



## ***Understanding Alaska:***

ISER Lunchtime Talks

Join us for informal presentations at UAA's Institute of Social and Economic Research. It's a way for ISER researchers and others from the public and private sectors to talk about topics of interest.

***Important:*** ISER has moved. We are now at 1901 Bragaw Street, Third Floor, Suite 301. The building is between Northern Lights Blvd. and DeBarr Road. Enter through Reka Drive, and drive all the way forward to the front parking area. If you need more directions, call 907-786-7710. Parking is still free.

### **Exploring Diverse Perspectives on Risks and Benefits of Oil and Gas Development in Alaska, Greenland, and Norway**

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A diversity of actors brings different knowledge and values to discussions about the nature and significance of energy developments. How do these diverse knowledge systems combine to influence risk assessments and policy processes?

Siri Veland, an assistant professor of environmental studies at Brown University, will explore that question as she talks about her work on a new project funded by the Norwegian Research Council. That project will examine diverse cultural perspectives on risks and benefits of offshore oil and gas developments in Alaska, Greenland, and Northern Norway. She previously studied environmental change and risk in Northern Australia, and will discuss possible overlaps with key issues in the Arctic.

In addition to her research, Dr. Veland also teaches classes on climate and climate change at Brown University and works with Native Australian communities, studying cultural perceptions of risk and traditional knowledge.

***When:*** Wednesday, June 17, 12 to 1

***Where:*** ISER Conference Room

Third Floor, 1901 Bragaw Street, Suite 301

**Note:** Those who can't attend in person can join us [remotely over the web](#) or call (907) 786-6755, Conference ID: 475905. A recording of the talk will also be posted on the ISER website ([www.iser.uaa.alaska.edu](http://www.iser.uaa.alaska.edu)).