

Bruce Gifford to Return as Vice Chancellor, Satre Acting Vice Chancellor

Richard Dent has resigned as Vice Chancellor of Student Services and Enrollment Management. Director of Student Services Tish Griffin Satre is serving as acting Vice Chancellor. Former Dean of Students and Enrollment Management Bruce Gifford is set to fill the job permanently July 1, 2008.

Gifford's employment history with the University of Alaska Southeast began in 1982 as Director of Student Services and Public Relations for Ketchikan Community College. From 1988 to 1999 he served as Regional Director of Student Services and from 1999-2001 as Dean of Students and Enrollment Management. Gifford returns to UAS after two years as Vice President of Student Services at Pueblo (Colorado) Community College and five years in the same position as well as interim Athletic Director at North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Griffin-Satre started at UA Juneau in 1985 and came here from the University of Washington to open Student Housing in its first year. In 1988 she was named Assistant Director for Student Services. Griffin-Satre has worked for UAS on Auxiliary Services,

Food Service, Childcare, Bookstore, Campus Judicial, Student Government, Whalesong, Recreation and Activities and as chair of Tuxedo Junction until it "retired" in 2006. "The best part of my UAS experience has been working with such exceptional colleagues that are so committed to student success. I have enjoyed being a part of the campus facility growth in Housing and Recreation and starting many campus traditions from the Polar Bear Plunge to the Banff Film Festival," said Griffin-Satre. "This institution is near and dear to my heart and the opportunity to take the reins in Student Services culminates a long term commitment and dedication to serving the students, faculty and staff at UAS."

"We are fortunate Ms. Griffin-Satre has accepted the responsibilities of Acting Vice Chancellor," said Chancellor John Pugh. "Her leadership will allow UAS to continue excellent services to students and provide a smooth transition." Gifford visited UAS in March and met with several offices and committees on campus. "I am thrilled to death to be coming back to UAS," said Gifford.



Students got into Auke Creek with biology faculty David Tallmon and UAS IPY post-doc Andrew Whiteley to capture freshwater sculpins. The goal of this ongoing project is to understand rapid adaptation of species to habitats influenced by global warming.

Tallmon Gives Talk at UC Santa Barbara

UAS Biology faculty Dave Tallmon gave a talk and participated in a working group on Genetic Monitoring at the National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis at UC Santa Barbara, California on March 10. Tallmon's talk focused on available software to monitor genetic changes in wild marine populations.

"Genetic monitoring has the potential to become a valuable tool for resource managers in the management and conservation of populations," writes Tallmon. "Rapid recent advances in molecular genetic techniques now make it relatively easy and inexpensive to quantify temporal changes in the genetics of populations over tens or even hundreds of years. However, it is currently unknown under what circumstances genetic monitoring would provide valuable information or what genetic data are required

for effective genetic monitoring. We propose a working group that will address these issues in order to provide guidance for resource managers and policy makers. We're trying to develop a general framework for monitoring any species anywhere in the world. The workgroup includes participants from Sweden, Denmark, France, and across the US."

Heavner in DC in January

Matt Heavner, UAS Juneau Assistant Professor of Physics, travelled to Washington, DC to participate in the Federation of Earth Science Information Partnership Winter Meeting held January 9-10, 2008, "The Changing Climate: Making Earth Science Relevant Again in Light of Global Warming."

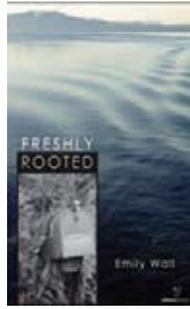
Dr. Heavner presented a poster and demonstration of "The SEAMONSTER (Southeast Alaska Monitoring Network for Science Telecommunications Education and Research) Sensor Web: Lessons and Opportunities after One Year."

The poster utilizes Google Earth software to show the Lemon Creek watershed and how SEAMONSTER weather stations and water quality monitoring indicate how watersheds in Southeast Alaska are responding to melting of the Juneau Ice Sheet due to climate change. The goal is to learn how changing water quality conditions may impact aspects of the food chain such as salmon spawning.

Weather station instrumentation checks meteorological conditions on the glacier and i.e. glacier lake outbursts and floods that may impact water quality downstream. Water quality checks are for turbidity, pH and dissolved nutrients in Lemon Creek.

UAS Faculty-Writer Wall in NYC

In early February UAS English faculty Emily Wall gave a reading from her new book, *Freshly Rooted* at the Bowery Club in Greenwich Village, New York City. While in NYC Wall also attended the Association of Writer's and Writing Programs Conference. Reading at the Bowery Club was significant for Wall. "That club is a landmark in Greenwich Village and it was such an amazing experience to be reading in a place so many other wonderful poets have read," she said. She adds, "AWP is the flagship conference for all creative writers; this year 7,000 of us attended and the sessions were vibrant and enriching."



Authors Tony Martin (left) and Rick McDonald (right.)

EDGE Science Symposium March 27-30

Nineteen Alaska science students in grades 6-12 who participated in the 2007-2008 Experiential Discoveries in Geoscience Education (EDGE) program and 10 of their teacher mentors converged on the UAS campus March 27-30 for an EDGE Science Symposium. Students presented their own GIS-based research projects in a poster session format on Friday, March 28 for judging by UAS Natural Sciences faculty, ENVS, MATH and BIOL students, and local scientists. EDGE high school students brought their projects to Juneau-Douglas HS on Saturday to compete in the Southeast Alaska Regional Science fair for berths in the INTEL International Science and Engineering Fair in Atlanta, Georgia in May, 2008. Students and teachers traveled from the Kuskokwim Delta villages of Kwigillingok and Kongiganak, from the foothills of Matanuska Valley, and from Juneau to participate. The EDGE Project is primarily funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation to Natural Sciences Dept. faculty Cathy Connor and UAF Geophysical Institute professor Anupma Prakash. www.edge.alaska.edu/about.html.

Connor and Prakash have published the article, "Experiential Discoveries in Geoscience Education: The EDGE Program in Alaska" in the *Journal of Geoscience Education*, v. 56, n.2, March 2008, p. 179-186.

Medical Experiments on SE Natives Critique presented at UAS Ketchikan

A critique of BSG tuberculosis experiments on Southeast Alaska natives was presented at UAS Ketchikan February 28. The presentation at the library by Eleanor Hadden was an ethnohistoric account of a medical experiment on Native North Americans 1935-38. Research continued until 1998 on the BCG vaccine. Hadden asked whether there was informed consent in the original experiment or follow-up. She also presented a short history of informed consent and why it is required and necessary. Study related issues were critiqued from a decolonizing research methodology perspective.

UAS Bookstore Event Success

The first Faculty Author Reading and Reception took place on Friday, February 29, 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Bookstore Manager Sara Hagen organized the event featuring two authors from Career Development and two from the English department of the School of Arts and Sciences. The English faculty were Emily Wall, author of *Freshly Rooted*, a book of poems that follow her struggle to navigate the new country of marriage and to speak the new language of self in a land of reinvention and Ernestine Hayes, author of *Blonde Indian*, about life as Alaska Native growing up in Juneau, living in California and returning home after many years. *Blonde Indian* is the winner of the 2007 American Book Award. A reading by Hayes and Wall was well attended.

Automotive technology program director Tony Martin and author of the textbook *Hybrid and Alternative Fuel Vehicles* and Ketchikan faculty Rick McDonald author of the textbook *Network Fundamentals CCNA Exploration Companion Guide* (CCNA stands for Certified Cisco Networking Associate) were on hand to sign their books along with Hayes and Wall. Martin and McDonald's were their second published books. New books from both are in the works. "The author reading and reception at the UAS bookstore was a great success, with standing room only during the author readings. I look forward to holding similar events for published faculty in the future!" said Hagen.