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DR. TOM THORNTON – DEAN OF ARTS & SCIENCES MEET & GREET

On November 12 students and faculty got the opportunity to sit down with Dr. Tom Thornton, UAS Dean of Arts & Sciences; Vice Provost for Research & Sponsored programs. Dr. Thornton was in town for a visit with Ketchikan faculty, staff and students. Dr. Thornton was hired as the Dean this past summer.

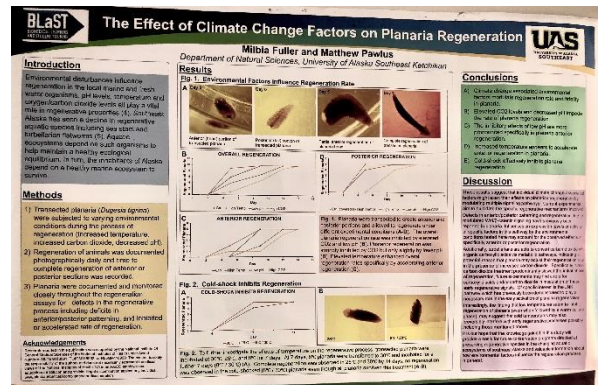
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TOUR WELDING SHOP



Ketchikan High School construction classes toured the Welding Lab November 26-27. Assistant Professor of Welding Ken Horn showed off the new lab and talked about the multitude of welding jobs and careers that are available to anyone with an interest and a willingness to learn a new skill.

WHALE FEST 2018

This year, through the generous donation of grant money from various sources, Assistant Professor of Science Matthew Pawlus and his *BIO 175: Current Topics in Biology* class were able to attend Sitka's WhaleFest in early November. WhaleFest is a unique experience that integrates the excitement of a festival with the science of a research convention, the social networking of an academic mixer, and of course, whales! WhaleFest is an incredible experience and a valuable opportunity for students



interested in the ocean and biology. The days the students (and their professor) spent at WhaleFest were intense, interactive, and fully immersed students in the culture of research science and collaboration with the scenery of Sitka as a backdrop. In addition to attending the amazing seminars on marine science, students appreciated the hands-on approach offered by many of the WhaleFest activities. This year, students dissected a sea lion, learned how to test salmon for toxins, went on a whale cruise where they got to help collect humpback audio data, presented research posters, mentored high school students, and were able to interact personally with scientists from around the country at a banquet, evening receptions, and de-briefing sessions. It was clear to see that his students this year were inspired by WhaleFest and he hope that they continue to develop their interests in a scientific career.

PACIFIC MARINE EXPO 2018



Mike LaBarge and Mariah Warren had the opportunity to attend and have a booth at the Pacific Marine Expo, or Fish Expo as it's more commonly known, November 17-19. The expo brings together commercial fisherman, maritime vendors, maritime educators, and other maritime industries for 3 days of networking. It is held at CenturyLink Field Event Center in Seattle and attracts thousands of participants each year. The level of interest in the UAS Maritime Training

Center and our training opportunities was truly impressive, and the connections Mike and Mariah made in Seattle – with potential students, parents and grandparents of potential students, potential future employers for our students, and with other maritime educational professionals – will hopefully prove to be invaluable. What a great trip!

ASK UAS “THE EMPTY CHAIR” – JAPANESE AMERICANS IN INTERNMENT CAMPS DURING WWII



Fifty-three community members attended November's Ask UAS presentation, *The Empty Chair* on a blustery Thursday evening. Dr. John Radzilowski hosted the event and provided historical context for the documentary, *The Empty Chair* which focused on the internment of Japanese Americans in Southeast Alaska during WWII. The film addressed the impact of internment on these citizens and their families.

Southeast Alaskan communities tended to buck national trends of exploitation and prejudice toward these interned citizens. Though Japanese Americans in Alaska were still sent to internment camps, their communities wrote letters on their behalf and helped to keep their properties secure in their absence. Radzilowski suggested that in smaller communities, like the one in Juneau portrayed in the film, Japanese Americans were better integrated and well-known among their fellow citizens.

The Campus Library was also grateful to have Bill Tatsuda as a guest in the audience who shared his family's experiences with internment and about the support they received from the Ketchikan community.

OF NOTE

Brandon Chapman has been selected as a UAS Digital Fellow for 2019. Brandon will receive a stipend to help implement his project: creating personalized video feedback on students' paper and writings in his "Introduction to Anthropology" and "Biological Anthropology" classes in Spring 2019, in an effort to improve students' engagement and retention. He will represent the Ketchikan campus in the program along with faculty from the Juneau and Sitka campuses. He also attended and presented at the American Anthropological Association annual meeting in San Jose, CA from November 16-18. Brandon attended several sessions and also presented his paper titled "Cultural Models of the Transition, Politics, and Putin in Russia" at a panel on Politics and Political Change. Brandon most recently presented at Ketchikan's Rotary 2000 Club on November 27th. He shared his research on Russians' values and opinions regarding their politics, politicians, and government with a talk titled "Сами По Себе (On Their Own): Support for and Acceptance of Putin in Russia."

MEET PROFESSOR...TEAGUE WHALEN



Associate Professor of English & Communication Teague Whalen has been teaching at UAS for 10 years. Originally from Michigan, Teague completed his undergraduate and master's degree in Creative Writing and Master of Fine Arts. One of his more interesting experiences was teaching a literature program for six weeks at a 100-year-old camp in rural Maine that required both faculty and students to leave technology behind and write their assignments in journals and on typewriters. When he's not teaching he enjoys being outdoors, playing music on his guitar and singing. Teague enjoys the flexibility and creativity that comes with teaching at the collegiate level. To him, teaching is a noble service. He likes the opportunity to educate people and help them better their lives. Some things that might surprise you about Teague are that his undergraduate degree is in psychology, he was certified to teach high school and middle school, but prefers to teach college thanks to his substitute teaching experiences, and he loves kids! For the spring semester the challenge he is working to overcome is helping his students learn to enjoy writing and approach it with motivation and positivity!

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

December 11

6:30pm

Brandon Chapman, Ph.D.: On Their Own—
Support for and Acceptance of Authoritarianism
and Putin in Russia

December 22 – Jan 1

January 8

Winter Break – Campus Closed
Save the Date! Faculty and Staff Development
Day

TECH TIP OF THE MONTH

Fun tech gifts for the holidays!



Ember Warming Mug

The Ember temperature-controlled mug sounds unnecessary until you remember how often you reheat your coffee or hot water. It's possible to set the ceramic or copper mug to a desired temperature, anywhere from 120°F to 145°F, and use an app to remotely change the temperature while stuck in a meeting. Although there's a travel mug option, most thermoses already keep liquids nice and hot. The real revolution is the classic mug.

Qwerkywriter S USB Keyboard

This is a gift for the person in your life who insists a Kindle can't compete with the smell of a paper book. The Qwerkywriter S is a USB keyboard that looks and feels like an old-fashioned typewriter. This weighty tablet, phone or computer accessory features round keys that make a satisfying clacking sound when pressed. If someone is really committed to the bit, they can use the carriage return lever to start a new line instead of hitting the enter button. New retro colors will be available next year.



Rocketbook Everlast reusable notebook

Scribblers and note takers who hate wasting paper may enjoy a "reusable" notebook. The Rocketbook is an ordinary-looking slim, spiral notebook that works with an included special Pilot FriXion pen. Use it to write anything from shopping lists to screenplay outlines. The app scans and stores the pages to a cloud service. Use a damp piece of cloth to wipe down the pages and start again. Or if you buy the Rocketbook Wave notebook, a microwave can zap the pages clean.

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