

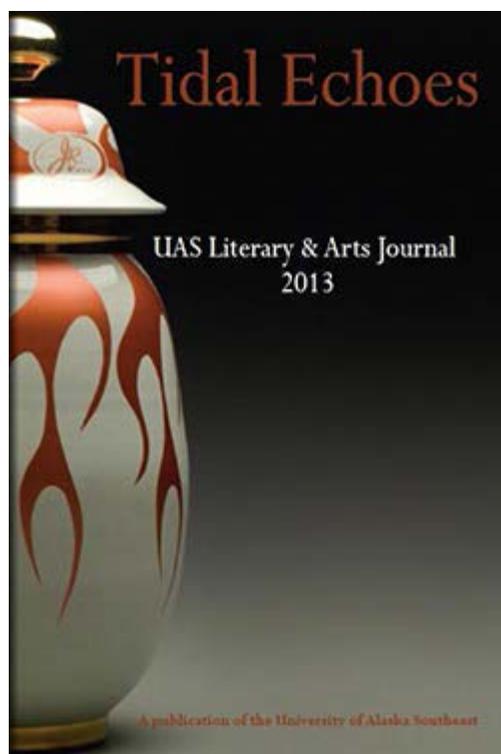


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Tidal Echoes Annual Launch

Friday, April 19, 7 p.m. UAS Egan Lecture Hall



The second to last event of the Sound and Motion spring arts series is tonight on the Auke Lake campus. All are invited to the Egan Lecture Hall at 7 p.m. for the annual launch celebration of *Tidal Echoes*, the journal showcasing the art and writing of Southeast Alaska, published by UAS.

“This journal was started eleven years ago by some students at the university here in Juneau and was originally just a student-based journal,” wrote faculty advisor Emily Wall in a recent entry on the 49 Writers blog. “That kind of journal has its own lovely locality. The first few issues are a rich tapestry of what life at UAS is like for the students. When I was hired I took over the oversight of the journal and we morphed it into a journal that publishes work from Southeast Alaskans. A significant portion of the journal is still student work, but now we see work from many communities in the region. The journal is edited by undergraduate students and they shape the journal each year.” This year’s student editor is graduating senior English major Alexandra Brown.

The 2013 featured author is former poet laureate of Alaska and retired President’s Professor Richard Dauenhauer. The featured artist is UAS ceramics faculty Jeremy Kane. Dauenhauer will read from his work and Kane will present slides of his art. According to 2011 featured author Heather Lende, “*Tidal Echoes* is proof that many of Alaska’s finest writers and artists are living in and inspired by Southeast Alaska in all its natural and human glory, and that UAS is the heart of a modern Alaskan creative renaissance.”

Please see the [Juneau Empire article](#).

State Board approves UAS e-Learning endorsement

UAS will offer an 18-credit program to develop advanced competencies in designing, delivering, and managing effective online instruction.

According to a story in the Friday, April 19, 2013 edition of the Juneau Empire, The State Board of Education and Early Development met Thursday by teleconference, and among its actions was approving the University of Alaska Southeast's new endorsement program in distance delivery and e-Learning for certificated teachers.

Arts and Sciences News

News from the School of Arts and Sciences

Associate Professor of Anthropology Erica Hill attended the 2013 annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology (SAA) in Honolulu, Hawaii in March, where she presented a paper and participated in the Publications Committee meeting.

Ten undergraduate students gave talks or presented posters on their work with the guidance of faculty mentors on the Juneau campus April 16. Disciplines represented included writing, ethnohistory, marine biology, photography, psychology, environmental science, and drawing at the 2013 Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity (URECA) Symposium.

The U.S. Forest Service's Pacific Northwest Research Station has partnered with the Forest Service's Alaska Region, UAS, and the Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (CCTHITA) to collaboratively manage the Héen Latinee Experimental Forest near Juneau. The new offices are based on the UAS campus. The Héen Latinee (heen la-tee'-nee) Experimental Forest is located within the Tongass National Forest and was established in 2009 to support research on how coastal temperate rain forests function. The name of Héen Latinee, means "River Watcher" in the Tlingit language. The Pacific Northwest Research Station headquartered in Portland, OR generates and communicates scientific knowledge that helps people make informed choices about natural resources and the environment. The station has 11 laboratories and centers located in Alaska, Oregon, and Washington and about 390 employees.

UAS Improv Club Performs at Festival Saturday Night, April 20th

In its fourth season and on its third name, Not Safe for Improv has entertained crowds throughout the Juneau area.

Not Safe for Improv is performing as part of the first-ever Alaska State Improv Festival (aka, AS IF!), April 18-20 at McPhetres Hall. The group is comprised of the top performers from the UAS Improv Club, including graduating seniors Erin Tripp and Heather Laverne. In its fourth season and on its third name, *Not Safe for Improv* has entertained crowds throughout the Juneau area with its high-energy hilarity and hijinks. *Not Safe for Improv* will be performing during the 7:00 set on Saturday, April 20.

See a [video of the group performing](#).

"For three days, McPhetres becomes ground zero for improvisational comedy, or "improv," as it's more commonly known, a form of unscripted theater created by performers on the spur of the moment, often using prompts drawn from the audience."—*Juneau Empire*

Full article: "[Juneau Hosts Alaska's First State Improv Comedy Festival](#)"

Sitka Science Sharing Night highlights work by student scientists

The event will highlight work by several student scientists from Sitka schools.

The second annual Sitka Science Sharing Night is scheduled for 7–8:30 p.m., Monday, April 29, at the University of Alaska Southeast Sitka Campus Room 229. The event will highlight work by several student scientists from Sitka schools. During the past school year, these students have been active stewards of local forest, freshwater and marine ecosystems by developing and conducting their own research studies.

The Sitka Science Sharing Night gives students a chance to share their projects with the general public. It will be set up just like a poster session at a scientific conference, and the students will be available answer questions.

This event features students from Sitka High School, Mt. Edgecumbe High School (including students from the school's two robotics classes), Blatchley Middle School, and Keet Gooshi Heen Elementary School. Student projects are funded by the Sitka Charitable Trust, the National Forest Foundation, and the Bio-Prep Program at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

The Sitka Science Sharing Night is a joint project of the Sitka Conservation Society, Sitka Sound Science Center, UAS Sitka Campus, Sitka School District, and Mt. Edgecumbe High School.

Ohler honored for Lifetime Achievement

At UAS Ohler was the Director and creator of the Masters in Educational Technology program for 20 years.

The Alaska Society for Technology in Education (ASTE) recently awarded UAS Professor Emeritus Educational Technology Jason Ohler a Life Time Achievement Award at its annual conference. He was attending the conference and curating an Augmented Reality art (ARt) gallery. At UAS Ohler was the Director and creator of the Masters in Educational Technology program for 20 years before becoming the President's Professor of Educational Technology and Distance Learning for 5 years. He earned his Ph.D. in Communication from Simon Fraser University, and he holds an Alaska State Teaching Certificate in Secondary Education.

Jennifer Ward's Finland Sabbatical Report

Sincere thanks to the Chancellor and the faculty review committee for supporting this opportunity to experience university life in another culture.

Jennifer Ward, Associate Professor of Library Science, has recently returned from a sabbatical in Finland during the Fall 2012 Semester. She went there with research questions revolving around the Finnish education culture, how academic librarians teach a required information literacy curriculum, and what of their approaches could be brought back to the University of Alaska Southeast for library

instruction and services.

Highlights:

- Taught library research classes to international postgraduates in the social sciences and humanities at the University of Helsinki
- Researched the teaching practices of informaaticos and cultural influences in teaching and learning
- Analyzed the ICT Driving License curriculum on computer technology and basics in library research – can and should a similar system be implemented at UAS?
- Assisted in the Finland – Namibia project developing information literacy programming for the University of Namibia
- Attended IFLA, the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions World Library and Information Congress
- Experienced the cafe and coffee culture, trams and trains, museums and parks, and saunas of Helsinki with Ward F. Ward (UAS IT Consultant) and Cadence Ward



Sincere thanks to the Chancellor and the faculty review committee for supporting this opportunity to experience university life in another culture. The experience has broadened Jennifer's understanding of her profession and of students in an international context and she looks forward to bringing this perspective back to UAS. This project also would not have been possible without the full support of her amazing colleagues and director at the Egan Library. Kiitos ystävät!



"College Track 3" to be shown Sunday on 360 North

In Juneau, 360 North is on GCI cable channel 18 or over the air at 3.3.

A locally-produced documentary that features Alaska Native students working to balance cultural obligations with a college education will be broadcast at 8 p.m. on Sunday, April 21 on 360 North Public Television. Following the documentary, a half-hour panel discussion on the film taped at the UAS Egan Lecture Hall as part of the Sound and Motion premiere March 29 will be shown.

In Juneau, 360 North is on GCI cable channel 18 or over the air at 3.3.

Since 2004, the Alaska College Track Series has followed several rural Alaska Native students on their path toward graduation, including Ralph and Gloria Wolfe of Yakutat and Hydaburg residents Ben and Marita Young. The series documents how different a university education can be when a student is also struggling to preserve and rebuild a culture.

Yakutat resident Amanda Bremner Porter has been featured in all three installments of the College Track series, in 2004, 2007 and 2013. 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.

Bremner Porter is also part of the half-hour panel discussion with alumnae and current students

Professor of Alaska Native Languages at UAS. Also on the panel are current students Jasper Nelson and Charles McKenry and Michelle Martin, who coaches and works with the Parents as Teachers program with the Hoonah School District. Like Bremner Porter, Martin was part of a televised panel discussion for the initial Alaska College Track program back in 2004. She received her M.A.T.

from UAS in 2008.

Alaska College Track 3 is produced by Lucid Reverie in association with UAS, with funding from First National Bank Alaska.



Members of the post-College Track 3 discussion panel pose with Ronald Cadiente Brown, director of Preparing Indigenous Teachers for Alaska Schools. From left to right: Jasper Nelson, Ronald Cadiente-Brown, Charles McHenry, Amanda Bremner-Porter and Michelle Martin.

Sitka Campus and Science Center offer Summer Workshop

Goal is to increase science literacy and build a workforce of marine and aquaculture professionals in Alaska.

The Sitka Campus will offer a three-day workshop June 5-7 called "Educators and Scientists: Putting our heads together to get kids excited about science," at the Sitka Sound Science Center. The workshop will be led by UAS faculty, Sitka Sound Science Center staff, and other scientists and educators. It will provide educators hands-on experience and training on teaching science to a diverse student audience. The goal is to increase science literacy and build a workforce of marine and aquaculture professionals in Alaska.

UAS Sitka Natural History Seminar Series

Talk held April 18

"Black Oystercatchers: Their Ecology and History in Sitka Sound" was the topic of the a

presentation in the Sitka Campus' Natural History Seminar Series. The seminar took place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 18, in UAS Sitka Campus Room 229. The presentation was free and open to the community.

The guest speaker was David Tessler, the regional wildlife biologist for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's Wildlife Diversity Program. Tessler, based in Anchorage, is responsible for projects throughout Southcentral and Southwestern Alaska, including the Wrangell and Alaska mountain ranges, Prince William Sound, the Kenai Peninsula, Kodiak Island, Bristol Bay and the Aleutian Chain. In addition, he has projects in Southeast and Interior Alaska, Canada and the Lower 48.

Tessler's research interests center on biodiversity conservation. Tessler's projects tend to focus on relationships between the vital rates of a species of concern and the array of threats encountered throughout the life cycle; population connectivity; genetic structuring; migratory behavior; and the implications of climate change.

In his more than 20 years as a field biologist (15 in Alaska), he has focused on a variety of species including the black oystercatcher, rusty blackbirds, wood frogs, loons and grebes, little brown bats, and alpine landbird assemblages. In addition, he has conducted research on the Pacific walrus in Alaska and Russian Far East. Tessler holds a master of science degree in biological sciences from the University of Alaska Anchorage, and a bachelor of science in wildlife biology from Colorado State University.

The UAS Natural History Seminar Series hosts several seminars during the school year on a variety of topics, including Southeast Alaska flora and fauna, glaciers, volcanoes, and impacts of climate change in the region. The series is supported by a grant from the Sitka Permanent Charitable Trust to the Sitka Sound Science Center and the University of Alaska Southeast.

Xh'unei at first Alaska Native Studies Conference

The University of Alaska Southeast may host next year's event.



Assistant Professor of Alaska Native Languages Xh'unei Lance A. Twitchell presented at the first Alaska Native Studies Conference at the University of Alaska Anchorage April 6–10. The conference involved faculty from UAS, UAA, UAF, Kodiak College, and students of Alaska Native Studies programs in Alaska and elsewhere. The event kicked off with a preconference symposium titled “The Things We Make: Alaska Native Art in the 21st Century.” More than 250 attendees participated in approximately 50 workshops and events covering indigenous, cultural and academic education. Events were held on the UAA campus, and at the Anchorage Museum and the Alaska Native Heritage Center. Provost and Vice Chancellor Elisha Baker said he looks forward to future annual conferences. The University of Alaska Southeast may host next year’s event.