Dr. Alison Till hails originally from Concord, Massachusetts. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Earth Sciences with honors from the University of California Santa Cruz in 1976. Subsequently, she joined the University of Washington Department of Geological Sciences and earned a Master of Science degree in June 1980, producing a thesis titled “Crystalline Rocks of the Kigluaik Mountains, Seward Peninsula, Alaska.” Dr. Till was hired by the U.S. Geological Survey in 1980 as a Research Geologist in Anchorage, Alaska. In 1986, Alison returned to the University of Washington and finished a Ph.D in Geological Sciences in 1994. Her dissertation, consistent with her ongoing research work in Alaska, was titled “The Nature of the Involvement of Lower crust in Contractional Mountain Building, as deduced from Metamorphic, Structural, Argon Thermochrometric, and Detrital Mineral Data from the Brooks Range, AK.”

Over the course of her career at the USGS, Dr. Till contributed to our basic understanding of the geology of Alaska, specializing in unraveling the history of highly deformed rocks in northern and western parts of the state and leading teams of research scientists with diverse specialities. Ultimately, her work provides key insight into the tectonic evolution of the Arctic - its origins and orogenies - and is also used to understand the resource potential of northern and western Alaska. She has published many geologic maps, research papers, mineral resource assessments, and a volcanic hazard assessment. In addition, she served as a manager for 6 years, responsible for research planning, staffing, and representing the Alaska program at regional and national levels or USGS. Alison edited two Special Papers published by the Geological Society of America (GSA) and served as an officer for the Cordilleran Section of GSA and for the Alaska Geological Society.

Dr. Till is currently an Emeritus Research Geologist with the USGS in Anchorage, continuing her collaborations with academic and USGS colleagues. A long-time practitioner of yoga, she teaches regular classes and instructs in teacher training programs.

The College of the Environment Honors New Graduates

In appreciation of the 2017 College of the Environment graduating class, the College is partnering with the Campus Sustainability Fund to help fund a project at Friday Harbor Laboratories (the College’s marine biology laboratory on San Juan Island) to construct an industrial composting facility, which will handle all of the current food waste production at FHL, reducing their CO2 emissions by 11 metric tons per year. Recognizing our students are the next generation of leaders in environmental science and decision-making, we believe this is a contribution that showcases our collective commitment to the sustainability and the well-being of our campus community and our planet.

Saturday, June 10, 2017
Husky Union Building Lyceum (Room 160)
9:15 AM
Program

Dean’s Welcome
Professor Lisa Graumlich
Dean, College of the Environment

Chair’s Welcome
Professor Bruce Nelson
Chair, Earth and Space Sciences

Guest Speaker
Dr. Alison Till
Earth and Space Sciences Alumna

A Graduate Student Perspective
Dr. Elena Amador
ESS Graduate Student

Conferral of Graduate Degrees
Professor Ken Creager &
ESS Faculty Members

An Undergraduate Student Perspective
Mary Alice Benson
ESS Undergraduate Student

Undergraduate Slide Show
Kalpana Prasad
ESS Undergraduate Student

Conferral of Undergraduate Degrees
Professor Kate Huntington
Professor, Earth and Space Sciences

Doctor of Philosophy
Elena S. Amador
Carrie E. Garrison-Laney
Emily Rose Newsom

Adam D. Barker
Michael Hay
Jillian M. Schleicher

Bradley R. Markle

Master of Science
Derek John-Albert Beal
Thomas D. Haskins
Sarah Polster

Kristin Elizabeth Beck
Joshua Hilderbrand
Ryan J. Ransavage

Justin Lee Brooks
Patrick L. Kao
Hope Marie Sisley

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Jeffrey Keck
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Susan Marie Wischert

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The Department would like to thank the ESS faculty, staff, and students who have worked hard to make this special event a success!

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