

# ANCSA S m i m

April 12-13, 2022 | UAF Wood Center Ballroom & Virtual





10:00 *Executive Breakfast*  
Dr. Jessica Black, UAF  
Laura Ekada, UAF Student

10:30 *Registration*  
Anthony Mallott, Sealaska

10:00 *Medieval Professions*  
Sheri Buretta, Chugach Alaska Corporation  
Andrea Gusty, Kuskokwim Corporation  
Kim Reitmier, ANCSA Regional Association  
Aaron Schutt, Doyon, Limited

11:30 *Legislative Session*  
Senator Lisa Murkowski  
Senator Dan Sullivan

12:00 *Lunch* - Lunch Provided

1:00 *Medieval Dinner*  
Curtis McQueen, Sealaska and Eklutna  
Ethan Schutt, Bristol Bay Native Corporation  
Tanya Kaquatosh, Doyon, Limited

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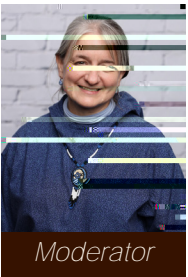
# BIOGRAPHIES



Barb (Gwich'in) is from Nome and is employed as the director of the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) Northwest Campus. She earned a masters in Educational Leadership through the University of Alaska Anchorage and a Doctoral Degree in Indigenous Education through UAF. Barb worked with Nome Public Schools for 20 years and, most recently has served on the Nome School Board since 2010. Barb has served on the Sitnasuak Native Corporation Board of Directors since 2011 and as the Board Chair for three years.



Dr. Black (she/her) is Gwich'in from the villages of Gwichyaa Zhee (Fort. Yukon) and Toghotthele (Nenana). Dr. Black currently serves as an Associate Professor in the Department of Alaska Native Studies, Rural Development and Tribal Governance at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Dr. Black received her bachelor's degree in Social Work (BSW) at UAF and her master's degree and PhD in Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis. Her dissertation and current research examine the relationship between governance and well-being among Alaska Native peoples, especially as it pertains to Tribal Stewardship and Cultural Connectivity. She resides in Fairbanks with her family, however, she frequently returns home to Gwichyaa Zhee to hunt, fish, gather and engage in other, important cultural practices.



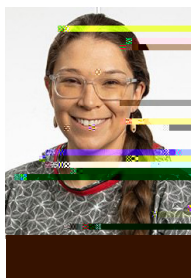
Cathy is an Associate Professor in the Department of Alaska Native Studies and Rural Development at UAF. She teaches rural development courses tied to rural and community development, communication, entrepreneurship, business planning, and management.

Previously, Cathy was the instructor/program manager for the Festival of Native Arts and adjunct instructor for UAF's Interior-Aleutians Campus and UAF's Developmental Education Department. Brooks also served as the 4-H Youth Development Specialist in the mid-90s.

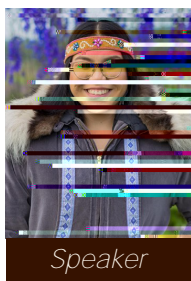
She and her family call Fairbanks home but, spend most of the summer on the Yukon River at her husband's family camp, where skills and traditions are shared with the next generation.



• Sheri Burette serves on the University of Alaska Board of Regents as Chair since 2018, appointed in 2015 by Governor Walker. Burette is Chairman of the board of Chugach Alaska Corporation since 1998. Burette also currently serves as a Director of the Native American Contractors Association, Alaska Federation of Natives, ANCSA Regional Association, the Tatitlek Corporation, and Russian Orthodox Sacred Sites in Alaska, Inc. Sheri was born in Anchorage; her family is from and she is a tribal member of the Native Village of Tatitlek located in Prince William Sound.



• Liz is NANA's Vice President of Lands, responsible for providing strategic leadership and management for programs that focus on the environmental protection and enhancement of NANA lands for subsistence use by shareholders and local communities. President Joe Biden appointed Liz to serve as an industry member on the U.S. Arctic Research Commission. Liz chairs the International Inuit Business Association, which was created by the Inuit Circumpolar Conference to encourage sustainable and equitable expansion of the economy throughout the Arctic and to promote greater self-sufficiency in the Arctic and sub-Arctic regions where Inuit hold rights.

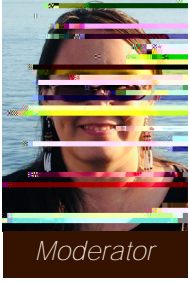


• Laura (she/her) is a senior at UAF studying biology with a concentration in biomedical sciences and a goal of becoming a physician serving rural villages. Laura's family is from Koyukuk, Nulato, and Minto, where she has taken part in the cultural traditions of each place. She was raised in the small village of Minto by her grandparents.

Laura graduated from Mt. Edgecumbe High School in 2018. She wrestled, ran cross country and competed in track and field for Umpqua Community College for two years. She is the 2021 first runner-up Miss WEIO at the World Exhibition of Indigenous Events. She is the recipient of the Chief Andrew Isaac Leadership Award from Doyon.

At UAF, Laura is a BLaST scholar. She does research with Dr. Jacques Phillip. She is the president of the UAF beading club and the Troth Yeddha' Dance Group. Laura is a Peer Educator at the Nanook Diversity and Action Center. Laura also hosts a podcast called the Urban Auntie Show where she interviews guests on Indigenous culture and life.

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**Franklin, Gwich'in** is Gwich'in, Koyukon, and Dena'ina from Beaver. She currently teaches at the University of Alaska Fairbanks as an Assistant Professor.

She has many years of experience as a K-12 certified teacher and principal. She has held multiple positions including Executive Director with the Council of Athabascan Tribal Governments and has served as the Chief of Beaver Village Council. She is currently serving on the Doyon, Limited, Alaska Humanities Forum, and the Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute Board of Directors.



**Franklin, Gwich'in** was born in Old Minto, and raised living a subsistence lifestyle. She has dedicated her life to working on behalf of the Interior Native community; serving on numerous boards and committees. She currently serves as First Chief of Denakkanaaga and as the Elder Advisor to the Fairbanks Native Association Board of Directors. Frank was the first successfully ordained Indigenous woman in the world.



**Franklin, Gwich'in** served on the leadership team of the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (ASRC), where he was Lands Manager, Senior Vice-President of Lands, and Executive Vice-President of Government and External Affairs. He was an elected At-Large director of ASRC for most of that time. Prior to that, he was a North Slope Borough (NSB) department director and worked for multiple NSB Borough Mayors as a department director (Barrow Gas Fields and Energy Management Departments). He was a geologist for his Alaska Native regional and village corporation subsidiaries and has a variety of experience in sea ice research, oil, gas, and mineral exploration and development projects, and permafrost. In Barrow, he served as crew member and co-captain of his extended family's subsistence whaling crew.

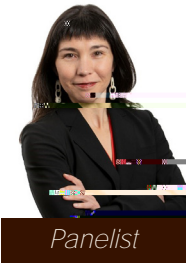
He was awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Alaska Fairbanks for his contributions to the advancement of arctic science and engineering.



Panelist

Andrea F. Jerabek is President and Chief Executive Officer of The Kuskokwim Corporation (TKC), an ANCSA village corporation consisting of ten communities in the Middle Kuskokwim River region. Andrea is the daughter of Cheryl Jerabek of Aniak and Andrew Gusty Sr. of Stony River. Yup'ik and Athabascan, Andrea is a TKC Class B Shareholder and a Tribal member of Aniak.

After college, Andrea returned home to Alaska to work as an investigative news reporter and anchor for KTVA CBS 11 News in Anchorage. Andrea was hired by U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski in 2011 to be her Alaska Communications Director. Andrea previously served as Community Relations, Land and Resource Manager, and Vice President before being appointed as President and CEO of TKC in 2020.



Panelist

Saagulik is NANA Corporation's Vice President of External and Government Affairs, responsible for developing, managing, and leveraging relationships with key stakeholders and partners to advance NANA's mission. Saagulik has worked for NANA as a staff attorney and as a partner at a private law firm, advising Alaska businesses and Alaska Native Tribes, organizations, and corporations. Her most recent position was as general counsel for Maniilaq Association, a Tribal nonprofit corporation that provides health, Tribal government, and social services to residents of northwest Alaska. She has served as a senior policy advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs at the U.S. Department of the Interior and an aide for the Alaska Legislature. Saagulik is a NANA shareholder and a Tribal citizen of the Native Village of Kotzebue.



Panelist

Kaquatosh is the Senior Vice President for Administration for Doyon, Limited. She is responsible for oversight of HR, shareholder records, shareholder outreach, and facilities.

Kaquatosh is the daughter of Barbara Beatus and the late Norman Beatus of Hughes. Her maternal grandparents are Johnson Moses and the late Bertha Moses of Allakaket. Her paternal grandparents are Henry and the late Sophie Beatus of Hughes. Kaquatosh resides in Fairbanks with her husband, Steve, and their daughter, Skye.

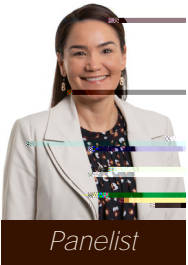






Elizabeth (Beth) Farnsworth is an Assistant Professor of Management at the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) College of Business and Public Policy. Her area of study and teaching is Alaska Native Business Management where she created a minor focused on the Alaska Native Corporation. She was born and raised in Kenai to Bob and Angelina (Snigaro) Guenther.


She currently serves on the Board of Directors of The Aleut Corporation, an Alaska Native Regional Corporation and Atxam Corporation, an Alaska Native Village Corporation. Currently, she is launching an Occupational Endorsement Certificate in Alaska Native Business Management, the first certificate in this area at UAA with a projected launch date of Fall 2022.



Sarah is CIRI's Chief Strategy Officer who plays a key role in identifying long- and short-term business strategies for CIRI while ensuring the organization maintains strategy at the forefront of decision making and management of its resources. She also oversees the corporate affairs and shareholder programs departments and is responsible for CIRI's government relations.

Prior to joining CIRI in 2021, Sarah served as Senior Vice President and Chief Administration Officer for NANA Regional Corporation where she provided strategic leadership in a range of functions for the company. Sarah brings nearly 20 years of experience working with businesses across the U.S. and Canada, including her previous roles as chief operating officer for Pt Capital, senior vice president of corporate affairs for Afognak Native Corporation and executive director of the Native American Contractors Association.

Sarah is Alutiiq from the village of Port Lions, a remote community on Kodiak Island. She is a shareholder of Koniag, Inc. and Afognak Native Corporation and an enrolled tribal member of the Native Village of Afognak and Native Village of Port Lions.

 Anthony L. Hill is President and CEO of Sealaska, an Alaska Native corporation owned by 23,000 Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian shareholders.

Anthony began serving as Sealaska President and CEO in June 2014. In this role, he guides the investment decisions that directly impact Sealaska's people, communities, and the natural environment, all while focusing on increasing profits and benefits for shareholders.

Anthony earned a Bachelor of Industrial Engineering Degree from Stanford University. He originally joined Sealaska in 2006 as the company's Chief Investment Officer and treasurer where he was responsible for the direction of treasury activities of the company and the management of



*Panelist*

Jamie Marunde serves as the Vice President of Lands and Natural Resources for Doyon, Limited. She is responsible for the management of Doyon's Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act lands and resources. She provides technical advice concerning economic minerals, land issues, and coordination with industry and government agencies.

Jamie has worked for Doyon since 2013 in the Finance, Operations, and Lands and Natural Resources Departments. Previous to joining Doyon, she worked at Denali State Bank. Marunde has served on many boards to include the Alaska Miner Association, Northway Natives, Inc., the Wrangell St. Elias National Park Service Subsistence Resource Commission, and the Resource Development Council.

Jamie is Upper Tanana Athabascan raised in Northway.



*Panelist*

Curtis Rasmussen is a current Board Member of the Rasmuson Foundation, Alaska's largest philanthropic foundation. Additionally, he serves as the Chairman of the advisory board overseeing the University of Alaska Anchorage Distinguished Rasmuson Chair of Economics. From 2013-2019, Curtis served as an Honorary Commander for Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson, the forward command for the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Army located in Anchorage.



*Panelist*

[Name obscured], a graduate student studying Rural Development at the University of Alaska Fairbanks



**SARAH** is Senior Vice President of External Affairs for Doyon, Limited. She is responsible for representing Doyon on a wide range of matters before federal, state, and local governments. Sarah is responsible for reviewing and analyzing legislative issues that may impact Doyon's business. Sarah oversees corporate and shareholder communications, including print and digital media, and press relations.

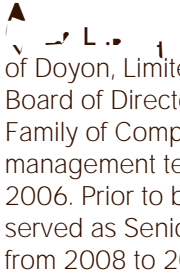
A Doyon shareholder and a Minto Tribal member, Sarah and her husband, Stephen, are raising their daughters in Fairbanks.



**FREDDIE** is Koyukon Athabascan and a Doyon, Limited shareholder. He is a current employee and shareholder descendant of Gana-A'Yoo, Limited. Freddie's position at Gana-A'Yoo is Project Coordinator, Shareholder Programs. His portfolio includes lands/resources management, community relations, and the Gana-A'Yoo Foundation.

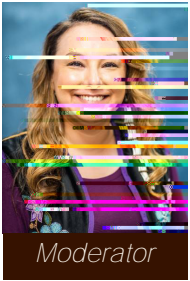
Freddie is a recent graduate of the UAF Rural Development Bachelor of Arts program, with an emphasis in Indigenous Organization Management. Freddie's undergraduate research and senior thesis was focused on ANCSA lands management, shareholder subsistence, and climate change impacts. As a non-traditional student he has built a strong knowledge base on the history of land selections and land management under ANCSA and ANILCA.

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 Aaron L. L. L. is President and Chief Executive Officer of Doyon, Limited. He is responsible for working with the Board of Directors to set the overall direction of the Doyon Family of Companies and provide leadership to its senior management team. Aaron has worked at Doyon since 2006. Prior to being named President and CEO, Aaron served as Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer from 2008 to 2011.



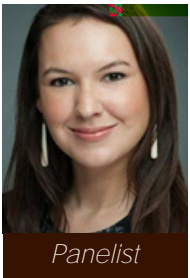
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Dr. Gwich'in Athabasan from Arctic Village. She is an enrolled member of the Native Village of Venetie Tribal Government. Dr. Stern serves as vice chancellor for rural, community and Native education at UAF. Prior to assuming that role, she taught as faculty within the Department of Alaska Native Studies and Rural Development since 2014.

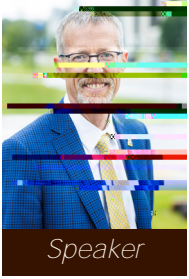


Tia is an Assistant Professor of Alaska Native Studies. She belongs to the Nunamiut people of Anaktuvuk Pass and currently resides in Fairbanks. Tia holds a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degree in English Literature from the University of Alaska Fairbanks.



Raina serves as Senior Advisor to the Secretary of the Interior for Alaska Affairs and Strategic Priorities. She serves as the Department of the Interior's policy lead on issues related to Alaska, which comprises a large proportion of the Department's overall portfolio. She has spent her career in public service, the private sector, and the nonprofit sector. In her previous public service role, she was President Obama's tribal liaison and led planning for President Obama's historic 2015 trip to Alaska. Raina was born and raised in Alaska and her family hails from Pedro Bay Village on Lake Iliamna and Alexander Creek. She is Dena'ina Athabascan and Yup'ik.





Dr. [Name] has served as University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) chancellor since July 2017. He previously served as University of Alaska vice president for academic affairs and research. He joined the faculty of UAF in 1995 as a professor of civil and environmental engineering. He has served in several positions at UAF, including director of the Institute of Northern Engineering, UAF associate vice chancellor for research and head of the Office of Intellectual Property and Commercialization, and interim vice chancellor for research. He has a bachelor's degree in physics from Colorado College, a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Washington University, and a doctorate in civil and environmental engineering from the University of Notre Dame.



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