

ODS Students on Denali

Outdoor studies students made UAS history in May when they climbed North America's highest peak for their capstone course. Three members of the party reached the peak May 27, 2010.



Above: Shea Mack takes in the view on Mt. McKinley

Right: Yosuke Sano reaches the summit.



New Book by Chordas Published

English faculty Nina Chordas is pleased to announce the publication of her new book, *Forms in Early Modern Utopia: The Ethnography of Perfection*. The book explores both fictional utopias and real-life utopian experiments in the Americas of the 16th and 17th centuries, making connections between the forms that make up these utopias (ethnography, travel writing, dialogue, sermon writing) and the beginnings of European imperialism. The book is available from Ashgate Publishing Group. www.ashgate.com.

UAS Welcomes New Deans

The University of Alaska Southeast is restructuring Student Services leadership and welcoming a new Dean of Education and Dean of Professional and Technical Studies.

Joe Nelson, J.D., has been promoted from Director of Admissions to Dean of Enrollment Management. Jessie Grant, Ph.D., has been promoted from Director of Activities and Housing to Dean of Students. The appointments were made after the retirement of Vice Chancellor for Student Services Bruce Gifford who returned to UAS in 2008. He retired after serving UAS over the course of more than 25 years.

Larry Harris also retired as Dean of Education, a position he held since 2006. New Dean of Education Deborah Lo is scheduled to start work August 1. A native of the Florida Keys, Lo's background as an educator includes a variety of positions including both national and international work as a teacher, researcher and administrator.



Dr. Deborah Lo

Lo most recently served as chair of the Department of Elementary, Early and Special Education for Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Prior to her position at Southeast Missouri, Lo was chair of the Education Department at the University of Scranton, a Jesuit University in Scranton Pennsylvania. Dr. Lo earned a doctorate in educational psychology from the University of Chicago and a bachelor's and master's degree from Florida State University.

"It is truly an honor to be selected as the incoming dean for UAS's School of Education," says Lo. "It is clear that the faculty have a passion for developing and maintaining quality education programs that result in educators who are held in high regard. My challenge will be to help maintain and build a competitive edge both in Alaska and nationally."



Dr. Steven Krause

Also coming on board August 1 is Dr. Steven Krause as Dean of Professional and Technical Studies. Krause will oversee UAS Management and Career Education programs. Dr. Karen Schmidt formerly held the post and moved to the University of Alaska Anchorage in 2009.

Dr. Krause most recently served as Chair of Business at Concordia University in Portland, Oregon. He

completed his doctoral work at Texas Tech University, holds a BS in Physics, a Masters Degree in Human Resources Management, and is an honors graduate, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.

Dr. Krause arrived at Concordia University in 1999 after spending three years with the Boeing Company under a Department of Defense contract to train B1 Bomber combat aviators. He also completed a 20-year career as a USAF officer while holding a variety of command and administrative positions in two combat flight training schools.

“I have been very impressed with the people I have met at the University of Alaska Southeast,” said Krause. “When students arrive for fall classes, it creates quite a buzz, which in turn re-energizes campus life and provides spark to the learning environment. I look forward to all the “fun” and am ready for all the opportunities and challenges which we will face together.”

UAS Appoints New Dean of Arts and Sciences

The University of Alaska Southeast is pleased to announce the appointment of a new Dean of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Marsha Sousa comes to UAS from the University of Alaska Fairbanks Community and Technical College, where she served as Associate Dean. Sousa worked with UAS Provost Rick Caulfield when he was Director of the UAF Community and Technical College.



Dr. Marsha Sousa

Sousa worked at UAF since 1989 in several capacities including as faculty and director of allied health programs. She has taught classes in physiology, biology, allied health, and developmental math, and given lectures to students in veterinary medicine and graduate students in physiology. Her research specialty is on the reproductive cycles in mink, caribou, musk ox and reindeer.

Early in her UAF career Sousa was awarded the Outstanding Introductory Teacher of the Year for the College of Natural Science and Mathematics and in 2009 was awarded the Usibelli Award for Distinguished Teaching for UAF.

Sousa’s goal is to “support faculty to help our students meet their educational goals.” Sousa is also excited about working in a small school, where there is higher level of student-faculty interaction.

“Dr. Sousa is a great addition to the UAS academic leadership team,” said Chancellor John Pugh. “I look forward to working with her to serve Juneau and the Southeast region.”

“I have been so impressed with the collegiality and interdisciplinary work of the faculty and the respect they hold for their colleagues. It is very unique in institutions of higher education,” she said.

Sousa received her BS in 1974 and PhD in 1982 from the Department of Physiology and Biophysics at Colorado State University.

She is scheduled to start work at UAS in late September.

Biology and Marine Biology Faculty News



Bhutan Students. Students learning genetics in Bhutan’s first conservation genetics lab.

David Tallmon gave a talk and contributed to a workshop on the use of DNA in biodiversity monitoring for Bhutanese, Pakistani, Nepali, and Indian biologists May 13-20 in Bumthang, Bhutan.

Beth Mathews published a paper with Milo Adkinson (UAF Fisheries) entitled, “The role of Steller sea lions in a large population decline of harbor seals” in the May issue of *Marine Mammal Science*.

Carolyn Bergstrom gave a talk at the The Society for the Study of Evolution Conference in Portland (June 25-29) called “Evidence for ecological niche segregation in the face of gene flow in a polymorphic flatfish.”

Also in May, Sherry Tamone gave a talk on crab physiology at a conference on Prince Edward Island, Canada. The Workshop on Hematodinium related diseases included researchers from Alaska, Seattle WA, PEI, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Quebec.



The annual Evening at Egan Fall Series at the University of Alaska Southeast kicked off with author and activist Terry Tempest Williams September 10 as part of the Bartlett Lecture Series. Other Evening at Egan presenters include Outdoor Studies graduates on their May 2010 UAS history-making climb of Denali, guests of the Juneau World Affairs Council on non-violent conflict resolution, Haines author Heather Lende on Family, Friends and Faith and UAS faculty Clive Thomas with perspectives on Sarah Palin’s rise to “stardom.” All events take place Friday nights at 7 p.m. at either the Egan Lecture Hall or Library. The series runs through November 12. For the full schedule please see the Evening at Egan website at: www.uas.alaska.edu/eganlecture.