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Foreword

The 2014 Alaska Native Studies Council (ANSC) Conference was held in March in Fairbanks, Alaska. There were approximately 300 conference participants from local, statewide, and national attendees. The participants were scholars, Elders, students, and organizations who promote a deeper and more sustained commitment to integrating Indigenous perspectives into a variety of educational settings. The Alaska Native Studies Council's mission is to identify, develop, and implement Native-focused curricula, to promote and publish Alaska Native-related research and pedagogical strategies, and to develop a strategic plan to help us attain these goals.

The 2014 ANSC Conference keynote speakers were Dennis Demmert, a retired faculty member of UAF and Dr. Marie Battiste, Professor in the College of Education at the University of Saskatchewan. Dené (also called Athabaskan) Elders responded positively to each keynote speaker.

The editorial review board sent a call for papers to all the conference participants. The call for papers were for the online, peer-reviewed, open-access journal, adding to the journal from the previous conference hosted by other institutions in the Alaska Native Studies Council. Five papers were submitted, and one paper was disqualified immediately following the stringent protocols of the peer-reviewed process. The four remaining articles were peer-reviewed by the editorial review board anonymously. Following the same scholarly process of other peer-reviewed journals, three articles were revised and accepted for the 2014 Alaska Native Studies Conference Journal.

These articles are just a sample of the rich conversations pertaining to Alaska Native Studies held in Fairbanks. The conference program is included in the collection to give the reader an opportunity to view the various presentations. We appreciate the contributions and volunteers

associated with this 2014 Alaska Native Studies Conference and its third annual peer-reviewed journal.

Sean Asiqtuq Topkok, Senior Editor