

## 1950s

**Bill Holman, '55, '58** — “While continuing to take classes at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Alabama Huntsville and the Huntsville Senior Center, I am also teaching classes at both venues. I offer a Russian class at both facilities and a Consciousness Illuminated course at OLLI. What we attempt to do in the Consciousness Illuminated courses is to utilize the breadth of many pre-existing outlooks (of class members) in a forum (not lecture) to discuss various prominent books in order to shed more light on the subject of consciousness and thereby increase the depth of our respective understandings.”

**George Schaller, '55, '92**, is vice president of Panthera and a senior conservationist at the Wildlife Conservation Society. His book *Tibet Wild: A Naturalist's Journeys on the Roof of the World* was published last fall by Island Press. Read a review at <http://nyti.ms/ZBVVBj>.

## 1970s



**▲ Patricia Evans Olson, '70** — “I wrote a collection of stories from my experiences living cross-culturally in nine countries from 2002 – 2010. Available at amazon.com, *Frogs in the Loo and Other Short-Term Missions Tales* chronicles the journey my husband, **David B. Olson, '72**, and I took as we worked in Christian radio around the globe. We are now semiretired and living in Lancaster, Pa.”

**Terese Kaptur, '76, '86, director of the Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival**, and **Mark Sherman, '80, '83**, were married in February 2012 in the university fire hall. They met at UAF while students in the mid-70s when Mark was a firefighter. Their first date was a tour of the fire hall.

**Zeljko Runje, '79**, is vice president for offshore projects at Rosneft, a Russian oil and gas company. Before that he was vice president at Exxon Mobil Russia.

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## 1980s

**Bernadette Yaayuk Alvanna-Stimpfle, '80, '07**, was appointed to the Alaska Native Language Preservation and Advisory Council by Gov. Parnell. She is the Eskimo Heritage Program Director at Kawerak Inc. and an Inupiaq instructor at UAF's Northwest Campus in Nome.



**▲ Todd Paris, '83**, showcased his photography in a First Friday exhibit in Fairbanks in October 2012. View his work at <http://parispub.smugmug.com>.

**India Spartz, '85**, became director of special collections for the University of Arizona Libraries in April 2012. Prior to that she was senior archivist at Harvard University's Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology. She is a member of the Society of American Archivists and the Academy of Certified Archivists.

**▼ Shirish Patil, '87, '95, '07**, was awarded the Society of Petroleum Engineering's Distinguished Member award in October 2012. Distinguished membership is limited to 1 percent of SPE professional members and



acknowledges members who have attained eminence in the petroleum industry or the academic community, and/or who have made unusually significant contributions to SPE. Shirish is internationally recognized as a leading expert in the areas of natural gas hydrates and improved oil recovery.

**Jeff Roach, '87** — “On May 24, I completed the U.S. Air Force Air War College at Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, Ala. I am an Alaska Army National Guard lieutenant colonel. I received a master of strategic studies degree and met the educational requirements to be promoted to general officer in the U.S. military. To accomplish the Air War College mission, students demonstrate mastery of dual challenges — academic enhancement and professional development through course work, independent research and international travel. To meet these challenges, the college develops the knowledge, skills and attitudes in its students that are significant to the profession of arms with emphasis on air and space power and its application in joint and multinational war fighting. I was one of 245 students in the class of 2012. I conducted research on national sovereignty in the Arctic and traveled to the Philippines and Thailand to meet my regional studies requirement.”

**Linda Thomas, '87**, is vice chair of Alaska Pacific Bancshares' board of directors. She is a CPA and vice president and chief operations officer for Alaskan Brewing Company.

**Stephen Walkie Charles, '88, '12**, was appointed to the Alaska Native Language Preservation and Advisory Council by Gov. Parnell. Walkie is an assistant professor of Yup'ik at UAF.

**Bernice Joseph, '88, '98**, was named Citizen of the Year for 2012 at the Alaska Federation of Natives convention in October. Read more and listen to an interview with her at <http://bit.ly/josephnews>.





**Rich Koenig, '88, '90**, is the director of Washington State University Extension. His stated goal is to reach out to farmers.

**Chris Simon, '89, '94**, is the rural education coordinator for the Alaska Department of Education. His job, based in Fairbanks, includes improving the department's outreach to rural communities and Native organizations, promoting the governor's education priorities to prepare students for college and job-training success, building a rapport with legislators, and identifying new ways to improve the delivery of education in rural Alaska. He is married to **Letha Chimegalrea Simon, '89, '04**, and they have three children.

**Khalid Al Subai, '89**, is a research director at Qatar Foundation and leads the Qatar Exoplanet Survey, a group of scientists researching the possibility of other life forms in the solar system. Read more at [www.arabianbusiness.com/stargazing-462982.html](http://www.arabianbusiness.com/stargazing-462982.html).

## 1990s

**Mary Jane Fate, '92**, received the Shirley Demientieff Award for advocacy on behalf of Alaska Native women and children from the Alaska Federation of Natives in October 2012. Earlier in the year she received the Citizen of the Year award from Doyon.

**Jackie Baker, '94** — "I moved from Fairbanks in '93 to the D.C. area and operate a small nonprofit preschool, which was rated a top preschool in the Northern Virginia area. Our website is [www.classroomofdiscovery.org](http://www.classroomofdiscovery.org)."

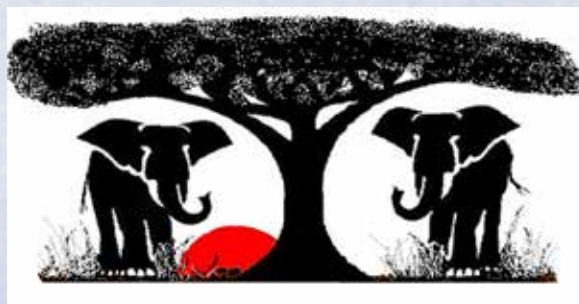


Jackie Baker, '94, operates a small nonprofit preschool in Virginia.

**Phil Summers, '96** — "It's official, our new company is up and running! Logic Healthcare is a game changer in the health-care IT industry! It has been a long road with many sleepless nights and many days without seeing my family, but I am very happy to present our company, [www.logichealthcare.com](http://www.logichealthcare.com)."



Phoebe Bredlie, '99, joined the Fairbanks office of R&M Consultants Inc. in the airport engineering group in September. Bredlie was previously employed by the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities and has 13 years of general civil design and construction engineering experience.



▲ **Joe Dudley, '99** — "I am currently working for Science Applications International Corp. providing scientific and technical services to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and other federal agency clients. My major subject matter focus is currently in the public health, emerging diseases ecology/epidemiology, disaster

emergency preparedness and response, and climate change sectors. I still maintain research affiliations with the Institute of Arctic Biology and the UA Museum of the North. You might want to check out my 'Dance your PhD' video, which was entered in a competition sponsored by *Science* magazine, at <http://gonzolabs.org/dance/videos/>." Joe's drawing accompanied his thesis abstract.

**Katlin Hanson, '99** — "I continue to work as a fieldwork supervisor at test sites utilizing deep vadose zone remediation technologies with Glen Chronister for the CH2M Hill Plateau Remediation Co. and the Department of Energy at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation near Richland, Wash. The first full-scale plutonium production reactor, B reactor, was constructed in eight months in 1943 at Hanford, and the plutonium from this reactor was used in the Fat Man bomb detonated over

Nagasaki, Japan, in 1945. I have been working at Hanford since September 2009 and was a buyer technical representative/fieldwork supervisor for the CHPRC deep well drilling group from 2009 to 2011. See the chapters of the Hanford story at [www.hanford.gov](http://www.hanford.gov)."

## 2000s

**Carol Gering, '00, '08**, was named executive director of UAF's eLearning and Distance Education in September 2012 after serving as interim director for two months.

**Mona Jensen, '01**, retired from the State of Alaska in February 2012 and moved to Arizona in July.

**Ty Keltner, '02, '08**, was featured as a bigfoot investigator on *Legends Of* on the Travel Channel. Watch the trailer at [www.travelchannel.com/video/alaskas-legends](http://www.travelchannel.com/video/alaskas-legends).

**Irma Goodwine, '03**, was reappointed by Gov. Parnell to the Statewide Independent Living Council. Goodwine, who lives in Bethel, has been director of the Association of Village Council Presidents' vocational rehabilitation program since 2000.

**David Abrams, '04** — "My debut novel, *Fobbit*, was recently published by Grove/Atlantic. *Fobbit* is a dark comedy about the Iraq War and has been hailed by Publishers Weekly as 'an instant classic.' For more information about the book, visit [www.davidabramsbooks.com](http://www.davidabramsbooks.com)."

**Pearl Kiyawn Nageak Brower, '04, '10**, became president of Ilisagvik College in June 2012, after spending three months as interim president. She had served as dean of students and institutional development before that. Ilisagvik College is the only federally recognized tribal college in Alaska.



**Lynn Burkett, '04**, married Richard Kimball in September 2012. Lynn is the planning and resource development manager for Aging and Long Term Care of Eastern Washington in Spokane, where the couple lives.

**Sara Harriger, '04** — “For our current project at [www.47japanese farms.com](http://www.47japanese farms.com), our goal is to visit, before the end of 2015, each of Japan's 47 administrative districts, or todou-fuken (sort of like a county or a state, but not as autonomous as the latter), and do a farm stay with a local family or farmer in each one. We trade our labor for room, board, Japanese practice, and learning about local culture and attitudes about farming. We look at farming as a commercial and as a subsistence activity, and I anticipate we will also look at hunting and fishing subsistence activities and commercial activities in the course of our project. We have also started a small oral history project to record interviews with survivors of the 3-11 disasters in Tohoku.”

**April Gale Laktonen Counciller, '05, '10**, was appointed to the Alaska Native Language Preservation and Advisory Council by Gov. Parnell. She is an assistant professor of Alutiiq language and culture at Kodiak College and the language manager at the Alutiiq Museum.

**Heidi Rader, '06**, published *Alaska Farmers Market Cookbook*, a collection of recipes organized by season. She is the tribes extension educator with the Cooperative Extension Service and Tanana Chiefs Conference and teaches agricultural skills in remote areas of the state. Read more and purchase her book at [www.heidirader.com](http://www.heidirader.com).

**Brittany Dykstra Davies, '07, '08**, received her MD degree from the University of Washington School of Medicine in June 2012. She is a resident of internal medicine at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

## 2010s

**Peter Flaig, '10**, is a geologist at the University of Texas at Austin. Each summer he spends about a month in northern Alaska with his wife, Dolores van der Kolk, studying rocks, rock faces and stratigraphy in rivers and shorelines. Read more at <http://bit.ly/flaiggeologist>.

**Kendall Christine Bethune, '12**, married **Jordan Charles Ross, '12**, in June 2012. They live in Anchorage where Jordan is attending medical school at the University of Washington through UAA, and Kendall is pursuing a master's degree at UAF.

**Oceana Francis, '12**, was offered a tenure track position as an assistant professor in civil and environmental engineering at the University of Hawaii.



Four former Nanooks were inducted into the Nanook Hall of Fame in October 2012: John Estle (cross country/Nordic skiing coach, 1982 – 1990, represented by his nominator, Anne-Berit Smith), Ellen Hannan, '81, (basketball, 1977 – 1981), Pavla Havlova, Matric., (cross country/Nordic skiing 2005 – 2006) and Heather Harrison, '93, (volleyball, 1990 – 1991, represented by Sheena Cummings, director of athletics development). Read more at <http://bit.ly/alaskananookshalloffame>.

## Matriculates

**Patrick Knight** — “Attended UAF military extension sites at Eielson and Elmendorf/Ft. Richardson 1980 – 1986. Graduated UAA 1988. Went on to law school at the University of North Dakota (1993 – 1996). Just published first novel, *Race Against Global Warming*, under nom de plume Thomas Martin in dedication to my grandfather. New series of political environment books coming out in December 2012.”

**Brianna Reagan** displayed her art project WORD in a First Friday exhibit in Fairbanks in September 2012. Find out more about her and her art at [www.briannareaganart.com](http://www.briannareaganart.com).

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**Earl H. Beistline, '39, '47, '69 honorary degree recipient**, and dean and professor emeritus, Dec. 14, 2012, Fairbanks

**Kristen Rathman Bradley, '96**, Nov. 30, 2012, Fairbanks

**Max C. Brewer, '65 honorary degree recipient**, Sept. 21, 2012, Anchorage

**David C. Brickell, '71**, Sept. 18, 2012, Fairbanks

**Joyce Renee Brown, '98**, Dec. 19, 2012, Fairbanks

**Sheldon A. Clark, '61**, Feb. 3, Towanda, Pa.

**Howard H. Cloud, '90**, Dec. 6, 2012, Homer

**Robert Theodore Cooney, professor emeritus**, Feb. 14, Choteau, Mt.

**Miles L. Coverdale, '64**, Jan. 19, Anchorage

**Enid Cutler, matriculate and widow of Chancellor Emeritus Howard Cutler**, Dec. 28, 2012, Royersford, Pa.

**Ron Dupee, Facilities Services staff member**, Jan. 1, Fairbanks

**Kimberly I. Farnsworth, '84**, Oct. 29, 2012, Sparks, Nev.

**Theodore F. Fathauer, '13**, former trustee, Jan. 20, Fairbanks

**Emma A. Freeland, '64**, Nov. 21, 2012, Spokane Valley, Wash.

**Willa Jean Frey, '66, '79**, Nov. 29, 2012, Fairbanks

**Marion Rast Gillespie, '68**, Nov. 29, 2012, Lewisburg, Pa.

**Emily Lou Golden, '98**, Jan. 7, Boise, Idaho

**Arnold Griese, professor emeritus**, Feb. 1, Fairbanks

**B.L. "Nick" Hackenberger, '57**, Aug. 8, 2012, Tigard, Ore.

**Dolores M. Heine, '73**, Sept. 29, 2012, Redmond, Wash.

**Edward R. Hollifield, former Facilities Services staff member**, Aug. 16, 2012, Fairbanks

**Kenneth J. Huseby, '52**, Jan. 24, Anchorage

**David J. Jacobson, '90**, Sept. 16, 2012, Fairbanks

**Jeannene Jeffress, '67**, Dec. 8, 2012, Greer, S.C.

**Mary C. Kerner, '65, '74**, Dec. 28, 2012, Fairbanks

**James W. Matthews, professor emeritus**, Jan. 28, Fairbanks

**David Eric McDowell, '66**, Aug. 13, 2012, Juneau

**Frederick P. McGinnis, '67 honorary degree recipient**, Sept. 2, 2012, Austell, Ga.

**Betty Jean McKinny, '03**, Sept. 5, 2012, Statesboro, Ga.

**John F. Moses, '78**, Jan. 3, Emmonak

**Veronica Nicholas, '97**, Nov. 3, 2012, Cantwell

**Richard "OD" L. Odsather, '70**, Nov. 28, 2012, Fairbanks

**Frank M. Parr, '74**, Aug. 15, 2012, West Columbia, S.C.

**Stephen John Peters, '71**, Jan. 2, North Pole

**Austin S. Post, '04 honorary degree recipient**, Nov. 12, 2012, Dupont, Wash.

**Andrew Quainton, former museum staff member**, Dec. 24, 2012, Fairbanks

**Robert L. Rausch, '87 honorary degree recipient**, Oct. 7, 2012, Seattle, Wash.

**June Mary Reuben, '77**, Oct. 7, 2012, Santa Cruz, Calif.

**Roberta L. Rice, '69**, Jan. 15, Fairbanks

**Michael A. Romano, '65**, Dec. 2, 2012, Statesville, N.C.

**Alfred Dennis Ruff, '62, '67**, Oct. 16, 2012, Alamogordo, N.M.

**Freda Ann Russell, '99**, Oct. 9, 2012, Fairbanks

**John I. Schumacher, '43**, Dec. 6, 2012, Grand Junction, Colo.

**Peter B. Schust, '58, former trustee**, Nov. 18, 2012, Paradise Valley, Ariz.

**Paul L. Scott, '01**, Oct. 14, 2012, Palmer

**Dennis D. Southworth, '84, '86**, Nov. 27, 2012, Fairbanks

**John Lorenson Stephl, '55**, Dec. 16, 2012, Wasilla

**Eileen M. Stout, '68**, July 14, 2012, Ceres, Calif.

**Gordon E. Stryken, '89**, Jan. 22, Fairbanks

**Joseph M. Tremarello, '58, '68**, Sept. 12, 2012, Fairbanks

**Judith L. Watt, '60**, Jan. 18, Richmond, Ind.

**Harry A. Wilson, '67**, Dec. 16, Arlington, Wash.

## GOOD SPORTS

The 2012 – 2013 sports season is over. Here's how the Nanooks finished in conference or NCAA championship competition. What you won't see here is the number of weights lifted, miles run, ibuprofen taken, and airplanes boarded to get it done. Also not shown: blood, sweat, tears and cheers, regardless of the final standings.

★ ▼ **Men's hockey:** 6th in conference; won Governor's Cup for 4th straight year



Photo by Jason Colquhoun.

★ **Men's basketball:** 4th in conference; Mick Durham named conference coach of the year

★ **Women's basketball:** 10th in conference

★ **Men's cross country:** 8th in conference

★ **Women's cross country:** 8th in conference

★ **Men's skiing:** Team placed 2nd at NCAA regionals; Michael Fehrenbach won 10K classic, Logan Hanneman placed 2nd

★ **Women's skiing:** NCAA regional team champions; Alyson McPhetres regional champion in 5K classic and 10K freestyle

★ **Rifle:** 2nd-place team finish in smallbore at NCAA championship; 4th overall

★ **Women's swimming:** At NCAA championship, Bente Heller won Alaska's first-ever individual swimming national title and was 3rd in another event; Margot Adams placed 2nd in an individual event

★ **Women's volleyball:** 7th in conference

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