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## Arts and Sciences Faculty News

### Presentations & Conferences

**Lisa Hoferkamp** travels to Washington, DC, February 23–26 to attend the Council on Undergraduate Research Dialogues.

**Jenifer Vernon** travels to the Western States Communication Association Conference, in Albuquerque, NM, February 17–21. She will present “How Open is the Open–Mic? Practicing Poetry and Rehearsing an Urban Polis Yet to Be.” Vernon’s paper was selected for the “top paper panel,” of the Performance Studies division of the Conference.

**John Radzilowski** organized and chaired a session at the American Historical Association (AHA) annual meeting in Chicago in January 2012 titled “Anti–Communism in Transnational Perspective.” In a separate session at the same meeting, he delivered a paper on immigrant Catholic parishes as institutions that helped to mitigate high levels of personal and communal disorder in the lives of first–generation Polish immigrants.

**Sarah Jaquette Ray** was invited to speak at University of California–Davis for their Environment and Societies Winter Colloquium Series on February 8, 2012. She will be presenting the introduction to her book manuscript, *The Ecological Other: Bodies, Nature, and Exclusion*. The website for the series can be found at [www.environmentsandsocieties.ucdavis.edu/colloquiumschedule/](http://www.environmentsandsocieties.ucdavis.edu/colloquiumschedule/).

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## Rep. Munoz at UAS Center for Mine Training

### Introduction to Mining Occupations course for HS students



Rep. Cathy Munoz (R-Juneau) recently visited the “Introduction to Mining Occupations” course for high school students at the UAS Center for Mine Training.



Rep. Munoz pans for gold with Yaakoosge high school student Sharon Harris. Harris is one of 19 high school students enrolled in an introductory mining course.

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## **New Mining Simulator at the TEC**

**The University of Alaska Southeast is now the only educational institution in the United States with a simulator for underground hard rock mine training.**

A state-of-the-art mine training simulator with three modules is housed at the UAS Center for Mine Training at Juneau's Technical Education Center. It will be used to prepare entry level miners for hard rock mining jobs in Alaska. The official unveiling of the simulator is set for Feb. 24, 3:00pm-5:00pm at a special showcase event. State officials are invited, including those who have been instrumental in the acquisition of the equipment such as Rep. Cathy Munoz (R-Juneau) and other members of the Southeast Alaska legislative delegation. The \$800,000 simulator was purchased with funding from a \$400,000 2010 capital budget appropriation and \$400,000 in University of Alaska Workforce Development funds.

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## **UAS Legislative Internship Program 2012**

**10 interns are mostly from UAA or UAF**

This session's Legislative Internship program has ten interns. Most are from UAA or UAF. They are registered at UAS for the session.

They are: Katya Wassilie-Sen. Bettye Davis, Alejandro Cuautili-Rep. Chris Tuck, Shayan Ely- Sen. Lisel McGuire, Arthur Martin-Rep. Peggy Wilson, Monika Kunat-Rep. Beth Kerttula, Thomas "TJ" Presley-Sen. Bill Wielechowski, Grace Abbott- Sen. Johnny Ellis, Jordan Schilling-Sen. John Coghill, Tyler Spaan-Rep. Scott Kawasaki, Jon Taylor-Sen. Cathy Giessel.

According to Assistant Professor of Political Science Glen Wright, each of the interns is working full time with their respective office. Each intern is responsible for moving at least one bill or resolution through the committee process and getting it passed, tracking several bills' progress through the legislative process, general legislative and policy research, constituent communications, and a range of other tasks. UAS interns are involved in the legislative process in a very real, substantively important way.

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## **Shaping Alaska's Future 2017**

**Shaping Alaska's Future 2017: New Directions for Higher Education and Workforce Development**

Listening Sessions at UAS in February

The University of Alaska Strategic Direction team is holding listening sessions at the three UAS campuses over the next week. The input of students, faculty, staff, business leaders, elected officials, alumni, donors, K-12 partners and community members is sought on how the UA System can become more productive and aligned with the priorities of students, employers and the people of the state. For more information, visit the website:

<http://www.alaska.edu/shapingalaskasfuture/>

Thursday, February 2 - UAS Ketchikan Campus, Room P515

- **Faculty**–9:30 am
- **Students**–11 am
- **Staff**–1:30 pm

Wednesday, February 8 – UAS Sitka Campus Room 106

- **Faculty**–10 am
- **Staff**–1 pm
- **Students**–3 pm

Thursday, February 9–UAS Juneau Campus (Glacier View Room)

- Faculty–9–10:30 am
- Staff–11am–12:30 pm
- Students– 1:30–3 pm
- Alumni– 5–6:30pm (Chancellor’s Conference Room)

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## **Career Ed Sets Up Mining Careers Course for High School Students**

### **Class has 19 JDHS students**

UAS Center for Mine Training Director Mike Bell began the first "Introduction to Mining Occupations" class with 19 Juneau Douglas Highschool Students the week of January 23. The course is funded in part through the Hecla/Greens Creek partnership and is designed to encourage interested students to pursue careers in mining-related fields, including the Mine Mechanic pathway set up by UAS.

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## **UAS Carpenter takes top honor at Wearable Art Extravaganza**

**The wood veneer craftsmanship of UAS carpenter David Walker once again earned First Place in the 2012 Wearable Arts Extravaganza.**



Attendees at the Juneau Arts and Humanities Council's biggest fundraiser had no problem voting Walker's Beauty in the Beast number one for the People's Choice Award. The piece is inspired by victims of breast cancer. Walker is no stranger to top honors in Wearable Arts. According to a recent article in the Juneau Empire, "Walker has placed in three of the four WOW shows he has entered, bringing home the "supreme winner" award in 2009 for "Lady of the Wood," a Marie-Antoinette style ball gown. In Juneau his wood gowns have eared him a prize in every show he's entered." Read more here: <http://juneauempire.com/art/2012-02-16/wearable-arts-walker-explores-personal-themes-latest-piece>

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## Art of Place: Steve Henrikson and weaver Janice Criswell

**All lectures are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the University of Alaska Southeast Glacier View room.**

The second annual Art of Place lecture and demonstration series began January 27 with a presentation on Chilkat blanket weaving by Alaska State Museum Curator of Collections Steve Henrikson and weaver Janice Criswell. Events take place monthly and feature Alaska Native artists. Future lectures will feature community leader Lyle James and the Woosh.ji.een dance group on Feb. 24, culture bearers and renowned artists Ed Kunz and Percy Kunz on March 23 and Northwest coast basket specialist Helen Watkins on April 27. All lectures are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the University of Alaska Southeast Glacier View room. A dessert potluck is held during the first three events, and the final lecture will feature a potluck of Alaska Native foods.



The grand daughter of presenters Steve Henrikson and Janice Criswell models a beautiful Chilkat blanket woven by her grandmother at the Jan. 27 Art of Place presentation.



Blankets, wool and masks on display at History Art of Place first event of series

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## **Muslim Ambassadors Panel**

**Egan Lecture Hall on Friday, February 17 at 7 p.m.**

High school students from Egypt, Kuwait, Turkey, and Israel will be part of a forum moderated by UAS history faculty David Noon in the Egan Lecture Hall on Friday, February 17 at 7 p.m. The students will discuss life in their home countries and their experiences in Juneau. The students are attending Thunder Mountain High School in Juneau this year and staying with host families as part of a Muslim Ambassador program funded by the U.S. State Department.

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## Saturday Sessions with UAS Career Education

**The School of Career Education is the hands-on educational branch of the University of Alaska Southeast.**

UAS Career Education is pleased to invite the public to celebrate Career and Technical education month by participating in FREE Saturday session "how to" workshops. The workshops kick off this Saturday February 4 with an overview of how to prepare your marine cooling system for Spring. Subsequent workshops cover diesel maintenance for pick-up trucks, changing a door threshold and getting a building permit. "We hope that providing these workshops will attract community members who may not otherwise know what we do in the downtown UAS buildings, the Technical Education Center and Bill Ray Center," said Associate Dean of Career Education Robin Gilcrist. All workshops take place on Saturday afternoons 2-4 p.m. at the Technical Education Center (unless noted below) downtown.

A separate presentation, Careers in Alaska's Health Care Industry is set for Sat. Feb. 18, 10-11:30 a.m. at the Bill Ray Center downtown. Attendees will learn about demand for trained health care workers and UAS training programs to prepare workers for healthcare jobs in Alaska.

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### SATURDAY SESSIONS WITH UAS CAREER ED, FEBRUARY 2012

**Feb 4th 2:00-4:00 PM TEC Room 218**

**presented by: Chuck Craig**

**Get your Marine Cooling System ready for spring.**

Session will cover an overview of the types of cooling systems found on inboard marine diesel engines. Coolant & additives, water pumps, heat exchangers, expansion tanks, and zincs will be covered. Preventive maintenance guidelines will be discussed.

February 11 2:00-4:00 PM TEC Room 216

**Presented by: Tony Martin**

**Pickup Diesel Maintenance**

"Session will be an introduction to maintenance of Dodge/Cummins, Duramax, and Powerstroke diesel engines. Use of online service information resources will be emphasized

**Feb 18th 10:00am - 11:30am BRC 110**

**Presented by: Elizabeth Williams**

**Careers in Alaska's Health Care Industry**

Learn about the demand for trained health care workers in the State of Alaska, and the available training programs available through the University of Alaska.

**Feb 18th 2:00-4:00 PM TEC Room 139**

**Presented by: Pete Traxler**

### **Changing your door threshold**

Ever wonder why your heat bill is so expensive? Maybe we can help. Leaky doors can account for 11% of the energy lost in your home. Come to UAS (Technical Education Center) For a free 2hr session on how to replace your existing door threshold. Learn how to fix that drafty spot in your house for good. Various models and types of door thresholds will be on display as well as informative handouts available. Session is free to the public.

**Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 2:00–4:00 PM TEC 212**

**Presented by: Robin Gilcrist**

### **Getting a building permit**

Session will introduce homeowners or would be homeowners on how to obtain a building permit for remodel and new single family dwelling construction projects. Step- by- step review of the building permit process will be discussed and demystified.

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## **Films on Most Fridays in February at UAS**

### **February is Film Month for the Sound and Motion Series at the University of Alaska Southeast Auke Lake campus.**

All events take place on Fridays at 7 p.m in the Egan Lecture Hall and are free to the public. February 3 Juneau film maker Greg Chaney will show a condensed version of his film *Journey on the Wild Coast*, discuss his editing process and engage in a question and answer session with the audience. This documentary about a couple's attempt to walk, paddle and ski from Seattle to the Aleutians won awards at the Anchorage and Banff film festivals and has the honor of being selected for the Banff World Tour.

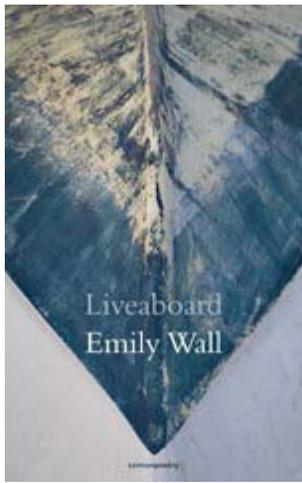
February 10 the Juneau Underground Motion Picture Society extends its Winter Fest of short films by local filmmakers to UAS. February 24 is the third annual presentation of Treasures from the State Film Library, featuring a sampling of vintage films and videos from the historical collection of the Alaska State Library. This evening hosted by curator Damon Stuebner has been very popular with audiences in recent yea

The Sound and Motion Spring Arts series runs through April. For the full schedule, please visit the Sound and Motion website at [www.uas.alaska.edu/sound\\_motion](http://www.uas.alaska.edu/sound_motion)

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## **Wall's Second Collection of Poems Published**

**Assistant Professor of English Emily Wall just had a second volume of poetry published by Irish press Salmon Poetry.**



The poems in *Liveboard* were inspired by Wall's four years living on a sailboat that culminated with sailing from Vancouver to Juneau with her husband. The publisher posted high praise for the collection on its website. "Liveboard, is used as noun and verb, place and pursuit, a rich metaphor for the ways in which humans and human spirit inhabit community," writes editor and writer Simmons Buntin. "Wall's community is largely the harbors and coastlines of British Columbia and Alaska, and in *Liveboard* she writes from the deck, the dock, and the rocky shore, providing keen and lyrical insight to what otherwise might be seen as a peripheral existence." Alaska Writer Laureate and 2011 Evening at Egan presenter Peggy Shumaker writes, "Emily Wall's marvelous poems honor questions and doubts, and speak our desire for belief, for what we once knew, for what we'll never know." Her first book, *Freshly Rooted*, was published by Salmon Poetry in 2007. Copies of *Liveboard* can be ordered on-line at: <http://www.salmonpoetry.com>.

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## 2012 URECA Awards Announced

### **Eight students submitted proposals; 6 were selected for awards.**

The School of Arts and Sciences announced the recipients of the second annual URECA (Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity) awards. They are:

- Carrie Comstock – Humpback Whale Photographic Data, \$2500. Mentor: Andy Szabo and co-mentor to be named.
- Chelsie Harris – Cup Library, \$2245. Mentor: Jeremy Kane
- Joel Mundy – Canvas, Large-Format Photo Show, \$2190. Mentor: Ben Huff
- Julienne Pacheco – Metabolic Rates of Starry Flounder, \$1400. Mentor: Carolyn Bergstrom
- Crystal Rogers – Tlingit Language Apprenticeship, \$2500. Mentor: Lance Twitchell
- Izabela Thorne – Muddy Hands, Happy Heart, \$1802. Mentor: Elizabeth Zacher

The URECA Awards were developed in 2011 by the UAS Research and Creative Activity Committee. The awards support the UAS Strategic and Assessment Plan by enhancing opportunities for undergraduate students to work directly with faculty on projects involving active, engaged learning, and in support of student retention and success. This funding will help students pursue a research question or creative endeavor of their own design, one that is not directly related to their coursework.

Eight students submitted proposals; 6 were selected for awards. Proposals were judged on the criteria set out in the application: eligibility, purpose, intellectual merit, likelihood of success, funding justification, and proposal quality. Students must complete their projects by December of

2012, and will be asked to present them at a symposium in the spring of 2013.

For more information on URECA and the awardees, please contact Sanjay Pyare, chair of the Research and Creative Activity Committee ([sanjay.pyare@uas.alaska.edu](mailto:sanjay.pyare@uas.alaska.edu)) or Kelly Jensen ([kelly.jensen@uas.alaska.edu](mailto:kelly.jensen@uas.alaska.edu)).

“Please join me in congratulating and supporting these students.”

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## **Hood Funded for International Collaborative Study on Glacier Carbons**

**UAS Associate Professor of Environmental Science Eran Hood has been funded for a collaborative study on the origins of organic carbon in glaciers.**

Most of the research will be done on the Mendenhall Glacier near Juneau. Hood received a \$258,567 grant from the National Science Foundation for the two year project that will employ a postdoctoral scholar and two undergraduate research assistants. The research hypothesis is that the main source of carbon in glaciers is atmospheric carbon from the combustion of fossil fuels and biomass. The work will determine the extent to which fossil fuels contribute to the dissolved organic material (DOM) in the glaciers, verify the age and stability of the glacial DOM, and quantify the extent to which glacial DOM is being exported to downstream ecosystems. Hood will be working with an international team that includes researchers from the Woods Hole Research Center, Yale University, the Skidaway Institute of Oceanography, and the Max Planck Group for Marine Geochemistry in Oldenburg, Germany.

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## **Adjunct Music Professor Recipient of Mayor’s Arts Award**

### **From the Juneau Empire**

The Juneau Arts and Humanities Council has announced the selection of the recipients for the Fifth Annual Mayor's Awards for the Arts, to be presented at the Wearable Arts Extravaganza on Feb. 12 at Centennial Hall. Recipients include Dan Hopson, Nancy Lehnhart and Mimi Walker Medenica, Alaskan Brewing Co., Lucid Reverie Creative Design, Guy "Buddy" Tabor, Bruce Simonson and Big Carillo.

Musician, classical guitarist and music teacher Hopson has been an integral part of the music community in Juneau since 1970. He teaches guitar at the University of Alaska Southeast and performs regularly at the Gold Room in the Baranof Hotel. He served on the JAH Council Board of Trustees for six years and continues as a weekly volunteer. He just released his first CD, "Solo Classical Guitar."

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## **Statewide Incident Command Training Opportunity**

### **February 6–10 at the REC Center**

Once again, UA Emergency Manager Rick Forkel will be on the Juneau Campus delivering incident command system (ICS) training to UAS leadership. This mid level ICS training course, ICS 300, will take place at the Rec Center on February 6–10 and focuses on managing "expanding" incidents that due to their severity and duration continue to task the campus beyond immediate response.

The incident theme that we will use to practice ICS strategies will be consistent with that of the statewide "Alaska Shield 2012" full scale exercise taking place concurrently at various locations throughout the state: a prolonged power outage during cold weather. Following the ICS training, Mr. Forkel will lead the campus Incident Management Team through a table top exercise to more fully explore the decisions that need to be made as a power outage persists beyond just a few hours. Emergency training such as the ICS 300 class and the table top exercise will help campus leadership not only deal with the crisis at hand, but think ahead as a crisis develops and expands.

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## Seeking Community Engagement Stories

### Community Engagement is a core theme of the UAS Strategic Plan.

UAS staff, students, and faculty engage with community entities including industry, arts, government, and K-12 in many ways. If you are involved in a project that engages community please pass that information along. These stories may be shared in the UAS Soundings Newsletter and the bi-weekly UA System Highlights newsletter. To learn more contact Katie Bausler at 796-6530 or [kkbausler@uas.alaska.edu](mailto:kkbausler@uas.alaska.edu).

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## E-Learning Transition

### Distance Education Gateway becomes a distant memory as of Feb. 1st.

The Distance Education Gateway will discontinue course search functionality as of February 1, 2012.

Students can search and register for eLearning courses at UAOnline. The Distance Education Gateway will remain online and continue to offer other valuable resources and services to support e-Learning. Please contact your Registrar's office with any questions.

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## UA Capitol Relations Listserve

### Keep track of UA's efforts at the Legislature

The SupportUA Listserve is for anyone who would like to receive updates from Associate Vice President Chris Christensen, who heads up our State Relations efforts in the state Capitol. To access it, simply go to [www.alaska.edu/state](http://www.alaska.edu/state) and click on the link below the "Subscribe Now!" headline in red, on the right hand side of the page. Other information about the university's State Relations efforts can be found on the website at [www.alaska.edu/state](http://www.alaska.edu/state).

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## New UA Benefits Director Announced

### Van Flein oversees employee benefits administration, including health care, retirement, disability and life insurance.

Erika Van Flein, formerly benefits administrator for UA Human Resources, was recently named

director of benefits, replacing Mike Humphrey, who took a job as executive officer for UAA Chancellor Tom Case.

As director of benefits, Van Flein oversees employee benefits administration, including health care, retirement, disability and life insurance, for some 4,600 benefits-eligible employees across the state.

"Ms. Van Flein brings to her new assignment years of outstanding experience in all facets of benefits administration and delivery," said Donald Smith, interim chief human resources officer. "Please join me in wishing Ms. Van Flein much success with her new responsibilities."

Van Flein, a lifelong Fairbanks resident, joined the university in 1990, working as an administrative assistant in University Relations at UAF. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin.

She is the daughter of Professor Emeritus Carl Benson and Ruth Benson, who worked as a nurse at the student health center. A graduate of West Valley High School, Van Flein has been married to her husband Peter Van Flein for 22 years. They have two sons; Isaac, 19, and Kristoffer, 17. Isaac is a sophomore at UAF.

Van Flein is an avid runner, and is on a personal quest to run a marathon in all 50 states. In December, she ran the White Rock Marathon in Dallas, Texas, her seventh marathon for the year and 12th state in her collection!

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## Spring 2012 Academic Exchange and Study Abroad Students

### Exchange Students Love UAS



Program Coordinator Marsha Squires (far right) and student worker Andria Budbill (2nd from left) welcome visiting students (from left to right): Maria Jose Mollinedo Herrera (from Spain), Zachariah Merrigan (New Hampshire), Kelsie Cano Atzberger (New Mexico), Eileen Sipple (New Hampshire), Laura Mondello (Louisiana), Lydia Morton (New Hampshire), Michaela Twarog (Massachusetts) and Nicole Tarcsay (Wisconsin).

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## Sesko to Present Dissertation in California

**Conference held in San Diego CA January 26–28.**

Psychology faculty Amanda Sesko is attending the 13th Annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology conference in San Diego, CA January 26–28. There she will present some of her recent dissertation work titled “(In) visibility of Black women: Drawing attention to individuality.” This work investigates how drawing attention to uniqueness through engaging in a difference focus can result in increased reliance on individuating information, thus reducing invisibility.

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## Neely and student present Papers

**Neely's paper was well received and it prompted an invitation to present at a conference on the philosopher Emmanuel Levinas in Paris, France this fall.**

English faculty Sol Neely attended the 127<sup>th</sup> annual convention of the Modern Languages Association, where he presented a paper titled “Trickster Reads Midrash: Theories Toward an Ontology of Story” and participated in a panel discussion focused on Pacific Rim concerns. His paper was well received and it prompted an invitation to present at a conference on the philosopher Emmanuel Levinas in Paris, France this fall.

James Kelleher, a student of Sol Neely, had a paper “Pixels and Ethics: Contemporary Gaming as Procedural Allegory” accepted for the Pacific Rim Conference on Literature and Rhetoric. The conference will be held March 9–10 at U.A.A.

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## Tamone and Students Present East to West

**Work has interesting implications for cold–water adaptation.**

Professor of Biology Sherry Tamone and her graduate student Molly Fox–Zaleski attended the Alaska Marine Science Symposium January 16–17 in Anchorage. Molly presented her graduate work on reproductive indices of male snow crab *Chionoecetes opilio*.

Tamone traveled to the annual Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology in Charleston, South Carolina earlier this month to present a poster on crab physiology research conducted in collaboration with two UAS undergraduates, Tyler Linderoth and Eric Keller. The results of their study, titled “The effect of eyestalk neurohormones on circulating glucose and trehalose in two species of cold water oregonid crabs”, have some interesting implications for cold–water adaptation.