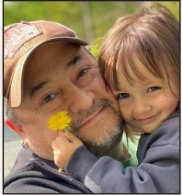


# Speaker and Organizing Committee Bios

## Loren Anderson



Cama'ii! I'm the son of Elizabeth Nelson and William Anderson Sr. I reside in Anchorage with my wife Brooke and daughter Nuuyaa. I'm currently the Director of Shareholder Development at the Afognak Native Corporation (ANC). Before I joined the staff at ANC, I devoted 17 years of service to the Alaska Native Heritage Center where I played

many different roles and held multiple responsibilities. I left my position as VP of Cultural and Educational Programs at ANHC in April 2019. I've served on the Afognak Tribal Council for over 13 years. I contribute to the council with my experience in program development, budget planning, and my many connections to cultural and professional Native organizations throughout Alaska. I earned my BA in Community and Rural Development from the University of Fairbanks. I helped create and direct the Sugpiaq dance group, Imamsuat.

## Jasmine Boyle, MS, MBA



Jasmine Boyle, MS, MBA, is a passionate advocate of housing solutions and has served as the Executive Director of the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness developing cross-sector partnerships to tackle homelessness. Jasmine joined RurAL CAP as Chief Development Officer and works with leaders across the state in partnership with

tribes and core stakeholders.

## Pearl Brower, Ph.D.



Dr. Brower is the President/CEO of Ukpeaġvik Iñupiat Corporation, an Alaska Native Corporation, 9th largest company by revenue in the State of Alaska as of 2023. Prior to this she was at the University of Alaska (2021-2022), and served as the President of Iliisaġvik College, Alaska's Only Tribal College (2007-2020). Brower holds a master's degree

in Alaska Native Studies and Rural Development and a Ph.D. in Indigenous Studies with an emphasis in Indigenous Leadership both from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Brower is active in her Alaskan community and nationally serving on many boards and commissions. Brower grew up in both Barrow, Alaska and in northern California practicing a subsistence lifestyle in both areas. She and husband, Jesse Darling, have 2 daughters.

## Colleen Dushkin



Colleen Dushkin serves as the Executive Director for the Association of Alaska Housing Authorities (AAHA). Colleen's primary role is to provide advocacy and education to increase the supply of safe, sanitary and affordable housing in Alaska. She has the unique opportunity to carry the message about the phenomenal work of the AAHA Members that include the 14 Regional Housing Authorities that serve 196 Tribes and the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, the only public housing authority in Alaska.

## Christy Favorite



Christy Favorite is the ANCSA Coordinator at BLM. Christy has spent about two-thirds of her life helping the Bureau of Land Management implement the land conveyance provisions of ANCSA. Her roles have included clerk-typist, realty specialist (17(b) easements), legal clerk, miscellaneous documents examiner, land law examiner, supervisory land transfer resolution specialist, lead acreage control wrangler, and ANCSA coordinator. She's lived in Alaska since territorial days, is mom to two swell adults and staff to an opinionated cat, and is a bead and fiber artist.

## Greta L. Goto, MBA, NACD



Greta L. Goto, Yup'ik, is Vice Chair of Bristol Bay Native Corporation. She grew up in Dillingham, Alaska. She graduated from Georgetown University with a degree in foreign service, and from University of Alaska Anchorage with a master's in business administration. Greta recently attained the certified director designation from the

National Association of Corporate Directors. Greta's professional experience includes non-profit and business management, research and project development, strategic planning, board, and committee service. She currently works for the Alaska Center for Climate Action and Policy exploring workforce development as a strategic component of climate mitigation and adaptation capacity building. *Speaker and Organizing Committee Member.*

## Karen Hartke, MBA



Karen Hartke is the the Vice-President of Finance at JW Industries Group and Alchemy Tribal Services. Karen is a versatile business professional with a focus on organizational, financial and audit standards and efficient and effective delivery of services - client goals are paramount. Ms. Hartke provides expert technical support for all facets of accounting, including knowledge and implementation of best

practices, GAAP and auditing standards, and account reconciliation and analysis. She is responsible for the management of the full cycle accounting process for each client utilizing our proven hands-on delivery and support method and provides forensic review and analysis of historic accounting records.

### Morgan Howard



Morgan Howard is the founder of Morgan Howard Productions (MHP), which is a full-service video production and communications company specializing in communicating for Alaska Native Corporations and Tribal businesses. We have extensive knowledge of Native culture and unique access to sources of information. We work closely with

our clients, addressing their concerns and providing successful communication and public relations solutions. Morgan is a member of the Sealaska Board of Directors and the Seafood Nutrition Partnership.

### Lisa-Marie Ikonov



Lisa-Marie Ikonov is the founder and owner of Ikonik Public Relations, a boutique public relations firm that specializes in cultural communications and primarily serves Alaska Native and American Indian organizations. Early in her career she spent several years in the entertainment business in Los Angeles, CA where she worked at the

Walt Disney Company's ABC Television Network. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for Goldbelt, Incorporated. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Wisconsin-Madison where she attended as a Chancellor's Scholar; a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing from George Mason University; and both an MBA and MPA from the University of Alaska Southeast. Currently, she is pursuing a Doctorate of Strategic Communications at Regent University. Born and raised in Juneau, Alaska, Lisa-Marie is Tlingit and is an enrolled tribal member of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska and the Douglas Indian Association.

### Teresa Jacobsson



Teresa Jacobsson, BS Org. Dev. (in Progress) Gwich'in | Yup'ik is the founder of JW Industries Group and Alchemy Tribal Services. She has held multiple executive positions for ANCSA corporations and tribal entities and is the founder of the Alaska Tribal Administrators Association and the Alaska Women's Leadership Forum. She serves

as Board Secretary for Bean's Café and Director with the Alaska Humanities Forum. Teresa volunteers her time to mentor women in business and those recovering from trauma. She is the daughter of the late Desa Jacobsson. *Speaker and Organizing Committee Member.*

### Chris Kolerok



Chris Kolerok is the Director of Public Policy with Cook Inlet Housing Authority. Chris is Cup'ik, German, and Irish and his grandparents are from Mekoryuk. Chris serves on the board of the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness and the Alaska Coalition on Housing and Homelessness and is the legislative committee chair for the Association of Alaska Housing Authorities.

### Paul Krabacher



Paul Krabacher is the Associate Deputy State Director, Division of Lands & Cadastral Survey at BLM. Paul's experience with the Bureau of Land Management includes vegetation and wildlife inventory, the State Botanist for BLM Alaska, National BLM Seed Coordinator, and as a Project Manager for the Division of Lands, Cadastral & Pipeline Monitoring.

Previous work experience includes a Reclamation Specialist for the State of Colorado's Abandoned Mine Program, horticulturist/landscaper, bartender, and a dog psychologist for the Department of Commerce. Paul is currently the Associate Deputy State Director for the Division over the Lands Conveyance Program.

### Sharon *Chilux* Guenther Lind, Ph.D.



Sharon *Chilux* Guenther Lind, Ph.D. is an Assistant Professor of Management at UAA's College of Business and Public Policy. Lind was born and raised in Kenai, Alaska and is a descendant of both Attu and Atka on the Aleutian Islands. Today Lind serves on the board of directors of the Aleut Corporation and the Atxam Corporation. She also teaches

in the Alaska Native Business Management program, teaching the next generation of leaders about ANCSA and the Alaska Native Corporation. *Speaker and Organizing Committee Member.*

### Connie Sue Martin, J.D.



Connie Sue Martin reviews and evaluates tribal codes and has drafted tribal Superfund ordinances and soil, sediment, groundwater, and surface water cleanup standards, environmental enforcement manuals, civil procedure and appellate procedure codes, enforcement of judgment rules, tax codes, and corporation codes. She is also a litigator

representing tribes in complex litigation before federal and state courts.

## Curtis McQueen



Curtis J. McQueen is the Executive Director of the Alaska Native Village Corporation Association (ANVCA) representing 200 Alaska Native for-profit corporations. He also serves as a board member for the Rasmuson Foundation and is Chairman of the advisory board overseeing the UAA Distinguished Rasmuson Chair of Economics. He is from the Eagle-Killer

Whale Clan, is a Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska Tribal Citizen, and a Shareholder of Sealaska Corporation.

## Lloyd Miller, J.D.



Lloyd B. Miller joined Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Miller & Monkman, LLP in 1979 and opened the firm's Alaska offices in 1984. Mr. Miller specializes in appellate and trial litigation, as well as congressional advocacy, for tribal governments, inter-tribal organizations, Native American health and social service providers and Native American-owned profit and non-

profit corporations. Mr. Miller's Indian law practice is wide-ranging and involves complex litigation, civil and criminal jurisdiction, Indian Self-Determination Act health and social service matters, labor law issues, gaming issues, Indian Child Welfare Act matters, fee and trust land acquisitions, land claims, corporate law, government contract negotiations, and environmental issues. Mr. Miller is admitted to practice before the Supreme Court and most of the federal courts of appeals, and is a member of the District of Columbia Bar and the Alaska Bar.

## Joe Kaaxúngu Nelson, J.D.



Joe Kaaxúngu Nelson, J.D., is the Chairman of Sealaska Corporation. Joe is a Brown Bear (Teikweidí) from Yakutat. He is also a Kwáashk'í kwaan yádi. His Tlingit name is Kaaxúngu. Joe grew up commercial fishing and subsistence living in Yakutat. After graduating from Yakutat High School, Joe completed a bachelor's degree in Political

Science and a Master's degree in American Indian Studies from UCLA. He also has a juris doctorate from Loyola Law School. Understanding indigenous values, Joe continually advocates for younger voices in the boardroom and throughout Sealaska, knowing that decisions made today will impact generations yet to come. *Speaker and Organizing Committee Member.*

## Terry Nelson, Ph.D.



Dr. Nelson is a Professor of Leadership and the Associate Dean for the College of Business and Public Policy (CBPP) at the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA). Her research encompasses diversity, inclusion, and management pedagogy. She has presented her research at top-tiered conferences and published in numerous journals. She has received several awards for

teaching and service. She recently received the 2023 UAA Chancellor's Award for Excellence for achievement/innovation. Her scholarly background is enhanced with over 17 years in leadership roles at two

Fortune 500 companies - Kroger and Coca-Cola Enterprises and as an SVP at First Tennessee Bank.

## Gloria O'Neill



Gloria O'Neill has served as the President & Chief Executive Officer of Cook Inlet Tribal Council since 1998. She has led the organization's growth in becoming one of the most effective service providers in Alaska and the nation. CITC provides more than 50 essential programs serving more than 12,500 Alaska Native and American Indian people each year.

Ms. O'Neill has established CITC's national reputation as a leading innovator of replicable and effective service models for culturally informed education, workforce development, family preservation, and substance dependency. Originally from Soldotna, Ms. O'Neill is of Yup'ik, Sámi and Irish descent.

## Greg Razo, J.D.



Gregory P. Razo, Yup'ik is a Retired Attorney. He is the former Vice President of Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (CIRI), the Alaska Native Corporation for south-central Alaska. Razo is Yupik/Hispanic and a CIRI shareholder. He grew up attending public schools in Anchorage, Alaska, and earned a bachelor's degree in English from Gonzaga University and a Law degree from Willamette

University. Currently, Mr. Razo serves as vice-chair of the Alaska Native Justice Center and as a Director of Cook Inlet Native Head Start. Razo is an Alaska Native leader and an active member of the Alaska Bar Association and retired past President of Alaska Legal Services Corporation and Vice Chair of the Alaska Native Justice Center.

## Amy Rhyneer



Amy Rhyneer's contributions to boards focus primarily on maximizing boards' collective potential: developing on-boarding programs, designing board self-assessments, and establishing recruitment protocols. While serving on Alaska Public Media's board, Amy helped bring them through a process of self-reflection and re-composition that better aligned them with

AKPM's mission, values, and users. She currently serves as Secretary to the Sitka Fine Arts Camp board, and as a liaison to AKPM's board. She is a brand-new Juneau resident.

## Chris Slottee, J.D.



Chris Slottee has over 15 years of experience handling complex corporate governance matters, specifically working with ANCs and Alaska Tribal Governments. He is well-versed in issues of Tribal governance and legal and risk management. Chris also advises ANCs and Tribes regarding federal funding opportunities and grant compliance, including American

Rescue Plan Act compliance issues. He provides guidance related to the SBA's programs, and has provided strategic advice regarding the utilization of the SBA's small business programs.

## Tiel Smith



Tiel Smith, MBA, is the Chief Executive Officer of the Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc., (RurAL CAP), a private, statewide, nonprofit organization with a mission to empower low-income Alaskans with respect for our unique values and cultures. Smith has 20 years of management and strategic leadership experience. Originally

from Dillingham, Smith is an Aleut shareholder of BBNC and Choggiung Limited. He holds a BS from Utah State University and MBA from Alaska Pacific University. He has served on multiple boards, is active in the community, and is currently vice-president of his area's commercial fishing association. *Organizing Committee Member.*

## Beth Stuart, CPA



Beth Stuart, CPA, is an Audit partner and serves as the managing partner of KPMG's Anchorage office. Beth brings 30 years of experience in providing audit and accounting services to both public and nonpublic entities, and has spent most of her career working with Alaska Native Corporations.

## Tabetha Toloff



Tabetha Toloff is the Chief Administrative Officer at Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC). Under Ms. Toloff's guidance, she supports developing and maintaining strategic partnerships; ensuring the company is sustained by the highest level of administrative support; strategic planning and oversight of organizational goals/initiatives;

government, fundraising and stakeholder engagement; public relations; human resources/employee relations; and comprehensive facilities management and infrastructure development. Ms. Toloff is a lifelong Alaskan, born in Anchorage and raised in Nikiski, and is of Athabascan and Russian descent.

## Maria Shaa Tláa Williams, Ph.D.



Maria Shaa Tláa Williams, Ph.D. received her M.A. and PhD from UCLA. The title of her dissertation is *Alaska Native Music: The Spirit of Survival*. She has been teaching at the University of Alaska Anchorage since 2011 in the department of Alaska Native Studies. Her publications include *The Alaska Native Reader: History, Culture & Politics* (2009);

a documentary film on Athabascan Basket maker Daisy Stridzatz Demientieff (*A Beautiful Journey* 2009). Research interests include Alaska Native history, the impact of colonialism and cultural revitalization.. *Speaker and Organizing Committee Member.*

## Julie Wrigley, J.D.

Julie Wrigley is a Professor of Real Estate in the College of Business and Public Policy. After many years as a lawyer in private



practice in Alaska, she discovered her love of lawyering was really a deep affinity for teaching others to understand the legal aspects of our world. In addition to teaching real estate and business-related classes, she also teaches negotiation and conflict resolution. Julie has made it a priority of her legal career to engage with and serve

nonprofit organizations. She has been the Chair, Vice-Chair, Board Member, Advisory Board Member, and Legal Advisor, serving many organizations within and outside of Alaska. Outside of work, she spends time with her husband and children skiing, floating and fishing rivers, and exploring trails with her Newfoundland, Ruthie.