

Foundations Fund Film Project on the Dauenhauers

UAS has collaborated with the Alaska Humanities Forum, Goldbelt Heritage Foundation, Kathy Ruddy (in memory of Bill Ruddy), and the Rasmuson Foundation to bring in \$38,000 for a three-phase project to create central spaces for Alaska Native Languages & Alaska Native Knowledge on the Juneau campus and a film project documenting the lives of the late Richard and Nora Dauenhauer, who drove language revitalization, civil rights, and equal education efforts in Southeast Alaska. Richard and Nora tell stories of their life and work, and share their personal archives. The final product is a “living history” that will be screened at an Alaska Native Film Series. An initial cut of the film premiered at the final Evening at Egan of the 2015 series, Friday, November 20 at the Juneau campus Egan Library.

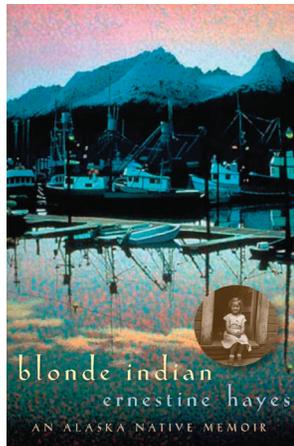


A Wolf Called Romeo

Thank you to author and photographer Nick Jans for a truly extraordinary and heartfelt Evening at Egan presentation at the Egan Library, October 16, 2015

Haye's Memoir Named First Statewide "Read"

This year's One Campus One Book now has an added honor. English faculty Ernestine Hayes' American Book Award winning memoir *Blonde Indian* has been named the first statewide “read” by the Alaska Center for the Book. Between October and February of 2016, Alaskans will be reading *Blonde Indian* and talking about it. Libraries will have copies of the book and bookstores will have it on their shelves. *Blonde Indian* is available as an e-book as well.



At the Evening at Egan November 6, Hayes discussed her book and explored the prevalence of the animistic worldview of Tlingit being.

Sitka Shows Off Fisheries Course for iPad

At the annual conference October 23–25 in Sitka, fisheries technology professors Reid Brewer and Joel Markis led a session called College Fisheries Coursework Available on the iPad, which focused on the use of mobile technology in the classroom. Marine biology professor Jan Straley, along with Sitka Sound Science Center manager Lisa Busch, discussed Sitka's Scientists in the Schools program in the session Working Scientists into your Classroom. Math professor Joe Liddle also offered a session entitled Intro to Khan Academy, which explored the educational tool from both teacher and student perspectives.



Assimilation at Evening at Egan

The white boys are read the rules by their Yupik teacher in this play that turns the tables on the disturbing history of boarding schools for Alaska Natives.

The UAS Juneau campus was the first stop for a statewide tour of the play, *Assimilation*. Five actors and Alaska Native playwright and storyteller Jack Dalton took the stage with the two hour play Friday, October 9 at the Egan Library. The performance was followed by a lengthy and informative discussion. The ensemble is touring the play around Alaska with hopes of healing brutal history.

\$8.7 million in Title III Funding for Alaska Native Student Success

The Ketchikan campus has been awarded a \$5 million five year grant is to increase UASK's institutional capacity to deliver e-Learning degree programs to Alaska Native and rural Alaskan students.

The grant will fund the hiring of two Arts & Sciences e-Learning Outreach Advisors to provide initial/orientation advising, career services advising, and internship/community service placement for remote rural and Alaska Native students; and travel for face-to-face advising outreach in students' home communities, increasing relationships with students, community organizations, and potential employers for UAS students.

The Sitka campus was awarded \$3.76 million in Title III funding for the project, The Complete to Compete: A Holistic Approach to Student Success for Alaska Native and High-Need Students. The project will focus on furthering efforts toward integrating student affairs and academic affairs in supporting students and faculty.

Fish Tech e-Learning Students in the Field



Fish Tech students help ADF&G stock a lake in Anchorage.

Fisheries Technology faculty Jim Seeland met up with students in Anchorage for a three-day hands-on orientation with Alaska's fisheries in October. The Alaska Salmon Culture Lab gave e-Learning students the chance to interact with their professor, hatchery staff, and fish. The course has had great success in Sitka, but this is the first year the lab has been offered in an alternative location. Seeland understands that many of his students have families and full time jobs. "We're always thinking about how to make our courses more affordable and accessible to students," he said.

Faculty and Alumni Share Knowledge at Clan Conference

UAS faculty were involved in planning, presentations and story collecting at the bi-annual "Sharing Our Knowledge: A Conference of Tlingit Tribes and Clans" October 28-31 at Centennial Hall in Juneau. The clan conference has been a gathering of elders and academics, tradition bearers and students since 1993 when it was initiated by the late Tlingit scholar Andrew Hope III. The 2015 conference had about 40 sessions ranging in topics from art to ecology. UAS presenters included Alaska Native Languages and Studies program head Lance Twitchell with "Creating a Tlingit Language Immersion School" and 2014 graduate Will Geiger on "De-colonial ethics in the work of Richard Dauenhauer." Affiliate Assistant Professor of Alaska Native Languages Alice Taff was a conference organizer. Events included a weaving exhibit, a Native



2014 Alumnus Will Geiger presents a paper on Richard Dauenhauer and Anti-Colonialism at the 2015 Clan Conference.

Arts market, and a chance to listen to Alaska Native educational stories through "StoryCorps @ Your Library."

Adjunct Communications faculty and Juneau Public Library program coordinator Beth Weigel hosted a listening booth featuring excerpts from interviews recorded in Juneau, Haines and Klukwan. Conference attendees recorded their own stories alone or with a friend or family member. "It's a great format for passing down stories through the generations and telling people about experiences that they've lived and they want to share and make sure that that voice stays alive, the sound of that voice as well as the stories from that person," said Weigel.

Grand Check



L-R: Regional Vice President Luke Fanning, Senior Vice President Charlie Weimer, Chancellor Rick Caulfield, Vice Chancellor Joe Nelson

First National Bank Alaska demonstrated its commitment to the future of Alaska and to the Southeast region at its ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Juneau Regional Branch Oct. 2. At the ceremony, Regional Vice President Luke Fanning and Senior Vice President Charlie Weimer presented \$15,000 to Chancellor Rick Caulfield and Vice Chancellor Joe Nelson for the "Getting Ready for College" program.