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Candidate Biography

Candidate Statement

Kenneth A. Barrick currently serves as an Associate Professor of Geography at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. His teaching experience spans about 25 years, and includes courses in physical geography and natural resource management. He authored Alaska's first environmental studies program, and created new courses in wilderness concepts and national park concepts.

AAUP must remain strong and evolve into a much more proactive organization in the defense of academic freedom and integrity. If elected, I will dedicate my AAUP service to promoting a renewed focus on AAUP's core academic mission, especially academic freedom. It is not enough to carefully define academic freedom given the challenges that university faculty face in a changing world—it must be aggressively defended. The AAUP's defense of academic freedom must evolve beyond faculty groups and extend to protect individual faculty members where serious violations of academic freedom and integrity are involved. I strongly believe that if AAUP fails to meet the current challenges to academic freedom and integrity, including at the level of the individual faculty member, the modern university system cannot endure. There is much to be done.

Barrick's research interests include both the social and natural sciences. Published works include topics in wilderness resource economics, the nutrient ecology of trees at treeline, and the environmental management of hydrothermal resources like geysers and hot springs.

He served 8 years as the Chair of the UAF Geography Department, and 2 years on the UAF Faculty Senate (including the Faculty Affairs Committee). Barrick also served the Fairbanks community on the Fairbanks North Star Borough Wildfire Commission, and as a member of the National Ski Patrol.

Barrick served as a consultant on environmental and natural resource issues to the U.S. Corps of Engineers, the Grand Teton National Park, and various engineering design firms.

Barrick obtained his B.S. in Geography at Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, his M.S. in Geoenvironmental Studies at Shippensburg, his M.S. in Economics at