

Tradition and renewal

Tradition holds that for untold generations, Tanana Athabascans used the ridge the Fairbanks campus is built on, Troth Yeddha', to pick wild potato. It was a meeting place and a place of sustenance, and it is still a place where people work together and find intellectual nourishment.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks is proud of the students here today who have continued this tradition of collaboration and learning. Commencement is a special time for graduates and their families and friends who come to share this momentous occasion. This ceremony represents an ending, a time of reward for academic endeavor successfully completed. In another sense it is truly a commencement, a beginning, for the learning process is an unending one, to which the years of formal schooling are only a prelude.

On May 3, 1917, Alaska Territorial Gov. John Strong signed the bill accepting a land grant from the U.S. government for the creation of a college in Fairbanks. In 2016, we celebrate 99 years of progress in higher education in Alaska.

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 94th commencement ceremony, nearly 600 students will cross the stage to receive a certificate or degree, and overall more than 1,000 graduates will be recognized for their success. Other UAF campuses and learning centers in Bethel, Dillingham, Kotzebue, Nome and Tok will honor their graduates with separate commencement activities.

We honor you, the Class of 2016, for your achievement today.

Congratulations!

UA President James R. Johnsen

Dear Graduate,

Completing your course of study and learning at the University of Alaska Fairbanks is a significant life achievement and an important personal milestone.

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Peter Van Flein, Class of 1987

Kaylee Miltersen, UAF music major

Ensemble 64.8 (UAF Percussion Group)
Director: Morris Palter

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.

Please join us outside the Carlson Center immediately following the ceremony for a reception sponsored by the UAF Alumni Association.

Brice Hiles, College of Engineering
and Mines. orange and black chevron
Katie Luper, College of Liberal Arts fuchsia and white
Anguyaluk (Jill) Pavilla-Anderson, College of Natural Science
and Mathematics. golden yellow
Christina Edwin, College of Rural and
Community Development. light gray and red
Michael Robbins, School of Education. . light blue and blue
Madeline Jovanovich, School of Fisheries
and Ocean Sciences. blue and golden yellow
Henry Bolanos, School of Management . . drab and copper
Trisha Levasseur, School of Natural Resources
and Extension. m

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A.A. Associate of Arts
A.A.S. Associate of Applied Science
A.S. Associate of Science
B.A. B. .

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Associate and baccalaureate degree students who graduated with honors in August and

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Dr. Douglas J. Goering, Dean

Vamshi Krishna Avadhanula *

Ph.D. Engineering: Mechanical Engineering

B.E., Osmania University, 2006; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2010.

thesis: Evaluation And Parametric Modeling Of 50 kW Organic Rankine

Cycle For Waste Heat Recovery From Rural Alaska Diesel Generator
Power Plants

Stationary diesel engine waste heat (both jacket water and exhaust heat) to electrical

Joel W. Homan **

Ph.D. Hydrology: Interdisciplinary Program

B.S., Southern Oregon University, 2005; Gr. Cert., Boise State University, 2007; M.S., Boise State University, 2008.

thesis: Precipitation in the Alaska Central Arctic

Environmental change currently stimulates much of the interest in high-latitude hydrologic studies, as northern areas are expected to be strongly impacted by warming. A comprehensive assessment of solid and liquid precipitation throughout the Alaska Central Arctic provided spatial and temporal precipitation patterns and location of originating moisture for solid precipitation.

Major Professor: Dr. Douglas Kane

Brandon Ashlee Marken **

Ph.D. Computer Security: In r3tofsy 77333 Td ()Tj EMC 63: D s a mgi0.

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** December degree recipient

*** Summer 2016 candidate

Roy omas Churchwell **

Ph.D. Biological Sciences

B.S., University of Idaho, 1999; M.S., Oklahoma State University, 2005.

Vinay Kumar Kayetha *

Ph.D. Atmospheric Sciences

B.T., Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, 2005; M.T., Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, 2007; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2014.

thesis: Investigation Of in Midlevel Ice Clouds In the Arctic Using Calipso

Data And Radiative Transfer Modeling

We investigate the occurrence and properties of optically thin midlevel ice clouds.

Globally, we find that these clouds occur at least 5% of the time and represent 7% of all tropospheric clouds. Model simulations show that these clouds have a significant net warming effect during winter in the Arctic.

Major Professor: Dr. Richard Collins

Joseph Huston Kennedy *

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Canrong Qiu **

Ph.D. Environmental Chemistry

B.S., Xiamen University, 2006; M.S., Xiamen University, 2010.

thesis: Structural Study Of Pb(II) And Sb(V) Adsorption On the Hydroxylated Hematite(1102) Surface

Structural studies of Pb(II) and Sb(V) adsorption on hematite (1102) was undertaken using crystal truncation rod X-ray diffraction to reveal the surface structure and surface reactivity relationship. The model results gave rise to the binding of Pb(II) and Sb(V) in a bidentate edge-sharing mode and tridentate mode, respectively.

Aditi Shenoy
Ph.D. B

Brandon T. Hassett

Ph.D. Marine Biology

B.S., La Roche College, 2007; M.S., Texas A&M University, 2012.

Thesis: Molecules To Marinescapes: The Characterization Of Microbial Life In The Arctic Ocean

An investigation of microbial diversity in the Arctic Ocean and Bering Sea

Courtney Doreen Lyons *

Ph.D. Fisheries

A.A., Skagit Valley College, 2000; B.S. Seattle Pacific University, 2002; M.S., Alaska Pacific University, 2006.

Thesis: Understanding Place In Fisheries Management: An Examination Of Ecological And Social Communities In the Pribilof Islands, Alaska
This interdisciplinary project blended insights from ecology and critical social science to inform fisheries management. Specific findings included insight into the ecology of local king crab stocks, indication that local empowerment increases rural development project success, and evidence that qualitative social data is essential for management of sustainable fishing communities.

Major Professors: Dr. Ginny Eckert and Dr. Courtney Carothers

Christopher V. Manhard

Ph.D. Fisheries

B.S., University of New Hampshire, 2006; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2012.

Thesis: Environmental, Biological, And Genetic Factors Influencing Local Adaptation Of Pink Salmon (*Oncorhynchus gorbuscha*) In Auke Creek, Alaska

Analyses of multiple data sets, which included measurements of environmental variables, salmonid censuses and experimental observations, were conducted to describe local adaptation of Pink Salmon (*Oncorhynchus gorbuscha*) that spawn in the Auke Creek watershed.

Jennifer Questel ***

Ph.D. Oceanography

B.S., State University of New York at Oswego, 2008.

thesis: Controls On Zooplankton Assemblages In the Northeastern Chukchi Sea
Zooplankton are a vital component of aquatic food webs and play a pivotal role in shaping marine ecosystem. This research investigated zooplankton assemblage within the highly complex Chukchi Sea through physical, chemical and molecular approaches to better understand how climate perturbations are impacting the dynamics of high-latitude ecosystems.

Major Professor: Dr. Russell Hopcroft

Joshua Taylor Ream

Ph.D. Ethnobiology: Interdisciplinary Program

B.S., the Pennsylvania State University, 2006; M.S., Austin Peay State University, 2008.

thesis: Local Herpetological Knowledge In the North

Six species of amphibians are native to Alaska, but knowledge of their populations and their role in social-ecological systems is limited. Using local knowledge, citizen science and traditional field surveys I documented 3,645 amphibian observations as well as ethnozoological relationships with and attitudes toward these species.

Major Professors: Dr. Juan Lopez and Dr. Scott Gerlach

Michelle Rebecca Shero *

Ph.D. Marine Biology

B.A., St. Mary's College of Maryland, 2010.

thesis: To Pup Or Not To Pup? Using Physiology And Dive Behavior To Answer the Weddell Seal's Overwinter Question

This dissertation demonstrates that the austral winter is an important time for the most southerly-breeding pinniped, the Weddell seal, to acquire energy stores. Body condition did not predict subsequent parturition rates, but hormones regulating energy allocation did. Gestating females also increased foraging efforts across the

S N R A S

Dr. David W. Valentine, Director of Academic Programs

Archana Bali (Posthumous)

Ph.D. Wildlife and Culture: Interdisciplinary Program

B.C., Barkatullah University Bhopal, 1998; M.S., Manipal University, 2006.

thesis: The Study Of Human-Caribou Systems In The Face Of Change: Using Multiple Disciplinary Lenses

Multiple disciplinary lenses were used to study human-caribou systems of North America. Meteorological and biological data were integrated to examine implications of climate change on the potential of mosquitoes to harass caribou in the four herds of Arctic Alaska. Participatory videography with Caribou People of North America was used to produce a film to document and analyze indigenous knowledge.

Major Professor: Dr. Gary Kohn

John James Dwyer*

Ph.D. Natural Resources and Sustainability

B.A., University of Alaska Anchorage, 1979; M.U.P.P., University of Illinois at Chicago, 1983.

thesis: What Variables Foster The Adoption And Implementation Of Sustainable Practices By Local Governments

Local governments are important for developing sustainable communities, yet most are not pursuing sustainability. A multicase study of local governments was undertaken to understand why. This exploratory research identified the three variable categories as having strong to moderate association with local government pursuit of sustainability.

Major Professor: Dr. Susan Todd

Benjamin Vitaliano Gaglioti

Ph.D. Paleoecology: Interdisciplinary Program

B.A., Sterling College, 2007.

thesis: Landscape Sensitivity To Climate Change In Northern Alaska: Lessons From The Past

This dissertation uses biogeochemical proxies to reconstruct climate changes and environmental responses in Northern Alaska over the last 40,000 years. I test how sensitive permafrost, vegetation and aeolian activity were to past warming events. The results will be useful for understanding how these systems will respond in the future.

Major Professors: Dr. Daniel Mann and Dr. Matthew Wooller

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Miho Morimoto ***

Ph.D. Natural Resources and Sustainability

B.S., Hokkaido University, 2009; M.S., Hokkaido University, 2011.

thesis: Implementing Adaptive Forest Harvest Management In Boreal Alaska
Under Rapid Global Change

Forest harvest management has a 40-year history in boreal Alaska. Historical forest harvest is much smaller than the allowable cut. Only white spruce receives regeneration assistance. Management affects regeneration weakly compared to landscape environmental factors. Regeneration, largely successful now, would begin to fail with warming. We offer adaptive management planning approaches.

e Class of

C , A , B
M , D

Master's Degrees

Neha Dinesh Agrawal **

M.S., Petroleum Engineering

Matthew Brian Anctil **

M.S., Biomedical Micro uidics: Interdisciplinary Program

Radhakrishnan Balasubramanian

M.S., Civil Engineering. Golden Key Honor Society

Taraprasad Bhowmick **

M.S., Mining Engineering

Chaitanya Sunil Borade *

M.S., Petroleum Engineering

Bertrand Dushime

M.S. Electrical Engineering

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M.F.A., Art: Ceramics, Printmaking

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M.A., Administration of Justice

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Kuskokwim Campus, Cert., Rural Human Services

Diane Mae Atti
Kuskokwim Campus, Cert., Rural Human Services

Cody Allen Austin
Community and Technical College, Diesel/Heavy Equipment

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Jordan Allen Demientie
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Lureena Lee Ellingson
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 Kuskokwim Campus, Rural Human Services

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Interior Alaska Campus Cert., Rural Human Services

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Business Management: General Business

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Tara Cerise Young
Community and Technical College,
Medical/Dental Reception

S E

Dr. Steve Atwater, Interim Dean

Master's Degrees

Chris Niles Ballek
M.Ed., Education: Secondary Education

Heidi Noelle Blanc *
M.Ed., Counseling: School Counseling
Elementary

William Joseph Bostwick III **
M.Ed., Education: Secondary Education. Golden
Key Honor Society. Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

Damaris A. Bronson
M.Ed., Counseling: Community Counseling

Danielle Maria Burke
M.Ed., Counseling: Community Counseling

Cierra Trishelle Burns
M.Ed., Education: Secondary Education

Adiella M. Callahan
M.Ed., Counseling: Community Counseling

Laura Cartier
M.Ed., Education: Elementary Education

Rachel Marie Mikelson Schwanke

M.Ed., Counseling

Angie Glancy Segó *

M.Ed., Education: Secondary Education

Dawne G. Sherman

M.Ed., Counseling: School Counseling K-12,
Community Counseling

Russell L. Shurtle

M.Ed., Education: Secondary Education

Tyler Elizabeth Sloger **

M.Ed., Special Education

Kristi Elizabeth Smith **

M.Ed., Counseling: School Counseling K-12.
Golden Key Honor Society

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** December degree recipient

Baccalaureate Degrees

Bailey T. Brewer
B.A., Elementary Education
Kaitlin C. Dault
B.A., Elementary Education
Emily L. Dreydoppel
B.A., Elementary Education
Madison P. Franz
B.A., Elementary Education
Lillian M. Gesin
cum laude B.A., Elementary Education

Jeannie Marie Jurasek
magna cum laude B.A., Elementary Education
Sarah M. Kincaid
B.A., Elementary Education
Rachel Earth LaSota
B.A., Elementary Education
Karen Carrie Paul
B.A., Elementary Education
Mary Patricia Sha er
cum laude B.A., Elementary Education
Anna Christine Willis
B.A., Secondary Education; History

S F O S

Dr. S. Bradley Moran, Dean

Master's Degrees

Asia M. Beder **
M.S., Fisheries
Julia Nicole Dissen *
M.S., Marine Biology
eresa Patricia Floyd **
M.S., Fisheries
Kevin Marshall Fraley **
M.S., Fisheries
Michael L. Kohan *
M.S., Fisheries
Alyssa C. Lind
M.S., Marine Biology
Andrew P. Olson
M.S., Fisheries
Kimberly K. Powell *
M.S., Marine Biology
Natura Richardson
M.S., Fisheries
Carlos Rene Serratos **
M.S., Marine Biology
Courtney Rebecca Shuert *
M.S., Marine Biology
Caitlin Anne Smoot *
M.S., Marine Biology
Sarah A. Tanedo
M.S., Marine Biology
Jessica S. Turner **
M.S., Oceanography: Chemical
Stacy L. Vega *
M.S., Fisheries
Jonathan White eld
M.S., Oceanography

Baccalaureate Degrees

Eileen Priscilla Audette
magna cum laude B.A., Fisheries
Lauren T. Bailey **
B.S., Fisheries
Gabrielle Ann Bragg
B.S., Fisheries
Ethan George Buchinger
B.S., Fisheries
Connor Patrick Cleary **
B.S., Fisheries
Harrison Spencer DeSanto
B.S., Fisheries
Nicole Emily Farnham
B.S., Fisheries
Jesse William Lindgren **
B.S., Fisheries
William S. Middleton
B.S., Fisheries
Aaron Paul Moses
B.A., Fisheries: Rural and Community
Development
Eric William Nakalsky
B.A., Fisheries: Fisheries Business and Social
Science
Katherine R. Opp
B.S., Fisheries
Benjamin N. Overacker **
B.A., Fisheries
John M. Wyman **
B.A., Natural Resource Administration, Policy,
and Communications: Interdisciplinary Program
Mark D. Young
B.A., Fisheries

Master's Degrees

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

Ryan J. Allen

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

Cynthia Ann Baldwin

M.B.A., Business Administration: Capital
Markets

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Baccalaureate Degrees

Emily Anne Ahern

cum laude B.B.A., Business Administration

Pesio Aieti **

B.B.A., Accounting

John A. Albers

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

Brendon Lynn Allen **

B.B.A., Accounting

Ashley Rose Allotta **

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

Erick D. Anez **

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

Randy Milo Armstrong **

cum laude B.B.A., Economics

Amanda Arney

B.B.A., Accounting

Danielle Annette Atkins

B.B.A., Business Adminiy ManagemacB.B-Ue10 1 T(l-39(y))T2 0.013 Tc2-0.013 Tw B)5(e)-26.7u

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Isabella Angelina Ivanovski
B.B.A., Business Administration: General
Business

Kira Johnson **
B.B.A., Business Administration: General
Business

Davis William Jones
B.B.A., Business Administration: Finance

Jesse Ian Kaczmariski
B.A., Economics

John Samuel Keeney *
B.B.A., Business Administration: General
Business

Rosemary Margaret Killion *
B.B.A., Business Administration: General
Business

Emily Anne Kimball
B.B.A., Business Administration: General
Business

Brandon Lee Knight **
B.B.A., Business Administration: General
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Jacqueline Denise Lovato
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Melissa Kathleen Lynch
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Management: Homeland Security

Sabrina Rae Martin
B.E.M., Homeland Security and Emergency
Management: Emergency Management.
Leadership Distinction

Beau G. McClain
B.B.A., Accounting

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B.B.A., Accounting

Tara M. McGrogan

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Nicholas Pierson **
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Management: Emergency Management

Ryan Christopher Pregent **
B.E.M., Homeland Security and Emergency
Management: Fire Administration

Kyle Britt Riggerbach **
B.B.A., Accounting

Ana Paulina Rodriguez Moreno
B.B.A., Accounting

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B.B.A., Accounting

Vanessa Rose Versandi

B.B.A., Accounting

Sharece Renee Waldron **

B.B.A., Accounting

Scott Douglas Weis

B.B.A., Accounting

Chelsea Dyanne Wells

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MS. JENNY BELLJONES

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R D A C , E

Ms. Jenny Bell-Jones has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching and University and public service from 1999 to 2016.

She initially taught as an adjunct professor for the welding program, and a er advancing her own education through the Paralegal Studies and Rural Development programs, became an outstanding faculty member in the Department of Alaska Native Studies and Rural Development, where she developed many new courses and revitalized the curriculum to encompass current issues in rural Alaska.

Ms. Bell-Jones mentored and advised countless students; and demonstrated a special ability to reach out to and connect with nontraditional students; and served as the chair of the Department of Alaska Native Studies and Rural Development, working tirelessly to facilitate the work of the department and guiding and inspiring department faculty with her compassion, wisdom and strength.

She has served the community as a dedicated volunteer for the Festival of Native Arts and the E e Kokrine Charter School, among many other activities.

e University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Ms. Jenny Bell-Jones for her extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.

MS. OLIVIA EDDY

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DR. GREGORY GOERING P E , E

Dr. Gregory Goering served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1990 to 2015.

He was an outstanding and versatile faculty member who taught seventeen different undergraduate and graduate courses on topics such as mathematical economics, public finance, and industrial organization; who maintained high academic standards and excelled in helpfulness to students; and who further served as a dedicated advisor to undergraduate and graduate students alike.

Dr. Goering's influential research centered on theoretical economics, including the behavior of firms manufacturing durable goods and the impact of corporate social responsibility and green policies on firm conduct and performance, yielding numerous publications.

He ably served in leadership and administrative roles at the University, notably as a member of the Faculty Senate and numerous faculty committees and as Associate Dean of the School of Management; and made important contributions to the ongoing work of maintaining the School's specialized accreditation.

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

DR. SCOTT HUANG P G E , E

Dr. Scott Huang has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1981 to 2016.

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MR. JOHN KAWULA

P L S , E

Mr. John Kawula has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1998 to 2016.

He has been a dedicated instructor of Library Science and has developed numerous online library guides to assist users in finding reliable information sources.

Mr. Kawula, as government documents and maps librarian, assisted many patrons in navigating the labyrinth of federal agency documents; and streamlined and re-fined the focus of the Library's collections.

He has contributed many articles and presentations that promoted unique Library and government materials on the environment, public lands and studies of the North.

Mr. Kawula has an exemplary record of service to the University and to the academic community, having . Kaor 8.1(m)1.2(p)1. 6. 6. 6 c coiavllecme eav]TJ 0 -1.25 TD(h)-11.9(av)-3/(av)-3/(av)-3/(av)-3r

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DR. GERALD MOHATT

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Dr. Gerald Mohatt served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1983 to 2010.

He was instrumental in developing the psychology programs at the University; had a leading role in developing the first Ph.D. program in psychology in the State of Alaska; and advised hundreds of undergraduate and graduate students.

Dr. Mohatt was an internationally renowned scholar on mental health in American Indian and Alaska Native communities; and was the founding director and principal investigator of the Center for Alaska Native Health Research, which focuses on interdisciplinary community-based health research; and contributed numerous in uential articles.

He was honored with the Emil Usibelli Award for Distinguished Research; the Victor E. Howery Award for Contributions to Rural Mental Health by the National Rural Mental Health Association; and an American Book Award, among other awards.

Dr. Mohatt served as an in uential department chair and dean; and contributed his time to a wide range of professional groups concerned with health disparities of minorities.

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

DR. ALLAN MOROTTI

A P C , E

Dr. Allan Morotti has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1995 to 2016.

He has been an e ective, creative, caring and challenging faculty member who taught a wide range of undergraduate and graduate courses, as well as successfully mentoring dozens of graduate students; contributed to the development of a highly regarded Counseling program at UAF and fostered its commitment to high standards, diversity and cultural competency; and provided countless hours of clinical supervision to individuals working toward licensure.

Dr. Morotti's research yielded numerous publications and presentations on topics such as school-based family counseling, identity development in multiracial and biracial individuals, bullying, suicide prevention, and Alaska Native children's perceptions of self through art and storytelling; and earned an Outstanding Contribution Award from the Oxford Symposium on School-Based Family Counseling.

He has provided valuable service as program head, as department chair and as dean during particularly challenging times for the School of Education; and has served on numerous agency, editorial and review boards.

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DR. CHIEN LU PING

P S S , E

Dr. Chien-Lu Ping served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1982 to 2015.

He was widely respected for the depth of expertise that he brought to Alaska Soil Geography, Soil Genesis and Classification and other courses; and successfully advised and mentored numerous graduate students at the M.S. and Ph.D. levels.

Dr. Ping has been a highly regarded researcher who authored numerous publications; and who has made important contributions to management and understanding of cold soils in Alaska and throughout the world, for which he received international recognition as a Fellow of the Soil Science Society of America and an invited speaker at numerous conferences.

He served on many departmental and University committees; and has been a long-term member

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DR. JONATHAN ROSENBERG

P P S , E

Dr. Jonathan Rosenberg served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1993 to 2015.

He was an outstanding teacher, earning him the Emil Usibelli Award for Distinguished Teaching; taught courses that addressed both theoretical and practical aspects of comparing regions, economies and nations; helped to design the Global Studies minor; and served as mentor and advisor to numerous undergraduate and graduate students.

Dr. Rosenberg has been an influential and wide-ranging scholar who authored journal articles, books and book chapters on the politics of oil in Alaska, comparative environmental politics, participatory environmental management in the Eastern Caribbean, Cuban political economy, Mexican parties and interest groups, and other topics.

He provided outstanding service to the department and the University; notably with his work with the Alaska Legislative internship process, which allowed dozens of University students to participate as legislative interns; membership on the Faculty Senate and many of its committees; and leadership of the General Education Revitalization Committee.

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

DR. JORDAN TITUS

P S , E

Dr. Jordan Titus served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1990 to 2015.

She was a talented instructor whose integration of ethnomethodology and conversation analysis, childhood, and the sociology of law has inspired hundreds of students; led a major revision of the Sociology curriculum, developing a department focus on social inequalities and social justice; and chaired and served on multiple graduate student committees.

Dr. Titus conducted research specializing in childhood, law and gender, authoring widely cited articles and presenting at regional and national professional conferences; and contributing erudite community perspective articles to the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner

She served as Sociology department chair for many years, served on numerous University committees, and benefited the faculty through her union service in leading roles with United

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A P D MS. JANE WEBER
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As a culture bearer, Rev. Trimble Gilbert is exceptionally knowledgeable about the Gwich'in/Dena culture and forms a living link between the ancient ways of his people and contemporary Alaska. Throughout his long life he has freely and willingly provided leadership and support to people of Alaska's Interior, and on a broader level as an Episcopal minister he has offered religious leadership and guidance.

Rev. Gilbert was born in Vashraii K'oo — Arctic Village — in 1935. Together with his wife, Mary, he raised three children in traditional ways. Today, he is the traditional chief of his Neets'aiti Gwich'in people in Arctic Village and the second traditional chief of the Tanana Chiefs Conference. A natural and dedicated leader, he has used his position to advocate for the cultural, spiritual and physical health of his people, and is a strong proponent of both Native and Western forms of education.

Rev. Gilbert is frequently asked to teach Gwich'in traditions to children and parents throughout Alaska. A renowned fiddle player, he has tutored countless youngsters not just in music but in the power of music to overcome hardship. He offers boundless support and encouragement to young people, helping guide them to living successfully in the modern world while retaining their indigenous roots.

Throughout his life of service and education, Rev. Gilbert has garnered respect throughout Alaska. He is asked to provide instruction at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, where he bridges classroom learning and everyday life in rural communities, and is invited to participate in statewide meetings such as the Alaska Federation of Natives. Not least, his mentorship of young leaders demonstrates his commitment to ensuring a resilient, vibrant future for his people.

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J A.
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Jacqueline A. Richter-Menge is a leader in the field of polar climate physics, specializing in process studies of the Arctic sea ice cover. Her highly collaborative research, based on the Beaufort and Chukchi seas, has, among other things, contributed to the safety and efficiency of the offshore gas and oil activities in Alaska. During the course of her career at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory, she has led or participated in more than twenty Arctic field programs and produced more than eighty publications in the scholarly literature. Her research has greatly enhanced

C L. W

Mrs.Carolyn L. Wallace has been an invaluable member of the University of Alaska Fairbanks community for more than forty years. She began her association with the University working in the School of Agriculture and Land Resources Management in the 1970s. She declined numerous employment opportunities over the years because of her commitment to the school, and she retired from there in 2000. During her professional tenure, she was an energetic participant in a wide range of University committees and activities, including employee relations, fundraising and the arts. In the years following

G R. W

Mr. Gary Wilken has blessed Alaska with his hard work and sunny disposition for more than sixty years, starting as a youth and continuing as a businessman and public servant.

Mr. Wilken arrived in Fairbanks with his family in 1951 at age ve. He helped win the State basketball championship before graduating from Lathrop High School in 1964. At Oregon State University, he played basketball and earned bachelor's and master's degrees in business. Mr. Wilken bought his father's food business, Fairbanks Distributors, in 1976 and operated it for twenty-eight years while he and his wife, Sue, raised a family in Fairbanks. He served as a Fairbanks utilities board member and then a State senator, spending a dozen years in each position. He is now on the State's industrial development corporation board.

roughout his career, Mr. Wilken has advocated for young people and

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ree 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.

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: master of arts, white; master of business administration, drab; master of education, light blue; master of engineering, orange; master of fine arts, brown; master of science, yellow; and doctor of philosophy, dark blue.

The square Oxford cap, or mortarboard, is black and has a long tassel fastened to the middle of the top. Some colleges and universities use the soberet, 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 UAF, the black tassel is worn on the cap for all certificate, associate, baccalaureate and master's degrees, and gold tassels are worn for all doctoral degrees.

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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 that hangs in the chancellor's office. The medallion is the result of a collaboration between Sherman, computer art student Lucas Cheek '14, Rasmuson Library graphic designer Dixon Jones, and Eric Johansen '85, a mechanical technician in the College of Engineering and Mines.

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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.