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VALIC on campus

Daniel Crumpacker of VALIC will be on the Juneau campus February 25–27.

Crumpacker will be available for individual appointments with UAS employees to discuss pension, tax-deferred annuity and optional retirement plan investments. The schedule is as follows:

- Feb. 25: 11am–5pm Egan 113
 - Feb. 26: 8am–5pm Mourant 202 (Fireweed Room)
 - Feb. 27: 8am–5pm Mourant 202 (Fireweed Room)
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New Hires

January and February 2013

- Amanda Arra, Director, Student Health Center, Student Services
- Sarah Belmont, Human Resources Technician IV, Human Resources ([bio](#))
- Keith Cox – Natural Sciences Term Faculty Biology ([bio](#))
- William Dryer – Natural Sciences – Research Professional 1 ([bio](#))
- John Lamb – Library Faculty ([bio](#))
- Jesyca Mack – Administrative Services – Student Accounts ([bio](#))
- Sarah Pies – Sitka Student Services – Advising Support ([bio](#))
- William Smith – Sitka IT ([bio](#))
- Julie Triassi – Sitka Administrative Services Cashier
- Liana Wallace – Library Technician ([bio](#))
- Bethany Wilkes – Library Faculty ([bio](#))

If you do not have a bio link, please contact UAS Human Resources on submitting your New Hire Contact form.

February Anniversaries

Congratulations, from 2–19 years at UAS

Clare Bennett, 8 years; Keni Campbell, 7 years; Diana Collins, 12 years; John French, 8 years; John Guthrie, 5 year; Jill Hanson, 10 years; Gail Klein 17 years; Marianne Ledford, 5 year;

Sharolyn Maunu, 5 year; Judi Parrott, 19 years; Margaret Rea, 8 years; Pete Traxler, 2 years; Elizabeth Williams, 7 years; Nancy Woods, 17 years.

Arts and Sciences News

Appointments, publications and workshops

Associate Professor of Biology David Tallmon was recently appointed to the National Marine Fisheries Service's Alaska Scientific Review Group, which reviews the status of imperiled marine mammal stocks in Alaska and makes management and research recommendations to federal agencies based on these reviews.

Assistant Professor of English Sarah Jaquette Ray recently had an article accepted for publication. "Normalcy, Knowledge, and Nature in Mark Haddon's *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*" will be published in the summer 2013 issues of *Disability Studies Quarterly*.

A workshop for invited professionals, "Assessing the Impacts of Glacier Change in the Coastal Temperate Rainforest", is happening at the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center March 5-6. The workshop is in conjunction with Associate Professor of Environmental Science Eran Hood's US Geological Survey grant and approximately 30 professionals are expected to attend.

First Friday at the REC- Spring 2013

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For the first time this season, first Friday arts events are being held at the Charles Gamble Jr.-Donald Sperl Joint Use Facility, 12300 Mendenhall Loop Road also known as the UAS REC Center as part of the University of Alaska Southeast Sound and Motion Spring Arts series. Student art exhibit openings are part of the mix.



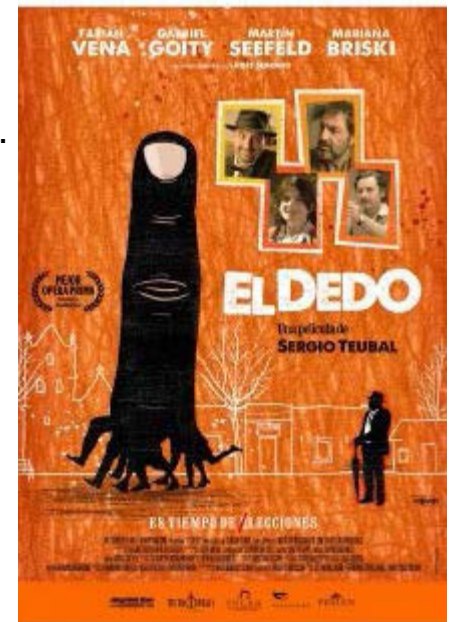
John Elliott gave a great performance of original songs at the UAS REC Feb. 1, 2013. Photo credit: Freddie Munoz

San Francisco singer–songwriter John Elliott kicked things off with a fantastic performance Feb. 1. His visit was sponsored by UAS Student Government.

The next event is a foreign film, brought to UAS in partnership with the Goldtown Theater. The Finger” (El Dedo), will be shown at 7p.m. on Friday, March 1. The film tells the story of Hidalgo, a slick and ingratiating scion eager for the new post of mayor of a remote village. Smelling a rat, Baldomero (a beloved natural leader with a habitually tapping digit) opposes him with his own candidacy—and soon turns up dead. The Global Film Initiative promotes cross–cultural understanding through the medium of cinema and supports the work of new and emerging film directors from around the world.

The final First Friday at the REC event of the season will be a concert by UAS student and singer songwriter Irene Muller and her band April 5 at 7 p.m. The group will feature original songs from Irene’s upcoming debut CD.

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Lemon Creek Exchange Participant Wins Woosh K Poetry Slam at UAS

By Sol Neely, Assistant Professor of English and Philosophy

For the first time ever, the monthly Woosh Kinaadeiyí Poetry Slam in Juneau was held on the University of Alaska Southeast Auke Lake campus as part of the Sound and Motion Spring Arts

Series. Eminent poet–MC’s were UAS Art student Kate Laster, Class of ’13 and alumni Jacque Boucher, Class of ’12 and Outstanding Graduate in Humanities.

The slam winner was Nathan Block, a talented Iraq war veteran recently paroled from Lemon Creek Correctional Center (LCCC) who participated in the Fall 2012 “UAS–LCCC Education Exchange Project,” where he first met many of the student organizers of the monthly poetry slam.

The “UAS–LCCC Education Exchange Project” program brought UAS students inside the prison for an “integrated” classroom experience. The opportunity to bring university students inside the prison for collaborative study with inmates was co–organized by Dr. Sol Neely and Mr. Paul McCarthy (education coordinator at LCCC) as a component to Prof. Neely’s ENGL 418 course —“Fugitive Thought: Philosophy and Literature Born of Prison”— which studied culturally significant literature and philosophy born of the prison as a privileged perspective from which to open meditations on questions of justice, hope, redemption, and ethical responsibility. *Photo by Daniel Kantak*



Reaching across the profound social barriers that separate the prison and the university, students inside and outside prison learned from each other, working to address and change misconceptions about education, incarceration, and power. During the final week of the education exchange, students shared their own poetry and original creative works, which brought the program to an especially intense and emotional conclusion.

When learning of Nathan’s release from LCCC during the winter break, UAS students who met Nathan through the “UAS–LCCC Education Exchange Project” encouraged him to attend the poetry slam. With heartening hospitality, UAS students have made a campus community for Nathan, who is enrolling in summer classes at UAS and preparing to pursue a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and philosophy.

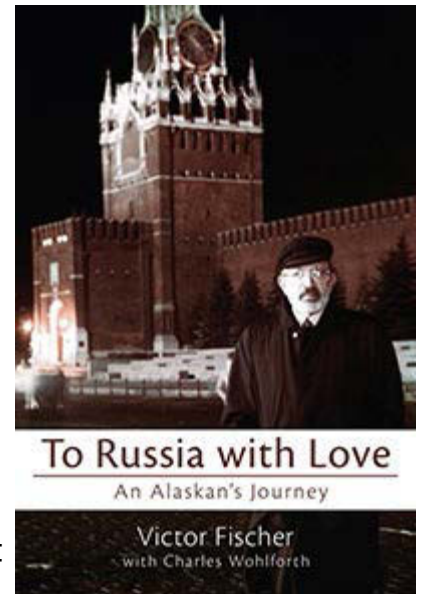
Meanwhile, Prof. Neely and Mr. McCarthy are resuming literary and philosophical studies inside LCCC, working to organize with UAS students another “integrated” three–week creative writing workshop in April.

Sound and Motion: Victor Fisher, Author, “To Russia with Love: An Alaskan’s Journey”

Fri., Feb. 22, 7 p.m., Egan Lecture Hall

Vic Fischer grew up in Nazi Germany and Stalinist Russia, came to the US with the help of First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, fought his former peers in WW2, helped write the Alaska Constitution, and served the state for decades, helping re–build after the 1964 earthquake, as a state senator and as the founder of the Institute of Social and Economic Research at UAA.

Fischer’s fascinating life is the subject of his book *To Russia with Love*, an autobiography that touches on the roles of his activist–writer parents in his life, his experiences in World War II, his role as a delegate to the



Alaska Constitutional Convention and other government appointments, and his continuing relationship with Russia.

Vic Fischer will tell his stories in person and answer questions from the audience at the next Sound and Motion Friday, February 22nd, 7 p.m. at the Egan Lecture Hall on the UAS Auke Lake campus. After the presentation, he will sign books.

Here is Vic Fischer's full itinerary in Juneau Feb. 21–23:

Thursday, Feb. 21st, 5 pm, Educational Forum, Fahrenkamp Room in the Capitol.
"Alaska's Constitution -- Highlight of Our 100–Years of Legislative History"
Sponsored by Alaska Legislative Centennial Commission.

Friday, Feb. 22, 7 pm, Egan Lecture Hall on Auke Lake Campus on
"To Russia with Love: An Alaskan's Journey", Vic Fischer's new book.
Sponsored by University of Alaska Southeast.
Talk and book signing. Free to the public.

Saturday, Feb. 23, 7 pm, Holy Trinity Church at Fourth & Gold downtown.
"Hopes and Dreams of Alaska's Constitution as Seen Today"
Talk and book signing. Free to the public.

"Vic Fischer's life story reads like a real-life Forrest Gump, with appearances by Lenin, Stalin, Eleanor Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, Saul Alinsky and many more, together with everyone in the whole history of Alaska from statehood to the present day. A great read by a great Alaskan." — Brian Rogers, Chancellor, University of Alaska Fairbanks

"Oftentimes we do not celebrate our jewels — the people who have contributed so much to Alaska — until they're dead. One of Fischer's many gifts to the state is his ability to look at issues with a wide lens." --UAS Chancellor John Pugh.

"This fast-paced page turner has it all: Russian intrigue, spies, narrow escapes, adventure, political hi-jinx, mavericks, monsters, the birth of Alaskan statehood, and an ongoing love affair that spans the roller-coaster history of the Last Frontier." –J. Rubadeau, author of The Fat Man

Banff Mountain Film Festival 2013

March 4–5 2013, Monday and Tuesday 6:30 PM until 10:00 p.m.

The annual showing of a sampling of some of the world's best mountain films. Tickets sold at Student Services, Hearthside, Sequence and the Nugget Alaskan Outfitter. General Admission:

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\$15/night or \$25 both nights. Student/Senior Admission: \$10/night or \$15 both nights. Doors open at 6:30 pm. **Sponsored by UAS Student Government.**