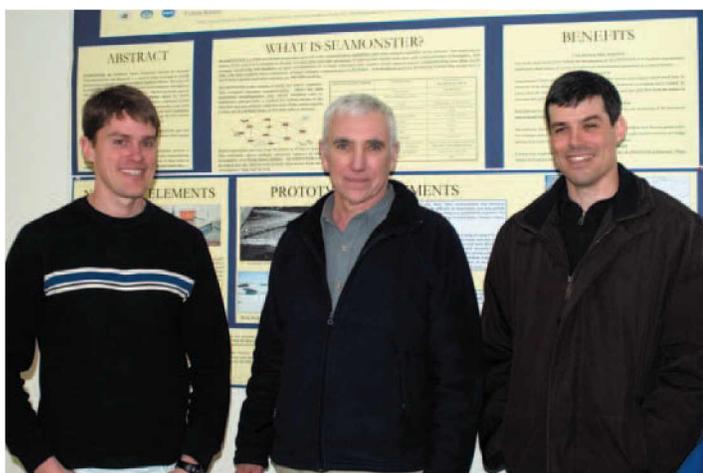


Two UAS Faculty Win Young Investigator First Awards



L to R: Eran Hood, UA Vice President of Research
Craig Dorman, David Tallmon

Eran Hood and David Tallmon are recipients of the Young Investigator First Award by EPSCoR. "This is a very significant recognition of our research faculty," said Dean Brendan Kelly.

Thirty-nine applications were filed in Alaska and five were awarded statewide; 1 at UAA, 2 at UAF, and 2 at UAS. "The selection committee did not make any attempt to apportion the awards among [Major Academic Units] or among disciplines. That two of our faculty received awards testifies to the quality of our researchers," said Dean Kelly.

Eran's proposal will fund research on dissolved organic matter dynamics in coastal Alaskan streams. Eran hopes to develop and refine novel techniques for dissolved organic matter characterization that can be used in southeastern Alaskan watersheds, and collect preliminary data that can be used to demonstrate a "proof of concept" for the ensuing NSF proposal.

David's award will fund the use of new technology to examine vast numbers of genes in many different species. His research will focus on creating tools that will allow researchers to maximize the information we can extract from genetic data sampled from natural populations.

Career Services Internship Forum

UAS Career Services inaugural Internship Forum will be held on Wed., Feb. 1st from 10 AM to 2 PM in the Lake Room. The Forum's goal is to introduce students to employers and co-sponsoring faculty members, who offer internship opportunities.

Please confirm with Lynn Uhl (465-6368) by January 26, or sooner, if you plan on attending, or if you have questions.

And the Golden Mouse Goes To...



Chancellor Pugh presented Director of ITS Michael Ciri with the Golden Mouse Award at a recent ITS staff meeting. The Chancellor applauded Michael and his staff for their Commendation in the interim accreditation report. The Chancellor quoted from the report in his congratulations. "The evaluation team commends UAS for foregrounding the importance of technology in all programs and services and providing the resources needed. The Instructional Technology unit is comprised of energetic, dedicated, and "thoughtful" members who deliberately seek opportunities to be helpful to the academic mission of UAS."

Toby Clark Farewell Party

There is an Alaskan themed farewell potluck dinner planned for SAC Manager Toby Clark (whose last day is Feb. 4th) at the home of Pam & Larry Johansen, 3010 Foster Avenue (West Juneau), Saturday, Jan. 29th at 6:30 PM. So bring a Chocolate Moose, a Salmon Cake, or something clever like that. RSVP to 463-3336 or Johansen@gci.net. The UAS Student Resources staff is also planning a potluck for him on Thurs., Feb 3rd at Noon in the Mourant conference room.

UAS Staff Council Meeting Postponed

The UAS Staff Council meeting is postponed until Thurs., Jan. 27th from 3 - 4 PM. Please call Julia Guthrie in Ketchikan, Lori Klein in Juneau or Nicole Duclos in Sitka for further details.

Professional Development Conference Travel Funding

Faculty interested in attending the Professional Development Conference in Juneau on March 3 & 4 are reminded that the deadline to apply for travel funding and the \$200/day stipend is February 1. For more information, contact Mary Purvis at 1-800-478-6653, ext. 778, or visit the website www.uas.alaska.edu/sitka/IDC.

Faculty and Staff

Juneau

Assistant Prof. of Economic **Ashley Ahrens** was quoted in the December issue of the Economist. He was interviewed for his research on the PFD's affect on Alaskan birthrates. "The title of the One State's Free Lunch: For Alaska, as for Arabia, Oil Wealth is Not All Good."

Lawrence Lee Oldaker, professor emeritus of education, presented "Scholastic Integration with 'All Deliberate Speed' Remains Elusive After 50 Years" at the Western States 22nd Certification Conference, Santa Fe, New Mexico (January 11-13). He also conferred with Alaska, regional, NCATE, and TEAC officials on issues related to approval of education programs in universities.

Jane Terzis, UAS Assistant Professor of Art has had her oil painting, Mother Courage, accepted into a year-long juried exhibition, Spot the Dog, at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art. The exhibition is used to teach children about key concepts in contemporary art, using work from professional artists from around the world. The show will include eight weeks of summer workshops and a full year of art classes for children. The exhibition will be interpreted for a general audience, will be interactive, and will be accompanied by a full-color catalogue.

Bob Love is invited to speak at the Alaska Department of Education Career and Technical Conference February 3 and 4 in Anchorage. Bob will deliver a 30-minute presentation on the Trailguide project as a partial solution to the problems that rural school districts face in implementing good career guidance. The Trailguide can be accessed at www.uas.alaska.edu/trailguide.

Sitka

Sitka Community Hospital passed a resolution supporting the University of Alaska Nursing Education program and pledging to assist the Sitka program by providing resources, equipment, staff time, and/or clinical training opportunities necessary to educate and train future nurses.

Terri Costa, CMT, a current HIM degree student, successfully passed the AAMT transcription exam. Terri is self-employed as a transcriptionist.

Hallie Coulter, RHIT, CCS has completed the HIA baccalaureate at Regis University, Denver. Hallie is a 1995 graduate of the UAS HIM program. **Irene Sorensen**, RHIT, CCS-P successfully passed the national AHIMA credentialing exam. Irene is a 2004 graduate of the UAS HIM program.

Kate Anthony, a current HIM student (graduation date Aug 05) has successfully completed a national exam and earned the Certified Coding Specialist credential (the highest coding credential available). And **Jennifer McClure**, who was a 2003 graduate, wrote and passed the national credentialing exam. She is a Registered Health Information Technician and is employed as a Lead Coder at Providence Alaska Medical Center.

January Anniversaries

Ramir Andes, 11 years; Nina Chordas, 3 years; Cathy Connor, 13 years; Ginny Eckert, 5 years; Beatrice Franklin, 8 years; Jim Gage, 13 years; Lynne Johnson, 5 years; Sue Koester, 29 years; Joseph Mueller, 1 year; Richie Solanoy, 2 years; Kimberly Schulte, 2 years; Marianne Stillner, 5 years; Mark Thompson, 2 years; Patrick Vallejo, 7 years; Kathryn Winslow, 2 years.

New Hires

Deborah Twemlow has been hired as manager of the new Student Recreation Center.

Pete Munro has been hired as a custodian in Facilities Services.

Peter Carter has been hired as coordinator of the Outdoor Skills and Leadership Program.

Ronald Mosher has been hired as a custodian for the Sitka campus.

Chris Hoyt has been hired as a grant coordinator on the Ketchikan campus.