galena and has taken field trips to Kotzebue, Kodiak, and Dillingham. She has written extensively in Russia on



*Nina Belomestnova, a Russian journalist conducting research in Alaska under an International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) fellowship, speaks to students about health and environmental issues facing indigenous people in Siberia.*



*Russian journalist Nina Belomestnova holds up a copy of Sidney Huntington's book while posing with him in Galena.*

conditions of the Evenks and is currently writing articles in English for publication in the U.S.

"The living conditions of the Evenks are horrible. Today the Northerners live without electric lighting and partially without heating in their houses for the long cold (winter) season. For example, the Natives of Sredney Kalar (the Evenk town in Kalarsky District) have no electric power at all... Truthfully, the Evenks dwelling houses are unfit for human inhabitation," Belomestnova said. "Therefore, there is an extreme need to explore the life-support system for the Natives of Alaska, and to make use of it."

## Rural Development Masters Program—Application Guidelines

General University of Alaska guidelines state that you should **apply at least six months before the beginning of the semester** in which you plan to enroll. At the latest, your application for graduate admission with all supporting documentation, transcripts and test scores should be received by August 1 for the fall semester. (Deadline for international students is March 1 for fall semester.) Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply early. Applications received near these closing dates will be evaluated as time permits, or may be considered for the following semester. Submission by April 1 for summer/fall will guarantee consideration for the desired semester.

### Graduate Admission Requirements

- A bachelor's degree from an accredited institution with at least a 3.0 ("B") cumulative grade point average in undergraduate studies, and a 3.0 ("B") average in major. BA degrees should be in one of the following: Rural Development, Alaska Native Studies, Business Administration, Natural Resources Management, Political Science, Economics, Northern Studies, or a related field, based on review and approval of program faculty.
- TOEFL = 550 (if English is not your native language)
- Three letters of recommendation
- All transcripts
- Resume/Vitae
- A brief essay (500 words or less) stating academic goals and reasons for wanting to earn an MA in Rural Development

- A UAF Graduate Application Form and check for \$35 made out to UAF
- \* Students with a baccalaureate degree with a GPA below 3.0 must take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE)

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### Application materials can be obtained from:

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