

soundings

September 2009

The Numbers are Up!

As reported in a front page article in the Juneau Empire, the number of new students choosing to attend UAS is way up. As of Monday, Aug.31, the UAS pool of applications was at 1,080 (+36.7%). Newly enrolled applicants are at 642, up nearly 33 percent over this time a year ago and enrolled first time freshman at 306 (+21.4%). Forty-six UA scholars (top 10 percent of Alaska high school graduates) signed up this Fall for an increase of 64.3%.

In a tight economy, more students choose public higher education. The economic factor combined with a strong joint marketing and recruiting effort is yielding strong results.

The total student population at the University of Alaska Southeast is usually about 90 percent Alaska resident and 10 percent non-resident. This fall semester is seeing a big increase in students from outside Alaska. According to registrar Barbara Hegel, 419 students are currently enrolled at UAS with an origin state other than Alaska comprising 17% of the student body. It should be noted that some of this group may not be degree seeking. In any case, with the inherent flux at the start of the school year these numbers are likely to change.

Of the degree seeking Alaskans newly enrolled for Fall 2009, just over one-third are from Juneau. More local recent high school graduates are either choosing to stay

home for college or transferring back after attending school Outside. Reasons cited by students include saving money, exchange opportunities and unbeatable outdoor recreation.

"Snowboarding, finances and studying abroad" (in that order) brought Juneau



New UAS student Ray Huebschen looks forward to winter in Juneau.

Douglas '07 graduate Ray Huebschen to UAS after two years at the University of Oregon, which has a student body of 20,000. "I like how different UAS is compared to U of O in terms of size, how easy it is to walk in and talk to advisors," he said. Huebschen is also looking forward

to riding the powder at Eaglecrest this winter. He said it was a "slap in the face" when hometown

mountain Eaglecrest had a record snow year while in Oregon it took three hours to get to the slopes and there was not much snow. Huebschen is a math major with plans for a graduate degree in physics.

"We're very excited that more new and transfer students are choosing to come to UAS," said Chancellor John Pugh. "We're particularly pleased that undergraduates from all over Alaska and the Lower 48 are engaging in academic opportunities unique to Southeast Alaska."

See August 31, 2009 article by former Juneau Empire intern and current *Whalesong* editor Randi Spray at: http://juneauempire.com/stories/083109/loc_488105224.shtml

Submissions

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Evening at Egan 2009

September 18–November 20, 7 p.m.

New this year: Bookstore events 4:30–6:30 p.m. in October and November

This Fall's Friday night Evening at Egan series has an array of intriguing presentations that should appeal to the varied interests of the UAS community and the public. Topics range from U.S. foreign policy in Afghanistan to international deep sea video to predator control in Alaska.

Fish art favorite Ray Troll kicks off the series and features his latest works September 18 with "Further Adventures in Scientific Surrealism" at 7 p.m. in the Egan Library. Prior to his talk, Troll will be the guest of honor at a reception hosted by Alumni and Friends to raise awareness about the Eagle Totem Pole Campaign. **The Donor Reception is at 5:30 p.m. in the Glacier View Room.** Troll will also be on the Juneau campus the week of Sept. 14 to unveil his well anticipated commissioned mural Deep Forest.

October 2 UAS faculty Robin Walz presents "Rogue Cops, Elegant Criminals, and the Popular French Crime Novel" in the Egan Lecture Hall. His talk is preceded by a pre-lecture Bookstore by the Bay event 4:30-6:30 p.m. Several of Walz' books on the history of popular culture in modern France will be available. **Ceramics faculty Jeremy Kane will speak about his artwork and influences in "15 Years of Clay" October 23, Egan Lecture Hall. The Bookstore by the Bay will host another First Friday event on November 6.** UAS ceramics students and art students Anna Satre and Marisa McConkie will display and sell their art. That evening's **Egan Library speaker is current Audubon Alaska Director of Bird Conservation Matt Kirchoff (Nov. 6).** The former UAS faculty member will present a peek into the daily life of the murrelet, both above and below the surface in Glacier Bay.

October 9 in the Egan Library, author, academic and activist Riki Ott shares the long ranging effects of the Exxon Valdez oil spill two decades later in her talk, "Not One Drop: Why it is Not Okay to Drill, Drill, Drill." All Evening at Egan events are scheduled for either the Egan Library or Lecture Hall depending on the crowd expected. For locations, complete list and descriptions, please see event calendar on the UAS Juneau homepage: www.uas.alaska.edu

Accreditation 2009

The Provost's Office is pleased to report that earlier this summer we successfully completed our re-accreditation self study report and submitted it to the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. Hard copies of the report were distributed at convocation, along with jump drives containing the report, all supporting documentation referenced in the

report as web links, and copies of the UAS AY 2008-09 and AY 2009-10 academic catalogs. This information is also on the UAS accreditation website located at www.uas.alaska.edu/provost/accreditation. It is vitally important that everyone read the self study report in advance of the evaluation team's visit scheduled for October 7-9th. They will want to speak with various faculty and staff. The report will prepare you for those conversations. Please feel free to contact the Provost's Office, or your Dean or Director if you have any questions.

Also, on September 16th at 10am and 17th at 2pm the Provost will be holding open forums with students in the Mourant Cafeteria answering questions like: What is Accreditation? How does it effect students? Please help encourage students to attend.

Center to Provide Education, Research on Temperate Rain Forests



Left to right: Mike Sfraga, Director, Geography Program, Univ. of Alaska (signing for Brian Rogers, Chancellor, Univ. of Alaska, Fairbanks Campus); Bov Eav, Director, USFS Pacific Northwest Research Station; John Pugh, Chancellor, Univ. of Alaska, Southeast Campus; Denny Bschor, Regional Forester, USFS Alaska Region; Bruce Botelho, Mayor, City of Juneau; Bill Hanson, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish & Wildlife (signing for Geoffrey Haskett, Regional Director, Alaska Region, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service)

August 13, 2009 federal, university, and city officials signed a memorandum of understanding that paves the way for the establishment of a temperate rainforest education and research center in Juneau. The Alaska Coastal Rainforest Center (ACRC), as it is known, will stimulate and develop temperate rainforest education and research.

The ACRC is a collaborative venture of the University of Alaska Southeast, University of Alaska Fairbanks, the Forest Service's Pacific Northwest Research Station, the Forest Service's Alaska Region, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Alaska Region, and the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska.

Mayor Bruce Botelho, U.S. Forest Service Alaska Regional

Forester Denny Bschor, U.S. Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station Director Bov Eav, and University of Alaska Southeast Chancellor John Pugh were among the signatories in attendance at this morning's signing, held at the U.S. Forest Service's Regional Office.

"The three campuses of the University of Alaska Southeast reside in the Tongass National Forest, the largest temperate rainforest in the world," said UAS Chancellor Pugh. "I am very excited about UAS partnering to provide educational outreach related to the Alaska Rainforest Center and look forward to working with partners on research and education opportunities."

For more details, please see Juneau Empire, July 10, 2009

"Out the road, a new research forest, Forest Service will invite long-term studies of climate impacts in Heen Latinee"

http://juneauempire.com/stories/071009/loc_461807421.shtml

Start Smart @ Your Library!



The Egan Library invites YOU to the first annual Open House on Sept 16 from 10am-4pm. Come learn about what the library can offer you. Bring your laptop along and get set up for library resources. Giveaways, Prizes, Entertainment, and MORE! We hope to see you there

Harold T. Caven Professorship Announced

The University of Alaska Foundation is pleased to announce the availability of the Harold T. Caven Professorship. The professorship is for \$20,000.

The professorship was established in 1974 with a generous gift from Mrs. Loretta Caven, widow of Harold T. Caven. Dr. Caven was a longtime Alaskan who first came to the state in 1943. He served as a Director and a Vice President of First National Bank of Anchorage.

Proposals for the award will be accepted from faculty

members in business and finance within the University system. Applicants who have evident leadership in the financial community, either practically or academically, are preferred.

Deadline: The deadline for receipt of complete proposals, including application, resume and letters of reference is November 9, 2009 for the two-year appointment. The term of the professorship commences upon award and will continue until June 2011.

Maximum Award Amount: \$10,000 each year for two consecutive years. For proposal requirements please visit www.alaska.edu/foundation/grantsandawards.

New Director of Student Services: Jesse Grant

Dr. Jessie L. Grant joined the UAS community as the Director of Student Services in July. Grant replaces Tish Griffin Satre, who retired after more than two decades at UAS. Jessie has worked in higher education as a student affairs professional since 1989.

For the previous two years, Jessie worked at Western Michigan University, most recently as the ALPHA Program Coordinator and previously in the positions of Research Assistant and Compliance Officer for the Office of Institutional Equity.

Before his Western Michigan experience Jessie worked at Aquinas College for two years as the Director of Campus Life. He is a member of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators and the American College Personnel Association.

He holds a BS in Sociology from Kent State University and a master's degree in Counselor Education from the University of Iowa, where he served as a TRIO Student Services Counselor and Program Assistant for the Opportunity at Iowa program.

Dr. Grant received his doctorate from Western Michigan University Higher Education & Leadership program, where his research was on administrator job satisfaction and mid-level managers' socialization.

"I would like for students at UAS to thrive in an environment of robust collegiate spirit encouraged by deliberate collaborations between Academic and Student Affairs programming," said Grant.



Dr. Jessie L. Grant

Here are his answers to a mini-questionnaire:

1. What surprised you most about Juneau? How much the weather is like Ohio in April.
2. What is your main goal in your new position? To do everything I can to engage the students with the university and Juneau community.
3. What is the key factor is a strong campus community? Communication and opportunities for involvement where students can learn and grow.

Nicole Duclos receives George Warren Fuller Award



*Nicole Duclos and AWWA President
Mike Leonard*

Nicole Duclos was honored by the Alaska Water Wastewater Management Association (AWWA) on May 6 by being presented with the George Warren Fuller Award.

The George Warren Fuller Award is presented annually to a section member of the AWWA for distinguished service to the water supply field. The award is given in

commemoration of the sound engineering skill, the brilliant diplomatic talent, and the constructive leadership which characterized the life of George Warren Fuller. It is one of the highest honors a Section can give a member. Nicole was presented with an award plaque at the Fuller Award Society Breakfast held during the AWWA Annual Conference and Exposition in San Diego in June.

“Nicole’s commitment to AWWMA and the water/wastewater industry in general, both regionally and nationally, and her enthusiasm and belief in the organization should be acknowledged. For 10 years, Nicole has been the heart and soul of the Alaska Training/Technical Assistance Center (ATTAC) and been the champion, cheerleader, and advocate for training and continuing education for Alaska’s water and wastewater operators. She is dedicated to providing the best quality training resources and information to the water system community.”

Nicole has sat on numerous boards and committees throughout the years. Nicole has a strong desire to offer AWWMA members the highest level of training resources and professional development. Her commitment in this area led to her extensive involvement to help coordinate the speakers and workshops for regional and statewide conferences. She

recently coordinated the Southeast Conference held here in Sitka and was instrumental in the success of this conference.

Aside from Nicole’s extensive contributions to the Association, her personality has made her a legend within the industry. She is always the consummate professional striving to provide the best for operators in this industry. She regularly fields questions from operators about operator certification, where to get CEU’s for renewal, and introduces newcomers to the profession. She is dedicated to providing the best quality training resources and information to Alaskan water systems through the ATTAC website and the statewide training calendar, both of which she maintains.

Nicole is the third ATTAC employee to receive the prestigious award. Craig Woolard and Dan White are also Fuller Award recipients. ATTAC is one of eight regional university centers (TACNet) funded by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. ATTAC is located at the University of Alaska Southeast Sitka Campus.

Pugh Named Board Chair of COSEE Alaska

Chancellor John Pugh has been named chair of the Advisory Board of Directors for COSEE Alaska (coseealaska.net). The Centers for Ocean Science Education Excellence is a national initiative funded by the National Science Foundation. The COSEE mission is to serve as a bridge between ocean science researchers and educators and as a catalyst for marine science education. COSEE is working closely with ocean scientists, educators and coastal community members to:

- Weave Link scientists, educators and coastal communities in Alaska and nationwide with emphasis on ocean climate change.
- Bridge Communicate western science and traditional knowledge about ocean climate change to Alaska and the nation.
- Invite Increase participation in ocean sciences by underrepresented and under-served audiences.
- Pathfind Provide tools and services to ocean scientists for effective outreach with focus on ocean climate change literacy.
- Share Enhance teacher capabilities for incorporating ocean climate change and place-based knowledge into curricula.

Division Champions: UAS Flukes Men's Softball Team

From the Juneau Empire, July 22, 2009:

Men's F Division

The First National Caps and the UAS Flukes entered their season finale showdown all tied up for first place, but the Big Fish capped off the season with a champagne bubble net feeding, 20-9.

Earlier in the week, the Flukes spyclobbered over the 10 Rightfielders 13-5, but the 10 Men finished strong, curbing Perseverance/Pak's 10-9.

The Pak men parked Double Ugly 9-6, while the Caps inflicted a 14-12 stinging on the ACOA Mudstingers.

Double Ugly made it an o-fer 'stinger week with a benadryl-laced 17-8 thumping over the Mudstingerless.

Congratulations to the UAS Flukes, taking it right down to the wire, for the Men's F Division Championship.

Players this year from UAS were:

Students: Kellen Kraft, Lucas Baranovic, Tom Bay, Lucas Mullen (alumni), Daniel Leder, Joey Fox, Ralph Wolfe, Matt Brody, Jon Barton, Austin Moline

Staff and Faculty: Shea Mack and Brian Blitz

"The team showed marked improvement over last year. It was an exciting season and we look forward to next year when we hope to field a coed team as well," said team member Shea Mack.

Day of Caring: October 3, 2009

UAS Faculty and Staff and the UAS Student Alumni Association will once again be fielding teams to volunteer for the United Way Day of Caring on Saturday, October 3, 2009. More details to come on projects and locations. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Keni Campbell, UAS Alumni Relations Manager, at 796-6569 or keni.campbell@uas.alaska.edu.

Natural Science Department News

Former UAS IPY Postdoc **Andrew Whiteley** has accepted an offer to be a tenure track assistant professor in the Department of Natural Resources Conservation at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Andrew and biology assistant professor **David Tallmon** recently co-authored a paper that appeared in the scientific journal *Evolution*.

Lisa Hoferkamp of Environmental Sciences and **David Tallmon** of Marine/Biology co-authored a paper accepted in the *Bulletin of Environmental Contamination and Toxicology*.

David Tallmon co-authored a paper accepted into *Molecular Ecology Resources*.

New assistant professor of Marine Biology/Biology **Carolyn Bergstrom** and **David Tallmon** gave presentations at the International Society for the Study of Evolution meetings in Moscow, ID, in June.

Employee Anniversaries and New Hires

July Anniversaries

Kathi Baldwin, 1 year; Susan Barlow, 13 years; Julio Bevegni, 15 years; Ulysses Bohulano, 10 years; Christina Bradley, 27 years; Joy Branson, 1 year; Barbara Burnett, 26 years; Jodi Burns, 4 years; Roxy Felkl, 13 years; Diana Gifford, 1 year; Bruce Gifford 20 years; Marsha Gladhart, 5 years; Delores Graver, 7 years; Carol Griffin, 28 years; Carol Hedlin, 25 years; Anne Jones, 1 year; Anna-Mariah Kelly, 7 years; Rod Landis, 14 years; Gerry Landry 3 years; Madeleine Lefebvre, 1 year; James Malanaphy, 3 years; Elizabeth Mathews, 12 years; Martha Miller, 2 years; Barbara Morgan, 2 years; Eric Ramaekers 2 years; Karen Ramsey, 3 years; Judith Regan, 25 years; Robert Starbard, 5 years; Valerie Stearns, 17 years; Kim Stewart Greinier, 6 years; David Walker, 9 years.

August Anniversaries

Marian Allen, 2 years; Jonathan Anderson, 11 years; Jamie Autrey, 8 years; Deborah Barnett, 4 years; Mike Bell, 3 years; Denise Blankenship, 31 years; Brian Blitz, 9 years; Mike Boyer, 7 years; Steve Brandow, 9 years; Jill Burkert, 3 years; Marnie Chapman, 15 years; Diana Chaudhary, 2 years; Britteny Cioni-Haywood, 3 years; Glen Craig, 14 years; Karen Cummins, 24 years; Pedar Dalthorp, 1 year; Richard Daunhauer, 4 years; Kimberley Davis, 3 years; Kathy DiLorenzo, 4 years; Eve Dillingham, 8 years; Thomas Duke, 6 years; Nicole Duclos, 10 years; Jill Dumesnil, 4 years; Cindy Eriksen, 1 year; James Everett, 2 years; Susan Feero, 15 years; Virgil Fredenberg, 6 years; Rita Fuller, 11 years; Dan Garcia, 4 years; Marquam George, 8 years; Rose Goeden, 1 year; Leslie Gordon, 3 years; Larry Harris, 3 years; Ernestine Hayes, 5 years; Christopher Hay-Jahans, 7 years; Lisa Hoferkamp, 8 years; Janice Hollander, 3 years; Barbara Hegel, 7 years; Matt Heavner, 6 years; Erica Hill, 2 years; Bryan Hitchcock, 3 years; Eran Hood, 7 years; Patrick Hughes, 10 years; Teresa Holt, 23 years; Ron Hulstein, 7 years; Brenda Hurley, 16 years; Colleen Ianuzzi, 3 years; Yulia Ivanova, 5 years; Vickie Johnson, 7 years; Jeremy Kane, 5 years; Dave Klein, 13 years; Kevin Krein, 11 years; Martin Laster, 1 year; Joseph Liddle, 13 years; Jeffrey Lofthus, 8 years; Daniel Lord, 4 years; Kevin Maier, 4 years; Tony Martin, 8 years; Bruce Marvel, 14 years; Kirk McAllister, 14 years; Richard McDonald, 6 years; Colleen McKenna, 4 years; Elizabeth McKenzie, 11 years; Chip McMillan, 2 years; Diane Mille, 4 years; Dale Miller, 7 years; Patrick Moore, 7 years; Dan Monteith, 10 years; Ginnie Mulle, 15 years; Joe

Nelson, 6 years; David Noon, 7 years; Phillip Paramore, 4 years; Kenneth Parks, 7 years; Allen Puckett, 10 years; Tim Powers, 13 years; Stephen Perry, 2 years; Grant Rich, 3 years; Cynthia Rogers, 3 years; Priscilla Schulte, 29 years; Alex Simon, 3 years; Linda Smith, 6 years; Lori Sowa, 1 year; Katy Spangler, 26 years; Mark Speece, 5 years; Anselm Staack, 4 years; Julie Staveland, 5 years; Mike Stekoll, 31 years; Heather Swanson, 4 years; Robin Sullivan, 2 years; Dave Tallmon, 5 years; Sherry Tamone, 10 years; Jeff Tappe, 5 years; Mary-Claire Tarlow, 19 years; Jane Terzis, 7 years; Elise Tomlinson, 14 years; Julie Vigil, 9 years; Robin Walz, 12 years; Rosemary Walling, 5 years; Richard Wolk, 3 years; Mona Yarnall, 15 years.

September Anniversaries

Noel Andes, 7 years; Amber Averette, 4 years; David Barlow, 15 years; Virginia Berg, 5 years; Carolyn Bergstrom, 1 year; Jennifer Cedarleaf, 3 years; JoAnne Craig, 2 years; Oneta Driver, 1 year; Carolyn Enge, 5 years; Vickie Inkster, 4 years; Amanda Johnson, 6 years; Jeff Johnston, 4 years; Elenoa Lehauli, 4 years; Trisha Lee, 4 years; Diane Meador, 10 years; Gloria Merry, 13 years; Joe Nelson, 5 years; Sue Oliva, 27 years; Matt Olsen, 9 years; Mary Purvis, 9 years; Glenn Ramsey, 27 years; Rodolfo Renegado Jr., 4 years; Nicole Rogers, 21 years; Colby Shibley, 1 year; Jan Straley, 10 years; Jacque Tagaban, 3 years; Cathy Thomas, 7 years.

New Hires

Sol Neeley, Assistant Professor of English.
 Sarah Ray, Assistant Professor of English
 Megan Buzby, Assistant Professor of Mathematics
 Jennifer Vernon, Assistant Professor of Communications
 Johanna Fagan, Assistant Professor of Biology
 Alan Love, Assistant Professor of Chemistry
 Michelle Calvin-Casey, Assistant Professor of Management.
 Belle Marie, Assistant Professor of Accounting
 Vickie Williams, Assistant Professor of Accounting
 Teague Whalen, Assistant Professor of English, Ketchikan
 Carolyn Bergstrom, Assistant Professor of Biology
 Lori Hart, Assistant Professor of Health Information Management
 Sonia Nagorski, research Assistant Professor of Environmental Science
 Suzanne Malter, Assistant Professor of Health Science.
 Jessie Grant, Director of Student Activities/Auxiliaries
 Barbara Morse, PITAAS Grant Coordinator, Sitka
 Sasha Kurzenberger, Administrative Generalist, Admissions
 Paul Koontz, Financial Aid Technician
 Kristy Smith, Interim Associate Dean, Career Education
 Margie Thomson, Disability Support Services Coordinator
 Rekann Kipping, Recruiting/Advising Coordinator, Anchorage
 Auguste Stiehr, Instructional Technician (Math), Learning Center

Regional Student Services Summit

In June, the Ketchikan Campus sponsored a Student Services Summit for the region. The goal of the day and a half meeting was “to gather the learning support and student services staff from the three regional campuses for a conversation about providing walk in, dial in, or browse in access for students to key student learning and support services.” More than twenty-five individuals participated from departments including learning centers, libraries, financial aid, disabilities, advising, career counseling and bookstores. The group worked on the flow of services for students and ultimately provided recommendations to the Vice Chancellor for Student Services on how to keep the conversation going, how to create a regional strategy to address service gaps and how to implement ideas that were identified as priorities at the summit.

New Perseverance Theatre Faculty on Campus



Roblin Davis

UAS welcomes **Roblin Davis** as the new faculty from Perseverance Theatre for the minor in Theatre program. Roblin has joined the ranks of *Why UAS Faculty* featured on the UAS website. All faculty are welcome to participate in *Why UAS Faculty*. To do so, please contact PR and Marketing Director Katie Bausler.

"It is a great pleasure to work with the dedicated students that come to UAS. UAS offers a supportive learning environment that allows me to provide positive and inspiring classes. I am a strong advocate of experiential education for when we seek to make relevant connections between academics and personal experience, we can find the spark of creativity and passion that makes education deeply fulfilling. Theatre embodies that educational journey by asking

pertinent questions, searching for meaningful answers and articulating our deepest thoughts and desires.

With the Joint Theatre Program, two of Alaska's premiere institutions, UAS and Perseverance Theatre, are partnering to provide unique opportunities for students. Nowhere else in Alaska do you find students learning and working side-by-side with some of the greatest professional theatre artists from around the state and the country. And to do that in a place of outstanding natural beauty is a richly rewarding bonus. It keeps me connected to the people and the place that I call home." —Roblin Davis

Ivanova Presented with Major Award



Dr. Yuliya Ivanova

Assistant Professor of Management, **Yuliya Ivanova, PhD.**, joined a distinguished group this summer as the co-winner of the 2009 Carolyn Dexter Award from the Public and Non-Profit Division of the Academy of Management for her paper entitled "The Role of Social Capital and Donor Commitment in a Geographically Isolated Community." The award was presented to Ivanova and Joan Winn at the annual business meeting at the Academy of Management Conference in Chicago, Illinois on Monday,

August 10th. The Carolyn Dexter Award is an all-Academy award given to the single paper that best meets the objective of internationalizing the Academy. The paper is rigorously evaluated by the sponsoring International Theme Committee using the following criteria:

The theme and content of the paper should reflect an awareness of business and management outside domestic boundaries.

Collaboration between scholars from different countries is desirable.

Papers are considered for the Carolyn Dexter Award if they offer new insights, are rich in observation, and employ creative methodologies. Submissions are welcomed of topics or methods that are not in the U.S. mainstream, but are important in other countries' research traditions and are of excellent quality in accord with the criteria of these traditions.

UA Health in Action Update

By Mike Humphrey, Director of Benefits and WIN for Alaska

This fall, Individualized Health Planning Sessions (IHPs) will again be available on the Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau campuses. This is a premier health coaching program that has received the support and endorsement of the University's Joint Health Care Committee. Any benefits-eligible employee may sign up to participate; slots are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. The program involves a series of six face-to-face sessions with an experienced Wellness Consultant who will help participants develop a healthy lifestyle plan. This program begins October 5. The first session is 60 minutes long and the follow-up sessions are each 30 minutes.

If you agree with an employee's request to attend one of the WIN for Alaska, Inc. Health in Action programs or IHP sessions during work hours, it is not necessary for the employee to report leave on a timesheet.

More details will be coming to you about the University's wellness programs and events. If you have questions, please contact WIN for Alaska, Inc. at customerservice@winforalaska.com or Mike Humphrey, Director of Statewide Benefits at 907 450-8200.

Convocation BBQ



Michelle Pennoyer, Madeleine Lefebvre and Maria Moya serve up beverages at the Convocation 2009 Barbeque at Auke Rec.

UAS Sitka Campus Hosts Girl Scout Activity

On June 19 some faculty and staff from the UAS Sitka Campus helped out with a Girl Scout Science Detective Camp. Besides having fun, many of the girls had their interest in science sparked and began to see themselves as budding scientists. Marnie Chapman, Assistant Professor of Biology was wonderful and led many of the science activities. The girls were really excited to be in the UAS Biology Labs learning forensic techniques and using the microscopes. Wesley Shafer, Biology Lab Assistant did a lot of work behind the scenes to prepare the lab. Joy Branson, Information/Media Specialist starred as the mystery scientist and was a huge hit with the girls.



The Girl Scouts listen as Marnie Chapman gives information on forensic techniques in the UAS Sitka Campus Biology Lab.



Marnie Chapman asks for clarification from a Girl Scout as Joy Branson prepares to answer the Girl Scout's questions to determine if she was the mystery scientist they had spent the day investigating.

PR and Media Relations News

Website Renovations

The UAS website is under renovation with new regional and campus specific templates. Check out how the new look is coming along by visiting a few sites that are up and running to include:

1. Orientation: www.uas.alaska.edu/orientation
2. Advising: www.uas.alaska.edu/advising
3. Financial Aid: www.uas.alaska.edu/financial_aid
4. Distance: www.uas.alaska.edu/distance

The regional template is to consolidate resources, avoid duplication of effort and information, and foster cooperation between campuses and departments for the best delivery of information.

The new templates offer new opportunities to get your word out. The bulletin board feature posts announcements and notices in lieu of mass emails and can be viewed on the campus tabs of the Students and Faculty/Staff Websites.

New Internal Communications Policy

UAS is moving towards limiting mass emails to staff and faculty. The PR and Media Relations office is working with Information Technology Services on a policy for notifications, announcements and emergency alerts. Staff and faculty will be notified once the policy is finalized.

Highlight: Faculty

As many of you already know and the latest McDowell Student Retention Study proves, faculty are our greatest asset. "Faculty were cited as being of very high caliber and exceptionally helpful. Participants appreciated the opportunities they had to connect with faculty on a personal level."

Our office is committed to celebrating the difference faculty make in UAS student lives and the larger community.

Some opportunities already in place include:

- Program Sheets
- UAS Corner on KTOO-FM
- Juneau Afternoon
- Capital Chat on KINY
- UAS faculty in the news links on homepage.
- Soundings
- Why UAS Faculty on the web

We look forward to hearing from you!

Katie Bausler, Director
 Alison Caputo, Publications Specialist
 Dave Klein, Web Coordinator
www.uas.alaska.edu/pr/staff.html

Mulle in Wisconsin

Biology faculty **Ginny Mulle** presented a paper on gender role change in Southeast Alaska's subsistence salmon fishery at the annual meetings of the Rural Sociology Society in Madison, WI in July.

New Faculty Join UAS this Fall

The UAS Juneau School of Arts and Sciences welcomes several new faculty:



Jenifer Vernon, Assistant Professor of Communication

Comes to Juneau from La Jolla, California
Ph.D. in Communication from University of California, San Diego.
Dissertation: Making Community with the Deep Communication of Popular Live Poetry in San Diego, California at the Millennium

Held positions as teaching assistant at UCSD and University of Oregon; lecturer UCSD



Sarah Ray, Assistant Professor of English

Comes to Juneau from Corvallis, Oregon
Ph.D. in Environmental Sciences, Studies, and Policy - Focal Department: English – from University of Oregon, Eugene, OR
Dissertation: The Ecological Other: Indians, Invalids, and Immigrants in US

Environmental Thought and Literature

Held position as instructor with the University of Oregon; discussion leader at University of Oregon and University of Texas, Austin



Sol Neely, Assistant Professor of English

Comes to Juneau from West Lafayette, Indiana
Ph.D. from Purdue University in a Philosophy and Literature Interdisciplinary Program. Also completed "with distinction" the Cornell University's School of Criticism and Theory

Dissertation: Revolutionizing Maieutics: Literary, Philosophical, and Political Pedagogies in a Time of Disaster.

Held positions as teaching assistant at UAA; Ph.D. student teacher at Purdue; adjunct faculty at Indiana State University



Megan Buzby, Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Comes to Juneau from Fort Collins, Colorado

Ph.D. in Mathematics from Colorado State University, Fort Collins

Dissertation: Analysis of stochastic models derived from differential equations

Held positions as instructor at Laramie County Community College; grad teaching assistant at Colorado State University; grad research assistant and fellow/research at Colorado State University



Carolyn Bergstrom, Assistant Professor of Marine Biology

Came to UAS in September 2008 as an International Polar Year Postdoctoral Fellow

Ph.D. received from University of Victoria, British Columbia.
Dissertation: Evolution, functional morphology, and asymmetry of predator defense in stickleback

Held positions as Directed Studies Coordinator for Bamfield Marine Sciences Center; Postdoc Research Associate at University of Victoria, Simon Fraser University, and University of Alberta



Emily Wall, Assistant Professor of English

Has served at UAS as a term assistant professor and an adjunct since 1997

Master of Fine Arts with an emphasis in poetry received from the University of Arizona. Thesis: Toward Juneau – a selection of original poems

Has been a seasonal lecturer at the University of British Columbia and an adjunct instructor at Pima Community College

Please note, more new faculty will be featured in future issues of Soundings.

UAS Sitka Campus HIM Program Director to serve on Board

Leslie Gordon, Sitka Health Information Management Program Director, was elected to serve a 2 year term on the Alaska Health Information Management (AKHIMA) Board of Directors as a First Year Director. AKHIMA was founded in 1969 with the mission to promote the art and science of health information management by achieving and



Leslie Gordon

maintaining high standards of competency, developing education programs and promoting professional growth.

UAA Welcomes Former UAS Career Education Dean Karen Schmitt

From the UAA Green and Gold Daily:

August 30, 2009, **Dr. Karen R. Schmitt** took over as dean of UAA's Community and Technical College (CTC). Karen was chosen from a group of stellar finalists who visited campus in May. Having worked in higher education for more than 17 years, Karen brings incredible depth and breadth of academic leadership experience to this position. For the past eight years Karen has served as dean of the School of Career Education at the University of Alaska Southeast (UAS). She also served as dean of the School of Management at UAS for six years. With her knowledge of the University of Alaska system, distance education and community college program administration, Karen will be a valuable addition to UAA's leadership team.



Kristy Smith steps in as Interim

The University of Alaska Southeast School of Career Education announces that **Dr. Kristy Smith** has been named the Interim Associate Dean. Dr. Smith is honored to have been offered the opportunity to provide leadership for the academic programs in Career Education after the departure of Dr. Karen Schmitt who left this month to become the Dean of the Community & Technical College at the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Dr. Smith worked for the School of Career Education as the Administrative Manager for three years. After a short break from UAS, Kristy is honored to have been offered the opportunity to come back and work with the faculty and staff at Career Education. Kristy holds a Bachelor's of Business Administration, Management degree from the University of Alaska Southeast; a Master's of Business Administration, Project Management degree from Jones International University; and a Doctorate of Management in Organizational Leadership degree from the University of Phoenix. Professionally, Kristy is very interested in field of leadership within the virtual team environment, having completed two degrees in online programs and has worked in a virtual environment as a consultant. Kristy's dissertation focused on preparing students to take on the leadership role, studying the student's perception of preparation. Kristy has worked in a variety of fields including law, health, environment, and higher education administration. Kristy has recently begun teaching to share her broad based work education and to participate in continual learning. Her belief is that both student and teacher benefit from each other in the pursuit of continual learning. Kristy is looking forward to the year ahead and the great opportunities awaiting UAS.



Kolene James tells a Tlingit story to new students at Auke Rec. A whopping 160 students attended Fall 2009 Orientation.

New Faculty's Poem Featured on The Writer's Almanac

Jennifer Vernon, new Assistant Professor of Communication, had her poem "Blackberry Pie," from her book of poetry *Rock Candy*, read by Garrison Keillor on the August 25, 2009 edition of *The Writer's Almanac*, a daily feature on A Juneau Afternoon on KTOO-FM public radio. Host Jeff Brown interviewed Vernon just prior to the broadcast.

Blackberry Pie

is kernels of juice
blue, mom makes it do
magic heat to vanilla ice cream
purple dream

there were many nice things,
the corduroy pinafore
the daily notes in lunch sack
of a smiley face and curly cue hair
your mama loves you, and *do great*
with a thermos of homemade soup

dad too, he rocked me on front porch
after seven yellow jacket stings
i howled through the valley
in baking soda paste
while he sang, *in the big rock candy mountain...*

but just like grandma vernon always said
don't bother doing anything nice for your children
they'll only remember the bad things, anyway
like when she tethered my dad
to the front yard tree
so he could play when she was at work

was that bad? a ruined childhood?
bless her heart
and pie too, is sometimes
tart

"Blackberry Pie" by Jennifer Rae Vernon, from *Rock Candy*. © West End Press, 2009. Reprinted with permission.

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Ray Troll, Author & Artist

Ray Troll will show slides of new work completed in the last few years, including large public art installations and collaborative works, his latest offbeat T-shirts, and new book projects. He will also unveil a large oil painting commissioned by UAS entitled *Deep Forest*.

SEPTEMBER 25 | EGAN LECTURE HALL
PREDATOR AND PREY MANAGEMENT IN ALASKA: IT'S COMPLICATED

Kim Titus, Chief Wildlife Scientist, Alaska Division of Wildlife Conservation

Kim Titus will review the recent history of the predator management programs currently underway by the State of Alaska, discuss relevant laws and regulations, and present the state of science on a complicated issue.

OCTOBER 2 | EGAN LECTURE HALL
ROGUE COPS, ELEGANT CRIMINALS, AND THE POPULAR FRENCH CRIME NOVEL

Robin Walz, UAS Associate Professor of History

Forget about mastermind detective Sherlock Holmes, leave mild mannered Miss Marple to solving crimes in country villages! What French popular crime readers loved in the late 19th and 20th centuries were stories about flamboyant rogue cops and sophisticated criminals. In this presentation, Robin Walz talks about two such real life individuals. **EXTRA!** Come to the pre-lecture UAS Bookstore by the Bay Event: 4:30 – 6:30 pm.

OCTOBER 9 | EGAN LIBRARY
NOT ONE DROP: WHY IT IS NOT OKAY TO DRILL, DRILL, DRILL

Dr. Riki Ott, Author

Dr. RIKI Ott experienced first hand and on many levels the devastating effects the Exxon Valdez oil spill had on her hometown of Cordova, Alaska. Armed with courage and a PhD in Marine Biology she retired from fishing, founded three organizations to deal with lingering harm, and wrote the seminal book, *Sound Truth and Corporate Myth*. Now from the vantage point of two decades, Ott shares the long-ranging effects.

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ORIGINS, EVOLUTION, AND DESTINY: CLUES FROM THE DEEPEST SEA

Dr. David Gallo, Director of Special Projects, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

New undersea technologies have allowed us to explore the underwater world with unprecedented clarity and resolution, revolutionizing the way we think about life on earth and other planets. This presentation will use high resolution video to share some of the most recent discoveries.

OCTOBER 23 | EGAN LECTURE HALL
15 YEARS OF CLAY

Jeremy Kane, UAS Assistant Professor of Art

Jeremy Kane will speak about his artwork and what has influenced his vision and process in the past 15 years. He will present images of his most recent show at the Alaska State Museum as well as images from his Fellowship at the Archie Bray Foundation.

OCTOBER 30 | EGAN LIBRARY
**SECURITY AND GOVERNANCE IN 'POST-TALIBAN' AFGHANISTAN:
WHAT WENT WRONG AND WHY?**

Dr. Nazif Shahrani, Professor of Anthropology, Central Asian and Middle Eastern Studies and

Chair of the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University, Bloomington

UAS and Juneau People for Peace and Justice are happy to welcome Dr. Shahrani to Juneau. Dr. Shahrani, highly respected in his field, is a main academic analyst and commentator on the current situation in Afghanistan. He will share his insights on U.S. foreign policy in Afghanistan.

NOVEMBER 6 | EGAN LIBRARY
WHERE COLD IS HOT: A MURRELET'S EYE VIEW OF GLACIER BAY

Matt Kirchhoff, Director of Bird Conservation, Audubon Alaska

Join Matt Kirchhoff as he describes the unusual life history of Southeast Alaska's signature seabirds — the Marbled Murrelet and the Kittlitz's Murrelet. Join us for a peek into the Murrelet's day-to-day life, both above and below the water's surface in Glacier Bay.

NOVEMBER 13 | EGAN LECTURE HALL
AN EVENING WITH ALEXANDER TUTUNOV

Alexander Tutunov, UAS Artist in Residence

First Prize winner of the Belarusian National Piano Competition and winner of the Russian National Piano Competition, Tutunov's playing was described by Soviet Culture, Moscow, as "exhilarating and inspired, and which demonstrated a unique talent."

NOVEMBER 20 | EGAN LECTURE HALL
**PREDATOR CONTROL IN ALASKA:
IS SOUND SCIENCE CONSTRAINED BY POLITICS?**

Victor Van Ballenberghe, Wildlife Biologist

This talk will review the scientific basis of the current wolf and bear control programs in Alaska and examine the political constraints that inhibit application of sound science.

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