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Harold T. Caven Professorship Recipient Named



Dr. Han Donker, Professor of Accounting at the University of Alaska Anchorage, is the recent recipient of the University of Alaska Foundation's 2016 Harold T. Caven Professorship.

The two-year professorship includes a \$20,000 award. This award will enable Donker to continue his research into the corporate values of Native corporations. While the Western standard of corporate success depends on maximizing shareholder value, Native corporations embrace a more holistic approach. Donker's research explores current and alternative Native values and organizational forms, and how they enhance social and economic prosperity. Alaska Native corporations are the most successful Native-owned companies found in the world. Donker is hoping to export the knowledge behind their success to indigenous groups outside Alaska.

Dr. Donker has 24-years of experience in the accounting and economics fields. He received his Master of Science in Monetary Economics from Free University of Amsterdam, Netherlands and his PhD in Economics and Business from Tilburg University, Netherlands. He is the editor-in-chief of the *International Journal of Corporate Governance*, a peer reviewed international journal that explores issues related to corporate governance.

The Harold T. Caven Professorship was established in 1974 with a gift from Mrs. Loretta Caven, widow of Harold T. Caven. Dr. Caven was a longtime Alaskan who first came to the state in 1943. He served as a Director and as a Vice President of the First National Bank of Anchorage.