

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- Ph. D, August 2000 University of California Santa Barbara
Religious Studies with emphasis in Native American
Religious Traditions.
Dissertation title: Yuuyaraq (The Way of the Human Being): The
Transmission of Religious & Cultural Knowledge by a Contemporary
Yupiaq Family
- M.A. June 1997 University of California Santa Barbara
Religious Studies with emphasis in Nat. Amer. Rel. Trads.
- B.A. June 1991 Alaska Pacific University, Anchorage,
Alaska. Organizational Administration, Management.
- A.A. Degree May 1971 University of Alaska Fairbanks, Alaska.
Electronics Technology

AREAS OF INTEREST AND SUBSTANTIVE KNOWLEDGE

Organizational administration, management, Native self-governance, Alaska Native Education, Alaska Native Knowledge Systems (Native Ways of Knowing), Alaska Native culture and history (especially Yupiaq culture), cross-cultural dynamics/communications, grant writing, cultural sensitivity, orality and literacy, ethnographic process, issues of translation of indigenous narrative and cultural anthropology, Native American Religious Traditions & Philosophy. Hobbies: carving, sculpting, traditional Yupiaq Graphic Art on seal gut, Adobe Photoshop-enhancement of imagery, acting, voice over actor, and music (guitar and woodwinds).

LANGUAGES

Bilingual fluency in Yupiaq Eskimo and English
Translational ability in Yupiaq Eskimo
Translational ability in French
Yupiaq Language Consultant to UCSB Linguistic Department, Field Methods Seminar.
UCSB operates on the quarter (qtr.) system.
Fall Qtr. 1993 to Spring Qtr. 1997

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS

UAF, Dennis Demmert Appreciation & Recognition Ward (from Native American Business Leaders and Rural Student Services), May 1, 2002.
Centre For Advanced Study, Oslo, Norway, Dissertation Fellowship, 1998-1999
Allaway Fellowship UCSB, Dissertation Fellowship, 1998-1999
Affirmative Action UCSB, Dissertation Fellowship, 1998-1999
Michaelson Fellowship, Dept. Religious Studies, Dissertation Fellowship, 1998-1999
American Indian Educator of the Year, American Indian Education Opportunities Program, UCSB. June 1997.
Graduate Opportunities Fellowship 1993-1994, 1994-1995, 1995-1996, 1996 -1997 1997-98.
Rowney Fellowship 1994-1995, 1995-1996 (Research assistantship)
Teacher's Assistant for RS 14 : Introduction of Native American Religious Traditions, Fall Quarter 1996, RS 155: Religion & Impact of Vietnam, Winter Quarter 1997, RS 1: Introduction to Religion, Spring Quarter 1997, RS14: Introduction to Native American Religious Traditions, Fall Quarter 1997.

AFFILIATIONS

National Minority Aging Organization Advisory Committee, August 2007
Alaska Native Veterans Association, Founding Director in Fairbanks, AK 2002
American Academy of Religions, (Indigenous Religious Traditions) (Native Traditions in the Americas)
American Public Health Association, American Indian, Alaska Native & Native Hawaiian Caucus.
AARP
Society for the Study of Native American Religious Traditions
Calista Corporation, Regional Native Corporation, enrolled shareholder
Bethel Native Corporation, ANCSA village corporation, enrolled shareholder
Orutsaramuit Native Council, enrolled tribal member. Yupiaq 4/4.
Screen Actors' Guild, Los Angeles Branch, Actor and Voice Over Actor

PUBLICATIONS:

“Oral Traditions, Yupiaq”, American Indian Religious Traditions: An Encyclopedia. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2003. Also on the Editorial board and author in this encyclopedia.

The Seen and the Unseen: Ritual Transformation through Yupiaq Song, Dance, Mask, and Ceremony, George Charles (University of California Santa Barbara) American Academy of Religion, 1996 Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 23-26. A179 Native Traditions in the Americas Group.

Yuuyaraq, The Way of the Human Being: Genres of Yup'ik Verbal Art in the Transmission of Knowledge, George Charles, (University of California Santa Barbara), American Academy of Religion, 1997 Annual Meeting, San Francisco, November 22-25. A52 Native Traditions in the Americas Group.

Angalkugyaraq (The Way of the Angalkuq): The Inner Language of Ritual. June 1999. Oslo, Norway.

“Who We Are Through Our Voices: Yupiaq Identity. A paper submitted to Ethnicity and Identity in the North. ICNSA 3 2000 Sapporo Conference. Sapporo, Japan. October 14, 2000. Published in 2004. Invited lecture and the paper was reviewed by the editors

Manuscript “Taicarqq Niciarniartuten: Yupiaq Voices in the Transmission of Cultural Knowledge” being considered for publication by the University of Nebraska Press. Initial editing with acquisition editor (in progress).

Central Alaskan Yup’ik Eskimo, Rubino, Carl and Kanaqlak George Charles, Facts About the World’s Languages: An Encyclopedia fo the World’s Major Languages, Past and Present, eds. Garry, Jane and Carl Rubio. H.W.Wilson Company, New York and Dublin, 2001.

Yuuyaraq (The Way of Human Being) as Interpreted by Contemporary Yup’ik Family, Kanaqlak (George P. Charles), Shamanhood Symbolism and Epic, ed. By Juha Pentikainen in collaboration with Hanna Saressalo and Chuner M. Takasami, Akademiäi Kiado, Budapest. 2001. Bibliotheca Shamanistica, ed. Hoppal, Mihaly, International Society for Shamanic Research. Vol. 9.

NRC PRESENTATIONS

National Minority Aging Organization Advisory Committee: Voices of our Elders and Who are Alaska Natives, August 29, 2007, Phoenix, AZ.

Juneau Senior Center Site Managers’ Workshop: Bridging the Cultural Gap, Oct. 06, Juneau, Alaska.

National Indian Council on Aging, “When Elders Voice Their Health Care Needs.” Fall 06 Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Title VI Training Forum, “Who are Alaska Natives & How to talk with health care providers.” Juneau Fall 06

American Indian Research Forum, Changing Lenses: When the Community Listens to its Elders. Spring 06, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

White House Conference on Aging, December 2005, Washington, D.C. National Congress of American Indian Delegate.

National Council on Race & Ethnicity (NCORE), New York; Creating Valuable Linkages between the University of Alaska Anchorage and Native Community Elders:

Three Projects increasing Intergenerational Participatory Research between Alaska Native Elders and College Students, New York City, New York Spring 2005

Administration on Aging: Listening Session – Elder Abuse with Dr. Easley and Mr. Jim LaBelle, Washington, D.C. Spring 2005

American Public Health Association, Alaska Native Contact Experience, Washington, D.C. Fall 2004.

PRESENTATIONS ON UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS & COMMUNITY

Guest lecture:

- Alaska Police Academy: Alaska Native Culture and History. Fall 2003
- Psychology, PSY 195 Alaska Native & Native American Psychology: Overview of the Alaska Native experience, pre-contact & present. June 13, 2003.
- Alaska Native Studies, ANS 242: Native Cultures of Alaska class: Woody Island Tribal Council Retreat and Honoring Alaska Native Veterans. June 11, 2003
- Woody Island Tribal Council Retreat, Woody Island: Healing & Wellness, Healing the Broken Circle. June 5-8, 2003.
- College of Rural Alaska, Faculty & Staff Face to Face Meeting: Panel Moderator: Tenure & Promotion. May, 2003.
- UAF-Liberal Education & Global Citizenship: Arts of Democracy Project (Project member appointed by the Provost): Panel Moderator-Indigenous Rights & Native Sovereignty. March 10, 2003.
- UAF, Multicultural Affairs, Forum on Institutional Climate, Schaible Hall, April 26, 2002
- UAF Chancellor's Summit, Institutional Climate, Chena River Convention Center, March 2002.
- UAF, Multi-cultural Affairs, Forum on Institutional Climate, Woods Center Ballroom, Feb. 21, 2002.
- UAF, Dept. of Alaska Native & Rural Development, College of Rural Alaska, Nov. 28-Dec. 1, 2001, Indigenous Oral Traditions Seminar, Anchorage, Alaska.
- UAF, Rural Human Services, "Cross-cultural Bridging Skills Seminar: Yupiaq World-view. Nov. 13, 2001.
- Howard Luke Academy, Yupiaq Medicine People, April 12, 2001.
- Howard Luke Academy, My year in Vietnam: Conflicts and Healing, November 14, 2000.
- Alaska Native Studies, ANS 242: Native Cultures of Alaska; Yupiaq Paradigm, Spring 01.
- Alaska Native Studies, ANS 325: Native Self-Government: Yupiaq Self-Governance. Spring 01.
- Socratic Society: Yuuyaraq (The Way of the Human Being): A Linguistic Analysis. Fall '00.

Anthropology F610: Northern Indigenous Peoples & Contemporary Issues:
Yupiaq Identity Issues. Fall '00.

Psychology 655: Cross-cultural healing: Healing Through Defining Yuuyaraq Fall
'00.

Alaska Native Studies, ANS 242: Yupiaq Essence. Fall '00.

UAF Board of Regents: Urging continued budge support of Alaska Native
Education at UAF, November 18-19,1999.

Northern Studies, NORS F601: Research Methods & Sources in the North. A
Yupiaq View of Being Researched. Fall 1999

Anthropology Department, ANTH 606: Folklore & Mythology: Anthropological
Perspectives. Yupiaq perspectives. Fall 1999

Alaska Native Studies, ANS 242: Native Cultures of Alaska, Yuuyaraq (The Way
of the Human Being), Fall '99 and Spring '00 semester for one class lecture each

Dissertation Research Lecture, May 14, 1999.

PRESENTATIONS ON UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA ANCHORAGE CAMPUS

Alaska Native Leadership Class, Mr. James LaBelle, Adjunct Faculty: Native Cultures of
Alaska and Emerging Alaska Native Leadership. Fall 2003

Alaska Native Cultures Class, Mr. James LaBelle, Adjunct Faculty: Yuuyaraq (The Way
of the Human Being): Cultural Traditions and Values. Spring 2004

Cultural Knowledge of Native Elders class, Dr. Jeanne Eider, UAA Director of Native
Student Services. Fall 04 Sept. 21, 2004: National Resource Center and Yuuyaraq: The
Way of the Human Being.

Natives of Alaska, Anthro 200. Dr. Phyllis Fast, Visiting professor. Yuuyaraq: The Way
of the Human Being. Sept. 14, 2004.

PRESENTATIONS ON UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SANTA BARBARA CAMPUS

Respondent: Shamanism Conference by Dr. Juha Pentikainen. December 2, 1997.

Guest lecture:

“Shamanism and Traditional Religions”, RS 1: Introduction to Religion. Spring
Quarter 1997.

“Yupiaq Cultural World View” Creative Studies 14. Winter 1996

“A Yupiaq Medicine Song” Religious Studies 110D Winter 1996

“Ritual Transformation Through A Yupiaq Myth” Religious Studies 14. Fall 1995

"Yuuyaraq": The Way of the Human Being. Religious Studies 247, Seminar on Native American Religious Traditions. Winter Quarter 1994.

"Yupiaq Spirituality" Religious Studies 14, Introduction to Native American Religious Traditions. Fall 1994.

Panelist: Environmental Science Class: A Land Ethic. February 1995.

INVITED LECTURES

Yuuyaraq: The Way of the Human Being, Our Identity. The Four Winds Foundation, The Spring 2001 Wisdom Lecture Series, Fairbanks, Alaska. April 5, 2001

"Who We Are Through Our Voices: Yupiaq Identity. A paper submitted to Ethnicity and Identity in the North. ICNSA 3 2000 Sapporo Conference. Sapporo, Japan. October 14, 2000.

"Native American Perspectives: A journey into indigenous world views." University of Bergen, Bergen, Norway. March 12, 1999.

"Angalkuryaraq (The Yupiaq Medicine Way)." University of Helsinki. in, Finland. January 18, 1999.

"Yuuyaraq, The Way of the Human Being: The Essence of Being Yupiaq." Vapriikki. Tampere Museum visiting lecture series. Tampere, Finland. January 17, 1999.

"My Great-grandfather Was an Angalkuq." Shamans – Epic and Ecology. International Workshop for the Shamans Exhibition and the 150th Anniversary of the New Kalevala.. Tampere, Finland. Old Library House. January 14 to 16, 1999.

"The Genres of Yupiaq Verbal Arts in the Transmission of Knowledge". The Use of Linguistic Methods and Theories in the Study of Northern Religions. Centre for Advanced Study, Oslo, Norway. Sept. 3 to 4, 1998.

"Translating a Yupiaq Medicine Song" at the Conference On Representation, Aesthetics, and Translation. Yale University. February 6-8, 1998.

"Genres of Yupiaq Verbal Art in the Transmission of Knowledge" presented at the November 1997 American Academy of Religion Conference in San Francisco.

"The Importance of Linguistic Analysis in Translation. Fall Conference of the American Academy of Religion, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 26, 1996.

"The Yupiaq Path to Wholeness", Claremont College, July 1996.

"Cultural Perspectives of the Environment", Univ. of Oregon, Common Realities, A Grassroots Conference on Environmental Racism and Justice. January 28, 1995.

"Yupiaq Spirituality". American Society on Aging. San Diego. March 1993.

"Cultural Awareness and Sensitivity". Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/Dept. of Education. Anchorage, Alaska. May 1992.

"Rural vs. Urban Mental Health Services". Behavior Science Conference on the North. University of Alaska Anchorage, Alaska. 1992.

"Talking Circle As A Support Mechanism". Out of Home Care Conference. Division of Family & Youth Services-State of Alaska. Anchorage. 1992.

"Elder Care of Alaska Natives". University of Alaska Anchorage Teleconference. Anchorage, Alaska. 1991.

"Alaska's Indigenous People". Alaska Infant Learning Program. Anchorage, Alaska. 1991

"Cultural Sensitivity". Alaska Federation of Natives Convention-Youth/Elder Convention. Anchorage, Alaska. 1991.

"Cultural World Views of Alaska Natives". Out of Home Care Conference. Also moderated a panel on "The Care of Native Children in Non-Native Homes". State of Alaska-Division of Family and Youth Services. Anchorage, Alaska. 1991.

"Alaska Native Cultures and History". Tri-Discipline Conference. Anchorage, Alaska 1990.

"Alaska's Indigenous Native Cultures". State of Alaska-Division of Family and Youth Services. Anchorage, Ak. 1990.

"A Cultural Overview of Alaska Natives". International Association of Psychologists. Anchorage, Alaska. 1989.

"Yupiaq Path to Wholeness". Grand Rounds presentation-Charter North Hospital. Anchorage, Alaska. 1989.

UAF & UAA COMMUNITY, UCSB Campus SERVICE, & Anchorage Community
UAA Diversity Committee Fall 06
Winterberry Charter School Fall 06 Visiting teacher 4th grade

UAF/UAA/UAS, Engagement and Outreach Task Force, January 04 to present.

UAF Research Advisory Council, September 02 to present.

UAF, Master Planning Committee, May 2, 2002 through June 30, 2003.

UAF AAC&U's project, Liberal Education and Global Citizenship: The Arts of Democracy, April 7, 2002 to present. Member of UAF team.

UAF KUAC TV, Alaska One fund raising event, March 13, 2002.

UAF KUAC TV, Alaska One fund raising event, March 6, 2002.

UAF KUAC public radio fund raising event. Feb. 12, 2002.

UAF, Institutional Climate (Multi-cultural Affairs on-going panel on Discrimination). Feb. 22, 2002 to present.

UAF, Peoples' Awakening Project, Phase II advisory board-Ciuliat. Jan. 13, 2002 to present. Cultural consultant.

UAF "The effects of a culturally based curriculum on Alaska Native students, academic performance". One of several project consultants. Jan. 08, 2002 to May 2003.

UAF graduate committee member for MA archeology student Ron Moncil.

UAF graduate committee member for Rural Development MA student Sharon Anderson and Carl Jack.

UAF, Institutional Review Board, Jan. 02 to May 02.

UAF Faculty Senate, Language and Culture alternate member Fall 01 to 03.

UAF, Faculty Development, Assessment, and Improvement Committee. Fall 2001 to 2003.

UAF, Faculty Advisor, Inu-Yupiaq Dancers, Fall 1999 to Spring 02.

UAF, Faculty Advisor, Festival of Native Arts, Fall 1999 to Spring 02.

UAF/University of Tromsø: UAF Interdisciplinary Arctic Science Planning Team, in Circumpolar Studies Degree, Spring 2001 to present.

UAF Alaska School Research Fund Committee, Fall 00 to Spring 01.

UAF Strategic 2000 Planning Committee, Spring 2000.

UAF Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Alaska Native Education. Fall 1999 to present.

Alaska Native Veterans' Association, Board of Directors, March 2001 to Spring 02.

Spiritual Unity of the Tribes, December 2000 to present.

Appointed member of the University of California Santa Barbara Chancellor's Advisory Task Force on Diversity and Excellence, December 1997-1998.

Minority Community Police Relations Task Force representing Cook Inlet Tribal Council. Anchorage, Alaska 1992.

Institute of Alaska Native Art, Board member, 1977.

Hope Cottages, Board of Directors, Anchorage, Alaska, 1977-1979.

American Indian Travel Commission, national organization sponsored by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1976.

Commission on the Administration of Criminal Justice, State of Alaska, appointed by Gov. Bill Egan. 1971.

CREATIVE EXPRESSION

Alaska Native Heritage Center 2nd and 3rd Annual All Alaska Native Juried Art Show, carved wooden Yupiaq masks chosen for display. 2002 & 2003.

Fairbanks Daily News-Miner. Commentary on Inuit Film, Fast Runner. Section C. Aug. 29, 2002.

Narrator: Alzheimer's Film. Mid 1980's.

Voice Over work with Warner Brothers Studios, On Deadly Ground and The 13th Warrior.

Actor in the movie, The Legend of Spirit Dog. 1993.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Director, National Resource Center for American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiian Elders, UAA/College Health & Social Welfare. January 11, 2004 to present. Joint appointment: 60% UAA & 40% UAF January 2003 and 100% starting July 2005 at UAA.

Assistant Professor, Department of Alaska Native and Rural Development, College of Rural Alaska. August 02 to July 05. Involved with the MA program, teaching, research, university and community service. 40% from January 2003 to July 2005.

Assistant Professor, Alaska Natives Studies Department and Department of Alaska Native and Rural Development, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Fall 1999 to present.
Courses taught: ANS/RD 401, Cultural Knowledge of Native Elders. ANS/EDU 420, Alaska Native Education, ANS/PHIL: 375: Native American Religion and Philosophy. ANS 251 and 351: Practicum in Native Cultural Expression. Wrote grant for Festival of

Native Arts to Alaska State Council on the Arts and for the Fairbanks Arts Association for the Bed Tax refund for the Festival of Native Arts. ANS/RD 325: Native Self-Government. ANS 397: Cross-cultural Communications (Independent study), ANS 497: Individual Study-Cultural Knowledge of Alaska Native Elders. ANS 347: Voices of Native American Peoples. ANS 101: Introduction to Alaska Native Studies. ANS/PS 425 Federal Law & Alaska Natives. RD 300: Rural Development with a Global Perspective (distance delivery – audio conferencing). RD 492: Wellness & Healing (Seminar). RD 650: Community-Based Research Methods. RD 652: Indigenous Organization Management. ANTH 100X: Individual, culture & society.

Part-time instructor, Denali Foundation/Elder Hostel Winter Program from Spring 2001 to Spring 02. Alaska Native Culture and History.

UAF Summer Session 2001, ANS101: Introduction to Alaska Native Studies, Rural Alaska Honors Institute (RAHI) class.

UAF Summer Session 2000 & 2001, ANS/EDU 420: Alaska Native Education.

UAF Staff Council, Supervisory Training Program, How to Deal with Difficult People, Oct. 7, 1999.

Assisted in the development of a multimedia teaching with technology world-wide-web instructional package through a grant funded by Instructional Development at the University of California Santa Barbara, Summer 1996 for RS 14: Introduction to Native American Religious Traditions. This on-going project was funded again for Summer 1997.

Voice Over work. Warner Brothers. Films, The Thirteenth Warrior, 1996 and On Deadly Ground, 1995.

Actor, The Legend of Spirit Dog. Acting and assisting with script relevant to Yupiaq culture. 1993.

Summer Instructor, Alaska Pacific University. Elder Hostel Program-"Alaska Native Culture & History". 1993,1994, & 1995

Language Consultant-1/4 time position. Linguistics Dept. University of California Santa Barbara. Fall 1993, Winter 1994, Fall 1994, Winter 1995, Spring 1995. Yup'ik language informant for Linguistics 221. Linguistics 121-Fall 1995, Winter 1996, Spring 1996, Fall 1996, Winter 1997, and Spring 1997.

Master of Ceremonies and House Manager, Alaska Native Summer Dance Series, CIRI Foundation. Summer 1993, 1994, 1995. Supervised summer high school student workers.

Alaska Native Medical Center, Director of Behavior Change Program, Smoking Cessation Program. Early months of 1993 before going to graduate school. Anchorage, Alaska.

Supervisor-Alaska Native Elder Nutrition Program (Title VI) and grant writer for program. Caseworker-Social Services. Indian Child Welfare Program caseworker. Foster Home Recruitment Specialist. Attended Grant Writing seminar for Nutrition Program and got it funded. Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Family Services Dept. 1990-1993. Anchorage, Alaska.

Facility Coordinator/Supervisor. Alaska Native Alcoholism Recovery Center-Cook Inlet Tribal Council. Supervised non-counseling staff. Conducted class on cultural sensitivity, Alaska Native Culture and History. Anchorage, Alaska. 1988-1990.

Yupiaq Interpreter. Community Health Representative, Southcentral Foundation located at Our Lady of Care Center (long care facility Alaskan Elderly) & occasionally at the Alaska Native Medical Center. Anchorage, Alaska. 1987-1988.

Real Estate Developer (Tundra Ridge Subdivision). Owner of Akit Corporation and partner in Nuna Development Company. Bethel, Alaska. 1978-1984. Supervised staff.

Assistant Vice-President of Operations. Calista Corporation. Anchorage, Alaska. 1973-1978. Former public relations officer (developed corporation newsletter, radio and television public information bilingual material (English and Yupiaq) about corporate operations, have traveled to most of Calista villages as part of job description, mapping supervisor for village land selection (Calista Land Department).

Lobbyist. Economic Opportunities Office-State of Alaska. Juneau, Alaska. 1973 Legislative Session. Maintained close working relationship with the Bush Caucus. Organized the Statewide Citizens' Participation Conference with representatives from rural Alaska. Lobbied on behalf of Rural Alaskans on legislation pertinent to rural issues.

Page. Alaska State House of Representatives. Assisted Bush Caucus in administrative and planning sessions. Juneau, Alaska. 1972 Session.

PERSONAL

Birth Place: Punugtali, Nelson Island, Alaska.

Shareholder: Bethel Native Corporation and Calista Corporation

Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood: 4/4 Yupiaq.

Alaska National Guard (1958-1961), Radio Operator.

U.S. Army Reserve (1962-1963)

U.S. Navy (1965-1969). Vietnam Veteran. Electronics Technician.

Hobbies: Carving, Sculpting, traditional Yupiaq Graphic Art on seal gut, Adobe Photoshop-Enhancement of Imagery, and Music (Guitar & Woodwinds).