



## Alaska Native Language Scholarship receives gift from Sealaska; First recipient is new faculty hire at UAS

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The Emma Marks Endowed Memorial for Alaska Native Languages recently reached endowment level with a \$5,500 gift from the Sealaska Corporation. The fund was established in 2007 to provide financial support for the study of Alaska Native languages, including, but not limited to: student scholarships, tuition, teaching assistants, adjunct faculty, curriculum development and materials. Applications are on-going through the University of Alaska Southeast Financial Aid Office. The current endowed balance is \$26,278.20.

Linguists Nora and Richard Dauenhauer created the Emma Marks Memorial for Alaska Native Languages Fund with initial donations that were matched by UAS. The purpose of the fund is to support the growing Alaska Native Language program with emphasis on emergency needs.

The Emma Marks fund has already had an important impact on the AKL program; the only funding recipient so far, Lance Twitchell, will shortly join the program as its first tenure track professor.

“We cannot emphasize enough, as a people, how important it is for all of our people to actively learn our language and keep our identity, our culture, our ancestor’s tongue, from dying,” said Twitchell. “We look forward to many future benefits for the 3 indigenous Southeast language communities, Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian, as these funds are awarded to other students and program needs,” said Alice. Taff, Research Assistant Professor of Alaska Native Languages.

## UAS Ketchikan Campus Announces New Director

### Welcome Dr. Anthony Mansueto

The UAS Ketchikan Campus is pleased to announce that Dr. Anthony Mansueto has accepted the position of Campus Director, effective July 1, 2011. Dr. Mansueto spoke very positively about his interactions with faculty and staff in Ketchikan and about the community of Ketchikan.

Anthony Mansueto is from Garland, Texas. Education: Ph.D., Religion, Ethics, and Society, Graduate Theological Union. M.A., Religion, Yale University. B.A., Humanities, University of Chicago. Dr. Mansueto was Academic Dean (Humanities) of the Spring Creek Campus of Collin College in Plano, Texas from 2006 to 2009.

## Senator Begich Visits Campus



*Senator Mark Begich (D-Alaska) greeted Chancellor Pugh and took questions on climate change legislation, oil development and health care reform at a recent appearance in the Egan Lecture Hall.*

## Celebration of Faculty Excellence and Farewell to Retirees

A celebration of faculty excellence took place on the Juneau Auke Bay Campus May 2. The following retiring/departing tenured and long-time term faculty were recognized: Jonathan Anderson, Jane Terzis, and Clive Thomas. Also recognized were the following recipients of UAS Faculty Excellence Awards for the 2010-11 academic year: Marquam George (Teaching), Eran Hood (Research), Kevin Maier (Service), Fran Polumsky (Adjunct Instruction).

### New Faculty Hires

Glenn Wright will be joining UAS as assistant professor of Political Science. He is currently completing his Ph.D. at the University of Colorado. Glenn also has an Alaska background: his BA is from UAF, he has an MAT from UAS, and he completed the UAS legislative internship while he was an undergraduate. Glenn has an interest in studying public goods provision and common pool resource management, decentralization and local governance, and forestry policy, among other things. Glenn has done research in Central and South America and speaks Spanish fluently.

Jason Amundson has accepted an offer to be assistant professor of Physics. Jason is currently in a post-doc at the University of Chicago. He earned his Ph.D. in Geophysics at UAF and is active in researching glacial calving, glacial seismology, and subglacial processes. He has previously worked on both the Taku and Mendenhall Glaciers.

Amanda Sesko is the new assistant professor of Psychology. Amanda is finishing her Ph.D. in social psychology at the University of Kansas this summer. Amanda did her undergraduate work in psychology at

the University of Wisconsin. She has taught online courses as well as local courses. Amanda's research interests include stereotyping, categorization, and discrimination based on race and gender. She is quite interested in building a strong undergraduate research program here at UAS.

## Ray Publication

### Ray argues that the crisis of undocumented immigration in the border wildernesses is more a crisis of human security than it is one of national or environmental security.

Sarah Jaquette Ray, Assistant Professor of English, published her article, "Endangering the Desert: Immigration, the Environment, and Security in the Arizona-Mexico Borderland," in the (late) Autumn 2010 issue of ISLE: Interdisciplinary Studies of Literature and Environment. In this article, Ray draws on field research in Organ Pipe Monument and the Coronado Forest to argue that the crisis of undocumented immigration in the border wildernesses is more a crisis of human security than it is one of national or environmental security, despite anti-immigrant 'green' rhetoric that calls for more walls and border patrol presence to stem the 'tide' of immigration. Such rhetoric passes xenophobia as ecological sensitivity and resuscitates a tradition of 'green hate' among environmentalists, while it ignores the broader geopolitical and economic contexts that drive immigrants into delicate border environments. Check it out at the Egan Library!

## Alumni News

### Auke Lake Trail Dedication Ceremony

Please join us for the celebration of the Auke Lake Trail on Saturday, June 11 at the UAS Noyes Pavilion.

#### Schedule of events:

- 11:30 am – Dedication Ceremony
- 12:00 pm – "Auke Lake Trail 101: A Natural History of Juneau" talk by UAS Professor of Geology, Cathy Connor, Ph.D.
- 12:30 pm – Free refreshments: hot dogs, chips and drinks
- 12:45 pm – Guided Trail Walk with Chancellor John Pugh and Cathy Connor

Special thanks to Campaign Co-Chairs Laraine Derr, Christine Phillips, and Jim King, Sr. and all who donated to the Auke Lake.

Limited seating available. Dress for the weather!

### Alumni Suite at the Mariners Game in Seattle

Join Chancellor John Pugh and Alumni & Friends in an Exclusive Right-Field Group Suite to watch the Seattle Mariners vs. the Boston Red Sox at Safeco Field in Seattle on Saturday, August 13. Suite admission includes food and non-alcoholic drinks. No host bar available. Tickets available soon – discounted rates for members of UAS Alumni & Friends. Memberships start at only \$35 per year! To get on the list and save your spot, contact the Alumni Office in the Soboleff Annex, by calling 796-6569 or by email: [alumni@uas.alaska.edu](mailto:alumni@uas.alaska.edu).

## M.Ed. Grad Named Ninilchik School Principal

By McKibben Jackinsky, *HomerNews.com*

Recent UAS M.Ed. graduate Jeffrey Ambrosier has been hired as the new Ninilchik School Principal.

Not a newcomer to the area, Ambrosier has been fishing in Ninilchik many times. Originally from Colorado, Ambrosier earned a bachelor of science in biology, with a concentration in marine biology, from Oregon State University in 1992.

He has a secondary science certificate from Colorado State University and earned an Alaska State Type B certificate and master's degree in educational leadership from the University of Alaska Southeast in 2010.

Ambrosier taught high school science for Dillingham City Schools from 2002-2006, was lead instructor at the Bristol Bay Salmon Camp from 2004-2006 and spent the 2006-2007 school year teaching eighth-grade science and reading at Mesa View Middle School in Farmington, N.M. "I was just there one year. I went down there and, boy, Alaska was in my blood," said Ambrosier, laughing.

In 2007, he was back in Alaska as the principal-teacher at Aleknagik, where he will remain until coming to Ninilchik this summer.

"There were just a couple of districts I was interested in working for and the Kenai Peninsula district was the best school district to work for. It has solid leadership, an outstanding record of student performance as well as a high level of extra-curricular activities," said Ambrosier.



*Every Thursday night the UAS green routine begins. Collecting from bins both on and off campus, breaking down cardboard, and loading up the yellow recycling truck. Students Boni Parker, Chelsie Harris and Erin Weekly take UAS' reusable waste to the Juneau Recycle Center.*