

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 2012 we celebrate 95 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. 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.

CONGRATULATIONS!

UA PRESIDENT PATRICK K. GAMBLE

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UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES: MAY 13, 2012

ANDREW CASSEL (CLASS OF 2012) AND LUCAS ELLIOTT (CLASS OF 2009) WILL READ GRADUATES' NAMES AS THEY CROSS THE STAGE

PROCESSIONAL

GRAND MARCH

FACULTY

Regent Freitag; President Gamble; Chancellor Rogers;
Provost Henrichs

Jim Dixon, *Class of 1990 & 1991*

Kirsten Hutchinson, *Class of 2012*
Walter Fourie, *Class of 2005 & 2012*

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 for a reception in the Arthur Buswell Pioneer Room immediately following the ceremony, sponsored by the Fairbanks chapter of the UAF Alumni Association.

Justin M. Cannon, College of Engineering
and Mines *orange and black chevron*
Sacha Dwyer, College of Liberal Arts *fuchsia and white*
Hailey Chacon, College of Natural Science
and Mathematics *golden yellow*
Ruth Osborne, College of Rural and

ACADEMIC DEGREE
ABBREVIATIONS

A.A.	Associate of Arts
A.A.S.	Associate of Applied Science
A.S.	Associate of Science
B.A.	Bachelor of Arts
B.A.S.	Bachelor of Arts and Sciences
B.B.A.	Bachelor of Business Administration
B.E.M.	Bachelor of Emergency Management
B.F.A.	Bachelor of Fine Arts
B.M.	Bachelor of Music
B.S.	Bachelor of Science
B.T.	Bachelor of Technology
CERT	Certificate
Gr. CERT	Graduate Certificate
M.A.	Master of Arts
M.A.T.	Master of Arts in Teaching
M.B.A.	Master of Business Administration
M.C.E.	Master of Civil Engineering
M.Ed.	Master of Education
M.E.E.	Master of Electrical Engineering
M.F.A.	Master of Fine Arts
M.N.R.M.G.	Master of Natural Resources Management and Geography
M.S.	Master of Science
M.S.E.	Master of Software Engineering
Ph.D.	Ph.D.

GRADUATION WITH HONORS

Associate and baccalaureate degree students who graduated with honors in August and December 2011 and candidates for graduation in May 2012 wear a gold honor cord. Cumulative grade point averages required for graduating with honors are:

summa cum laude 3.9 or higher with no grades lower than an A-
magna cum laude 3.75 – 3.8 • *cum laude* 3.5 – 3.74

HONORS PROGRAM

The Honors Program graduation designation indicates completion of this program, which requires exceptional aptitude, academic performance and achievement in a challenging course of study. Honors students must complete 12 or 27 credits in specially designed courses and an honors capstone/senior thesis in their major. Students may also earn honors credits by studying abroad, through thesis credits, contracts, independent study agreements or through state, national or international internships. Graduating Honors Thesis Scholars have earned 12 honors credits and wear a long blue-trimmed and striped gold sash with a single blue and gold honor cord. University Honors Scholars have earned 27 honors credits and wear the same sash with a double blue and gold honor cord.

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THE CLASS OF 2012

CERTIFICATES, ASSOCIATE, BACCALAUREATE AND MASTER'S DEGREES

BACCALAUREATE DEGREE

Lisa Mae Anders

B.S., Electrical Engineering: Computer
Engineering

David E. Apperson

B.S., Mechanical Engineering: Aerospace
Emphasis

Lyle Jordan Axelarris

magna cum laude, B.S., Civil Engineering

Jason William Bell

B.S., Electrical Engineering: Communications

Edward Charles Gabriel Bergeron

B.S., Mechanical Engineering

Patrizia Bolz

magna cum laude, B.S., Geological Engineering.

Steven M. Gieryic

cum laude, B.S., Petroleum Engineering

Amanda L. Green

cum laude, B.S., Civil Engineering

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B.S., Civil Engineering

Lin Gu

B.S., Petroleum Engineering

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B.S., Mechanical Engineering

Justin Harvey

B.S., Computer Engineering

Jennifer Christine Holland **

summa cum laude, B.S., Civil Engineering

Adele Frances Hople

cum laude, B.S., Civil Engineering. Golden K(e)b7 0 0 2A(e)-12(r61 Tfl 490.007 Tc -0.007(, B)-*)30439(,)-3G8(e)-2(e r)18(e)-5(

* Summer degree recipient
** December degree recipient

Amy L. Steiner

B.S., Civil Engineering

Kyle Robert Teegardin

B.S., Electrical Engineering

Tadeusz Casimir Tomasic

BACCALAUREATE DEGREE

Aaron Albert Acevedo

B.A., History

Antonio D. Adlesperger **

B.A., Justice

Jessica Lynn Adlesperger

cum laude, B.A., Social Work

Keva Gay Alexander

B.A., Communication

Laverne L. Alexander

B.A., Social Work

Jessica Lynn Allard

B.A., English

Chloe Susanne Allen **

B.S., Nutrition and Community Wellness:
Interdisciplinary Program

Taylor Marie Altenburg

B.A., Psychology

Ali Daniel Amhaz-Strickland **

magna cum laude, B.A., Philosophy; Political
Science.

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** December degree recipient

Kelsey Ace Bearden

magna cum laude, B.A., Foreign Language:
Single Language: Spanish; Biological Sciences.
University Honors Scholar

Christopher Ray Behnke

B.A., Northern Studies

Sarah Jean Belmont

cum laude, B.A., Journalism: Broadcast
Journalism

Adeline Maria Bernal *

B.A., Psychology

Michael Stephanie Berrie

B.A., Art

Kendall Christine Bethune

B.A., Justice

Veronica Dale Bjorkman

B.A., English

Emily R. Blurton

magna cum laude, B.A., Art. *Golden Key Honor
Society*

Angelina Isabel Bolton

B.A., Foreign Language: Single Language:
Spanish

Jon-Kiefer Bowne **

B.A., Theatre: Design/Technical Theatre

Steven P. Bridwell **

B.A., English

Kimrah Nicha Brotherson **

B.A., Journalism: Broadcast Journalism

Abigail Darden Brown **

B.A., Linguistics

Heather Marie Bryant

Chelsea Rae Fillingim

B.A., Social Work. *Student Ambassador*

Carlo Emilio Finucci

B.A., Communication

William Morris Forsko

B.A., Philosophy

Kaitlan Elizabeth Fournier **

B.A., Justice

Rachel Marie Frame

magna cum laude, B.A., History; Foreign

Language: Single Language: German. *University*

Honors Scholar

Caleb Joseph Frazier

magna cum laude, B.A., English. *ROTC*

Commissioned Cadet

Matt Ray Freel **

B.A., Japanese Studies

Danah Elizabeth Frey

B.A., Social Work

Kathleen Anne Frost **

cum laude, B.A., Psychology

Raymond Escobar Ganacias

B.A., Communication. *ROTC Commissioned Cadet*

* *Summer degree recipient*

** *December degree recipient*

Joel D. Isaak

B.F.A., Art: Sculpture

Yasunari Izaki

summa cum laude, B.F.A., Art: Sculpture. *Golden Key Honor Society. Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society*

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B.T., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

Lora Lee Janneck **

B.A., Art

Eric C. Johnson **

B.A., Japanese Studies. *Golden Key Honor Society*

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Leif William Johnson **

B.A., Sociology

Max J. Johnson

B.A., Political Science

Erica Joyce

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Jared K. Karr

B.A., Justice

Brianne Alessandra Kimberlin

B.A., History

Rajeeyah Lashawn King

B.A., Psychology

Robert Charles Kinnard III

B.A., Justice. *Leadership Distinction*

John Taylor Kirkland **

B.A., English

Joseph Klecka

B.A., Journalism: Broadcast Journalism

Lindsey Lorene Jane Kline

B.A., History of Art: Interdisciplinary Program

Amy Elizabeth Knight

B.A., Anthropology

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B.A., English

Kathryn C. Koerner *

B.A., Psychology

Monica Elzbieta Kunat

B.A., Political Science

Emily Renee Kurpuweit

B.A., Art

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B.A., Social Work

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Wendy Jo Langton

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Steven Alexander Laszloffy

B.A., Art

Qian Li

B.A., Journalism: Broadcast Journalism

Amanda Kay Lindholm

B.A., Social Work

Kelly Allison Lowry **

summa cum laude, B.A., Art

Aftan LeeAnn Lynch

B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

Klara Roselynn Maisch

cum laude, B.F.A., Art: Printmaking

Jesse William Manchester **

B.A., Foreign Language: Single Language: Spanish. *Golden Key Honor Society*

Jacob Albert Mannix

B.A., Justice

Arthur Ivan Martin

B.A., Political Science

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B.A., Political Science

Kelly Rose McCarthy

B.F.A., Art: Painting

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B.A., History; Communication

Kayley E. McDevitt **

B.A., Justice

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B.A., Psychology

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B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies: General Studies

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B.A., Art

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B.A., Philosophy

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B.A., Women and Gender Studies: Interdisciplinary Program

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B.A., Social Work

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B.A., Psychology

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B.A., Political Science

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B.A., English

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B.A., Social Work

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B.A., Social Work

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B.S., Geology

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B.S., Applied Physics: Atmospheric Physics

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Care Reimbursement*

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Technology: Architectural Drafting*

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*Interior-Aleutians Campus, CERT, Educator: Para-
Professional*

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Care Reimbursement*

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*Community and Technical College, A.A.S., Process
Technology*

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Community and Technical College, A.A.S., Applied Business: Finance

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Community and Technical College, A.A.S., Paralegal Studies

Christina Lynn Gasparini

Community and Technical College, A.A.S., Medical Assistant

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Community and Technical College, A.A.S., Paralegal Studies

Audre Marie Gifford

Kuskokwim Campus, A.A.S., Human Services with Rural Health Services Certificate: Addictions Counseling

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Community and Technical College, A.A.S., Aviation Maintenance

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Community and Technical College, A.A.

Steffanee Ann Holt *

Community and Technical College, A.A.

Jessica Jo Huf

A.A.S., Renewable Resources

Aimee Jeannette Hughes

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Business: Applied Management*

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Interior-Aleutians Campus, A.S.

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A.A.S., Applied Business: Entrepreneurship*

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Professional Piloting*

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Emergency Services: Emergency Medical Services*

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Ph.D. Energy and Mineral Engineering Management: Interdisciplinary Program

B.S., Nanjing Normal University (People's Republic of China), 2004; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2009; M.B.A. University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2011.

Thesis: Comprehensive Investigation into Historical Pipeline Construction Costs and Engineering Economic Analysis of Alaska In-State Gas Pipeline

This study analyzes historical cost data of 412 pipelines and 220 compressor stations in terms of various parameters to provide a reference for the pipeline industry. On the basis of this analysis, the study also evaluates the feasibility of an Alaska in-state gas pipeline using Monte Carlo simulation techniques.

Major Professors: Dr. Paul Metz and Dr. Gang Chen



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Ph.D. Biological Sciences: Wildlife Biology

B.S., Davidson College (North Carolina), 1994; M.S., University of Florida, 1998.

Thesis: Ecological and Physiological Adaptations of the Porcupine to Winter in Alaska

Captive and field studies were conducted to determine the physiological and ecological adaptations of the North American porcupine (*Erethizon dorsatum*) to winter in Alaska. Porcupines were able to efficiently digest low quality forage and conserve energy by maintaining low field metabolic rates, while utilizing fat stores to conserve lean tissue.

Major Professors: Dr. Peregrine Barboza and Dr. Donald Spalinger

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Ph.D. Biochemistry/Molecular Biology

B.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2006.

Thesis: Investigation of the Allosteric Modulators Desformylflustrabromine and 4-(2-Hydroxyethyl)-1- Piperazineethanesulfonic Acid (Hepes) Interactions on Nicotinic Acetylcholine Receptors

Dysregulation of neuronal nicotinic acetylcholine receptors (nAChRs) can lead to pathologies including Alzheimer's disease, autism and nicotine addiction. New therapeutic avenues are positive allosteric modulators (PAMs). This thesis investigates the PAMs desformylflustrabromine and 4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazineethanesulfonic acid (HEPES) interactions with alpha7 and alpha4beta2 nAChRs. Discoveries will facilitate the development of therapeutic ligands.

Major Professor: Dr. Marvin Schulte

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Ph.D. Geology

B.A., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 1969; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 1971.

Thesis: Characterization of Permafrost Development by Isotopic and Chemical Analysis of Soil Cores Taken From the Copper River Basin and an Upland Loess Deposit in Interior Alaska

Chemical and isotopic analyses of pore water from permafrost cores taken from the dry lake bed of ancient Lake Atna in the Copper River Basin and from an upland loess deposit northeast of Fairbanks, Alaska, reveal information about the local past environments not available by other means.

Major Professor: Dr. Vladimir Romanovsky

Santosh Kumar Panda **

Ph.D. Geology

B.S., Sambalpur University (India), 2001; M.S., Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee (India), 2003.

Thesis: Permafrost Distribution Mapping and Temperature Modeling Along the Alaska Highway Corridor, Interior Alaska

The study employed a combination of field data and remote sensing techniques to generate a near-surface permafrost map for a part of the Alaska Highway corridor. It also modeled the effects of past and future changes in air temperature and winter snow precipitation on permafrost temperature and active-layer thickness.

Major Professor: Dr. Anupma Prakash

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Ph.D. Geology

B.S., Bemidji State University (Minnesota), 1996; M.S., New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, 1999.

Thesis: Transport and Formation Processes for Fine Airborne Ash from Three Recent Volcanic Eruptions in Alaska: Implications for Detection Methods and Tracking Models

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Ph.D. Biological Sciences: Biology

B.S., University of Minnesota Twin Cities, 1997.

Thesis: Genetic and Phenotypic Divergence Within and Between Cinnamon Teal (*Anas cyanoptera*) and Blue-winged Teal (*A. discors*)

Heterogeneity in selection pressures resulted in morphological and genetic differentiation among South American Cinnamon Teal subspecies. The recently diverged Cinnamon Teal and Blue-winged Teal are distinct morphologically and genetically. Paraphyletic populations suggest multiple North America colonizations by Cinnamon Teal, enabling the formation of Blue-winged Teal and North American Cinnamon Teal.

Major Professor: Dr. Kevin McCracken

Jiang Zhu *

Ph.D. Atmospheric Sciences

B.E.E., Southeast University (People's Republic of China), 1985; M.E.E., Nanjing Aeronautical Institute (People's Republic of China), 1988.

Thesis: Investigation on Cirrus Clouds by Cloud-Aerosol Lidar and Infrared Pathfinder Satellite Observation Data

Cirrus clouds are investigated globally in terms of their macro and bulk-micro physical properties, as well as the linear depolarization ratios derived from the Cloud Aerosol Lidar and Infrared Pathfinder Satellite Observation dataset. The radiative effects of cirrus clouds are evaluated using a radiative transfer model.

Major Professor: Dr. Kenneth Sassen

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Ph.D. Oceanography: Biological

B.S., University of Sao Paulo (Brazil), 1997.

Thesis: Seabird Habitat Use and Zooplankton Abundance and Biomass in Relation to Water Mass Properties in the Northern Gulf of Alaska

I investigated seasonal changes in seabird abundance and zooplankton biomass in the Gulf of Alaska from 1998-2003. Furthermore I investigated the association of seabird foraging guilds with oceanic and coastal domains. Lastly, I investigated climate related variability of zooplankton abundance in relation to water mass properties during May from 1998-2009.

Major Professors: Dr. Kenneth Coyle and Dr. Thomas Weingartner

Jason R. Gasper **

Ph.D. Fisheries

B.S., University of Alaska Southeast, 2002; M.S., University of Washington, 2004.

Thesis: Policy and Market Analysis of World Dogfish Fisheries and an Evaluation of the Feasibility of a Dogfish Fishery in Waters of Alaska, USA

Spiny dogfish is a valuable commodity on the world market and has a global capture distribution. Results indicate that the dogfish market is adulterated, supplied by both sustainable and non-sustainable sources. Overcoming the loss of market share may require eco-labeling to inform consumers about sustainable dogfish stocks.

Major Professors: Dr. Gordon Kruse and Dr. Joshua Greenberg

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Ph.D. Fisheries

B.A., University of Pennsylvania, 2004; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2007.

Thesis: Dealing with Uncertainties in Integrated Age-Structured Assessment Models

Dealing with uncertainties in mathematical models to estimate fish abundance has become a central focus at all levels of fisheries stock assessment and management. My goal in this dissertation was to uncover the layers of uncertainty in fishery models and provide guidance on how to include and evaluate uncertainty.

Major Professor: Dr. Terrance Quinn II

Mandy J. Keogh *

Ph.D. Marine Biology

B.S., Texas A&M University, 1999; M.S., San Diego State University (California), 2006.

Thesis: Endocrine and Immune Profiles of Immature Pinnipeds

There is increasing interest in the health of pinnipeds due to population declines and conservation concerns. This study assessed the "health" of animals by quantifying hormones associated with fat mass, lipid and water metabolism, and growth as well as leukocyte counts and in vitro proliferation of peripheral blood

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Ph.D. Fisheries

B.A., University of Colorado Boulder, 2000; M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2007.

Thesis: Physical Mechanisms for Variation in Pink Salmon (*Oncorhynchus gorbuscha*) Survival Within the Upwelling and Downwelling Domains of the Northeast Pacific

When stability was below average within Prince William Sound, the relationship between fish condition and survival was positive. Our findings were similar between the upwelling and downwelling domains, but differed by the distance offshore. Marine survival rates increased for pink salmon that experienced below-average stability on the inner shelf during early marine residence.

Major Professor: Dr. Milo D. Adkison

Dion Seth Oxman

Ph.D. Fisheries

B.S., California State University Long Beach, 1987; M.S., California State University Stanislaus, 1995.

Thesis: Genetic and Environmental Effects on Developmental Timing, Otolith Formation, and Gill Raker Development in Pink Salmon from Auke Creek, Alaska

The influences of incubation temperature and genetics on hatching time and development of otoliths and gill rakers were examined in native and hybrid pink salmon. Their development was influenced by temperature. Hatching had weak genetic influences. Otolith development was canalized. Hybridization prolonged development times but did not alter gill raker development.

Major Professor: Dr. Anthony Gharrett

Tania Marie Spurkland **

Ph.D. Marine Biology

B.A., Western Washington State University, 1971; M.S., University of Alaska Anchorage, 1988.

Thesis: Effects of Glacial Discharge on Kelp Bed Organisms in an Alaskan Subarctic Estuary

This study determined how changing environmental conditions due to glacial melting affect subarctic nearshore kelp bed community structure and organism fitness. Kelps showed some resilience to glacial melt stressors through phenotypic plasticity within a genetically fixed seasonal growth cycle, but overall community composition declined.

Major Professor: Dr. Katrin Iken

Ashwin Sreenivasan **

Ph.D. Fisheries

B.S., Bangalore University (India), 1997; B.S., Florida Atlantic University, 2002.

Thesis: Nucleic Acid Ratios as an Index of Growth and Nutritional Ecology in Pacific Cod (*Gadus macrocephalus*), Walleye Pollock (*Theragra chalcogramma*), and Pacific Herring (*Clupea pallasii*)

Nucleic acid ratios (RNA/DNA) were used to compare growth between fed and starved Pacific herring, and Pacific cod and walleye pollock larvae. Changes in herring RNA/DNA indicated terminal starvation and resource allocation. Colder temperatures increased RNA/DNA in cod and pollock. Cod nucleic acid patterns were used to identify growth stanzas.

Major Professor: Dr. William Smoker

Nathan Lord Stewart **

Ph.D. Marine Biology

B.A., Carleton College (Minnesota), 1996.

Thesis: The Influence of Habitat Complexity, Prey Quality, and Predator Avoidance on Sea Otter Resource Selection in Alaska

Sea otters forage selectively in a variety of nearshore habitat types in Alaska. The focus of this dissertation was to examine the influence of benthic habitat complexity, prey quality, and predator avoidance on sea otter foraging site selection in populations inhabiting the Aleutian Islands and Lower Cook Inlet.

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Ph.D. *Natural Resources and Sustainability*

B.A., Rochester Institute of Technology (New York), 1973; M.P.A., University of Alaska Southeast, 1994.

Thesis: Conditions for Effective Use of Community Sustainability Indicators for Adaptive Learning

This study sought to identify the conditions for facilitating implementation and use of community sustainability indicator programs. Through an analysis of sustainability activities in sample cities across the United States and a case study of Juneau, Alaska, conditions for effective sustainability indicator implementation and use were discovered.

Major Professor: Dr. Gary Kofinas

Aiqin Zhao *

Ph.D. *High Latitude Agriculture: Interdisciplinary Program*

B.S., Shanxi Agricultural University (People's Republic of China), 2002; M.S., China Agricultural University, 2005.

Thesis: Assessment and Prediction of Potentially Mineralizable Organic Nitrogen for Subarctic Alaska Soils

The study was to find suitable methods to predict potentially mineralizable organic N (PMN) for subarctic Alaska soils. Results showed that PMN in these soils can be estimated by a double exponential model with fixed rate constants and unknown pool size, hot (80° C) water extractable or 1 M NaOH hydrolysable organic N.

Major Professor: Dr. Mingchu Zhang

EMERITI RECOGNITION

MS. CLARA R. ANDERSON

DIRECTOR OF INTERIOR-ALEUTIANS CAMPUS, EMERITUS

Ms. Clara R. Anderson has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction from 1983 to 2012.

She has consistently provided high-quality educational service evidenced by exemplary connection and engagement with rural Alaska communities. With extraordinary dedication, she has championed educational success for Alaska Native students at UAF for nearly 30 years

She has been described by her colleagues as a visionary who dedicated heart and soul to the development of the Interior-Aleutians Campus. Under her leadership the campus developed numerous place-based, rural-focused degree programs to meet the needs of the students and communities IAC serves. She has demonstrated faithfulness to the University mission by successfully pursuing and receiving grant funding for several student-support projects such as the TRIO Upward Bound program.

She, throughout her career, has always believed strongly in the value of higher education to improve the lives of others, working indefatigably to fulfill her vision of self-sustaining and healthy rural communities.

EMERITI RECOGNITION

DR. A.J. GHARRETT

PROFESSOR OF FISHERIES, EMERITUS

Dr. A.J. Gharrett has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1976 to 2012.

He is an internationally recognized leader in his field of genetics, whose more than thirty years of research helped bring distinction to the University. His work has focused primarily on Alaska salmon and rockfish, and genetic markers within their populations. The results of these studies help guide fisheries management practices. In 2006 his excellence in research was recognized by the University when he received the prestigious Emil Usibelli Award for Research.

He has an exemplary record of producing well-prepared graduate students. He has been an integral member of the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences fisheries program since its inception, and has led an incredibly strong research and graduate mentoring program. His classes are demanding but invaluable to the students taking them, and his teaching is considered excellent by students and peers alike.

The culmination of one of the most outstanding service activities of his career was the construction of the UAF Lena Point Fisheries Facility in Juneau. Dr. Gharrett spent more than a decade working on various aspects of the project, serving as lead faculty member on the design and construction of the facility.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. A.J. Gharrett for his extensive contributions to both the State of Alaska and the University.

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DR. JOHN W. KELLER

PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY, EMERITUS

Dr. John W. Keller has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1979 to 2012.

He is an accomplished teacher and researcher. He was a founding member of the biochemistry and molecular biology program at the University, a program that has grown significantly since its inception in 1985. He has taught a broad range of classes, and his research program has attracted student participants from all levels, including high school students, undergraduate chemistry majors and graduate students.

His work as a researcher is revered. He has authored or co-authored twenty-four research articles related to organic chemistry in books and journals. His ability to combine the disciplines of organic chemistry and molecular biology was unique to the Department for many years.

He has a strong record of service to his Department, College and the University. He has served as Department Chair and made significant contributions to the promotion and tenure process at all levels of the University. He has been a shining example of professional leadership for many years. His commitment to high standards while maintaining a friendly and enthusiastic approach to science is highly valued by his colleagues and students alike.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. John W. Keller for his extensive contributions to both the State of Alaska and the University. 🏆

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MS. DEBRA MOSES

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF DEVELOPMENTAL MATHEMATICS, EMERITUS (POSTHUMOUS)

Ms. Debra Moses served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction from 1997 to 2012.

She was an exceptional instructor, a knowledgeable advisor, and a generous and intellectual colleague. She was known as a strong and gentle soul whose kindness toward others, particularly students, will always be a part of her legacy at the University.

As an instructor, she was in turns demanding of and nurturing to her students. She was responsive to their individual needs while helping them understand the mathematical concepts they needed in order to advance. She had a love of her subject that motivated even the most reluctant student. She was not only a tireless instructor but a wise advisor, who took the time and attention to understand students' stories and help them identify and reach their goals. Her undergraduate advising twice earned her the Feist-Schamel Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award in 2007 and again in 2010.

She was also a professor of service. She served on multiple committees, giving her sage input and offering her voice of reason. She was outspoken in her support of students, especially of the underserved population at UAF, including nontraditional and developmental students.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Ms. Debra Moses for her extensive contributions to both the State of Alaska and the University.

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Through his leadership and vision, H. Robin Samuelsen, Jr., has committed his personal life and career to

PATTY KASTELIC

Patty Kastelic has been an innovative and inspiring leader as a strong advocate and supporter of women's rights and causes, higher education, public broadcasting, and the arts. Over the years her numerous contributions to the University, the community of Fairbanks and the State of Alaska have been unparalleled.

Ms. Kastelic has devoted many hours working for women's rights and causes, including her involvement with the National Organization of Women and the Alaska Women's Lobby Steering Committee. She was the founding director of Women in Crisis Counseling-Assistance in Fairbanks, an organization that offers counseling and support for women who have encountered a variety of difficulties, including physical abuse.

Ms. Kastelic has worked in a variety of positions within the statewide University system, including as coordinator of student affairs at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, director of the UAF Women's Center, and executive director of human resources at UA statewide. She has remained dedicated to the University after her retirement. She championed the Ruth Lister Scholarship Fund, which provides financial assistance to single mothers attending UAF's Community and Technical College, and serves on the KUAC Leadership Council, the board of directors of the Georgeson Botanical Garden, and as a member of the UAF College of Fellows.

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ACADEMIC TRADITIONS

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

GOWNS

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

HOODS

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

MORTARBOARDS

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

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

CHANCELLOR'S MEDALLION

ALASKA FLAG SONG

MUSIC BY ELINOR DUSENBURY • WORDS BY MARIE DRAKE AND CAROL BEERY DAVIS

(with a martial air)

Eight stars of gold on a field of blue, Alaska's flag
May it mean to you the blue of the sea, the ev'ning sky
The mountain lakes and the flow'rs nearby
The gold of the early sourdough's dreams
The precious gold of the hills and streams



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