

# *Curriculum Vitae*

**Malla Kukkonen**

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## **Summary of Qualifications**

- \* International educational background includes both undergraduate and graduate studies conducted in three Arctic nations; Finland, Norway, and the United States.
- \* Several years of experience in hands-on fieldwork conducting social science research and collecting qualitative and quantitative research data in multiple Alaska communities.
- \* Strong analytical skills of qualitative and quantitative data and proven ability to translate data into technical reports and present it to the public.
- \* Experience in website and communication development for domestic and international audiences in Finland and Alaska, USA.

## **Areas of Experience include:**

Project Management	Public speaking	Technical report writing
Leading research teams	Survey administration	Grant writing
Research development	Cross-cultural communication	Website design development

## **Education**

**Master of Social Sciences (MSS)** 2007, University of Lapland, Finland

Area of specialization: International Relations with emphasis on resource management in a northern context

**Bachelor of Social Sciences (BSS)** 2005, University of Lapland, Finland

Major: International Relations, Minor subjects: Political sciences and English language and culture

## **Professional experience**

**Administrative and Communications Officer, Arctic Domain Awareness Center (ADAC), University of Alaska Anchorage, Alaska, USA.**

Dates of employment: December 6, 2016 – Present

### **Position overview:**

The primary staff member responsible for daily administrative tasks for the Center, including supporting Executive Director's schedule and travel management, assisting in the administration of Center led research projects, planning and organization of event logistics, and communications. Additional responsibilities include content development and layout of Center's quarterly Newsletter, weekly maintenance of ADAC website, and development of content for ADAC publications, website, and other media outlets.

**Subsistence Resource Specialist I/ II, Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G),  
Anchorage Alaska, USA**

**Dates of employment: September 2010 – December 5, 2016**

**Position overview:**

As a member of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Division of Subsistence research staff designed, implemented, and managed research projects focusing on studying and scientifically documenting subsistence uses of wild resources in Alaska. Successful completion of projects required good budget management, and excellent cross-cultural communications skills when closely working with local and tribal governments, individual households, and the study communities at large. Additional responsibilities included collecting, analyzing, and compiling wild resource harvest data obtained from other ADF&G divisions and federal resource management agencies to be used in reports and other materials prepared for the use of the Alaska Board of Fisheries, Alaska Board of Game, or the Joint Board of Fisheries and Game as a part of the State of Alaska's regulatory process governing the management of these resources.

**Research Analyst I, Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G)**

Dates of employment September 2009 – September 2010

**Position overview:**

As a member of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Division of Subsistence Information Management Unit compiled quantitative and qualitative wild resource harvest information from a variety of state and federal data sources and prepared completed survey materials for data entry, including survey coding. Performed qualitative and quantitative data entry and worked in the field with research staff conducting household surveys in study communities.

**Office Assistant, Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G)**

Dates of employment April 2009 – September 2009

**Position overview:**

Part of the supporting staff of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Division of Subsistence Information Management Unit performed primary and secondary data entry of quantitative and qualitative data, sorted received household surveys, and prepared as well as scanned surveys for electronic archiving.

**International Coordinator, University of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland**

Dates of employment: September 2007- December 2008

**Position overview:**

The primary staff member of the University of Lapland's International Office responsible for coordinating and organizing social programs and cultural activities for both Finnish and international students attending the University of Lapland. Working within the budget provided by the university and the student union, organized interesting and culturally enriching activities

for students throughout the academic year. Processed Finnish students' study abroad applications and related application materials for University of Lapland sponsored 'Study Abroad' grants. Managed three budgets varying in total amounts from \$1,000 to \$25,000. Once every six months compiled a basic report about student and staff mobility statistics for further analysis. Regularly assisted university's three other international coordinators with student mobility related tasks such as selecting recipients of 'Study Abroad' grants. In March 2008 successfully applied for funding from the European Union to organize two intensive Finnish language courses at the University of Lapland during June, July, and August 2008 (The classes had a total of 32 students from 12 European countries). Managed the overall administration of the project and planned as well as executed the course program while dealing with a decreased budget. Recruited and supervised project staff and composed a final project report for the Centre of International Mobility (CIMO), the Finnish national agency of international education.

### **Intern, International Studies Centre, University of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland**

Dates of employment: September 2006- December 2006

#### **Position overview:**

Supporting the staff at the International Studies Centre wrote and edited an English study guide titled "Guidelines for Academic Writing". Assisted in the organization of two student excursions; one domestic and one international. Independently took care of daily administrative duties after initial training. Updated and developed the webpages of the International Study Centre and those of the Northern Resources Master's Program. Took part in the development of a new International Study Centre administered study programme called School of Northern and Arctic Studies.

#### **Publications**

Kukkonen, Malla. 2017. Chapter 10: Kodiak Area *In* Fall, James, A., A. Godduhn, L. Hutchinson-Scarborough, B. Jones, M. Kukkonen, L. A. Sill, and T. Lemons. 2017. *Alaska Subsistence and Personal Use Salmon Fisheries 2014 Annual Report*. Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Subsistence, Technical Paper No. 427. Anchorage.

Kukkonen Malla and Erica Mitchell. 2016. Chapter 5: Port Graham *In* Jones, B. and M. L. Kostick, editors. 2016. *The Harvest and Use of Wild resources in Nikiski, Seldovia, Nanwalek, and Port Graham, Alaska, 2014*. Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Subsistence, Technical Paper No. 412. Anchorage.

Kukkonen Malla and Hannah Z. Johnson. 2016. Chapter 4: Cordova *In* James A. Fall, and G. Zimpelman, editors. *Update on the Status of Subsistence Uses in Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Area Communities, 2014*. Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Subsistence, Technical Paper No. 412. Anchorage.

Kukkonen, Malla. 2015. Chapter 9: East Glenn Highway: Nelchina *In* Davin Holen, Sarah M. Hazell, and Garrett Zimpelman, editors. *The harvest and use of wild resources in selected communities of the Copper River Basin and East Glenn Highway, Alaska, 2013*. Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Subsistence, Technical Paper No. 405. Anchorage, Alaska.

Kukkonen Malla. 2014. Chapter 4: McCarthy *In* La Vine, R. and G. Zimpelman, editors. 2014. *Subsistence Harvests and Uses of Wild Resources in Kenny Lake/Willow Creek, Gakona, McCarthy, and Chitina, Alaska, 2012*. Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Subsistence, Technical Paper No. 394. Anchorage.

McCall Valentine Erica, Robbin La Vine, and Malla Kukkonen. 2014. *Upper Copper River, Changing environments, and the Contemporary Subsistence Fisher*. Draft manuscript. Ecotrust, Portland, OR, USA.

La Vine R., M. Kukkonen, B. Jones, and G. Zimpelman. 2013. *Subsistence harvests and uses of wild resources in Copper Center, Slana/Nabesna Road, Mentasta Lake, and Mentasta Pass, Alaska, 2010*. Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Subsistence, Technical Paper No. 380. Anchorage, Alaska.

Evans S., M. Kukkonen, D. Holen, and D. S. Koster. 2013. *Harvests and uses of wild resources in Dillingham, Alaska, 2010*. Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Subsistence Technical Paper No. 375. Anchorage.

Kukkonen Malla. 2012. Chapter 8: Coldfoot and Chapter 9: Wiseman *In* Holen D., S.M. Hazell, and David S. Koster, editors. 2012. *Subsistence harvests and uses of wild resources by communities in the Eastern Interior of Alaska, 2011*. Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Subsistence, Technical Paper No. 372. Anchorage, Alaska.

Kukkonen M. and G. Zimpelman. 2012. *Subsistence harvests and uses of wild resources in Chistochina, Alaska, 2009*. Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Subsistence, Technical Paper No. 370.