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Ethnoracial Diversity in the Urban North: A Focus on Anchorage, Alaska

Who: Chad Farrell | **Date:** Wednesday, March 15, 2017 | **Time:** 4:00 – 5:00 pm | **Location:** University of Calgary; Science A 106

Fueled in part by immigration and shifting racial identities, North America has been undergoing a profound multi-decade shift toward greater racial and ethnic diversity, particularly in its cities. The term 'diversity' is open to a host of interpretations, ranging from an abstract ideal to a specific programmatic or policy goal. This research uses a narrowed-down approach which equates demographic diversity with the ethnoracial richness or variety exhibited within a population. Focusing on Anchorage, I use data from U.S. Census Bureau and U.S. Department of Education to assess its changing diversity patterns in relation to other American cities. Anchorage has long held a reputation as a cultural crossroads dating back to its origins as tent city a century ago. Recent data suggest that this frontier city is currently at the forefront of the diversification trend.



Biography: Chad R. Farrell is Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Sociology at the University of Alaska Anchorage. He earned his Ph.D. in Sociology from Pennsylvania State University in 2005 and teaches courses in demography, research methods, and urban sociology. His research focuses on urban inequality and he has published work in journals such as the American Sociological Review, Demography, and Urban Studies. He is currently collaborating with researchers at Penn State and Cornell University on a project funded by the National Institutes of Health which assesses the changing racial and ethnic contours of U.S. society since 1980.

This event is **free and open to the public**

There will be a reception in the AINA offices (ES-1040) immediately following the presentation

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