



11-4-2011

For the Online issue, be sure to visit [Soundings Online at uas.alaska.edu/soundings](http://uas.alaska.edu/soundings)

"The Politics of Climate Change" Forum

Juneau World Affairs Council November 10–12, 2011.

**Keynote Speaker: Detlef Sprinz, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research
November 11, 7 p.m., Egan Library**

The keynote speaker for the 2011 Juneau World Affairs Council forum presents the next Evening at Egan at the University of Alaska Southeast. "Is Long-term Climate Policy Politically Feasible?" is the title of the talk by Detlef F. Sprinz of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research. The forum brings together international experts on climate change and the threat of water shortages, human rights concerns and international security.

In his talk Sprinz will explore: What is the capacity for democratic institutions to respond to science? How can governments pursue long-term policies that impact large segments of society, where delay or failure to act prevents a return at least to the present state?

The forum opens with a Thursday evening forum moderated by UAS Provost Rick Caulfield from 7:00 PM – 9:30 p.m., November 10 in the Egan Library. Setting the Stage is a panel discussion featuring four scientists on the current state of the science of climate change and the contrarian view: Brendan Kelly Deputy, Director of the Arctic Research Division of the National Science Foundation; Terry Chapin, one of the nation's leading ecologists and the only Alaskan appointed to the National Academy of Sciences; Patrick Michaels, Senior Research Fellow for Research and Economic Development at George Mason University and Syun-Ichi Akasofu, International Arctic Research Center founding director (UAF). The JWAC forum runs through Sunday, November 12 at the UAS Egan Building.

For a complete schedule, event locations and bios of speakers please see the Website at www.jwac.org.

Why UAS Alumni Campaign Launched

Successful and satisfied UAS alumni are the focus of a television commercial and a series of web videos produced by the Public Relations and Marketing office.



Why UAS Alumni is the third and final in a series that began in 2009 with a Why UAS TV spot featuring students. In 2010 a Why UAS Faculty 30 second TV ad and web videos were produced.

Why UAS Alumni features Environmental Science, Communications, Construction Technology and Masters of Arts in Teaching graduates on the job and discussing how their UAS education prepared them for careers in their chosen fields.

The spots are currently running on statewide commercial and public television. Why UAS videos profiling individual faculty and alumni will run on 360 North starting mid November and through the legislative session on Gavel to Gavel. Accompanying print and radio advertisements will begin in late November.

Take a look at the [commercial and Web videos](#).

If you are a UAS faculty, alumni or student we would love to tell your story on the Why UAS website. Please email Katie Bausler at katie.bausler@uas.alaska.edu or call 796-6530.

Library Labyrinth

To inspire contemplation and reflection.



IT Director Mike Ciri took a different take on Halloween this year. He created a labyrinth on the

bottom floor of the Egan Library to inspire contemplation and reflection.

Spooky Halloween Treats

Treats buffet hosted by the Egan Library staff.



Carrot fingers were a hit at a Spooky Halloween Treats buffet hosted by the Egan Library staff at the Juneau campus most celebrated working holiday of the year, Halloween, held on Friday Sept. 28.

Occupy UAS

Student led SPEAK-OUT gathers 50 for discussion



About 50 students, staff and faculty gathered on a sunny, cold Thursday, November 3 for a student led SPEAK-OUT which initiated discussion about the goals of the Occupy Wall Street movement that has spurred similar gatherings in more than 600 hundred communities around the nation. Faculty Sol Neely encouraged assembly, "not as spectators but as participants in a forum of deliberation."

Pyrare in Hawaii

Presenting on two of his current research projects

Environmental Science faculty and program coordinator Sanjay Pyare will travel to Hawaii November 5 to attend the Wildlife Society's Annual Conference. He will be presenting on two of his current research projects, Landscape Genetics of Brown Bears in Glacier Bay (with student Tania Lewis) and Migration Patterns of Aleutian Terns.

Vernon in New Orleans

Presenting a paper at the National Communication Association Conference on Nov. 11, 2011.

Communications Department Chair Jenifer Vernon will travel to New Orleans, LA November 11 to present a paper at the National Communication Association Conference. The paper's title is, *Voicing Working Class Sentiment and Bringing Poetry to Life: The Cultural Production of San Diego's Poetry Crews*.

Walz Appointment and Presentation

Annual meeting of the Western Society for French History in Portland, OR, November 10-12.

Professor of History Robin Walz has been appointed to a three-year term as co-editor of the *Proceedings of the Western Society for French History (2011–2013)*. Walz is presenting a paper, *Chéri-Bibi, Criminal Avenger and Tragic Hero of the People*, at the annual meeting of the Western Society for French History in Portland, OR, November 10–12.

Adjunct Instructor Piece in Anchorage Exhibit

Kay Field Parker was among the award winners of this year's "Earth, Fire and Fibre".

Adjunct Northwest Coast Art instructor Kay Field Parker was among the award winners of this year's "Earth, Fire and Fibre" juried exhibition. The exhibit opens November 4 at the Anchorage Museum.

Parker Makes the Cut Again

Piece accepted for the 2012 National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts



Ceramics student Bonilyn Parker's oil and vinegar set was accepted for the 2012 National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts from among 593 entries. Jurors will announce cash and gift awards for artistic excellence in late March at the Jacob Lawrence Gallery at the University of Washington.

Sealaska Receives Federal Grant

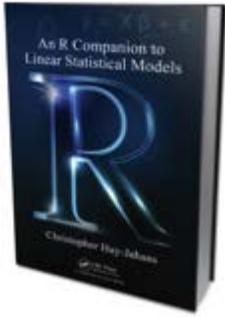
Federal grant to research Tlingit language recordings.

The \$150,000, two-year grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services will allow SHI to migrate more than one hundred recordings of people speaking Tlingit from an old format to a digital format, said SHI Archivist Zachary Jones. Recordings with the potential to aid language students and educators will be placed online. The grant will also fund an internship program between SHI and the University of Alaska Southeast, allowing undergraduate students studying Tlingit language to become involved in the project. The project includes the migration of the recordings into a digital format that will make them more accessible to modern-day Native language students and scholars. A sharing partnership will be established with the University of Alaska Fairbanks' Alaska Native Language Archive.

Hay Jahans Textbook Published

The Associate Professor of Mathematics developed the book to supplement his statistics courses.

Christopher Hay-Jahans textbook, "An R Companion to Linear Statistical Models" was published by Taylor & Franc. This book includes extensive and carefully explained examples of how to write programs using the R programming language. These examples cover methods used for linear regression and designed experiments with up to two fixed-effects factors,



including blocking variables and covariates. The Associate Professor of Mathematics developed the book to supplement his statistics courses.

NSF Invite for Tamone

Tamone invited to serve on a National Science Foundation (NSF) panel in Washington DC, October 26–28.

Professor of Biology Sherry Tamone was invited to serve on a National Science Foundation (NSF) panel in Washington DC, October 26–28. The panel of ten biological scientists read and reviewed more than sixty NSF science proposals with respect to intellectual merit and broader impacts.

UAS Ketchikan Honor Society Inducts New Members

The University of Alaska Southeast Ketchikan's Alpha Rho Beta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society (PTK) held its Fall 2011 induction ceremony on Saturday, October 15.

PTK serves to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and promote scholarship on campus and in the community. PTK is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 1.3 million members and 1,200 chapters. Students must achieve a 3.5 grade point average in order to be invited to join the honor society.

New members Robert Bidwell, Megan Cessnun, Erin Ervin, Tara Miller, Molly Oien and Jason Vonick were inducted into PTK Honor Society during the ceremony on the UAS Ketchikan Campus. The guest speaker was UAS Ketchikan Campus Director Dr. Anthony Mansueto, Jr., who spoke on the PTK honor studies thesis topic: The Democratization of Information. New chapter officers President Dawn Rauwolf, Vice President Carrie Bolshakoff, Vice President Rebekah Thomas and Secretary–Treasurer Erin Edwards were also announced at the ceremony.

ENVS Faculty participate in GeoFest

A family–friendly event at the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center on Sat. Nov.12 from 1–4 pm.

UAS professors Sanjay Pyare and Eran Hood are teaming up with the Alaska Geographic Alliance (alaskageo.ning.com) to put on GeoFest, a free, family–friendly event at the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center on Sat. Nov. 12 from 1–4 pm. Local agencies and educational groups will share hands–on activities for all to enjoy, in keeping with this year's Geography Awareness Week theme, "Geography: the Adventure in Your Community".

The GeoFest Juneau event will kick–off Alaska's statewide celebration of Geography Awareness

Week, which is a time for families, students, teachers, and the general public to promote and celebrate the study of geography. The week will culminate with a GeoFest in Fairbanks on Nov.19.

More info about Geography Awareness Week and associated activities can be found here:

- www.education.nationalgeographic.com/education/collections/geographyawarenessweek/
- www.missionexplore.net/challenger/geographyawarenessweek

International Education Week

The week of Nov. 14–18 is International Education Week.

This is a national initiative through the Dept. of State in conjunction with the Dept. of Education to promote awareness of culture, people and traditions in order to assist Americans to be better prepared globally.

The calendar of events are as follows:

- Sunday night the Media Club will be playing world music and discussing the activities of the week on KXLL from 5 to 7 pm.
- Mon. Nov. 14 Welcome to our World (11–2) will include hands–on activities such as a traditional clothing parade, piñata making, henna hand painting, language calligraphy, origami, a Spanish fruit market and anything else I can think of. We are looking for traditional clothing from countries around the world and models to wear the clothing.
- Tuesday Nov. 15 Loving Language (11–2) will consist of round tables with folks who sharing their love of language. Tables will consist of Russian, German, Spanish, French, and Tlingit.
- Wed. Nov. 16 Taste of Culture (11–2) is a fun day of desserts. There is a silent auction as well as a bake sale. We need cooks who want to share their favorite foreign dessert (we can buy the ingredients IF you give us the recipe by next Tuesday) and buyers! Woch.een will also be selling fry bread that day!
- Thursday, Nov. 17 World Art Market (10:30– 3) joins art, holiday shopping and fund raising together. This is a big day! Items from Ten Thousand Villages will be on sale. Come on by! There will also be a Travelogue with Riley Leonard at noon in Egan. He will discuss his summer experience in Honduras.
- Friday, Nov. 18 Opportunities Away/Abroad in cafeteria (11–2) AND continuation of the World Art Market (10:30 to 3). Information tables will be set up for students to talk to someone about volunteering, working and interning abroad along with exchange options (national and international).
- The Friday's cafeteria's activities will end with a performance from Alaskapella and perhaps a dance group at 2:30/3 pm.
- Abby's Kitchen and SAA will be hosting a (foreign) Dinner and a Movie at the Rec Center that evening at 7 pm.

Gift Box Campaign

The Global Connection (GC) student club will be collecting items from now until Nov 18.

The Power of a Simple Gift brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through gift–filled shoe boxes with small toys and necessities. The Global Connection (GC)

student club will be collecting items from now until Nov 18. Large boxes for donations are located in the cafeteria, library and Sobeloff building. Anyone interested in packing boxes may support GC efforts on Friday, Nov. 18 in the cafeteria from 2 to 4:30 pm. Through fund raising efforts, GC will be able to pay the requested donation cost for postage of the boxes. Thank you for your compassion and support.

Bullock Prize Nominations Sought

The University of Alaska Foundation is pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted for the 2012 Edith R. Bullock Prize for Excellence.

The purpose of the prize is to recognize and reward an individual who has demonstrated excellence in support of the University of Alaska. Any individual, regardless of University affiliation, is eligible for nomination for the prize, which carries with it a \$20,000 award for the recipient. The selection committee will base its decision primarily on two criteria:

1. The extent to which the individual demonstrates a specific, definable, notable accomplishment which benefits the University (establishment of an academic or administrative program, the development of a course, the successful completion of a project, the achievement of a research discovery, the provision of a needed university or public service, the achievement of an educational goal, the publication of a thesis or paper, the achievement of national recognition, etc).
2. The extent to which the individual demonstrates general support of the University either through service, advocacy, philanthropy, etc.

Nominations must be completed on the Bullock Nomination form and can also be found on the Foundation Website. Nominations received in other formats will not be accepted. Only complete nominations will be considered.

Offices receiving this notice may independently solicit, collect and coordinate nominations at their MAU. All nominations from all sources must be received in the Foundation Office on or before the December 2, 2011 deadline, to be considered for the 2012 prize. Nominations received by the Foundation after that date will be considered for next year's prize.

http://www.alaska.edu/foundation/donor_relations/grants-and-awards/

Dory Straight
Scholarship Officer
University of Alaska Foundation
910 Yukon Drive, Suite 206
PO Box 755080
Fairbanks, AK 99775-5080
P: 907-450-8033
F: 907-450-8031

2011 UA Scholar Reception Invitation

The UA Scholar Reception will be held on Wednesday November 9th at 7:00pm in the Egan Lecture Hall (EG 112)

Please join us in celebration of the new Class of 2012 UA Scholars, where you will also have the opportunity to mingle with both prospective UAS students and their parents. The UA Scholar Reception will be held on Wednesday November 9th at 7:00pm in the Egan Lecture Hall (EG 112) followed by refreshments in the Mourant Cafeteria.

Chancellor Pugh will be presenting to and congratulating the new UA Scholars. Also present will be faculty and staff from UAA and UAF, and we would love to have you join the Admissions staff to help promote UAS.

Please let me know if you have any questions, or if you would like to have a table for your program during the Reception. Feel free to pass this invite along to any staff or faculty you think would be interested in attending.

Julie C Staveland
UAS Outreach & Orientation Coordinator
Admissions Office
jcstaveland@uas.alaska.edu
tel: 907-796-6430
fax: 907-796-6365

New Student Government Invites Student Involvement

By Mallory Millay

The votes are in and 2011-2012 Student Government is back in action for another semester.

Amanda Daniels, the newly elected Student Body President, has tried her hand at the President position before and is looking forward to giving UAS her undivided attention.

"I always give everything 100 percent, so I decided to go straight for the President's position." Daniels explained. "I was on student government in high school and for one year in college. This time I wanted to try starting out at a smaller school."

Other first time Student Government members at UAS include Vice President Sonia Lodhi, as well as Student Senators Alex Caulkins, Callie Conerton, Angelo Katasse, Jarmyn Kramlich, and Mary Jo Barry.

With a nearly full Senate, Student Government will be concentrating on serving the UAS community through involvement, creating bills and talking to students. Already issues such as smoking on campus and recycling have been addressed.

New action has been taken regarding the survey proposed by Student Government to assist in determining the campus community's opinions of smoking on campus. Due to their lack of information on the specific State and Federal rules regarding smoking in public areas, Student Government moved to postpone their student survey until sufficient information has been collected.

Whether or not smoking should be allowed on campus has been an ongoing topic since last year explained Jarmyn Kramlich, a Student Senator.

"This issue has been going a long time and it's a very divisive issue." Kramlich said. "Students

want to comply with the rules, but no one is really sure what they are right now." Student Government has also approved the hiring of two new positions that will help with the current UAS recycling program that serves the Auke Bay campus as well as the UAS Technical Education Center and Bill Ray Center located downtown.

Other bills in the works plan to help support UAS Rec. Center sports teams with transportation and funding, in addition to a bill that will bring back the coffee and donut sessions in the mornings and possibly in the evenings on campus to help bridge the gap between students, faculty and Student Government.

"We are also working on having a Senator in the office throughout the day." said Daniels, who believes communication between students and their government is important.

"That way, if people have any questions or concerns, there is always someone available that is able to help them or answer questions."

The Student Senate is usually composed of seven senators and currently has five. Two other Senators will be sworn in during the next Student Government meeting providing a full Senate.

Student Government meetings are every Friday at 5 P.M. in the Mourant Conference Room.

Fall and Winter Construction Projects Update

Entry Improvements, Housing Picnic Shelter and Forest Service Research Laboratory

North Entry Improvements

In November Admiralty Construction will be installing new light fixtures at the intersection of Auke Lake Way and Back Loop Road. This will only take a few days and Auke Lake Way will remain open and unimpeded.

South Entry Improvements

CuttingEdge Development is finishing up for the winter on both the Hendrickson path and their storm drain excavation along Auke Lake Way in front of Soboleff and Hendrickson. They should be done by November 30, but neither the path nor Auke Lake Way will be paved before winter. Please use caution when driving that portion of Auke Lake Way and when entering/exiting the Chapel parking lot in front of Hendrickson. CuttingEdge will resume work after April 1, 2012.

Student Housing Picnic Shelter Bridge and Stair Demolition

The bridge and stair connecting the picnic shelter and the housing lodge have been taken down. Twenty-five years of rain and snow has not been kind to the structure; it was seriously rotted and was deemed unsafe under snow loads. Access to the picnic shelter will be by the path that continues from housing to the Rec. Center.

U.S. Forest Service Research Laboratory

Dawson Construction will continue work through the winter. The path to housing will be generally open and maintained by UAS. Any necessary path closures will be announced in advance and posted at both ends of the path.

If you have questions or concerns about any of these projects, please contact me.

Ke Mell

11-04-2011

Project Manager
Facilities Planning & Construction
796-6480