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UAS Celebrates Success: Meet the New Faculty

Brian Vander Naald recently joined the University of Alaska School of Arts and Sciences as an Assistant Professor of Economics.



“I look forward to bringing my enthusiasm for economics into the classroom and into undergraduate research,” he said. “When not at the university, I enjoy hanging out with my wife, Anne, as well as running, biking, swimming, hiking, and most any outdoor activity.”

“My primary areas of research are Environmental Economics and Resource Economics,” said Vander Naald. “In my latest research projects I employ both revealed and stated preference methods to identify demands for some under-studied non-market goods.”

Vander Naald’s research includes studies on consumer preferences for “humanely raised” versus “conventionally raised” chicken, the demand for improved services and improved stewardship at California state parks and the effects of the Clean Air Act on dry cleaning small businesses in California. Vander Naald’s course schedule this semester includes a class in Natural Resource Economics. Students are exploring research on natural resource issues including: Does it make sense for the Chinook salmon quota to vary from year to year? How do we account for the value of ecosystem services provided by area glaciers? Is the Juneau airport the best use for the plot of land on which it sits?

New Student Orientation Whale Watching 2012

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Summer made an appearance for the sixth annual whale watching excursion for incoming students. "This year we had 197 students participate in at least one of the days of New Student Orientation – while this is not our largest number of students at an Orientation, it is close!" said coordinator Julie Staveland. "Verbal feedback I heard from students was that they had a great time and were very glad that they attended. " For more photos of orientation [view the orientation slidehow](#).



Student Musicians serenade students, staff and faculty aboard whale watching vessel.

Walz to BOR: Please support UAS Performing Arts and Culture Center

During public testimony at the BOR meeting in Juneau September 27.

Professor of History Robin Walz recently appealed to the UA Board of Regents to support a performing arts and cultural center as part of the UAS Master Plan. During public testimony at the BOR meeting in Juneau September 27, Walz stressed partnerships between UAS and local arts organizations including the Juneau Symphony and Perseverance Theatre for the Fall Evening at Egan Lecture series and the Spring Sound and Motion Arts series.

He noted that a half dozen faculty are presenting during this year's Evening at Egan lecture series including Ernestine Hayes talk, "What shall we do with our histories?" (November 2).

"What we don't have," Walz told the BOR, "is a good venue for these programs." Walz said currently used are "makeshift" venues– the Egan classroom lecture hall and the bottom floor of the library.

Widmark Gift to Native and Rural Student Center (NRSC)

The NRSC offers programming and support services to promote student success in college through academic advising and support, assistance with registration / course selection as well as peer advising and mentoring.

The University of Alaska Southeast is honored to receive a \$50,000 memorial gift from the Emma G. Widmark Estate given in her father's name, Dr. Alfred E. Widmark, who was a strong supporter of the University and its efforts to support the advancement of Alaska Native People through education. Alfred E. Widmark was born in Haines in 1904 and was one of the first Tlingits to serve as a member of the Alaska State Legislature (1961–62). Throughout his lifetime in addition to several State offices he served several terms as the Mayor of Klawock, was a past Grand President of the Alaska Native Brotherhood, and was a member of the executive committee for both the Grand Camp of the ANB and the Tlingit–Haida Central Council. He was ANB representative and vice president to the National Congress of American Indians and served on the Sealaska Corporation board of directors. Mr. Widmark received an Honorary Doctorate of Humanities from the University of Alaska Southeast in 1979. As requested, the gift will be used for the purpose of increasing access to education and/or improving educational opportunities for Alaska Native students by permanently endowing the Alaska Native and Rural Center (NRSC) Support fund.

Egan Library News

News from the UAS Egan Library for September

Egan Information Literacy Librarian Tracy Leithauser and Assistant Professor of Library Science Caroline Hassler both recently wrote successful grant applications for Interlibrary Cooperation Grants awarded from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Alaska State Library. Leithauser's grant secured funds for a statewide Information Literacy and Library Instruction retreat. The retreat drew 26 participants from UAF, UAA, UAS, Mat–Su College, Kodiak College, Kenai Peninsula College, and UAS Ketchikan Campus and was facilitated by Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe. Lisa is past-president of ACRL (Association of College and Research Libraries) and coordinates Information Literacy Instruction at the University of Illinois Urbana–Champaign campuses. The innovative program consisted of two days of workshops and facilitated discussions that enabled UA librarians statewide to learn about progressive national trends as well as to share information and forge collaborations across campuses. The funds were received on behalf of the Alaska Library Association's Academic Roundtable. Hassler received a grant of \$9,300 which will be used to provide e-learning cataloging training to catalogers all over Alaska. The training is focused on a new set of library standards called *Resource Description and Access (RDA)*. RDA is set of recommended practices for describing materials that is designed to be more international and more relevant to electronic resources. Hassler is Chair of the Alaska Library Association's Cataloging Roundtable.

Interview with Pugh

Full article can be read on The Voice

The University of Alaska's newsletter the Statewide Voice for September 2012 includes an

extensive interview with UAS Chancellor John Pugh. Here is part of the introduction:

“His approach to leadership is different. With a long history as a social worker, Pugh believes in the importance of communication, education and the need to serve those who he leads. He faces unique challenges and obstacles as chancellor, but for the last 13 years he has lead with success, working every day to continue the rich student learning experience in Southeast Alaska.”

The full article can be read at: www.alaska.edu/voice/2012/sept_2012/conversations-with-the-ua

Latest journal article by Sarah Jaquette Ray

“Teaching Jamaica Kincaid’s ‘In History’ as Environmental Justice Literature.”

English faculty Sarah Ray had a refereed journal article accepted for publication in Colors of Nature: Identity, Culture, and the Natural World Online Teaching Resource: “Teaching Jamaica Kincaid’s ‘In History’ as Environmental Justice Literature.”

Read more about Sarah in [Why UAS Faculty](#).

Sherry Tamone News

Manuscript acceptance and mentoring JSD science fair students



Professor of Biology Sherry Tamone had a manuscript accepted for publication in General and Comparative Endocrinology: “Stimulation of molt by RNA interference of the molt-inhibiting hormone in the crayfish *Cherax quadricarinatus*.” RR Pamuru, O Rosen, R Manor, SJ Chung, N Zmora, L Glazer, ED Aflalo, S Weil, ASagi SL Tamone.

Four Juneau School District science fair students mentored by Sherry Tamone attended the International Science and Engineering Fair in Pittsburgh PA in May 2012. Erin Gaffney and Sally Paul (pictured with Sherry) presented their work on carbohydrate metabolism in Tanner crab. Amalia Tamone and Arianna Gross presented their work on potential anesthetics for invertebrates, for which they won a \$1000 award from the Veterinary Medical Board.

One Campus, One Book Online

OCOB on Facebook and Being Caribou blog

Did you know that [One Campus One Book](#) has a Facebook page? Check it out at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/UAS-One-Campus-One-Book/148601738497114>. There is also a “Being Caribou” blog located at <http://uasocob.blogspot.com>. If you post, be sure to add labels to help other readers. Questions can be directed to Sarah Ray, this year’s One Campus One Book organizer.

Changes at the REC Center

We hope to see you get involved at the REC Center!

Phil Paramore, Recreation Manager, of the REC Center is pleased to announce the hiring of a new Recreation & Intramural Coordinator, Ruth Olsen. Ruth comes to Juneau after working 17 years as the Student Recreation Center Program Coordinator in Fairbanks.

Some changes have been made to programs.

There is now a fee for drop-in exercise classes. The REC Center charges \$3 to help cover costs, pay instructors and offer more classes. Fran Polumsky instructs the Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:10–1:00 classes with Resistance Training Intervals on Mondays, Cardio Core class Wednesdays and Indoor Cycling on Fridays. Tuesdays Fran offers an Introduction to the Weight Room from 4–5pm and Drop in cycling in the gym 5:15–6:15pm. This \$3 fee is in addition to the REC Center \$3 day pass for faculty/staff or you can purchase a 10 or 20 punch card, semester membership or annual membership for the same rate as a student pays. More information on passes and punch cards: <http://www.uas.alaska.edu/rec/memberships/passes.html>

The WIN (Wellness Initiative Network) offers FREE wellness programs, separate from the REC center.

The REC Center has replaced the old locker system and now has gone to a bring your own lock system. The REC Center sells locks for \$5 if you forgot yours or need a lock. Patrons may utilize the locker room lockers free of charge for the day or can choose to purchase a locker for a semester, school year, or annual year to keep their belongings safe.

The Intramural Program has started off with at least 4 teams per league. Soccer is played on Mondays, basketball on Tuesdays, volleyball on Wednesdays, and dodgeball on Thursdays. There are numerous special events and tournaments throughout the semester. Individuals can start a team or sign up as “free agents” to be placed on teams. Team entries for Soccer, Ultimate Frisbee, Basketball, and Flag Football are due Wednesday, October 17.

Check out the website, www.uas.alaska.edu/rec for more information. Get in the loop with a LIKE on Facebook = UAS Student RECreation Center, or call 796–6544 for more information. We hope to see you get involved at the REC Center!

The URECA Award application period is open

DEADLINE: December 3, 2012

This is the third year that UAS has offered up to \$2500 (per student) in funding for student-led research and creative activity projects. We’d like to



make this year our most successful by attracting students with high-quality projects mentored by faculty who are committed to making sure their students have every chance of succeeding. Students with questions about the URECA award application process should be directed to [Dr. David Tallmon](#) or [Kelly Jensen](#).

To learn more about URECA and past projects and recipients, please visit the student research web page at <http://www.uas.alaska.edu/research/students>

Sitka Students Build Bike Shelter

Shelter built for Center for Community

Two construction classes at UAS Sitka Campus this summer, CT 120 Basic Construction and CT 201 Cold Climate Construction, constructed a bike shelter for Center for Community that will be placed in front of their building. The class was funded through a grant from the Career Center that was part of “Energize Sitka”.



Pictured left to right: Terrence Thomson, Donnie Hill, Pat Hughes (Assistant Professor of Construction Technology at UAS Sitka Campus) and Robert Hughes.

UAS Sitka Harbormaster Program Presents in Korea

200 people in attendance.



Marian Allen, Professional Training Plus Coordinator and ESL Instructor from UAS Sitka, presented at the 2nd Global Marina Forum in Changwon, South Korea in May 2012. The Korean Sea Grant Program located our training program for harbormasters, which is a partnership with the Pacific Coast Congress of Harbormasters and Port Managers, on the Internet and requested our presence at this event. Our series of 10 courses were developed for professional development under a Title III grant. They provide interactive, asynchronous, online training for harbor employees in many of the skills that those employees need. The Koreans are just developing a marina system in their country. Part of their process is to learn from what other countries have done in this area. Speakers at the forum included people from Japan, Spain, Australia and two other Americans, as well as Koreans. The UAS program was the most interesting to everyone and the feedback from other presenters was that we are on the cutting edge of course development. The Koreans would like to work with us to learn more about our program and the Australians also are interested in taking some of our courses. About 200 people attended the forum.