

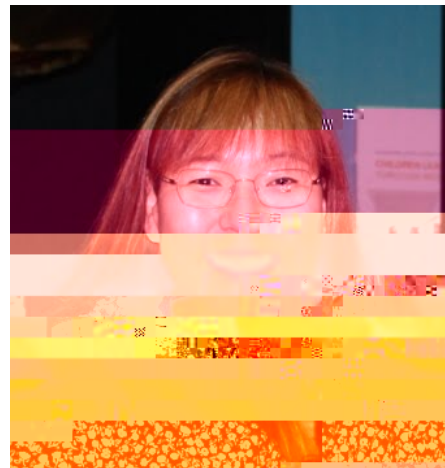


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Amelia (Amy) *Ahnaughuq* Katherine Topkok is an enrolled member of the Iñupiaq group Kikiktagrumiut of Kotzebue. Her parents are from Shishmaref and Noatak, Alaska. Topkok has lived in Fairbanks for over 30 years, and achieved her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Art from UAF focused in Drawing and Native Art in 1997, and recently graduated in May 2018 with her Master of Arts in Cross-Cultural Studies from UAF, with her Master's project entitled, "Alaska Iñupiaq Skin-sewing Designs: A Portal into Cultural Identity." Topkok has worked at the University of Alaska Campus since 1994 in various



administrative positions, and is currently the Biomedical Learning and Student Training program (BLaST) Reporting and Outreach Coordinator. Recently, Topkok is teaching two courses at UAF: Alaska Native Studies Alaska Native Dance; and Aesthetic Appreciation of Alaska Native Performance. Topkok's research focused on identifying Native values and the importance of cultural identity within her family of skin-sewers, most of whom reached several generations.

Amelia has also performed Alaska Native Iñupiaq dance since the early 1990s, and has been an integral member of the non-profit group Pawva Iñupiaq Dancers of Fairbanks with her husband, Dr. Sean Topkok, and their three sons since its creation in 1999. Other volunteer work included being a member of Alaska Native Education program at the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District for over ten years, the Board Diversity Committee for one year under the FNSBSD, and also more recently volunteering through teaching Alaska Native dance at the Residential Treatment Center of Fairbanks. Topkok has been awarded the 2014 Parent of the Year by the National Indian Education Association (NIEA), for her volunteer efforts through the ANE program and the Native dance group. She is fluent in Norwegian, English, and Iñupiaq.

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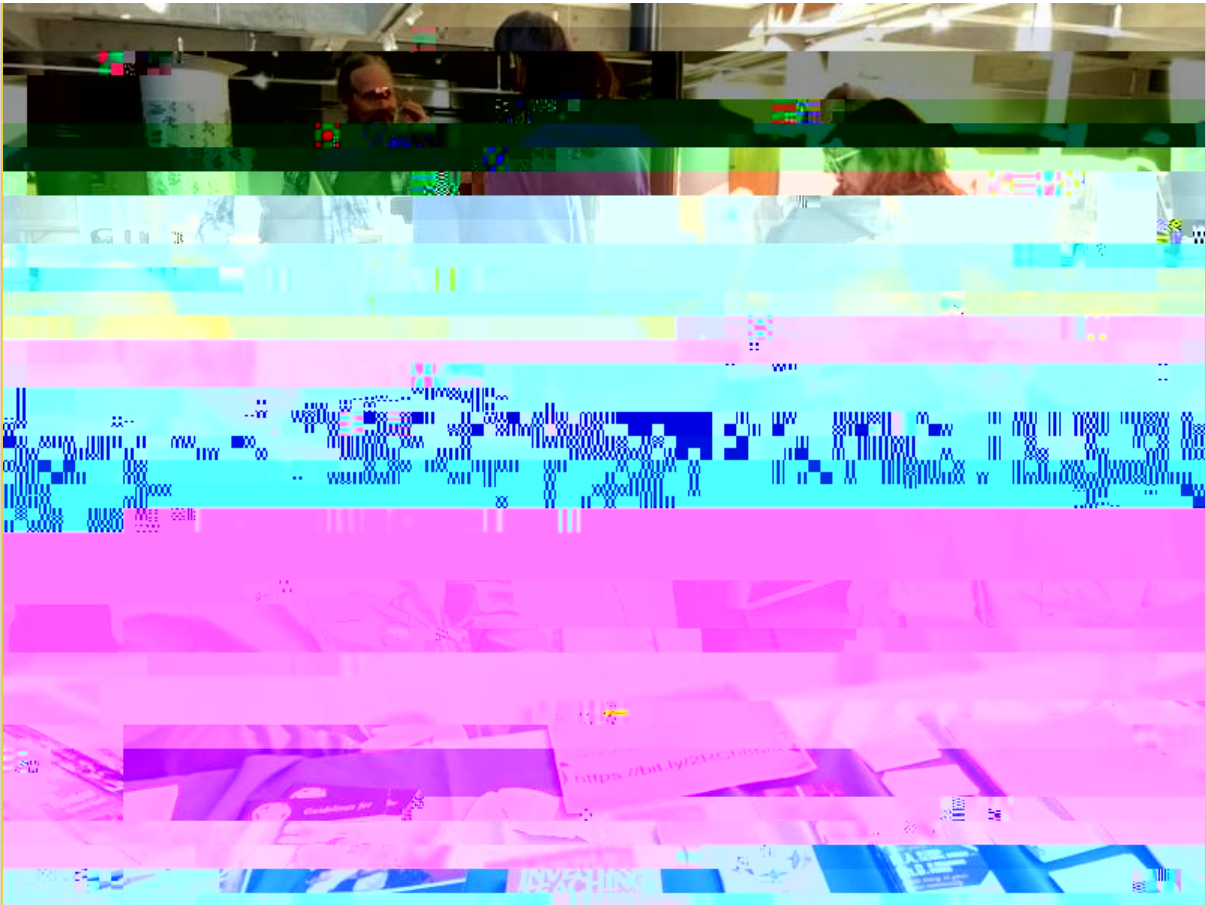
**College of Liberal Arts**

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2018 Indigenous Peoples Day was a blast! Thank you to the College of Rural and Community Development for hosting Indigenous Peoples Day events on UAF campus. Our department participated in a vendor table selling ANKN books and talking to prospective students. If you have any questions about our Alaska Native Knowledge Network books and materials please contact Professor Richard Hum at 907-474-5897 or email [rehum@alaska.edu](mailto:rehum@alaska.edu).



Left to Right: Graduate Student and Administrative Coordinator Crystal Frank and Professor Richard Hum



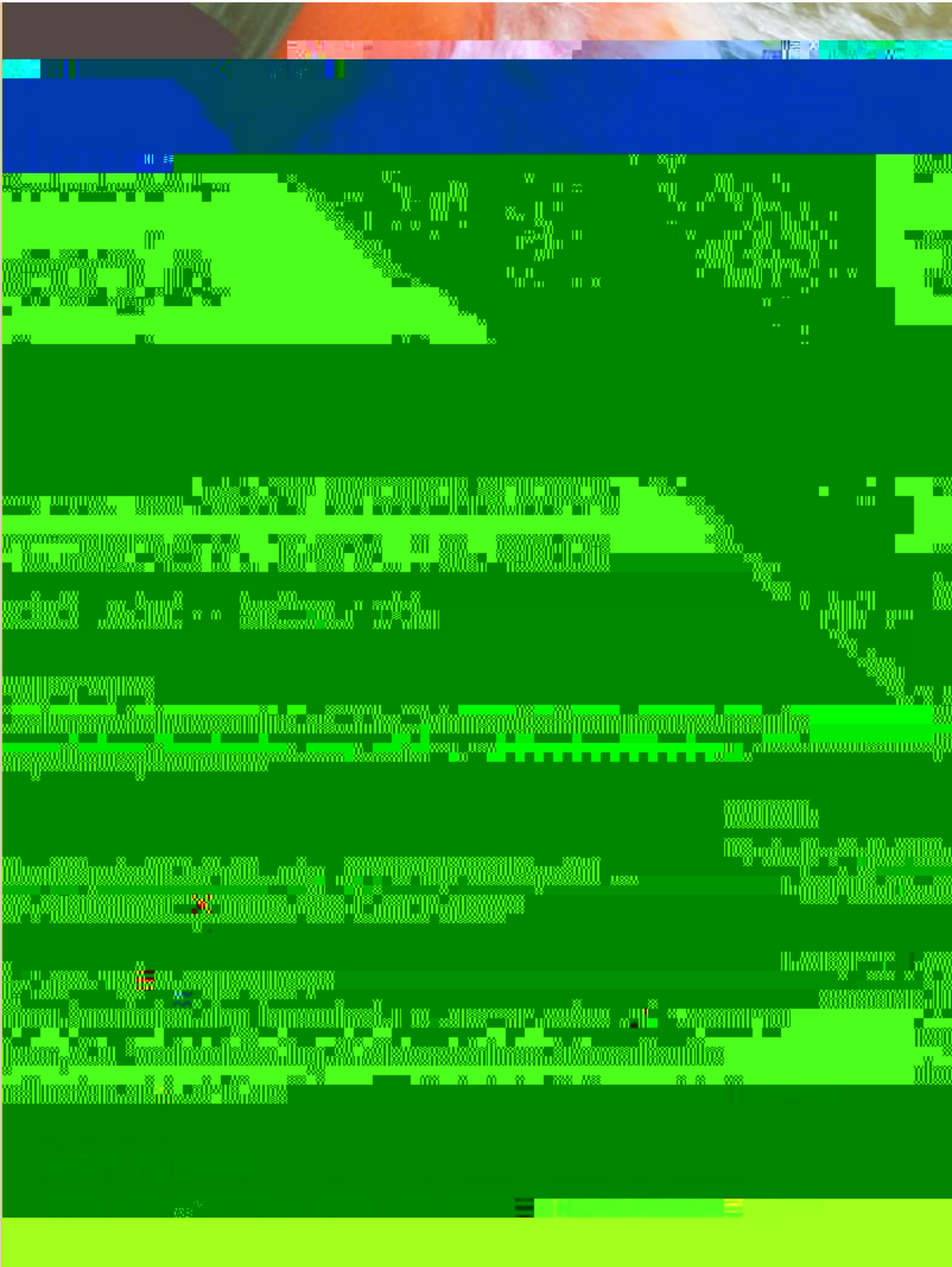
Left to Right; Professor Sean Topkok and Professor Richard Hum

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First time ever the Center for Cross-Cultural Studies participated in Elders and Y







Open Space Workshop

Tue, 13 November 2018

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Here is a list of a few clubs on the UAF campus. Thank you to the Rural Student Services Newsletter for providing this information.

### **Aarigaa**

Aarigaa is a group for students to come together to learn about God, worship, and spend time with one another.

Aarigaa Fairbanks Director: Tricia Ivanoff (907) 625-1622

### **Alaska Native Education Student Association (ANESA)**

ANESA is a student organization for students interested in becoming elementary or high school teachers. All students are welcome to join whether or not they are majoring or interested in this area.

Staff Advisor: Colleen Angaiak (907) 474-7871

### **American Indian Sciences & Engineering Society (AISES)**

AISES is a student organization for students majoring or interested in the natural sciences, computer science, engineering, wildlife, mathematics, health fields, as well as students who intend to be math and/or science teachers.

Staff Advisor: Olga Skinner (907) 474-7871

### **Alaska Native Social Workers Association (ANSWA)**

ANSWA is a student organization for students majoring or interested in social work, sociology, psychology, human service technology.

Staff Advisor: Gabrielle Russell (907) 474-7871

Faculty Advisor: LaVerne Demientieff (Social Work Department)

### **Beading and Sewing Club**

This is a club where students can come together to bead and sew. Everyone is welcome! If you do not know how there will be someone there who can help you out!

Staff Advisor: Kathleen Meckel

### **Festival of Native Arts**

The Alaska Native Studies Department hosts the annual Festival of Native Arts in March. Volunteers are needed to assist the student-operated organization. Your energy and ideas will contribute to this successful event.

Contact Alaska Native Studies Dept, (907) 474-6889 or (907) 474-6528

### **Iñu-Yupiaq**

The Iñu-Yupiaq Dance Group is a student dance club that performs many Inupiaq and Yup'ik songs and dances. Everyone is invited to participate.

Staff Advisor: Minnie Naylor (907) 474-6616

### **Native American Business Leaders (NABL)**

NABL is a student organization for students majoring or interested in accounting, applied accounting, applied business, business administration, economics, or rural development.

Faculty Advisor: Sam Alexander (907) 474-5571

### **Native Games**

This is a group of students that get together to play Native games.

Staff Advisor: Gabrielle Russell (907) 474-7871

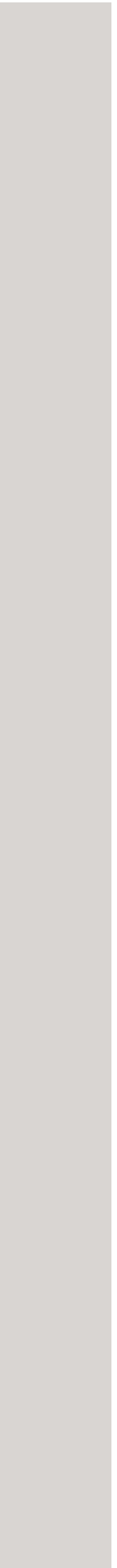
### **Native Student Union of UAF**

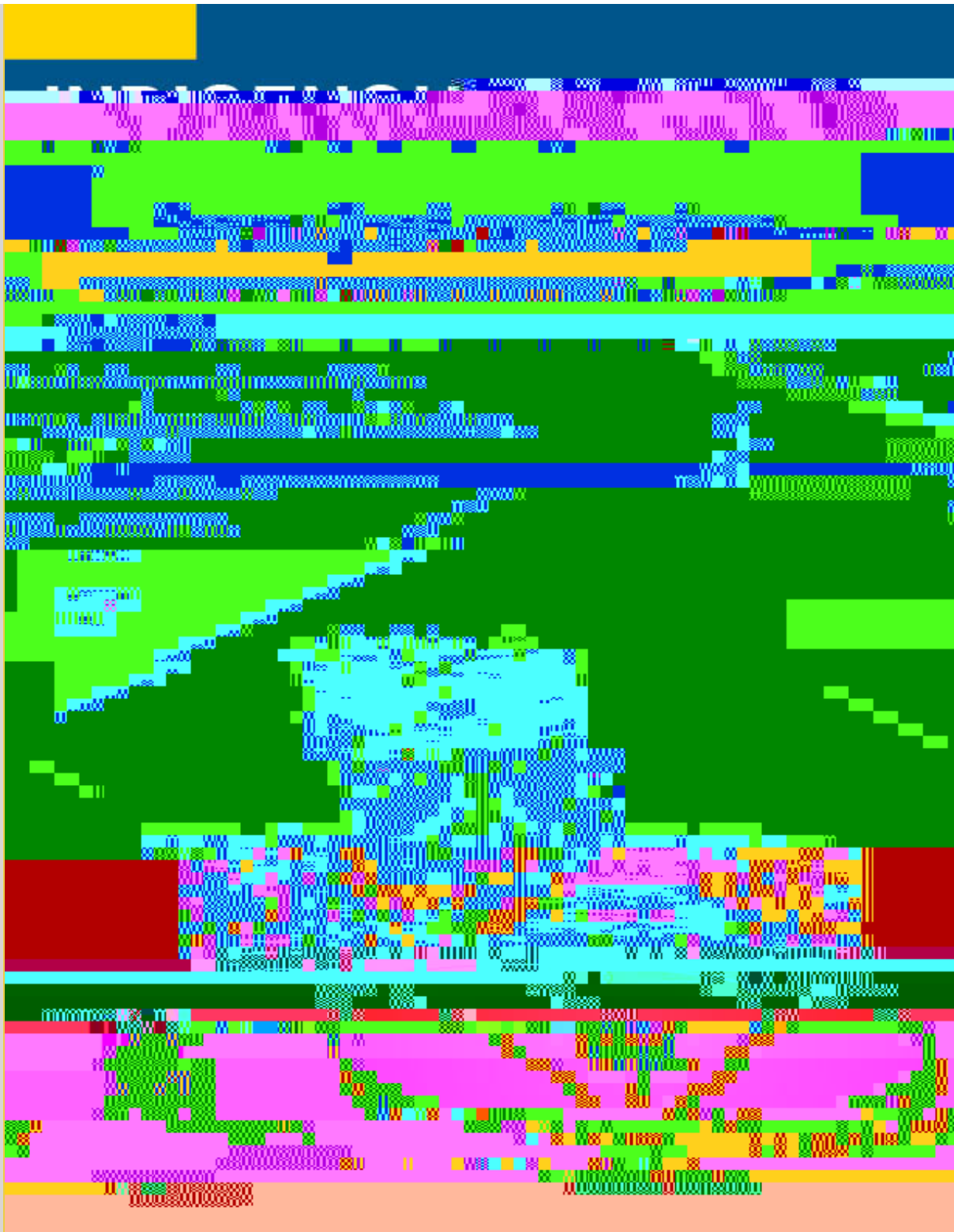
Group of students with intentions and ideas for a positive change in politics. Everyone is invited to attend the meetings.

Faculty Advisor: Charlene Stern (907) 474-5293

### **Troth Yeddha' Dance Group**





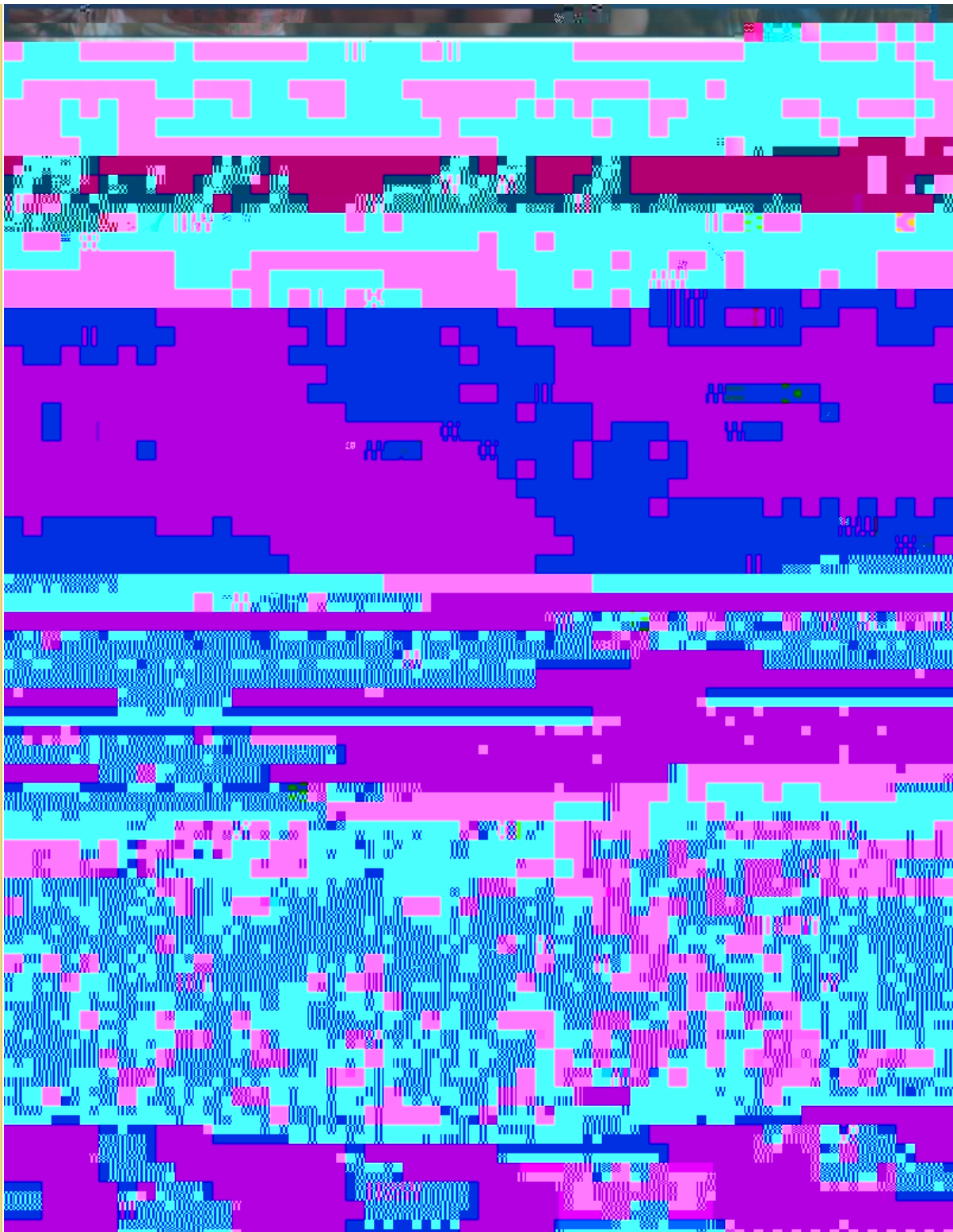


Join us for the next Brown Bag Lunch Thursday Nov. 8th, 12-1:00 pm Alaska time. We'll broadly be discussing the "tools of research" with a focus on how to stay organized and keep track of all they are learning you are doing while a graduate student-- from class work all the way through to dissertation writing.

Join us in person at Grue. 503F, or call in via 1 (866) 245-8984.

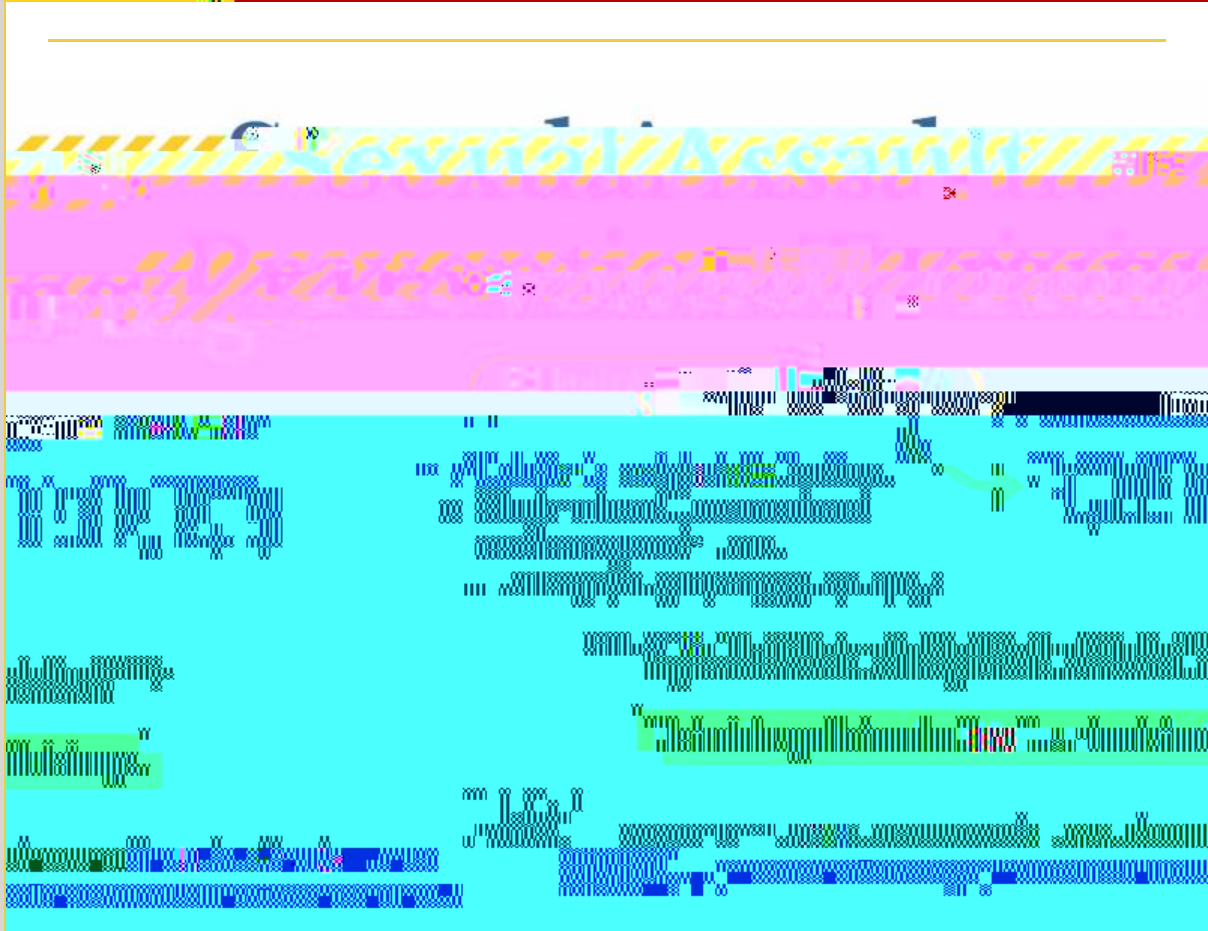
If you have any questions email Rich Hum at [rehum@alaska.edu](mailto:rehum@alaska.edu).

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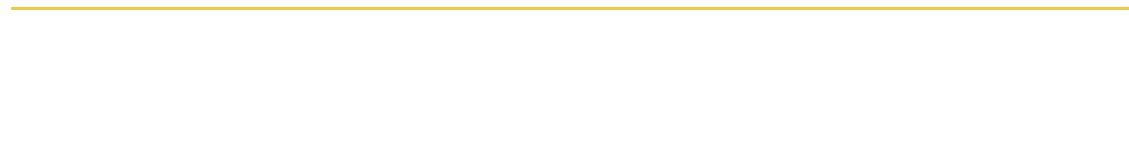
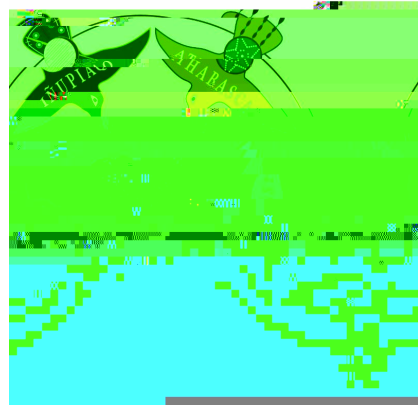
## Alaska Native Knowledge Network

The Alaska Native Knowledge Network (ANKN) is a unique resource maintained through the Center for Cross-Cultural Studies for our students and the communities they serve.

ANKN is located on the 5th floor of the Gruening Building, room 503F. Please contact Richard Hum at 907-474-5897 or

email [rehum@alaska.edu](mailto:rehum@alaska.edu) for any inquiries on books and posters.

**[ANKN Website Link](#)**



Bill Stevens, who has the Gwich'in nickname Ch'adzah Aghwaa "He Carries the Dance," is one of Alaska's premier folk dance fiddlers. Moreover, he is a fine human being and an old-fashioned gentleman. True to his Fort Yukon and Black River roots. True to himself. And greatly respected. His music is very old and echoes all along the Yukon River, where it has tremendous staying power. With Bill's energetic

