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Risk Assessment and Leadership:

- Assistant Professor and Program Director, University of Alaska Southeast Outdoor Studies, 2010—current
- Program Coordinator, University of Alaska Southeast Outdoor Studies, 2006—2010
- 25 Major Expeditions since 2003
- Outdoor Studies Instruction: *Outdoor Leadership and Field Expedition, Backcountry Navigation, Winter Backpacking, Rock and Ice Climbing, Glacier Travel and Crevasse Rescue, Mountaineering, Avalanche Evaluation and Assessment Level I, Swiftwater Travel*

Education:

- Master of Arts, Arctic and Northern Studies, Concentrations in Landscape and Place Identity, University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2017
Thesis: “Cowboy Professionalism: A Cultural Study of Big-Mountain Tourism in the Last Frontier”
- Bachelor of Liberal Arts, Interdisciplinary Studies, Concentrations in Natural and Social Science, University of Alaska Southeast, 2005
- Certificate in Outdoor Skills and Leadership, UAS, 2003
- *Wilderness First Responder*, Wilderness Medical Institute, recertified in December 2016; *Avalanche Level I, II, and III*, UAS Outdoor Studies & the American Avalanche Institute, 2002, 2014, 2016; *Certified Single Pitch Instructor, Rock Instructor Course*, American Mountain Guide Association, 2009, 2012; *Rigging for Rescue Fundamentals*, 2010; *Swiftwater Rescue Technician-1*, 2008; *Leave No Trace Master Educator*, 2007

Professional Affiliations:

- American Mountain Guides Association
- American Avalanche Association
- Alaska Mountaineering School
- Alaska Avalanche School

Professional Conferences:

- International Snow Science Workshop, Breckenridge, CO, Oct. 2016
- Alaska Historical Society Conference, Seward, AK, Oct. 2014
- National Outdoor Leadership & Skills Risk Management Conferences 2006 - 2008

Public Service:

- “Japan Ski Mountaineering,” *Art meets Science* Student Lecture Series, UAS, 2017

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- “Climbing in the Arrigetch,” *Sound and Motion* Lecture Series, UAS, 2015
- “Climbing Denali,” *Evening at Egan* Lecture Series, UAS, 2010
- “What is a Liberal Arts Approach to Outdoor Studies?” *Evening at Egan* Lecture Series, UAS, with Kevin Krein, 2008
- Citizen Advisory Board, Alaska State Parks, 2013 – current
- Citizen Advisory Board, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, 2010 – 2012

Character References:

- Kevin Krein, Academic Director of Outdoor Studies, University of Alaska Southeast; kevin.krein@alaska.edu
- Marsha Sousa, Director, University of Alaska Fairbanks Honors College; mcsousa@alaska.edu (former Dean of UAS School of Arts and Sciences)
- Mary Ehrlander, Director, Arctic and Northern Studies Program, UAF; mfehrlander@alaska.edu
- Colby Coombs, Director, Alaska Mountaineering School; colby@climbalaska.org
- Melis Coady, Director, Alaska Avalanche School; melis@alaskaavalanche.com

Abbreviated Outdoor Pursuits Resume:

PROFESSIONAL:

- *University of Alaska Southeast (UAS)*, INSTRUCTOR, multi-week expeditions: Chugach Expedition, **Mt. Goode**, May 2017 (attempt); **Denali** West Buttress, May 2015 (attempt); Japan Ski Mountaineering, Dec. 2015/ Jan. 2016; Brooks Range Expedition, Arrigetch Peaks, **Shot Tower**, Aug. 2014; Chugach Expedition, **Mt. Fafner**, May 2014; Chilkat Ski Traverse, **Teardrop Peak**, May 2013; Ecuador Expedition, **Mts. Cotopaxi** and **Cayambe**, Dec. 2012/Jan. 2013; Chugach Expedition, **Mt. Marcus Baker**, May 2012, (attempt); Wrangells Expedition, **Mt. Sanford**, May 2011; **Denali** West Buttress, May 2010; Southeast Sea Kayaking & Mountaineering, **Mt. Edgecumbe**, May 2009; Brooks Range Expedition, **Doonerak**, May 2008 (attempt); Wrangells Expedition, **Mt. Sanford**, May 2007 (attempt); Wrangells Expedition, **Mt. Bona**, May 2006; Admiralty Island Mountaineering, **Eagle Peak**, May 2003.
- *UAS*, INSTRUCTOR, ski and alpine mountaineering courses, Juneau Icefield Peak Ascents and Traverses, including: **Mt. Bullard** and **Emperor Peak**, 2017; **Mt. Wrath**, Juneau Icefield, and **Mt. Emmerich**, Chilkat Range, 2016 (attempt)*; **Snow Tower**, 2015 (attempt); **Mt. Stroller White**, 2014; **Rhino Peak**, 2013; **Exploration Peak**, 2012; Douglas Island Ski Traverse, 2011; **Dean Peak**, 2007 – 2010; **Mt. McGinnis**, 2010 – current.
*hospitalized from a brown bear attack, details available on request
- *Alaska Mountaineering School (AMS)*, GUIDE: Six **Denali** West Buttress Expeditions, June 2014 (attempt), June 2012 (attempt), June 2011, ParaJumper Expedition June 2010, June 2009, June 2008.
- *AMS*, INSTRUCTOR, Eldridge Mountaineering Course, August 2011*

* a 100-year storm event left the expedition eight days overdue with nine students. We rationed food and fuel and survived unharmed.

- *National Park Service*, Vol. CLIMBING RANGER, Denali Nat. Park, June 2013
- *Aventuras Patagonicas*, GUIDE, Central Andes, **Aconcagua**, Dec. 2009, Jan. 2010
- *Patagonia Mountain Agency*, INTERN GUIDE, Khumbu Expedition, Nepalese Himalayas, **Island Peak**, September 2003, **Pumori**, October 2003 (attempt)

PERSONAL:

- Equinox Marathon, Sept. 2017, 2005, 2000
- White Mountains 100, March 2017 (attempt)
- **Nun Mountain**, Chilkats, Southeast Alaska, October 2016, first ascent
- "Triple Couloirs," **Dragon Tail Peak**, North Cascades, March 2015
- "Wallowlicious," **Peak 9000**, College Glacier, E. Alaska Range, September 2011, first ascent
- Sulva Buttress, **Fifth Mendenhall Tower**, Juneau Icefield, August 2009, Sept. 2010 (attempts)
- Traverse of **Mt. Logan**, East Ridge to King's Trench, May 2009
- Alaska Mountain Wilderness Classic, Brooks Range, April 2006; Wrangells, April 2009.
- **Mts. Rainier, Hood, and Helens**, July 2007
- **Mt. Drum**, Wrangells, June 2006 (attempt)
- **Denali W.B.**, May 2005, upper mountain solo
- "Ham n Eggs," **Moose's Tooth**, Central Alaska Range, April 2004
- Mountaineers Route, **Main Mendenhall Tower, Split Thumb**, Juneau Icefield, August 2003
- Various Rock and Ice Climbs, Grade II – V, North America

Abbreviated Additional Resume:

- INSTRUCTOR, Alaska Avalanche School, Anch., Alaska, Winter 2017/ Spring 2018
- GUIDE, Alaska Powder Descents, Juneau, Alaska, 2015 – current
- Commercial Salmon Fishermen, Bristol Bay, Alaska, 2011 – current
 - *Skipper, F/V EDA-F*, June – August 2017
 - *Deck Boss, F/V EDA-F*, June – August 2015
 - *Deck Hand, F/V Neva-G*, June – August, 2011 – 2014
- GUIDE, Northstar Trekking, Juneau, Alaska, May – September 2003
- Commercial and Residential Carpenter, 2004 – current
- Wildland Firefighter, Alaska Fire Service, 2000/ 2001
 - *Sawyer*, Chena Hot Shots, Fairbanks, Alaska, May – Oct. 2001
 - *Sawyer*, North Star Fire Crew, Fairbanks, Alaska, May – Aug. 2000

Miscellanea:

- Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America Troop 1, Fairbanks, Alaska, 1996