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University of Alaska Southeast Faculty & Staff Newsletter

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Tlingit Conversation Documentation Project: Event Report, Project Materials on Website

This Fall the Alaska Native Languages program held an event at the UAS Rec Center to honor Woosh een áyá yoo xh'atudli.átk Tlingit Conversation Documentation Project participants and introduce the audience to the project website. Seventy-two people attended and 97 individuals worked on the project. Principal project investigator Alice Taff gave a tour of the website. Chancellor John Pugh distributed lapel pins (donated by Huna Totem Corp.) and certificates to attending project participants, noting each person's specific contributions. Attendees then enjoyed a Tlingit meal prepared by Alaska Native Brotherhood Camp 70 and accessed the project website. [Project materials are now available at www.uas.alaska.edu/tingit-talk](http://www.uas.alaska.edu/tingit-talk). At this site users will find streaming videos of spontaneous Tlingit conversations with searchable, re-playable Tlingit/English subtitles. This material is the result of projects funded by awards from the US National Science Foundation/National Endowment for the Humanities, Documenting Endangered Languages Initiative. From 2007-2013, the project team recorded 40+ hours of spontaneous conversation among 60 Tlingit speakers and prepared the recordings for users.



Students and elders check out video and audio recordings from the Tlingit Conversation Documentation Project at the REC Center event in September, 2013.

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Costume Photo: Rocky Horror



Juneau Students Frankfurter (Bryan Crowder) and Columbia (Jacque Scholz) portray characters from the Rocky Horror Picture Show, Halloween, 2013.

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International Education Week (IEW)

This is a federal initiative throughout the US to promote awareness of culture, people and traditions in order to assist Americans to be better prepared globally. I coordinate a week-long event with most activities occurring in the cafeteria from 11 to 2. I am hoping to particularly interest our foreign and domestic exchange students to help with this event. (Please!) We will decorate a corner of the cafeteria as a market, and there will be daily events to support interaction and camaraderie.

The tentative calendar of events is as follows:

Mon. Nov. 18: Experience our World: Drop by the market and taste test various desserts and sweet breads from around the world. Look at a photo display and slide show faculty, staff and students who have roots in other countries or locations outside of Juneau. Chat with those who have stepped out of their comfort zone and been a part of a study away experience. Add to the fun and dress up in traditional costume or cultural clothing.

Tuesday Nov. 19: Loving Culture, Loving Language An afternoon full of robust conversation! Round tables with fellow students, staff and faculty who speak Russian, German, Spanish, French, Tlingit and Japanese will share quick phrases, offer expertise and capture your attention.

Wed. Nov. 20: World Art Market Crafts and products from around the world will be for sale through Ten Thousand Villages, supporting artisans through fair trade. Come on by for some early holiday gift ideas.

Thursday, Nov. 21: World Art Market (continues)

Friday, Nov. 22: Opportunities Away and Celebration Drop by the market and visit with former study away participants at information tables. Grab information about studying away and more. Friday evening SAA will be hosting the movie, Slumdog Millionaire at the Rec Center which will be catered by Abby's Kitchen... starting at 7 pm.

Volunteering Opportunities

Chunks of time are best with one hour being the minimum. Remember time frame is 11 to 2 every day, with Wednesday going a bit longer (3 pm) and Thursday starting a bit earlier (10 am). First shift volunteers ought to arrive 15 minutes before the event time.

Weekend (exception)

Cook an international dessert or sweet bread to bring by on Monday. (Please contact the office by Nov 8th if you'd be able to bake. I can help provide you with the ingredients, and I'd like to know the items we are serving. J) Michelle, my student assistant will be spear-heading this day's event. Her email is mmmanning@uas.alaska.edu. You can email her your list of needed ingredients.

Sunday

- Market set-up in cafeteria (Time to be determined...might be at 10 am)

Monday

- Two to three people to help serve taste testers
- One to two people who play an instrument at the front of the market entrance
- One to two people to help clean-up

Tuesday

- Students who speak a language other than English to assist with conversation tables. If you haven't heard from Beatrice Franklin already please contact her at Beatrice.franklin@uas.alaska.edu

Wednesday

- World Market set-up 9 am to 10:30 (carry boxes, empty boxes, set up merchandise, etc.)
- Two to three cashiers and "helpers"
- Minimum pack-up at 3pm to 4pm

Thursday

- Minimum set-up from 9 am to 10am (carry boxes, empty boxes,etc)
- Two cashiers and "helpers"
- Pack-up between 2pm -4pm

Friday

- One to two students who have studied away staffing an "info table"
- Event clean-up crew (1:30 to 3:30)

Student Participation Opportunities

Ask your professors if your class can (or get your club to)

1. stop by, meet new friends, and engage in the event
2. bake a dessert or sweet bread for taste testing (Monday)
3. volunteer time throughout the week (11 to 2 each day, 10:30 to 3 on Wednesday)
4. support the language tables on Tuesday
5. offer to present a Travelogue presentation
6. come up with a cultural-related event for Friday (game, fry bread, etc.)
7. offer "market" décor supplies

I'm looking forward to hearing from you!

Thank you for supporting IEW!

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Egan Lecture Photo



Political Science faculty Glen Wright leads a group of community members in a game involving real money in a natural resource simulation to demonstrate how games can be used to help better understand natural resource governance, sustainability and ourselves at an [Evening at Egan](#) held in the Egan Library October 25, 2013.

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One Campus One Book Author Visit

The author of the 2013 UAS One Campus, One Book will be on the Juneau campus November 6-8. *At the Mouth of the River of Bees* author Kij Johnson will be reading and discussing her award-winning book in classrooms and at events on campus and around Juneau. These stories feature cats, bees, wolves, dogs, and even that most capricious of animals, humans, and have been reprinted in *The Year's Best Fantasy & Horror*, *Best Science Fiction and Fantasy of the Year*, and *The Secret History of Fantasy*. Juneau campus events include a reading by students in the UAS Drama Club, an Honors Program reception and an Evening at Egan reading and keynote presentation. For the full schedule of OCOB 2013 events please see the [OCOB website](#).

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Alaska Native Film Series

The annual Alaska Native Film Series kicked off Wednesday, October 30 at the REC center (Juneau campus) with "Kusah Hakwaan", a critically acclaimed film about a modern Alaskan family learning about their culture from a master storyteller. Films with Alaska Native, First Nations and Native American themes are scheduled each Wednesday through December 4.

Full schedule and details on film here posted on the [film series website](#).

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Nominations are Now Being Accepted

The University of Alaska Foundation is pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted for the 2014 Edith R. Bullock Prize for Excellence.

The purpose of the prize is to recognize and reward an individual who has demonstrated excellence in support of the University of

Alaska. Any individual, regardless of University affiliation, is eligible for nomination for the prize, which carries with it a \$15,000 award for the recipient. The selection committee will base its decision primarily on two criteria:

1. The extent to which the individual demonstrates a specific, definable, notable accomplishment which benefits the University (establishment of an academic or administrative program, the development of a course, the successful completion of a project, the achievement of a research discovery, the provision of a needed university or public service, the achievement of national recognition, etc).
2. The extent to which the individual demonstrates general support of the University either through service, advocacy, philanthropy, etc.

Offices receiving this notice may independently solicit, collect and coordinate nominations at their MAU. The deadline for receipt of complete nomination packets, including application, resumes or C.V., and letters of reference shall be December 6, 2013. Any material postmarked after midnight of the deadline date will be considered for the following year's prize. Nominations may be mailed or electronically submitted.

For more information, please [visit the Foundation website](#).

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Rotary Club of Juneau Annual Vocational Service Awards include UAS Center for Mine Training

When someone joins a Rotary club, one of the first things he or she learns is "The Object of Rotary" – encouraging and fostering service, especially in personal, business and community life. Each year the Rotary Club of Juneau recognizes others in the community who exemplify this basic tenet with its annual Vocational Service Awards, based on nominations by members of the Club. This year's awards were presented at the weekly meeting on Tuesday, October 29th at the Baranof Hotel in Juneau.

The UAS Center for Mine Training received the Public Sector award. It offers comprehensive programs through a partnership that includes UAS, the University of Alaska Mining and Petroleum Training Service (MAPTS), and the University of Alaska Corporate Programs. In 2012, more than 700 participants received training and certifications as required by the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration. This award specifically focused on the success of the Introduction to Mining Occupations and Operations program, a course offered to high school students, which was created with a gift from Hecla-Greens Creek Mine to develop a local workforce. The Center partners with the HECLA-Greens Creek to attract local high school seniors to mining occupations, although last spring, during its second year, the course was offered in the Center's Juneau classroom, as well as by distance delivery on the Alaska Learning Network to 69 students throughout the state. Of 18 students who completed the course the first year, 15 are now either working at a mine or in college preparing for mining careers. Of the 68 who completed the program during the second year, many are either working or enrolled in degree or other vocational programs. During the award presentation it was also noted that in the past three years, 36 of Juneau's students have found employment at either Greens Creek or Kensington. This success is connected to a goal-centered partnership between industry and education.



UAS Center for Mine Training, from left: Provost Rick Caulfield, student Thelea Savlick, and Rotary Club of Juneau

President, Brenda Hewitt.

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UAS Admitted to Prestigious Math Organization

Mathematics faculty Christopher Hay-Jahans has received notice that the Pi Mu Epsilon Council has approved UAS's petition to become the first chapter of this prestigious organization in Alaska. Pi Mu Epsilon is the National Mathematics Honorary Society established in 1914 to promote mathematics and to recognize successful students of mathematics. The UAS chapter will be the 376th chapter of the organization, and will be designated the Alaska Alpha Chapter. A Pi Mu Epsilon Councilor will travel to Juneau for a formal installation ceremony in the near future.

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Fellman Appointed to ACRC

Jason Fellman has been appointed as a Research Assistant Professor of Environmental Sciences at the Alaska Coastal Rainforest Center (ACRC). Jason has served as a postdoctoral fellow in Environmental Science faculty Eran Hood's lab, and he brings extensive experience in forest and stream ecology in Southeast Alaska. His appointment will allow the ACRC to expand its research capacity and provides opportunities for increased collaboration with the Center's research partners.

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Farewell Cody Bennett

Cody has been a valued member of our community for nearly 13 years, having served on many groups and helped literally thousands people through his role at the UAS Helpdesk. Cody is leaving us to take a job in the private sector and we want to wish him well.

Please join us in a send off gathering on Friday, Nov. 1 at 4 p.m. in Whitehead Building 201
