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University of Alaska Southeast Faculty & Staff Newsletter

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Their Two Cents



Nursing students Rogelio Cardo and Heather Paige discuss their program with University of Alaska president Pat Gamble as coordinator Elizabeth Spence looks on at a reception held at the Technical Education Center during the September 2013 Board of Regents meeting hosted by UAS.

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Diverse Group of Scholars Make-up Climate Change Discussion at JWAC Summit

University of Ottawa professor of law and economics Stewart Elgie presented on the recent success of the implementation of a carbon tax by the government of British Columbia. Elgie said fuel use is down 19 percent in four years due to the tax and that it represents an "unholy alliance between environmental and business thinking." Elgie was part of a "Climate Change Impacts and Policy" panel, Friday, October 18 in the Glacier View room at the JWAC AI-Can Summit. Also presenting on the panel was UAS environmental science faculty Eran Hood, who called Southeast Alaska "ground zero" for global ice loss due to climate change.



Panelists Glen Wright, Brian Vander Naald (UAS Economics Faculty) and Stewart Elgie introduce themselves to the Glacier View Room audience



Stewart Elgie, who started the Ottawa "green think tank" Sustainable Prosperity makes the case for carbon taxes as UAS political science faculty Glen Wright looks on.

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Arts and Sciences News

Professor of Biology Sherry Tamone attended a meeting this summer of The Crustacean Society in San Jose, Costa Rica. She presented a talk, "Changes in Ecdysteroids and Methyl Farnesoate Prior to the Terminal Molt in *Chionoecetes* crabs". The talk was co-authored by Eric Keller (UAS graduate) and Molly Fox-Zaleski (UAF).

Associate Professor of Mathematics Andrzej Piotrowski co-authored the paper, '*Multiplier sequences for generalized Laguerre bases*,' published in the Rocky Mountain Journal of Mathematics.

Assistant Professor of English Ernestine Hayes discussed her upcoming book, *Juneau: Images of America*, and her other writings on Thursday, October 10 at the Juneau Downtown Public Library.

Marine Biology student Angela Gastaldi and faculty mentor David Tallmon attended the 40th Annual Meeting of the Alaska Chapter of the American Fisheries Society in Fairbanks October 7-11. They presented a talk, "Salmon eggs increase the growth of coast range sculpin in Auke Creek, Alaska."

English faculty Emily Wall was voted chair-elect of the University of Alaska Press at their annual board meeting in Fairbanks earlier this month. Wall also had a poem, "Heart Lottery" published in the *Naugatuck Review*.

Languages faculty Andrea Dewees and Janna Lelchuk attended the Alaskans for Language Acquisition conference in Whittier, Alaska from September 17-19. Dr. Lelchuk presented a workshop, "Augmented Reality for World Languages."

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UAS-JWAC Co-Host AI-Can Summit

The event began with a keynote presentation by Bill Morrison, emeritus Professor from the University of Northern British Columbia Thursday evening. Daytime presentations on Friday October 18 included topical panel discussions on climate change impacts and policy, opportunities for renewable energy exchanges between Alaska, B.C. and the Yukon, Alaska and western Canadian energy issues, and the impact of Arctic issues such as loss of sea ice to the indigenous people of the Arctic. UAS faculty members Eran Hood, Sanjay Pyare, Glenn Wright, and Brian Vander Naald made up the majority of a panel on climate change. Vice Chancellor Joe Nelson joined Canadian counterpart Tosh Southwick from Yukon College in speaking about First Nations issues.

For the Evening at Egan Friday, Morrison presented "The Sinking of the Princess Sophia: a Canadian-American Disaster." Morrison co-authored the book, *The Sinking of the Princess Sophia: Taking the North Down with Her*. The tragedy of the Canadian ship near Juneau in 1918 was truly international. The disaster killed all 354 passengers and crew. Their stories show how interconnected the two northern territories were in the early days of their settled history.

Yukon College President Dr. Karen Barnes visited the Juneau campus to participate in the Juneau World Affairs Council/UAS Alaska-Canada relations forum. While in Juneau, she and Chancellor John Pugh signed a new memorandum of agreement about collaboration between their two institutions. That MOA will serve as an 'umbrella' agreement and will allow for attachment of program-specific collaboration agreements involving UAS and Yukon College students and faculty.



UAS Chancellor John Pugh and Yukon College President Karen Barnes sign an agreement to collaborate on programs and courses of study as Provost Rick Caulfield looks on, Sat. Oct 19, 2013

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Health Sciences Open House

The Health Sciences Department housed in the School of Career Education moved from the Bill Ray Center this Fall 2013 to Auke Lake campus – Hendrickson Building.

Staff, faculty and students are invited to an open house to see their new classroom and to meet and talk with faculty and staff.

- Date: Friday, October 25
- Time: 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Where: Hendrickson 206
- Light refreshments will be served.

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Beatrice Franklin honored with state-wide award

UAS librarian Beatrice Franklin was recently honored with a state-wide award from the Alaska Adult Education Association as Volunteer of the Year, presented during one of her evening classes. For the last four years, Franklin has dedicated time and energy to teaching English as a second language classes in a classroom donated by UAS. Franklin teaches the courses through The Learning Connection, which offers free adult education classes including ESL, citizenship and computer classes. Franklin is also the UA 2011 Staff Make Students Count award recipient from UAS. She has worked at the Egan library since 1996.

[Read the full Juneau Empire story.](#)

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College Track 3

College Track 3 to air on Alaska Public Media

College Track 3 will be broadcast on Anchorage-based public television station KAKM-TV on Mon., Oct. 28 at 10 p.m. The airing will

immediately follow *The Graduates* a new film by Bernardo Ruiz on Independent Lens. Since 2004, the Alaska College Track Series has followed several rural Alaska Native students on their path toward graduation, including Amanda Bremner Porter, Ralph and Gloria Wolfe of Yakutat and Hydaburg residents Ben and Marita Young. The series documents the students' struggle to balance a university education with work to preserve and rebuild their culture. *College Track 3* is produced by Lucid Reverie in association with UAS, with funding from First National Bank Alaska. KAKM is part of Alaska Public Media, which also operates the Alaska Public Radio Network (APRN), KTOO-TV Juneau and KYUK Bethel. Alaska Public media reaches 96% of the population of Alaska.

College Track DVDs available from PR Office

DVD sets of *College Track 3* and a follow-up panel discussion taped before a Sound and Motion audience in the Egan Lecture Hall are now available from the Chancellor's Office. The half-hour panel discussion with alumnae and current students is moderated by X'unei Lance Twitchell, Assistant Professor of Alaska Native Languages at UAS. On the panel is Yakutat resident Amanda Bremner Porter, featured in all three installments of the College Track series since 2004. In 2011, she received a bachelor's degree from UAS in liberal arts with an emphasis in English and minor in social science and Tlingit. She is the current Lingit Language Director for the Yakutat Tlingit Tribe. Also on the panel are current students Jasper Nelson and Charles McKenry and Michelle Martin, who received her M.A.T. from UAS in 2008. The DVDs are free of charge. To acquire one, contact Katie Bausler at 796-6530 or kkbausler@uas.alaska.edu

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A Break in October



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Moving Big Trees

This summer was by far the warmest we have experienced since I came to Alaska 30 years ago, and the landscape really flourished under the ideal conditions. We had more color and growth than we ever had, even though we had more construction work and landscape disturbance than ever before too.

This summer we had a few large projects:

We salvaged the large Arborvitae that lined the old Volleyball lawn across from the Novatney Building, lifting the 18 ft. tall 50 year old trees and placing them on big

specially built pallets to carry them around the campus and replant them in the new entry road to create a view buffer as traffic entered the main campus area.

This project was pretty exciting, since the trees had to be lashed to the pallets and guided along the roadway like tame elephants or Macys Parade balloons. Grounds Forman Ray Roberts and his crew were exemplary, managing the task efficiently and smoothly.

Once the trees were in place we built a cage support system to keep them upright and secure from winter winds. The trees are doing nicely so far, and we plan to add a lower layer of blooming shrubbery to make them even more attractive.

