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Faculty Promotions and Tenure

Celebrating Faculty Excellence

It is with great pride that the University of Alaska Southeast announces the recent promotion and/or tenure of eight of our esteemed faculty.



Teaching from the Juneau campus in the UAS School of Arts and Sciences, **Dr. Brian Blitz** has been promoted to full professor. Dr. Blitz holds a doctorate in Mathematics from Washington State University, an M.S. from Northern Arizona University, and a B.S. from University of Chicago.



From the Egan Library on the Juneau campus, **Ms. Caroline Hassler** has been promoted to Associate Professor with tenure. Ms. Hassler earned a Master of Library Science from the University of Maryland, a Master of Liberal Arts from Harvard University Extension School, and a B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania.



Teaching from the Juneau campus in the UAS School of Arts and Sciences, **Dr. Kevin Maier** has been promoted to Associate Professor with tenure. Dr. Maier holds a Doctorate in English, an M.A. from University of Oregon and a B.A. from Western Washington University.



Teaching from the Juneau campus in the UAS School of Arts and Sciences, **Dr. Andrzej Piotrowski** has been promoted to Associate Professor with tenure. Dr. Piotrowski holds a doctorate from the University of Hawaii, and B.S. and M.S. from the University of New Hampshire.



Prior to leaving the UAS School of Career Education, **Mr. Martin** was promoted to Full Professor. Mr. Martin holds an A.A.S. in Diesel Technology and B.S. in Technology from the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Teaching from the Ketchikan campus, in the School of Arts and Sciences, **Ms. Colleen Ianuzzi** has been promoted to Associate Professor with tenure. Ms. Ianuzzi holds a B.S. in Wildlife Biology and an M.S. in Statistics from the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Teaching from the Ketchikan campus in the School of Arts and Sciences, **Dr. Daniel Lord** has been granted tenure. Dr. Lord holds an A.M., M.S., Ph.D. and M.P.H. all from the University of Michigan. Dr. Lord also holds an A.B. from the University of California Santa Cruz.



Prior to leaving UAS, **Dr. Thomas Duke** was promoted to Full Professor. Dr. Duke earned his doctorate at University of Hawaii at Manoa, an M.F.A. at Hunter College of the City University of New York, an M.S.Ed. in Special Education at City College of the City University of New York, and a B.F.A. in Art at the University of Texas.

These eight faculty, together, have provided nearly sixty years of teaching to students of the University of Alaska Southeast. Please join UAS as we congratulate them.

Faculty Longevity Awards

Several faculty were honored at Fall Convocation 2013 for long time service at the University of Alaska Southeast. Here they are, listed by School and number of years at UAS.

School of Education

Thomas Duke – 10 years

Dr. Thomas Duke earned his doctorate at University of Hawaii at Manoa, and M.F.A. at Hunter College of the City University of New York, and B.F.A. in Art at the University of Texas.

Dr. Duke came to UAS in August 2003 and prior to leaving, was promoted to Full Professor. He would be completing his tenth year. He coordinated the Master of Education in Special Education program, growing the program to now include the MAT and BA in special education. As a result of his effort the UAS special education program is a primary producer of quality teachers for this high needs field.

Dr. Duke is very proud of these accomplishments and his part in making them happen. He has long been an advocate for human rights and culturally responsive practice for teachers. He had a knack for instilling his drive and love of special education in his students.

Dr. Duke is not above poking fun at himself or seeing the humor in the absurdness of ordinary life. He enjoys a quirky sense of humor in others and likes to be surprised with an unexpected quip. He enjoyed Juneau and was always appreciative of the beauty that surrounds us here, though he made no bones about the fact that he'd rather be in Bali, where he now resides with his life partner and is convalescing. We miss him and wish him well in the future.

Virgil Fredenberg – 10 Years

Virgil Fredenberg came to UAS in 2003 as the Assistant Professor of Mathematics Education for the School of Education at UAS. He received his Ed. D., M.S., and B.S. at Montana State University, Bozeman Montana

Virgil is an invaluable member of the UAS team and especially the School of Education. He works closely with the Alaska Department of Education on math initiatives and is considered a leader in the state, and has worked with hundreds of teachers around Alaska to help improve their math teaching skills. Virgil is also the current Faculty Senate President.

What many of us appreciate most about Virgil is his kindness and his caring. Whenever anyone asks for help, Virgil is there for them and he provides support without fuss or fanfare. He truly cares about the School of Education family and the UAS team.

In his own words Virgil Fredenberg said, "I teach what I love. Students challenge me to help them be the best teachers they can be. I respect my hardworking colleagues as experts in their fields and they respect me for my own expertise. I work with an administration that is dedicated to providing the highest quality education for all students. And I get to do it on the most beautiful campus in one of the most beautiful cities in a great state. That's why I teach here."

School of Management

Colleen McKenna – 10 years

Colleen McKenna started her UAS career in March 2002 in the School of Education's Professional Education Center, where she served as a Technology Specialist. In 2005, she joined the Information Systems department faculty in the School of Management, where she teaches courses in Web and database development. She received her B.A. from St. Michael's College, and Master of Science in Library and Information Studies at Florida State University and plans to receive her Master of Science in Management Information Systems, from the University of Illinois at Springfield, in May. Colleen earned tenure and promotion last year, and enjoys serving as the Information Services department's chair.

Colleen is well liked and respected by her students. She creates an engaging environment for her students making her classes so interesting that they are inspired continue their education here at

UAS.

She's been referred to as the 'soup queen' in the School of Management office, because of her frequent contributions of homemade soups.

School of Arts and Sciences

Erica Hill – 10 years

Dr. Hill began her career with the UA system as an Instructor at UAF in 2002 and joined the UAS faculty in 2007. She currently holds the rank of Associate Professor of Anthropology in the Social Sciences Department. She received her Ph.D. and M.A. at Florida State University, and her B.A. at the University of Florida.

Dr. Hill is an active researcher with broad interests in skulls, bones, ancient art, religion, and funerary rituals. Her current lines of research include archival research on St. Lawrence Island and studying the skeletal structures of Pacific Walrus.

Dr. Hill's service load is noteworthy as well. She did an outstanding job chairing the Curriculum Committee. Her subsequent service chairing the Institutional Review Board is another recent highlight of her service. She has ensured that UAS has a streamlined, compliant process for engaging in research with human subjects.

Dr. Hill's enthusiasm for her subject, her commitment to her students, and her skills in advising are much appreciated in Arts & Sciences. She is a popular teacher of a variety of introductory and upper division courses, including Biological Anthropology, Zooarchaeology, and Ethnobiology. Her instructional skills and her passion for Anthropology are great assets to UAS.

Kevin Krein – 15 years

Dr. Krein came to UAS in 1998 primarily teaching Philosophy, a few years later he added Outdoor Studies to his workload. He earned his B.A. in English and Philosophy at Willamette University, in Salem, Oregon, and his M.A. and Ph.D. in Philosophy at the University of Toronto.

Dr. Krein has published journal articles and book chapters in his particular area of interest, the philosophy of nature sports. He currently holds the rank of Associate Professor of Philosophy in the School of Arts and Sciences Humanities department.

Dr. Krein's service has included chairing the Humanities department and coordinating the Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree program, but his greatest contributions have been in the development of our Outdoor Studies program. When he began his UAS career there were no offerings in Outdoor Studies, but now students can earn a one year certificate in Outdoor Skills and Leadership or they can add an ODS emphasis area to the Geography BA or to the Bachelor of Liberal Arts.

Dr. Krein continues to teach a mix of Philosophy, Outdoor Studies, and Humanities courses and has developed a reputation as a caring, approachable, dedicated instructor. He recently co-lead the Outdoor Studies Emphasis Capstone mountaineering expedition to Ecuador. If you want to see for yourself the type of passion Kevin inspires in his students, come to the Evening at Egan presentation about their trip on September 27.

Michael Stekoll – 35 years

Dr. Stekoll joined our faculty in 1978 and currently holds the rank of Professor of Chemistry and

Biochemistry in the Natural Sciences Department. He holds a joint appointment with the UAF School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences. He received his, B.A. at Stanford University, and Ph.D. at UCLA.

Dr. Stekoll is a dedicated researcher, studying disturbances of seabed plants and seaweeds from both natural processes and human activity. He and his associates have developed techniques to map floating beds in Southeast Alaska and have investigated potential commercial production of sea plants. His other areas of research include algal physiology/ecology and investigating the effects of marine pollution on commercial fish species. He has demonstrated his commitment to student research by involving both undergraduate and graduate students in his projects. He also maintains active collaborations with researchers in other parts of the world, most notably in South Africa.

Dr. Stekoll has also demonstrated his commitment to service in his discipline, in the local community, and to the university. He is just finishing one of the most intensive university service commitments by serving as both the President of UAS Faculty Senate and being a UAS representative to the statewide UA Faculty Alliance.

Arts & Sciences News

Upcoming events and articles

The Juneau Empire published an article about the dedication ceremony of the poems of English faculty Ernestine Hayes and Emily Wall in Totem Bight State Historical Park earlier this month. To check out the article and photos [visit the Juneau Empire](#).

Assistant Professor of Engineering Lori Sowa and her engineering students attended a luncheon of the Juneau branch of the American Society of the Civil Engineers on September 11. They had a chance to meet with local professionals in the field and learn more about the organization.

The next Alaska Coastal Rainforest Center brown bag lunch features Assistant Professor of Economics Brian Vander Naald discussing socioeconomic factors of Southeast Alaska. The event will be held from 1–2 on Wednesday, October 2 at the Pacific Northwest Forestry Sciences Lab on campus.

Outdoor Studies program director Kevin Krein and his students from the ODS Capstone class last year will share their experiences and images from Ski Mountaineering in Ecuador. The Evening at Egan program will be held Friday, September 27 in the Egan Lecture Hall at 7 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

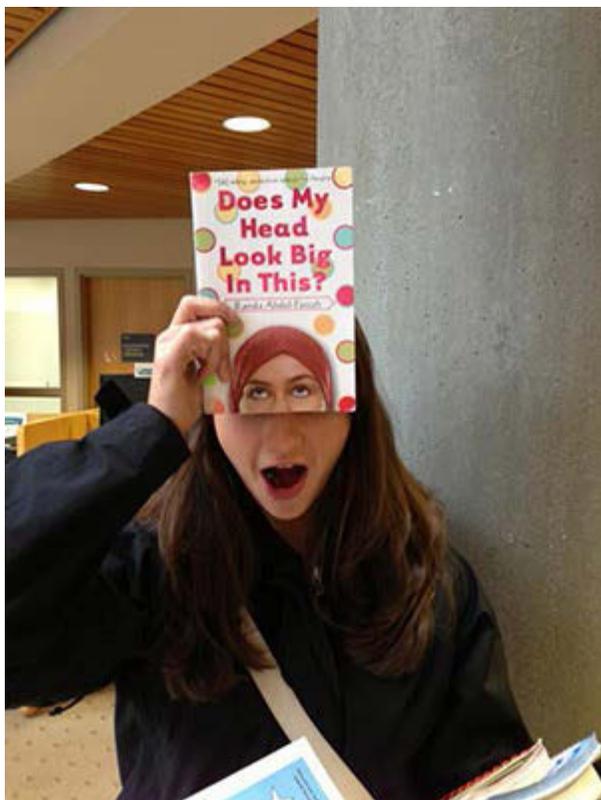
5th annual Egan Library Open House

“Book Face” was a popular station at this year’s Egan Library Open House.

Students chose from biographies and magazine covers to don their bookface identity. Students completing all stations were eligible for grand prizes including a Microsoft Surface Tablet, Kobo Vox ereader or a \$100 gift card to the UAS Bookstore. Participants included the Learning Center and Writing Center along with guided and self-guided candy-stocked stations at Thursday September 19th event.



Public Services Librarian Jonas Lamb suggests a book face for a student at the reference desk station at the 5th Annual Egan Library Open House.



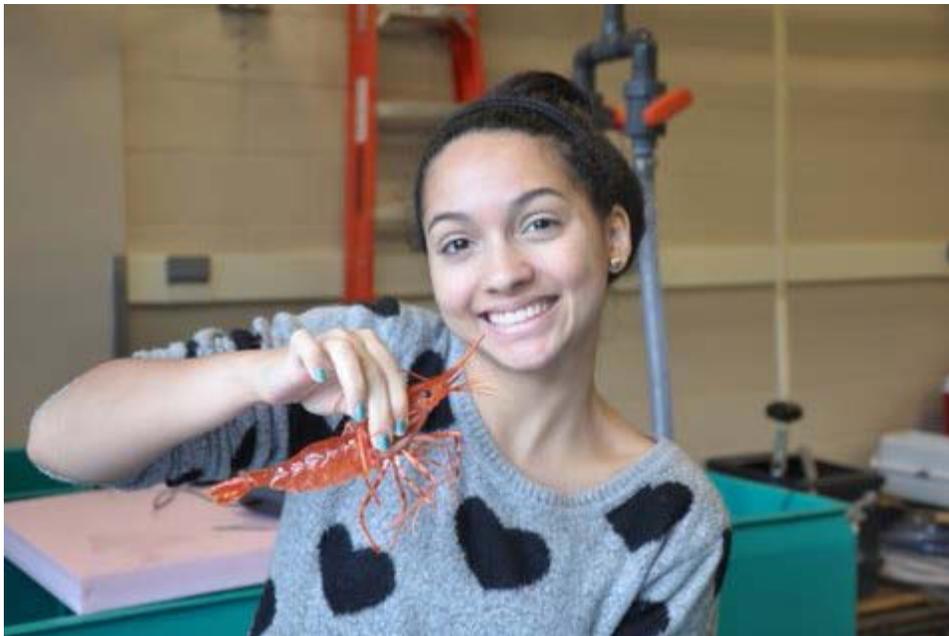
An unidentified student's Book Face.

REU 2013

REU came to an end in August

The National Science Foundation sponsored Research Experience for Undergraduates came to an end in August. REU leaders were Assistant Professor of Marine Biology Carolyn Bergstrom, and Professor of Biology Sherry Tamone. Five students gave presentation at the closing symposium. Two UAS students and one UAA student participated this year. Here is a listing of the students and their projects:

- Alina Ngyuen (Saint Mary's College, Oakland , CA): "Kinetics of Iron Uptake in Female Gametophytes of *Alaria marginata*" (Mentor - Mike Stekoll)
- Briana Miller (Georgia Southern University): "Molting hormones and vitellogenins in 3 sexual stages of shrimp (*Pandalus platyceros*)" (Mentor - Sherry Tamone)
- Angela Gestaldi (UAS): "Importance of marine derived nutrients to coastrange sculpin" (Mentor - Dave Tallmon)
- Josh Russel (UAA): "Using Body Morphometrics to Differentiate Hatchery and Wild Sockeye Salmon Smolts (Mentor - Dave Tallmon)
- Anelisa Fischer (UAS): Behavioral ecology of dusky dolphins (*Lagenorhynchus obscurus*) (Mentor - Heidi Pearson)



Georgia Southern University student Briana Miller with a shrimp from her research with mentor Sherry Tamone.

Yukon College Connection

UAS is interested in ways to expand collaboration

The University of Alaska Southeast is seeking ways to expand its engagement with Yukon College in Whitehorse. Provost Rick Caulfield met Yukon College President Karen Barnes in Whitehorse in early September to discuss updating the agreement between UAS and Yukon College. UAS is interested in ways to expand collaboration, focusing in particular on the Masters in Public Administration, Bachelor's in Business Administration, Alaska Native languages, and mine

training.

Ketchikan Bioblitz

Saturday, September 28

Ketchikan Assistant Professor of Science Christopher Donar and Gary Freitag of the UAF Marine Advisory Program will be hosting a Marine Invasive Species Bioblitz on Saturday, September 28, with representatives from the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center and San Francisco State University. Participants will participate in a training workshop about targeted species and help conduct a site survey of the Ketchikan area.

Radzilowski Edits Immigration Encyclopedia

The encyclopedia covers the topic of immigration from multiple perspectives, including both historical immigration and contemporary issues.

Ketchikan history faculty John Radzilowski is editor of the second edition of the American Immigration: An Encyclopedia of Political, Social, and Cultural Change (in concert with James Ciment), published by ME Sharpe. The print version of the four-volume revised encyclopedia is due in October 2013 but a preview can be seen at:

www.mesharpe.com/extra/AmericanImmigration.pdf. The encyclopedia covers the topic of immigration from multiple perspectives, including both historical immigration and contemporary issues. In addition to directing the revisions of the first edition of the encyclopedia, Radzilowski authored numerous entries in the second edition, including those on African American Migration, the Department of Homeland Security, Espionage and Immigration, Human Trafficking, Immigrant foods, Sacred Architecture, Armenian Americans, Greek Americans, and Polish Americans. Also contributing an article to the new edition were UAS Ketchikan graduate Kali Hofman and Kasia Polanska (Adjunct Instructor, UAS Ketchikan).

Hopson Releases Second CD

23 short classical guitar pieces



Adjunct music faculty Dan Hopson's second CD "Watercolor", contains 23 short classical guitar pieces ranging from Renaissance period to 20th century and representing works from ten different countries. They're part of the wide-ranging repertoire he plays weekly at the Baranof Hotel Gold Room restaurant. The title comes from one of his favorite pieces on the album, "Watercolor", by the American guitarist, Andrew York. The CD was produced in Juneau at Studio A in the Juneau Arts and Culture Center, owned and operated by Betsy Sims, and was supported by a grant from the Juneau Arts and Humanities Council. Cover image is from a painting by Constance Baltuck titled "Up on the Knoll, Juneau, Alaska" and graphic design was done by Matthew Knutson.

Hood to Glacial Rivers Workshop Abroad

Birmingham, England September 15–19

Associate Professor of Environmental Science Eran Hood was in Birmingham, England September 15–19 to participate in a workshop on glacial rivers funded by the European Science Foundation. The aim of the workshop was to develop a global network for monitoring hydro-ecological change in glacial rivers associated with on-going glacier recession.