



University of Alaska Southeast Faculty & Staff Newsletter

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Transitions

UAS will experience some major transitions in leadership at the end of this academic year. The following individuals will be retiring or otherwise leaving.

- Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Carol Hedlin—retiring in August 2014
- Dean of Arts and Sciences Dr. Marsha Sousa—resigning at the end of May
- Institutional Effectiveness Manager Dr. Diane Meador—retiring in summer 2014
- Dr. Cathy Connor, Professor of Geology—retiring at the end of AY13-14
- Associate Professor Rick McDonald, Information Systems/Ketchikan—departed January 2014

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IT Services Welcomes New Staff

Noah James has already started working as the AV Specialist/Producer in the IT department. Noah moved up from Tennessee in the hopes of utilizing his BFA in Digital Film and Video. Prior to joining us Noah was a training officer in the Marine Corps, and most recently was working as an Electronics Technician on nuclear instrumentation.

Chip Howard has accepted the Video Producer position in the IT department. Chip is expected to arrive at UAS on Feb. 10th. He is moving up from Georgia but was born in Fairbanks. After receiving his BA in Broadcast Journalism from Georgia State University, Chip spent many years as a higher education media professional at Georgia Perimeter College (formally DeKalb College).

Steven Gross is the new Help Desk Consultant. Steven is a longtime resident of Juneau with an Associates of Computer Information and Office System degree, emphasis in Web Development. Steven has worked at the university during his academic career and is no stranger to our community. For the last 3+ years, Steven has been working at IT Services, first as a student assistant and then as a full time Temporary IS Consultant. Steven is working at the Help desk providing technical support.

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Klein and Cortes Garner Industry Honors

Klein's work on the streaming/on demand content for the [Tlingit Conversations website](#) won a top Gold Award in the Education Digital Marketing Awards competition. The annual contest is held by the Higher Education Marketing Report. The site is for the Tlingit Conversation Documentation Project, 2007-2013 Alaska Languages Program where in a project team of UAS Tlingit faculty and students and fluent Tlingit elders produced subtitled videos for language learners.

Student photographer Ryan Cortes also picked up an award in the same competition. His web video, [A Climber's Journey to Mathematics](#) featuring UAS alum and Learning Center testing supervisor Gabe Wechter earned a Merit award.



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I'm Going to College: Presenters Sought

As many of you know, UAS hosts the annual I'm Going to College (IGTC) event in the spring, which is now Kids2College (K2C). The purpose of K2C is to invite local 5th graders to campus and experience what it means to be a college student for a day – with the ultimate goal of fostering the goal for the kids to go on to finish high school and on to postseason education and training.

Previously we have had this event hosted on two days and this year we are hosting the vent only on one day with half as many students from previous years. The format for K2C will be students arrive in the morning, attend a welcome session and then are broken out into 10 groups of approximately 20 students each (each group will have 3 chaperones). The sessions are scheduled for 30 minutes and are structured to give students the opportunity to experience a college class, with age-appropriate hands-on activities. Each group will attend four different classes, have a lunch, and we will wrap up the day with an awards ceremony.

The level of participation depends on how much time you can volunteer, whether it is for just one 30 minute session, or for all four sessions. All levels of participation are much appreciated! Participating in K2C is a great way to add to your faculty service, get some cool UAS logo paraphernalia and lunch will be provided! If you think that any of your star students might be good at leading a session, they are more than welcome to participate as well.

Please let me know if you are interested in participating no later than February 28th as I will be leaving for maternity leave and need to finalize this event before I am gone.

Thank you so much all that you do for UAS!
-Janelle Cook

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A Ketchikan Campus Partnership



John Brown, SSEATEC Education Director (Southern Southeast Alaska Technical Education Center), and Camille Booth, KIC (Ketchikan Indian Community) Education Director recently met with Provost Rick Caulfield and UAS Ketchikan Campus Director

Priscilla Schulte. A partnership agreement with KIC and SSEATEC in offering aligned career and technical education programs. The group toured SSEATEC's new dormitory in Ketchikan and discussed potential shared use of facilities.

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Financial Aid News

The 2014-2015 UAS and UA Foundation Scholarship Application deadline is February 15, 2014. We are requesting that faculty and staff remind all of their students about this opportunity, and encourage them to log into UAOnline and complete the application. If students have any questions or experience any difficulty with the application they should call the Financial Aid Office at 796-6255.

The Financial Aid Office also is seeking volunteers to read and score scholarship essays for our UA Foundation Scholarships. We are seeking a 2-4 hour commitment to be completed between February 18th and March 7th. Past scholarship readers have been excited for the opportunity to view the amazing accomplishments of our students, and for the ability to see our students in a new way. Reading the scholarship essays acts as a wonderful reminder of the amazing students we serve and some of the enormous challenges they have overcome to be where they are today.

Please contact Janelle Cook at janelle.cook@uas.alaska.edu if you would like to volunteer.

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Fall 2014 Student Housing Application Period Opened Monday, February 3rd



Construction of the new freshman residence hall is well underway on the Auke Lake campus and slated to open in time for the fall 2014 semester at the University of Alaska Southeast Juneau campus. Situated between the Noyes Pavilion and Auke Lake Way, the facility has several advantages for new students. The 120-bed, suite-style hall is located directly on-campus, a short walk from dining services, the Egan Library, and the UAS Learning Center which offers free tutoring and testing services, faculty and academic advising, classrooms, and many student activities. The location is also right across from the public bus stop.

The residence hall will feature a special group area and adjoining kitchen for meetings and social gatherings. The top floors look out on one of the most spectacular views in the world: Auke Lake, mountains and the Mendenhall glacier!

The new facility will house first-time freshman and is in addition to an existing residence hall, two-bedroom apartments, and four-bedroom apartments. The application period for student housing for the fall 2014 semester was open as of Monday, February 3rd. Apply at the Housing and Activities office in the Mourant building on campus or online at www.uas.alaska.edu/juneau/housing/apply.html

There are numerous benefits to living on-campus beyond simple convenience. In addition to being part of a community of residents, faculty and staff, students living on-campus finish college faster, are exposed to a wider range of ideas and cultures, are challenged to develop strong interpersonal skills and feel more safe and secure in their living environment.

Compared to many other colleges and universities, UAS on-campus housing options offer students large living spaces and many personal freedoms. Freshman units are two-bedroom, suite-style with a common entry area.

After a student's freshman year, they have options to move into either our two or four-bedroom apartment units.

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InVIGORating Shipbuilding Workforce

In late 2013, Vigor Alaska teamed up the Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB) and the UAS Ketchikan campus to create an industry-led training program. Vigor Industrial is a privately-held shipbuilding and repair company based in Portland, Oregon and investing in training workers for the American shipbuilding industry. Vigor worked with UAS to modify the existing math curriculum to meet the most pressing skills needs at the shipyard, to provide the flexibility to adapt to changing workforce needs, and to allow workers to advance in specific vocational skills. The first class, which commenced January 28 and runs through February 19, focuses on basic shop math skills. The next level of classes begins February 25 and will build on the basic math foundation to teach skills including welding, blueprint reading, basic refrigeration (a key component of systems on vessels, including catcher-processor fishing boats), and introduction to marine electrical systems. UAS faculty will teach blueprint reading and refrigeration, while Vigor workers will teach welding and introduction to marine electrical systems. The classroom portions of the classes will be taught at the UAS-Ketchikan Campus and those requiring hands-on practice will take place at the Ketchikan Shipyard. The program was launched with the help of a \$54,000 grant from the AWIB designed to support efforts and upgrade knowledge and skills of industrial workers supporting the oil and gas sector in Ketchikan and Southeast Alaska.

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Arts and Sciences News

At the Linguistic Society of America's annual conference, Jan. 2-5, 2014, in Minneapolis, Alaska Native Language faculty Alice Taff presented a talk on *Tlingit Conversation Documentation*, part of a panel on *Documenting Conversation* organized by the LSA Committee for Endangered Language Preservation.

Professor of Environmental Science Cathy Connor recently published "Tracking Glacial Landscapes: High School Science Gets Real", in *Alaska Park Science*, Volume 12, Issue 2. This article about the Design, Discover, Research (DDR) program is available online.

History faculty David Noon travels to Las Vegas February 20-23 to attend the 26th annual meeting of the Far West Popular and American Culture Association. He will present his paper "Barack Obama and the Myth of the superheric Presidency". Noon is an Associate Professor of History and Chair of the Social Sciences department.

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UAS Engaged in Transboundary Forest Science and Management Dialogue

UAS, the Alaska Coastal Rainforest Center (ACRC), and the USFS Pacific Northwest Research Station are joining with the British Columbia Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and the Hakai Network for Coastal People, Ecosystems and Management at Simon Fraser University in a series of cross-boundary research meetings. The first meetings were held in Juneau in 2011 and 2012 to provide a forum for coordination and integration of data and scientific work across the north coastal temperate rainforest. The program strives to: 1) advance binational research projects that support landscape-level sustainable resource management; 2) promote integration of science and applied management across institutional and jurisdictional boundaries; and 3) facilitate development, communication and dissemination of data among researchers and practitioners. Following this dialogue, a subset of participants will meet at Simon Fraser University to discuss the research plan of the Bog Forest Program at the Hakai Institute, and how this can be tied in with similar work in Southeast Alaska. This group will meet on February 27-28 at Simon Fraser University. In addition to Canadian, UAS, ACRC, and the USFS scientists, participants will include the Nature Conservancy, the North Pacific Landscape Conservation Cooperative (US Fish and Wildlife Service); Stanford University; Oregon State University; and the University of Washington.

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TINA'A Art Auction

The Tina'a Art Auction of traditional Southeast Alaska Native art raised more than \$300,000 for a new Walter Soboleff Center under construction on Front Street in downtown Juneau. The sponsorship was in line with an MOA between UAS and SHI which outlines ways to provide educational opportunities for students, faculty, and staff. "We had faculty with art in the auction and students who were managing the event, working on the fashion show, and providing support the evening of the event. It was an incredible demonstration of the partnership we have developed with SHI," wrote Chancellor John Pugh. Tina'a means copper shield which represents wealth and trade in Tlingit.



UAS Tlingit student Will Geiger (L) assisted with the auction.

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Mental Health First Aid

Who: All are welcome. This is a non-clinical public education training for anyone.

What: Mental Health First Aid

Date/Time: March 10 & 11, 2014 from 1:00p.m.-5:00p.m. (both days)

Location: University of Alaska, Southeast, Egan Library Classroom wing - Glacier View Room 221, Juneau, Alaska

Cost:

University Staff/Faculty/Student Registration: FREE

University Staff/Faculty/Student Registration with NASW CEUs: \$30

Standard Registration: \$75

Standard Registration with NASW CEUs: \$105

Why: Mental Health First Aid is designed to arm the public with skills to help individuals who are developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. Mental Health First Aid is a non-clinical, public education experience offered as an interactive 8-hour certification course that presents an overview of mental illness and substance use issues in the U.S.. The course addresses the fear and stigma associated with mental illness and introduces participants to risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems, builds understanding of their impact, and overviews common treatments. Those who take the course to certify as Mental Health First Aiders learn a 5-step action plan encompassing the skills, resources and knowledge to help an individual in crisis connect with appropriate professional, peer, social, and self-help care.



Register: Those who wish to attend must register through the TTC Learning Management System (LMS). Register online at http://ttclms.org/class_detail.php?z_classid=104909

Contact: For more information, contact Jill Ramsey at 907-264-6228 or jill@alaskachd.org .

For more information on other TTC sponsored trainings, visit www.ttclms.org

