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Mile 2 1/2 Chena Ridge
via Fairbanks Alaska 99701

RESUME

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SR 10059
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Height: 6'0" Weight: 190 lbs.

Telephone: (907) 479-6782

Place of Birth: The Bronx, New York

Marital Status: Married, with five
grown children.

EDUCATION

<u>Name of School</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date & Degree</u>
Harvard University (Grad. School of Ed.)	Cambridge, Mass. specialization:	1964-66 Ed.D. 1966 Educational Administration
London School of Econ. and Political Science	London, England specialization:	1958-59 Hon. Anthropology
University of Alaska	College, Alaska specialization:	1956-57 B. Ed. 1957 Education, Anthropology
Central State College	Wilberforce, Ohio specialization:	1949-52 B.S. 1952 Soc. Administration Sociology
Cooper Union	New York, N.Y. specialization:	1947-48 ----- Civil Engineering
High School of Music and Art	New York, N.Y. specialization:	1940-44, diploma Jan. 1945 Art

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Academic honors, awards, and fellowships received

BS - cum laude (Central State College)

Phi Delta Kappa (Harvard University and the University of Alaska)

Harvard Education Review - Board of Editors 1963-66

Foreign Languages

Finnish - understand and speak Finnish well, read and write fair.

Distinctions, honors, awards, and memberships in civic and professional organizations:

Professional: American Educational Research Association,

American Association of School Administrators, National Education Association (life) - have held many offices - Society of Research

Administrators, American Anthropological Association (voting fellow), (FH 1970)

Society for Study of Social Problems, National Association for the

Advancement of Science, ^{1963 to date} National Planning Association, NAEYC. Am Public Health Assoc.

Civic: Chairman, City of Fairbanks Parks & Recreation Commission

(Term 1970-73), Chena Community Association president - Chena Goldstream

Volunteer Fire Dept., Fairbanks Administrative Committee on Social Services,

Chairman Fairbanks Head Start Association (1967-71), Kiwanis, Tanana Valley

Fair Board of Directors (59-63, 67-70), Board of Directors Greater Fairbanks

Teachers Federation ^L Credit Union (58-62, 66-72), President - Fairbanks ACLU,

Board member Alaska Civil Liberties Union. (72-76)

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Employment Record

July 1976 to ¹⁹⁸⁰ ~~date:~~

Self-employed as consultant-trainer-researcher. Name of firm:
N.E.E.D.S., "Northern Educational Evaluation and Development Service."

Grants written include:

Tanana Valley Council on Education and Work 1977 (funded)
Special Education Parent and Staff Training 1977
Fairbanks Community Child Care Council 1976
Fairbanks Headstart Operations 1976 (funded)

Reports include:

Training Needs and Employment Prospects for Entrance into the
Fairbanks Labor Market - Feb. 1978
History and Development of Public Transit in Fairbanks 1976
Methods of Investigation of Discriminatory Supervisory Actions 1976
Competency Based Training for Rural Headstart Staff

Other Activities:

Investigation of Pipeline related employment discrimination for Alaska
State Human Rights Commission (Nov. 76 - Feb. 77, Feb. 78 to present)
Training of Headstart and preschool teachers
Organization of rural volunteer fire department
Investigation of small scale agriculture in Alaska
Organization of Alaska Federation for Community Self Reliance

Also operate 162 acre farm/homestead on Chena Ridge, and wife raises, boards
and trains horses.

Oct. 72 to July 76 - Executive Director, Greater Fairbanks Headstart
Association, Box 724, Fairbanks, Alaska 99707. (Chas. Lundfelt is
Chairman of the Board - (907) 479-2540).

-responsible to Board of Directors for all operations of agency
including grant preparation and submission; hiring/training/
supervision of staff; research and development, finance, report
preparation.

-for additional information see the Child Care section of the resume.

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Employment Record, continued

Aug. 1970 to Sept. 1972

Director: Research, Planning & Fed. Programs

Starting salary: \$21,000 per year; present, \$28,084 per year.

Fairbanks, Alaska.

Five employees supervised, research & clerical

Kind of business: Fairbanks North Star Borough School District,

P.O. Box 1250 - Fairbanks, Alaska 99707

Reason for leaving: Administrative reorganization due to school board election - dept. being abolished (by "Right Wing" School Bd)

Tasks: Plan and develop innovative programs to be funded from non-district sources; conduct research; collect data pertinent to program evaluation and monitoring

Aug. 1966 to Aug. 1970 Elementary School Principal

Starting salary: \$18,000 per year; final salary: \$21,000 per year

Fairbanks, Ak. Average hours per week: 40 plus

24 teachers and 6 clerical and maintenance employees supervised

Kind of business: public school system

Immediate supervisor: Dr. George Taylor (907) 443-2231

Name of employer: Fairbanks North Star Borough School District

P.O. Box 1250, Fairbanks, Alaska 99707

Reason for leaving: Moved to Central Office

Tasks: Elementary school principal - Barnette School - 2 years - downtown core area school - Title I ESEA eligible. Two years University Park School - University area - worked on open school plans, team teaching, etc.

June 1967 to Sept. 1967

Associate Research Professor

Final salary: \$1,200 per month, 40 hours per week, College, Alaska

Three research and one clerical employees supervised

Kind of business: research

Immediate supervisor: Victor Fischer, Institute Director 479-7437

Name of employer: Institute for Social, Economic, & Government Research, University of Alaska, College, Alaska.

Reason for leaving: School started - had continuing contract with public school.

Tasks: Preliminary project design and data gathering for social, economic study of Northwest Alaska.

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Aug. 1964 to Aug. 1966

Research Associate

Starting salary: \$10,000 per year; final salary: \$10,500 per year.

Cambridge, Mass. 40 hours plus, per week.

One clerical and 6 - 12 research/students supervised.

Kind of business: Education consulting

Immediate supervisor: Vincent Conroy (deceased)

Name of employer: Center for Field Studies, Harvard Graduate School
of Education, Appian Way, Cambridge, Mass. 02138

Reason for leaving: To return home to Alaska

Tasks: School district field studies - especially in area of recommenda-
tions for school desegregation, school construction, curriculum planning,
staff reorganization.

Sept. 1957 to June 1962

Elementary teacher

Starting salary: \$6,000 per year; final salary: \$10,000 per year.

Fairbanks, Alaska 36 hours per week. (hah!)

Kind of business: Elementary Education

Immediate supervisor: Martha Haggard, principal.

Name of employer: Fairbanks Independent School District
Box 1250, Fairbanks, Alaska 99707.

Reason for leaving: To undertake graduate study.

Duties: Taught 5th and 6th grades; developed motivation programs in foreign
languages and anthropology, etc.

1960 to 1962

Instructor: Anthropology and Sociology

Starting salary: \$300 per credit hr; final salary: \$500 per credit hour.

Fairbanks, Alaska 12 hours per week.

Immediate supervisor: Ivar Skarland (deceased)

Name of Employer: Department of Anthropology, University of Alaska,
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Reason for leaving: Graduate study.

Description of work: Taught in night and extended day session classes:
Introductory Anthropology; Introductory Sociology; Arctic People;
Arctic Natives.

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<u>dates of employment</u>	<u>title</u>	<u>employer</u>
June 1957-Sept.1957 (& summers thru 1962)	Surveyor	Morrison-Knudson, Fbks, Ak
May 1955-July 1956	Electrician	University of Alaska, College, Ak.
Feb. 1955-May 1955	Office Machine repairman	US Army, Ladd AFB, Fbks, Ak
Nov. 1954-Feb. 1955	Homesteader, farmer self-employed bull- dozer operator and contractor.	Chena Ridge, Fairbanks, Ak
May 1952-Oct. 1954	Electrician placer mining operations	US Smelting, Mining and Refining Co. Fairbanks, Ak
Dec. 1949-Feb. 1950	Electrician helper	Hobokan Shipyard, Bethlehem Steel Co., New York.
Jan. 1949-Jan. 1952	Asst. Student Librarian	Central State College, Wilberforce, Ohio
Sept. 1948-Jan. 1948	Warehouseman	Church World Services, N.Y.
June 1948-Sept. 1948	General office machine repair- man, staff artist	Eastern Co-op Wholesale, N.Y., N.Y.
^{Dec} Nov. 1944-Feb. 1945	election observer/ investigator	National Labor Relations Board (Longshoremen Union elections supervisor) New York, N.Y.

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Publications: (Partial)

Books, etc. - wrote one or more chapters in:

- "Metropolitan Government" - Published State of Conn., Hartford, Dec. 1968
- "Problems & Issues in Contemporary Education" - Scott-Foreman & Co. 1968
- "Brockton Schools 1964" - Center for Field Studies, Harvard University 1964
- "Public Education in Walpole" - Center for Field Studies, Harvard University 1964
- "Schools for Hartford: - Center for Field Studies, Harvard University 1965
- "Englewood's Schools" - Center for Field Studies, Harvard University 1965
- "Pittsburg Schools" - Center for Field Studies, Harvard University 1966
- "A Community Resources Survey" - Fairbanks Public Schools - 1962
- "Wayland Community Resources" - Wayland, Mass, PTA Council 1965

Magazine Articles:

- "The Myth of the Tipping Point" - Integrated Education May 1969

Edited:

- "Children Around the World" - Annotated Bibliography for Elementary Social Studies - Wayland, Mass. 1964
- "Fun at Forty Below: A Survey of Young Children's Play Needs in Northern Communities" - NEEDS - Fairbanks, Alaska 1972
- "Day Care Programming" - Community Child Care Council - Fairbanks, Ak, 1972

Grant prospecti - proposals and reports:

- Harvard - Boston Summer School - Preliminary proposal (funded) - HGSE 1965
- PRIDE - Pearl River Innovations in Disadvantage Education - Title I (funded), New York. 1966.
- Title I Comparability Reports - Fairbanks, 1971 - 1972
- Needs and Priorities in Public Employment - Fairbanks North Star Borough School District (funded under P.L. 92-54 - Emergency Employment Act of 1971
- "Tan-Yukon Coordinated Health Services" - (Experimental Health Services Delivery System - only proposal from Region X reviewed nationally - not funded)
- Proposals under Title I, II, III, V B-2 VI ESEA (funded)
- Proposals under NDEA III, XVI (funded)
- Developmental Disabilities Summer Program (funded)
- Greater Fairbanks Head Start Association (funded)
- Greater Fairbanks Home Start proposal (funded)

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Right To Read - expansion site proposal (funded)

Fairbanks Social Services - Title IV, A, B XVI, Soc. Security Act (funded)

NEEDS (Northern Experimental Educational Development Service) Title III ESEA

Regional supplementary service center - planning funds only.

Pamphlets and Reports: (other than 1978)

Kobuk Valley High School - Planning and Programming Dec. 1972

Progress Report - Federal Programs in Fairbanks North Star Borough Schools,
1969-70, Fairbanks, Ak 1970.

"All Year School" - Fairbanks 1971

"Public Education: Needs & Priorities in School District & Borough" -
Fairbanks, 1970

"Survey of Community Opinion" - Fairbanks 1970

"Inventory of Outdoor Recreation Facilities & Long Range Development Plans",
Fairbanks 1970

"Survey of Media Resources" - Fairbanks 1971

"Joint Borough/School District Facility - Preliminary Report" - Space,
Functions, and Relationships, Fairbanks 1970

"School Site Requirements" - Fairbanks 1970

"How Do We Compare? Analysis of Fairbanks North Star Borough School
District Budget - 1971 -72" - Fairbanks 1971

"Tanana Community College - Recommendations" - Fairbanks 1970

"Comparative Ranking of Alaska's Education System in Terms of the 50 States",
Fairbanks 1970

Directory of Fairbanks Social Service Agencies

Effects of Local Budget Cuts on Federal Funding

Resume - Dr. N.E. Koponen

Experience in Child Care/Child Development

- 9/71 - 9/78 Organized and chaired the Community Child Care Council of Tanana and Yukon Valley, Inc. "4-C's" Interagency Council of Fairbanks area child care/child development agencies and groups. Resigned as Chairman 10/76. remained as member of board.
- 12/75 Section Leader - Governor's Conference on Child Abuse Anchorage, Alaska
- 9/75 - 5/76 Traveling instructor for Rural Alaska Community Action Program/University of Alaska (Anchorage), - taught and supervised Head Start staff in Pt. Hope, Selawik, Tok, Noorvik, in college credit competency based training courses, (orientation to Early Childhood Education - Ed 201 E; Activities for Young Children HE 155)
- 6/75 Section Leader - Fairbanks Children's Congress (Day Care)
- 7/74 Symposium on Child Development Programs - Boston
- 6/74 Section Leader - Alaska Conference on the Child and the Law
- 6/73 - 6/76 Member - Alaska State Advisory Committee, worked with the Alaska State Technical Assistance and Training Office on Head Start staff training needs, etc. After grant was transferred from AMU to RurALCAP, helped design Alaska CDA format, so all competency based child development modules developed in Alaska would use a consistent format. (For information, contact Rodger Mooney, Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Anchorage.)
- 10/72 - 7/76 Director - Greater Fairbanks Family Headstart Asso., overall administration of Headstart and Homestart grants.
- 10/72 Human Services Association, Inc. - Fairbanks assisted organization of "Parent Pool Co-operative Child Care" program.
- 5/72 Assisted organization of Enep'ut Children's Center, (Mary Afcan, director).
- 4/72 - 12/74 Fairbanks Child Abuse Task Force.
- 10/71 - 11/71 Developed program for Fairbanks Native Association Child Care Center (B. Long, director)
- 7/71 - 8/71 Program evaluator - Head Start Summer Training Program, Lake Otis School, Anchorage, Alaska

02/71 Delegate to Alaska Conference on Rights of Children

01/70 - 10/72 Consultant to Greater Fairbanks Family Head Start Asso.,
(assisted with grant preparation, staff selection and
training, parent and board training)

09/69 - 09/71 Chairman, Board of Directors - Greater Fairbanks Family
Head Start Association

07/69 - 08/69 Evaluator of Head Start Training Program at Ketchikan,
Juneau, Anchorage, Sitka, Bethel and Fairbanks for
Volt Technical Corporation

06/67 - 09/69 Chairman - Head Start Advisory Board, Fairbanks CAP

05/64 - 06/64 Chairman - Committee of Community Pre-School Program
Alternatives, Wayland PTA Council, Wayland, Mass.

06/51 - 09/51 Developed summer children's program for North Reading
Community Center, Reading Penn. (Senior Project for WSU)

06/48 - 09/48 Set up UNICEF Children's Summer Camp, Lieksa, Finland
under auspices of Quaker International Volunteer Service

Note:

The above does not include conferences such as the Education
Commission of the States Parent/Early Childhood Conferences, AERA,
National Home Start Conference, NHSDA, etc. which I attended, but
did not lead sectional discussions, seminars or present papers.

Family

Father emigrated in 1904 with his parents to Havre, Montana, where my grandfather was a master mechanic for N.P.R.R. Father was educated in Port Arthur, Ontario, where his father was master mechanic for the Canadian Pacific Railroad.

Mother was born in Worchester, Mass. Her parents had emigrated separately from Finland and met while working at Asabett Mills, Maynard, Mass.

Father was educated at Westinghouse Tech., & Cooper Union School of Engineering, worked as an electrical technician for Bell Laboratory until the depression, there as an electrician in airport construction and ship-building - retired from electric motor shop, Eielson AFB in 1967 due to job related illness.

Mother graduated Turku Lyceum (Finland), worked as a domestic - later as the store manager for Finnish Newspaper Co. (1945-55) N.Y. Lived in Alaska 1955-67, now retired in Oregon. Active in Alaska Sourdoughs.

Wife - Joan Dabney Forbes, of Cambridge, Mass., born Orlando, Florida, where her father was professor of psychology at Rollins College. Her family is descended from Alexander Forbes - chaplain of British Forces which seized St. Augusta, Florida from the Spanish in 1732 and whose grandson - John Malcolm Forbes, did well in the China trade and railway construction industry.

Children: Karjala Koponen - born 1952 - currently studying management at the Mass. Institute of Technology

Sanni K. Epstein - born 1954, housewife, 1 daughter (Katja), two stepsons (Peter, Danny), husband, Robert Epstein is director of an Indian Education program.

Chena K. Newman - born 1956, commercial photographer, husband is Gary Newman, installer for Municipal Utilities, City of Fairbanks.

Heather Koponen - born 1957, is a premed student at University of Alaska.

Alexander Koponen, born 1958, is a student of computer technology at the University of Alaska.

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Religion

Raised and confirmed (1942) in Finnish Evangelical Bethania Luthern Church. Nominated for seminary, but left the Church in disagreement of questions of Christian attitude toward violence (opposed it) and working together with other religious groups - ecumenism (favored it).

Joined Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) - served in Quaker International Voluntary Service work camp in Lieksa, Finland, helping refugees from Russian held areas build new homesteads in 1948. Helped organize American Friends Service Committee workcamp at Beaver, Alaska, 1958, helping rebuild homes away from the Yukon River.

Served on Quaker/Indian Rights Association committee helping start the Alaska Native Land Claims movement.

Served as clerk - Chena Ridge Meeting (worship group) from 1954 to 1978.

Served as clerk - Central Alaska Friends Conference from 1956-57, and 1970 to the present. 1980

Labor Activities

Member of the National Education Association 1957 to present.
Have served on the District Executive committee, negotiating committee, delegate to the State Assembly, etc.
Helped organize the Teacher's Conference when held in Fairbanks.

Member of the American Federation of Technical Engineers AFL/CIO.
1957-1966 - charter member, served as vice president of Fairbanks Local, delegate to National Convention 1962.

Member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers AFL/CIO.
1948-1956, joined union at Bethlehem Steel (Hoboken, N.J.)
Was vice president and chief grievance man for Fairbanks Mine Workers Local 1550, IBEW AFL/CIO 1952-55.

Member of the International Union of Laborers and Hod Carriers -
worked construction, Reading Penn. 1950-52. No offices.

Member of Retail Wholesale Dept. Store Employees CIO.
Negotiating committee - Eastern Co-op Wholesale 1946-48.

Usually active in labor political action committees during these periods.

Political Activities

Co-chairman of Alaska - Kennedy for President Committee (1979-80).

Actively involved in the Kertula for Governor campaign - 1978.

Party Offices

Precinct Chairman - Chena Precinct - Democratic Party 1968 to present.

Member of Central District Democratic Committee 1969 to present.

Member of the State Central Committee 1972 - 1976.

Delegate Central District Democratic Convention 1970, 72, 74, 76 and 78.

Delegate Alaska State Democratic Convention 1970, 72, 74, 76, 78.

Delegate Democratic National Convention 1974, 1976.

Past Campaigns

Chairman - Citizens for Carter, Northern Alaska Region 1976.

Chairman - McGovern Campaign Committee - Northern Region 1972.

Active in Gravel Senatorial Campaign 1974.

Active in Egan Gubernatorial Campaign 1974.

Active in Gruening Campaign 1968.

Active in Begich for Congress Campaign 1966, 68, 70, 72.

Active in various local and state campaigns since early 1950's.

Other

Independent candidate for territorial legislature 1956.

Candidate for Constitutional Convention 195~~4~~

Active in Alaska Constitutional Study League. (Working for development of a state constitution in territorial days) 1954-57.

Active in Non-Partisan League of Alaska 1953-54.

Active in Alaska Party 1956-59.

Active in Alaska Native Rights Association (early land claims work 1959-66).