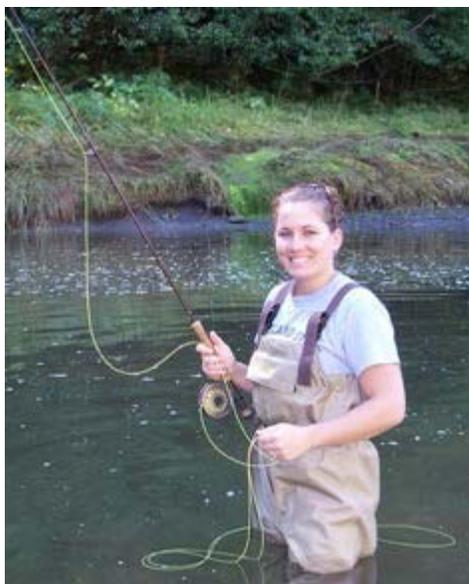


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Amadna Triplett joins advising team

New job to begin December 17.



[Amanda Triplett](#) has been hired into an academic advising position in the Student Resource Center.

Amanda has worked for UAS for 5 years in positions in the Registrar's and Admission's offices. She's a graduate of UAS and will begin her advising post December 17th.

Frankie Clark to join IT Staff

Frankie comes to the Juneau campus with an appreciation for UAS and a wealth of knowledge regarding current technology solutions for education.

Frankie Clark has accepted the position as Instruction Technology Manager. This position is responsible for overseeing the Helpdesk, computer labs and classrooms and media services.

Frankie supported instructional technology for the Clark County School District (in Nevada) for many years. Prior to that, Frankie received MAT and Ed Tech degrees as well as his undergraduate degree from UAS. Frankie comes to the Juneau campus with an appreciation for UAS and a wealth of knowledge regarding current technology solutions for education. He will start work mid-

January – just in time for the start of Spring classes.

Sitka Campus Partners In Providing Law Enforcement Degree

“...go ahead” by the Board of Regents in December 2012

The AAS in Law Enforcement developed by UAS–Sitka passed through all phases of approval, being given the “go ahead” by the Board of Regents in December 2012. Assistant Professor Dave Sexton has been hired to plan and develop courses and will be the Law Enforcement Program Head beginning Fall 2013. Many thanks to all those involved in helping this happen, including individuals from the UAF Justice Program and the UAA Justice Center.

Juneau Community Preparedness Event

Remember preparedness is everyone’s responsibility.

University of Alaska–Southeast (UAS) partnered with Juneau Emergency Program Manager–Tom Mattice to conduct a preparedness workshop for 12–individuals representing eight agencies. As well, three Campus Incident Management Team (IMT) members attended the Incident Command System (ICS) 300 course for Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents. This course is intended for individuals who may assume a supervisory role in expanding incidents. The University of Alaska (UA) has enhanced its ability to prepare for, response to, and ultimately recover from any incident; by becoming one of only a few University systems in the nation to establish an All–Hazard Type 3 FEMA IMT. Having already proven their value in various parts of the country, All–Hazard Type 3 IMT’s are now catching on in other areas.

Over the last 18–months; (Rick Forkel, Director of UA/EM) UA has identified unique team members and ensured they attended FEMA IMT position specific courses. These trained personnel come with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to initiate and staff the Incident Command System for any crisis and/or disaster on campus. Address the unique and difference circumstances in managing an incident on campus (e.g. student issues, research, etc), and Interoperability both horizontally and vertically between internal (UA/MAU units, departments, and overarching policy group bodies) and external partners (city, county, state, and federal agencies). The IMT is composed of the following Command and General Staff positions: Incident Commander, Liaison Officer, Safety Officer, Public Information Officer, and Functional Section Chiefs (operations, planning, logistics, and finance and admin)

UA’s IMT philosophy doesn’t stop at the system level. Our goal is to identify and train Campus IMT’s on each of our campuses to solidify a framework of capability throughout our system. Since 2010 our functional–based incident management team has conducted numerous exercises with response partners in our Campus Communities, with continued field mentoring for our IMT’s with focused training and exercise events. UA’s approach to this gives the members of an IMT the opportunity to work as a team, and learn the knowledge and skills needed to perform effectively in a “learning” environment under stressful, dynamic conditions. Team decision–making is a critical aspect of IMTs. This skill MUST be developed by the team as a whole in an exercise environment so that it can be applied appropriately during an incident.

From the Virginia Tech shooting to the Aurora shooting, and all those in–between to all those yet to happen...capability and confidence within ones IMT will make the tangible difference in

minimizing casualties and expediting the recovery process.

In addition to the Campus IMT training and a community ICS 300 course, local preparedness stakeholders met to discuss options for sheltering. The three main stakeholders Alaska National Guard, UAS, and Juneau Emergency Plans & Programs Manger facilitated the meeting.

Future preparedness activities are being planned to include ongoing testing of campus level alert messaging, IMT functional exercises, campus full-scale exercises on the Auke Bay campus and Sitka campus, and the ongoing search for an Emergency Manager for the three UAS campus. Remember preparedness is everyone's responsibility.

Alaskapella Performs

Chancellor's Holiday Party on 12-12-12



Alaskapella has been making the rounds throughout the Juneau Community this holiday season, and the Chancellor's Holiday Party on 12-12-12 was no exception. They wowed the crowd with traditional tunes including Wassail!

Giordano to Graduate after 27 Years at UAS

Cal Giordano took his first classes at UAS in 1986 and is soon graduating with his B.A. in Art.



As he told a recent audience for presentations by senior art students, he's been sidetracked with a just few projects along the way. Giordano invented a new muffler for motorcycles. It utilizes his patented Tailgunner GUNSHIP pipes technology, in which the spinning motion of the turbine tips creates a siphon which draws exhaust out and thereby increases flow and power. Tailgunner is sold and distributed by 18 dealerships internationally. Giordano was also named one of *Popular Mechanics* top Backyard Geniuses, for his invention of an amphibious submarine that he designed and made from scratch. He calls it a mix between a boat, a plane and a submarine. His homemade, 32-foot semi-submersible, The Archduke Grand Excelsior was also featured on the Discovery and History Channels. 2012 marks the ten year anniversary of the Archduke's maiden voyage. After graduation, Giordano plans to continue his education and earn a Master's degree in either Art or Education.

Giordano was one of four students who discussed his development as an artist over his lifetime at the Senior Student Artist Source Presentations Dec. 11 in the Egan Lecture Hall. Other presenters were Kate Laster, Rebecca Barte and Edith Grover. The presentations were recorded and can be viewed via YouTube on the [UAS art Facebook page](#).

Sarah Ray News

Ray to serve three-year term as a member at large on the ASLE Executive Council

The Association for the Study of Literature and Environment (ASLE) announced their new officers for 2013 and English faculty member Sarah Ray was elected to serve a three-year term as a member at large on the Executive Council beginning on January 1, 2013. Ray had an article, "The Limits of Transnational Environmental Justice in Leslie Marmon Silko's *Almanac of the Dead*," accepted for publication in spring 2013 issue of *The Journal of Transnational American Studies*.

UAS Sound and Motion Spring Arts Series 2013

Most Fridays, Jan.18–April 26, 2013, 7 P.M.

The Juneau campus is gearing up for the fourth annual Sound and Motion Spring Arts Series. This line-up is the most exciting yet, and features partnerships with several community organizations, including the Juneau Symphony, JUMP Society, Alaska State Historical Films, Poetry Slam and the Goldtown Nickelodeon Theater. In addition, many events will be held at the REC center to engage students and generate more public awareness of this great facility for arts events. Student

government is sponsoring the visit of one of the best singer-songwriters in the country. San Francisco's John Elliott will do a concert Friday, Feb. 1 at the REC and will also be on hand that weekend for workshops with students. Alaskapella will round out the season with a rousing concert in the Egan Lecture Hall on April 26. The line-up will be published in the next Soundings on January 11, 2013.

Remember to Wear Your Spikeys!

To help prevent dangerous falls, facilities provides FREE ice grippers to all UAS employees.

Along with the return of typical Juneau winter weather are icy pathways and slippery footing. Some UAS community members have suffered serious injuries in recent years due to slipping and falling on the ice.

To help prevent dangerous falls, facilities provides FREE ice grippers to all UAS employees. Contact Health and Safety Manager Dan Garcia for your pair at 796-6077 or dan.garcia@uas.alaska.edu.

A recent article in the Statewide Voice tells the harrowing tale of what happened to UA's chief human resource officer Donald Smith when he fell on the ice in 2010:

It took one step to get a newspaper to change Donald Smith's life. After working in the morning on Nov. 23, 2010 Smith went to get his newspaper, still dressed in his sweats. He put on slippers and walked down his 400-foot long driveway, ready to start the day. As soon as Smith grabbed the paper, he felt his feet slip from under him and an instant later he heard the sound of his head crack against the pavement.

That was all it took. Smith woke up and blood was flowing out from his nose, ears and mouth. His experience as a wilderness EMT told him that this was bad. He couldn't walk and had to crawl back up to his home. Smith arrived in his garage and finally pulled himself up. He looked in the mirror and noticed his hair didn't look right—it actually looked as if he had a Mohawk. He raised the back of his hand and felt up his head and he noticed it was wet and soft. He called his wife and together they went to the hospital.

Smith doesn't remember pain associated with the accident. At this point, he was actually feeling okay. He received an MRI, but as soon as he was wheeled out, the seizures began and so did his stay in the ICU.

Read the [full article from the UA Voice](#).

Evening at Egan Lectures Now On-Line

In case you missed it in person...

Several presentations from the 2012 Evening at Egan series are now on the UAS YouTube Channel. They can be seen and heard from the [Evening at Egan website](#). Some lectures have yet to be posted so be sure to check back. Many more videos are available from the [UAS YouTube Channel](#).

Mourant Cafeteria Closed for Holiday Break

December 15 through January 14th

The kitchen at the Mourant Cafeteria will be shutdown Friday, 12/14/12 at 4 p.m. and will open back up 1/14/13 at 7:30 a.m.

Girls On The Run looking for coaches!

This is a very rewarding volunteer opportunity that truly changes the world one girl at a time.

Girls on the Run is a life-changing empowerment program for girls (ages 8–14). The program combines training for a 5K (3.1 mile) running event with healthy living and self-esteem enhancing curricula. Our programs instill self-esteem and self-respect through physical training, health education, life skills development, and mentoring relationships. Teams of volunteer coaches facilitate our easy to follow curriculum with groups of 8–15 girls over the course of 12 weeks. This is a very rewarding volunteer opportunity that truly changes the world one girl at a time. Coaches do not need to be runners, but must be able to commit their time 1–2 times per week for 12 weeks. Contact Julie O'Neil or Ati Nasiah at AWARE at 586–6623 or e-mail atin@awareak.org

How to Avoid Hackers by Mike Ciri, IT Services Director

Nine motions have been endorsed by Chief Human Resources Officer

This recent phishing message (pictured below) was specifically tailored to UAS employees. The hacker was able to take advantage of Google apps to make the message appear to come from helpdesk@uas.alaska.edu. Since Google allows hackers to set up web forms on secure pages, they were able to provide an HTTPS link to make it appear that the site was valid. Finally, they also added a University of Alaska copyright and a legal message at the bottom to make it seem more legitimate.

IT Services will continue working to promote security awareness, but security awareness needs to be on every employee's mind. I encourage you to work within your units to help protect our sensitive data. Here are some things to keep in mind:

Regarding websites:

1. Be very suspicious of messages asking you to click on a link and provide information.
2. If you are *providing* information, always check that you are on an alaska.edu website.
3. If you are *collecting* data, avoid using systems hosted outside of the University. These may be unsecure, and it encourages users to provide data to third-party servers.

Regarding files on computers, tablets, smartphones, etc.:

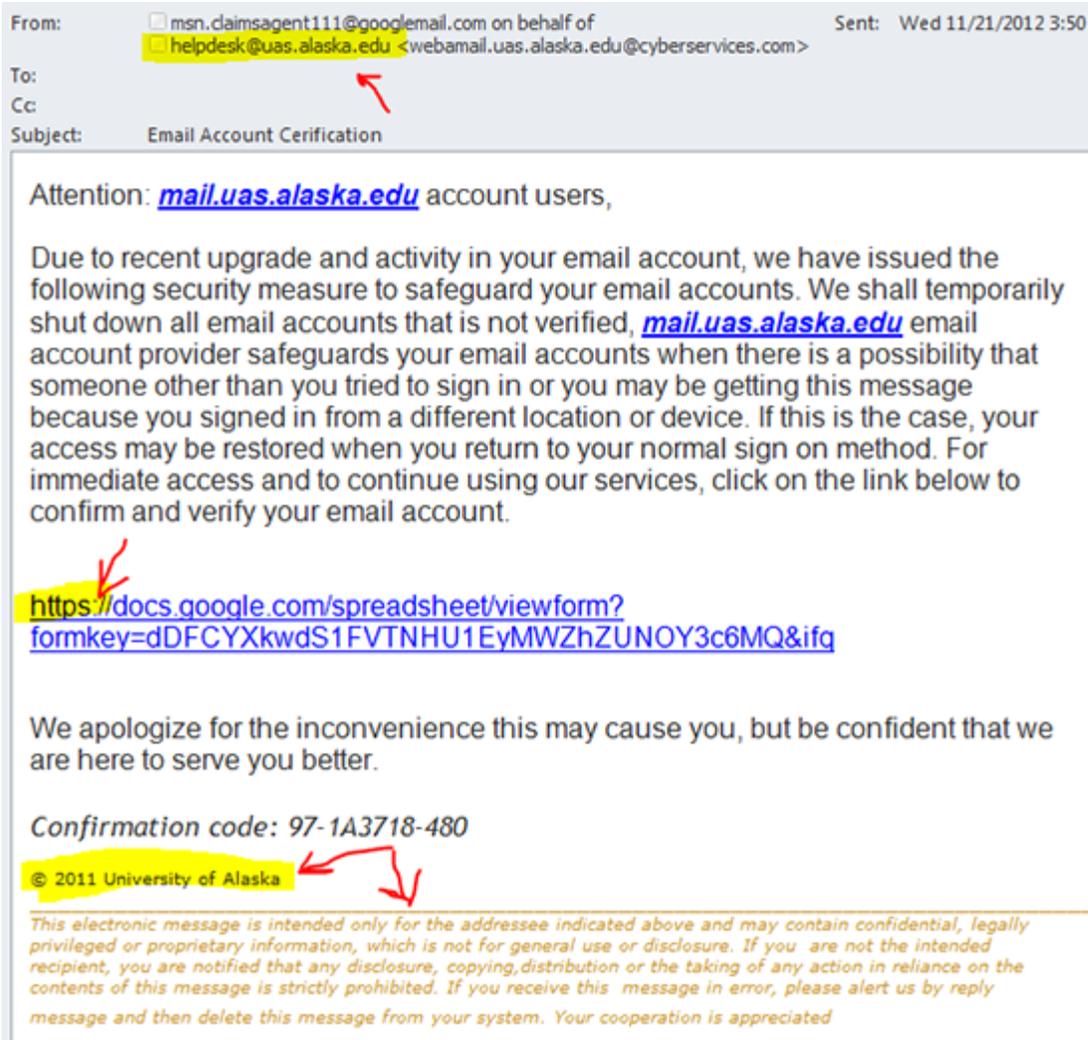
1. The standard UAS windows computer build is configured to automatically encrypt data on desktop and "My Documents". In addition, copies of these files are automatically retained on

UAS file servers.

2. This is not true for other equipment. If a department wants to provide non-standard equipment to employees, they need to consider the increased risk this creates.
3. IT Services recommends that sensitive data (such as student grades or personally identifiable information) only be stored on the standard computers.

Finally:

1. Don't hoard data. Only store the minimum data needed, and delete any sensitive data once the immediate need is past.
2. Avoid storing any sensitive data on removable devices like USB drives. These are seldom encrypted and are easily lost.



Committee Recommends Changes to UA Health Plan

Nine motions have been endorsed by Chief Human Resources Officer

The Joint Health Care Committee (JHCC) has made nine motions which have been endorsed by Chief Human Resources Officer Donald Smith and are now being reviewed to determine whether or not they will be included in the UA Choice Plan. [Details in this article in The Statewide Voice.](#)

Humpback Presentation in California

13th International Conference of the American Cetacean Society in San Diego, CA, Nov. 9–12

Marine Biology faculty member Heidi Pearson and student David House attended the 13th International Conference of the American Cetacean Society in San Diego, CA, Nov. 9–12. House presented a poster entitled, "Comparing humpback whale group dynamics between the breeding and feeding grounds to create connectivity in research, education, and conservation". This was a collaborative effort with a research group at California State University – Channel Islands, led by Rachel Cartwright. David and his co-author from Cal State, James Grundy won Honorable Mention in the student poster competition.

Geologists Unite in San Francisco

UAS participants gave 13 oral or poster presentations and chaired four sessions at this global gathering of 22,000 Earth and Space Scientists.

Several UAS faculty members participated in the 45th Annual Fall meeting of the American Geophysical Union in San Francisco, CA, December 3–7. Jason Amundson, Cathy Connor, Eran Hood, and Jason Fellman attended along with UAS Environmental Science graduates Logan Berner, Natt Kugler and Rebecca Marjerison and former faculty members Matt Heavner and M. Todd Walter. UAS participants gave 13 oral or poster presentations and chaired four sessions at this global gathering of 22,000 Earth and Space Scientists. Presentation titles included: Glacier seismology in a coastal temperate rainforest; Recurrence of July Jokulhlaup Flooding in the Mendenhall Glacier Watershed is Driven by Record Breaking Precipitation, Regional Warming, and the Collapse of a Tributary Glacier near Juneau, AK USA and How will glaciers affect runoff in Alaska? Both Amundson and Connor co-chaired oral and poster sessions at the conference.