

Anupma Prakash: Curriculum Vitae

Born and raised in India, I had a humble childhood where the focus was on working hard and getting a good education. I had no idea the doors this education would open, and the places it would take me. I could not fathom completing a doctoral degree focused on fires in underground coal mines, when women were not even permitted to enroll in a mining program. That terminal degree got me an invitation to move to Europe and work on similar issues in China. I am now globally renowned for my expertise and contributions in coal fire research.

Europe shaped my professional and personal life as this is where I met my husband, Rudi. Like me, he is also a remote sensing scientist. Rudi came to work at the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) in 2000, and I followed him shortly. I started as a faculty member and progressed to the ranks of a tenured professor, associate dean, research director and interim dean before starting as the provost and executive vice chancellor in July 2018.

Rudi and I have raised our two children, Tanja & Rishi, in Fairbanks and Alaska is home for us.

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