

***By the People:***  
***100 Years of Representative Government in Alaska***  
***1913-2013***

March 21-23, 2013  
University of Alaska Fairbanks

**Thursday, March 21**  
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
Schaible Auditorium

**Juneau Journalism: One Hundred Years of News from the  
Copper Kings to the ‘Corrupt Bastards’**

A panel discussion with three of Alaska’s foremost journalists—one of whom served in the legislature—on the role of the press in a democratic society, and the past, present and future of the Alaska press in particular.

*Moderator: Lynne Lott*

*Panelists: Mike Carey, Dermot Cole, Mike Doogan*

**Friday, March 22**  
5:00—6:00 p.m.  
Schaible Auditorium

***White House of the North: Stories from the Alaska Governor's  
Mansion***

The Alaska Governor’s Mansion was dedicated in 1913, the same year the first session of the Alaska Territorial Legislature convened in Juneau. Author Carol (Murkowski) Sturgulewski will discuss the legends and lore of Alaska’s “White House,” and the governors and their families who occupied it.

7:00 p.m.  
UAF Wood Center,  
Multi-Level Lounge

**Introductions**

*Dr. Jerry McBeath, Professor of Political Science*

**Welcome**

*UAF Chancellor (and former legislator) Brian Rogers*

**Keynote Address:**

**Rights and Wrongs: The Evolution of Representative  
Government and Human Rights in Alaska**

*by Rep. Willie Hensley*

Willie Hensley is a visiting distinguished professor at UAA, who was one of the leaders of the Alaska Native Land Claims

movement in the 1960s. Professor Hensley, author of the memoir *Fifty Miles From Tomorrow*, will reflect on the transformation of modern conceptions of representation and human rights.

## **Saturday, March 23**

9:30 – 10:00

UAF Geophysical Institute  
Globe Room

### **Coffee, tea reception**

10:00—10:30

UAF Geophysical Institute  
Elvey Auditorium

### **Gamblers and Saloon Bums: Why the President of the United States in 1912 believed Alaskans did not deserve self-government—and how the Alaska Legislature was created in spite of him**

*by Dr. Terrence Cole, UAF Professor of History*

Congress created the Alaska Legislature one hundred years ago despite the opposition of President William Howard Taft. The battle to create the legislature reflects the American struggle with federalism that has haunted Alaska, and the nation, ever since.

10:45 – 12:15

UAF Geophysical Institute  
Elvey Auditorium

### **Serving in the Sausage Factory: Personal Reflections on the Triumphs and Travails of Representing the People of Alaska**

The well-known adage, often erroneously attributed to Bismarck, is that laws—like sausages—are more palatable if one doesn't know how they were made. Our panel of former and current lawmakers are going to discuss some of the highs and lows of making the laws of the State of Alaska.

*Moderator Dr. Jerry McBeath*

*Members: Rep. Terry Gardiner, Rep. Gail Phillips, Rep. Brian Rogers, Sen. Gary Stevens, Rep. Sally Smith, Rep. Bill Stoltze.*

12:30 – 1:45

UAF Geophysical Institute

### **Hosted Lunch**

Globe Room

**Poster presentations on defining moments, issues in Alaska history by UAF students.**

2:00 – 3:30

UAF Geophysical Institute  
Elvey Auditorium

**‘We don’t give a damn how they do it Outside’: Improvisation, Innovation and Experimentation in Alaska**

Historians have often portrayed the America West as a breeding ground for innovation and improvisation. The State of Alaska has repeatedly gone where no states have gone before: the unique method of land selection under the statehood act, the Alaska Mental Health Land Trust, the Alaska Marine Highway System, ANCSA, ANILCA, the Permanent Fund and Permanent Fund Dividend, the right to privacy, limited entry, etc. Panelists will discuss examples from their experience of the Alaska tradition of youthful innovation, and prospects for the future.

*Moderator: Dr. Terrence Cole*

*Members: Sen. Victor Fischer, Rep. Terry Gardiner, Rep.*

*Willie Hensley, Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins, Sen. Gary Stevens, Sen. Arliss Sturgulewski*

3:45—5:00

UAF Geophysical Institute  
Elvey Auditorium

**Strength Against Strength: The Balance of Power Between the Governor and the Legislature**

By virtue of the Alaska Constitution, no state has a stronger chief executive officer than the State of Alaska, a provision inspired by the bureaucratic buck-passing of territorial days. But the centralization of authority on the third floor of the Capitol Building is balanced by the constitutional power of the legislature, and the creative tension between the two branches is the hallmark of modern Alaskan politics. The panelists will share their memories of the rivalry between the executive and legislative branches.

*Moderator: Dr. Terrence Cole*

*Members: Lieut. Governor Jack Coghill, Sen. Victor Fischer, Rep. Katie Hurley,  
Dr. Claus-M. Naske, Rep. Sally Smith, Carol Sturgulewski*