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## EDUCATION

M.P.A., Economics and Government, Harvard University, 1962  
M.C.P., City and Regional Planning, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1950  
B. A., Engineering and Sociology, University of Wisconsin, 1948

## RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Victor Fischer was ISER's first director, and he has studied and taken part in Alaska politics and government for more than 40 years. He was a territorial legislator, a delegate to Alaska's constitutional convention, and a state senator. His wide-ranging research interests include economic and social development, public policy and management, community development and housing, program evaluation, land and resources management, and business and enterprise development.

He has also been strongly involved in building relations with the Russian Far East and for several years directed the Chukotka project, using Alaska expertise to help improve development in Chukotka, in the Russian Far East. He is also a senior advisor to UAA's American Russian Center and co-director of the Joint International Scientific Center, Arktika, in Magadan, Russia. In 2004 the Plekhanov Russian Academy of Economics awarded him an honorary doctorate of science.

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

"Alaska's Constitution," in *Alaska State Government and Politics*, (Gerald McBeath and Thomas Morehouse, eds.), University of Alaska Press, Fairbanks, 1987.

Littauer Fellow, Harvard University, 1961-62

"Founder of Alaska Statehood" medal, 1984

Numerous public service awards

1949: Town planner, Peterborough, New Hampshire

## SOME RELATED ACTIVITIES

Alaska Conservation Voters, Board, 1999 to present  
Alaska Commission on Rural Governance and Empowerment, 1998-1999  
Adjunct Professor, The Union Institute (Ohio), 1992 to present  
Anchorage Housing Trust Director, 1989-90  
Soviet-American Reunion coordinator, Alaska State Chamber of Commerce, 1989  
Alaska Bicentennial Commission member, 1986-90  
Faculty, Taft Institute for Two-Party Government, 1985 & 1987  
Alaska Native Foundation board, 1971-85

Lecturer, San Francisco State University, 1985: Environmental Policy Seminar  
Vice-Chairman, Alaska Center for Policy Studies, 1979-1980; director, Railbelt Energy Alternatives Study  
Anchorage Arts Council board, 1979-82  
Anchorage Community Development Corporation chairman, 1979-80  
Alaska Constitutional Review Conference chairman, 1976  
U.S. Delegation to USSR, Study of Communities in the Far North, 1975  
UNESCO/MAB International Working Group - Integrated Ecological Studies on Human Settlements, Paris, 1975  
Alaska Growth Policy Council, 1975-76  
Alaska Native Arts and Crafts Foundation board, 1974-76  
Alaska Native Human Resources Development Program policy council, 1973-76  
American Institute of Planners, Board of Governors, 1971-74  
Brookings Seminars-Conference on Alaska's Future, co-director, 1969  
President, Alaska Division AAAS; Chairman, 20th Alaska Science Conference, 1969  
National Democratic Convention, Alaska Delegation, 1968  
Metropolitan Washington Transportation Board, 1965-66  
U.S. Public Land Law Review Commission Advisory Council, 1965-66  
President's Review Committee for Development Planning in Alaska, 1965-66  
UN Symposium on the Planning and Development of New Towns (Moscow), US Delegate, 1964  
Executive Director, League of Alaskan Cities (Alaska Municipal League), 1953-56  
Operation Statehood, Vice President, 1952-56  
U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers, 1942-45

## LANGUAGES

English, Russian, German

## PUBLICATIONS, REPORTS, PAPERS (SELECTED SINCE 1960)

*AFN Implementation Study: Proposals to the United States Congress to Implement Recommendations of the Alaska Natives Commission Pursuant to P.L. 104-270.* Prepared for Alaska Federation of Natives, with Pete Spivey, GRS Consulting, December 1999.

*Final Report to the Governor, Co-author.* Alaska Commission on Rural Governance and Empowerment, June 1999.

*Achieving Alaska Native Self-Governance: Toward Implementation of the Alaska Natives Commission Report,* with Thomas Morehouse, ISER, and Stephen Cornell, Jonathon Taylor, and Kenneth Grant, The Economics Resource Group. September 1998

“Alaska-Russian Far East Connection: Experiment in the Development of Local Governance,” in *Development Issues and Prospects in the North Pacific Region.* Prepared for Alaska Center of International Business, University of Alaska Anchorage, 1996.

*Training and Technical Assistance for Business Development,* paper presented at The Northern Forum, Sapporo, Japan, 1995.

*Political and Economic Development in the Russian Far East: A Historical Perspective,* North Pacific Forum 1994: Economic and Political Designs for the North Pacific Region, Japan, 1994

*Russia-Alaska Economic Relations* (with Alexander G. Granberg), Western Regional Science Association, Maui, Hawaii, 1993.

“Alaska and the Soviet Far East” in *The Soviet Union in the North Pacific*, East-West Center, Hawaii, 1991.

“Alaska and Soviet Science: a Symbiotic Relationship” in *Arctic Research of the United States*, Fall 1990.

*Australia Market for Alaska Tourism*, for State of Alaska, 1988.

*Institutional Analysis of Nome, Alaska: City, state, and federal governments, Native corporations and organizations, infrastructure, and education*, (with Kevin Waring et. al.), for U.S. Minerals Management Service, 1988.

*Anchorage Recovery Program: Review of Economic Factors*, Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska, 1988.

*Tourism Business Plan*, Pedro Bay Village Corporation, Alaska, 1988.

*Tribal Economic Enterprise Development Plan*, for Ketchikan Native Corporation, Ketchikan, Alaska, 1987.

*Tourism Development Plan*, City of St. George, Pribilof Islands, Alaska, 1987.

*Comprehensive Homeless Assistance Plan*, Community Planning Department, Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska, 1987.

*Regional Self-Government for Rural Alaska: Pending Issues and Study Needs*, House of Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committees, Alaska State Legislature, 1980.

*A New Constitutional Convention for Alaska? The Lessons of Hawaii 1978*, Interim Committee on the Constitutional Convention, 1980.

*Energy Alternatives for the Railbelt: Study of End Use Structure, Energy Conservation Potentials, Alternative Energy Sources, Related Public Policy Issues*, (Project Coordinator) Alaska Center for Policy Studies, for House Power Alternatives Study Committee, Alaska State Legislature, 1980.

*Local Government Study - 1979*, (co-author), Report of Joint Senate and House Community and Regional Affairs Committee, Alaska State Legislature, Juneau, 1979.

*Comprehensive Regional Planning for Alaska's Lands and Resources and DNR Organization and Responsibilities for Land and Resources Planning*. Reports for Commissioner, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, 1979.

*Alaska Native Land Claims Bibliography*, Centre d'Etudes Artiques, Paris, France, 1978

“Planning for Agricultural Development” in Mayo Murray, ed., *Expanding Agriculture and the Management of Interior Alaska Resources*, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, 1977.

“Soviet Northern Development” in *Science in Alaska*, Proceedings of the 27th Arctic Science Conference, Fairbanks, 1976.

- “Home Rule in Alaska” in *Partnership Within the States: Local Self-government in the Federal System*, Institute of Government and Public Affairs, University of Illinois, Urbana, 1976.
- Yukon Crossing Study: Regional Analysis and Community Development Plans* (principal author), for U.S. Bureau of Land Management, 1976.
- Proposed US-USSR Program on Planning and Construction of Communities in the Environmental Conditions of the Far North* (with Edwin B. Crittenden), for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 1976.
- Regional Effects of Anchorage Metropolitan Growth*, for Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission, 1976.
- Alaska’s Constitutional Convention*, University of Alaska Press, Fairbanks, 1975.
- “Intergovernmental Land Planning: Alaska’s Model” in *Transactions*, Thirty-Eighth North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference, 1973 (Washington: Wildlife Management Institute, 1974).
- Toward Alaska’s Future*, paper delivered at mining seminar of Joint Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission, Anchorage, 1973.
- Northwest Alaska Economic and Transportation Prospects* (with Walter Parker et al.), Alaska District, U.S. Corps of Engineers, 1972.
- Alaska Pipeline Report: Alaska’s Economy, Oil and Gas Industry Development, and the Economic Impact of Building and Operating the Trans-Alaska Pipeline* (with A.R. Tussing and G.W. Rogers), University of Alaska, ISEGR, 1971.
- Borough Government in Alaska: A Study of State-Local Relations* (with T.A. Morehouse), University of Alaska, ISEGR, 1971.
- The State and the Local Government System: Establishing Areawide Government in Alaska* (with T.A. Morehouse), University of Alaska, ISEGR 1970.
- “Regional Planning to Solve Social and Economic Problems” in *Regional Planning Issues*. Subcommittee on Urban Affairs, Joint Economic Committee, U.S. Congress, Washington: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1970.
- What the Architect Can Do to Assist in Guiding Alaska’s Development*, Annual Meeting, Alaska Chapter, American Institute of Architects, Nov. 8, 1969.
- “Regional Administration and Organization,” in *Northwest Alaska: Regional Development Study*, with Arthur Hippler et al., University of Alaska, ISEGR, 1969.
- Constitutional Review and Revision*, Annual Conference, Alaska League of Women Voters, 1969.
- St. Paul Community Study: An Economic Analysis of St. Paul, Pribilof Islands, Alaska* (with D.C. Foote and G.W. Rogers), University of Alaska, ISEGR, 1968.
- Alaska Development and Transportation*, direct testimony before Civil Aeronautics Board: Transpacific Route, Docket No. 16242, 1967, and Alaska Service Investigation, Docket No. 20826, 1970.

*A Perspective on Washington*, Twenty-Sixth Annual Conference, Western Governmental Research Association, 1966.

*Research Requirements for Planned Metropolitan Development*, 29th National Meeting of Operations Research Society of America, 1966.

*Planned Metropolitan Development*, Annual Conference, Council of Governments, 1966

*Comprehensive Planning: What it is and how it's used*, Urban and Rural Land Planning Training Conference of the Bureau of Land Management, 1965.

*Metropolitan Development in Relation to Urban Transportation*, American Transit Association, Rail Transit Group Conference, 1965.

*Comprehensive Development Planning and River Basin Planning - Common Interests*, Susquehanna Basin Study Conference, 1965.

*Federal Urban Comprehensive Planning Requirements and Assistance*. A study prepared for the U.S. Bureau of the Budget (with T.A. Morehouse), U.S. Housing and Home Finance Agency, Washington, D.C., 1965.

"The New Dimensions of Transportation Planning," in *Proceedings*, American Institute of Planners, 1964.

"The Role of Federal Government in the Development Process," *Proceedings*, California Chapter, American Institute of Planners, 1964.

*National Survey of Metropolitan Planning*. Subcommittee on Inter-governmental Relations, Committee on Government Operations, U.S. Senate (with Gordon Edwards), U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, 1963.

*The Land Use-Transportation Framework for Effective Planning*, 13 Annual Detroit Regional Planning Conference, 1963.

*Cities and Suburbs: New Solution for Housing Transportation and Recreation*, Annual Conference of New York Metropolitan Regional Council, 1963.

*Social Objectives in the Metropolitan Setting*, Cleveland Area Councils Association, 1963.

*Metropolitan Development*, Task Force Report to U.S. Housing and Home Finance Administrator (with Robert C. Wood and Louis B. Wetmore), Washington, D.C., 1962.

*Economic Development Planning and Policies for Alaska*, 13th Arctic Science Conference, 1962.

*State Planning for Alaska: Recommendations for Future Planning Programs, Together with an Analysis of Needs and Organization for Planning* (with G.W. Rogers), Alaska State Planning Commission, 1960.

*State of Alaska Capital Improvement Program* (with G.V. Rogers), Alaska State Planning Commission, 1960.