



Pacific Rim Forum 2005
Interdisciplinary Conference on
Economics & Environment

**March 31
to April 2**

UAS Egan Lecture Hall

The poster features a stylized map of Alaska in the background and a logo on the right consisting of a red and black shape with a blue eye-like center.

Pacific Rim Forum

The Pacific Rim Forum is a three-day conference with the objective of examining issues, such as tourism and sustainable communities, from various viewpoints. This year, the conference participants will focus on the point where economic interests meet with environmental concerns. The forum begins on March 31 at 9:00 a.m. in the Egan Lecture Hall with a welcome from UAS Chancellor John Pugh and concludes on April 2 in the Egan Library with the finals of the Third Annual Native Oratory Contest.

Invited speakers include Lt. Governor Fran Ulmer; *Firecracker Boys and The Last Giant of Beringia* Author Dan O'Neil; Senior VP of Sealaska Corporation Rick Harris; writer, philosopher, ecologist, and musician David Rothenberg; and BP Alaska environmental studies leader Bill Streever. The conference is free and open to the public. Perseverance Theatre is performing *The Long Season* with post performance discussion led by the theater's Artistic director P.J. Paparelli; and CrossSound 2005 is performing the multi-cultural musical recital *Three Antiphonous Tales from Wet Lands* in conjunction with the Forum. Discounted tickets are available for students.

Check out the most recent schedule at www.uas.alaska.edu.

UAS Offers New Minor in Women's and Gender Studies

Ann Ropp, the coordinator of the Women's and Gender Studies Program, has also started a monthly WGS Movie Night. Each month, the WGS program sponsors pizza and a movie at the UAS Student Activities Center. The movie highlights issues of gender, and the Movie Nights are open to the public. March's movie was, "Iron Jawed Angels," which highlights the suffrage movement in the U.S. April's movie is "Chasing Amy" and will play Thursday, April 21st 7:15pm in the Student Activities Center.

Workshops: Developing Academic Unit Assessment Plans Sponsored by the Provost Office

The Provost Office will offer five sessions designed to assist degree coordinators and interested faculty to develop their Academic Program Assessment Plans. The workshops are on following Fridays from 12:00 – 2:00; April 8th, 15th, 22nd, May 6th and 13th .

A light lunch will be available beginning at 11:30 in the Spikes area. The workshops are open, and seating is limited. All sessions will be held in Egan Library 104 Broadcast room and will be video-taped and streamed live over the Internet. Please RSVP to the Provost Office by April 4th. The workshops will focus on the development of outcome statements, determining methods and measures to assess student learning, identifying where outcomes are met in the curriculum (mapping), and collecting data and developing a plan for program improvement. Program assessment plans are due by the end of the spring semester. Please contact Vicki Orazem, 6421 or Maria Moya, 6148 for more information.

Got Class?

Last spring's "Got Class" priority registration awareness campaign was so successful that we're doing it again. The theme is still, "Got Class," (and probably will be until we run out of buttons). The winning department(s) will be selected on how clearly and prominently it communicates the following:

- The benefits of academic advising
- Directing students to the online course schedule
- April 11th thru 25th as priority registration

Judging will take place on April 15 and the prizes will be awarded the following week.



National Student Exchange

Marsha Squires recently returned from the annual National Student Exchange conference where she placed 15 UAS students at universities around the United States. Marsha and her NSE colleagues from UAA and UAF, Leslie Tuovinen and Crystal McAlpine, presented a break out session titled Alaska: "The Extreme Exchange." The presentation highlighted the UA system, and offered NSE coordinators tips to help prepare their students who are coming to Alaska.

Next year UAS students will go on exchange to New Mexico, Virginia, South Dakota, Oregon, Massachusetts, Maine, Hawaii, California, and Idaho. We will also welcome a total of eight students representing the following states: Indiana, Arizona, Oklahoma, Colorado, New York, and Wisconsin.

UAS Receives Grant

David Tallmon Assistant Professor of Biology received a grant from LI-COR's 2005 Genomics Educations Matching Fund program in the amount of \$44,899.50 towards a Sequencing and Microsatellite Package. This package will enable the university to do the following research: Sequencing - DNA Sequencing of single stranded, double stranded, or PCR products.

LTC to offer GMAT Exam

The Learning and Testing Center will soon offer the GMAT exam in Juneau for potential business graduate students. Interested individuals can call 465-6348 for more information.

Alumni & Friends Spring Dinner & Auction

The Alumni & Friends Spring Dinner & Auction will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, April 1, in the Treadwell Room at the Baranof Hotel. Tickets are \$25 per person and include dinner. This is the UAS Alumni Association's largest event of the year! The Spring Dinner & Auction raises money for student scholarships and other alumni sponsored events. Place your bid online for any of these great packages: 7-day Princess Cruise for two to Mexico or the Caribbean; two Alaska Airlines Travel Vouchers to any domestic West Coast destination; a stay at a condo in Hawaii; and much, much more. Visit the website at www.uas.alaska.edu/alumni for complete auction details. For reservations, tickets, or more information, call Margaret Rea, Alumni Manager, at 465-1493.

Faculty and Staff

Wayne Clark (UAS alumni '98, retired Alaskan teacher/coach/administrator) is preparing to join a Habitat for Humanity First Builder Team that is going to Batticaloa, Sri Lanka from March 17 to 27. The team of 14 includes six other Alaskans. They will be clearing debris and setting house foundations in this remote coastal village on the eastern coast of Sri Lanka, one of areas hardest hit by the Dec. 26, 2004 earthquake/tsunami. Habitat for Humanity has committed to build 25,000 homes throughout Sri Lanka.

For more information about Wayne's trip and HFH donations, visit www.habitat.org/gv/mytrip/6490-6396 or contact Wayne at home in Douglas at 364-3226

Rebecca Bluestone will be presenting a slide show featuring her weaving from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. in the Egan Classroom 219 on March 30.

A culmination of paintings and textiles by Northwest Coast artist **Marie Kirkman** will be exhibited in the Egan Lecture Hall during the Pacific Rim Forum from March 31 through April 2. A senior at UAS, she will be graduating this year with a BLA art emphasis and a minor in Northwest Coast Native Art.

Jennifer Brown attended the Alaska Library Association Conference in Barrow, Alaska from March 9 through 13. She attended meetings of the AKLA Executive Council and sessions including: "The Kids Are Alright! Millennials and Their Information Behaviors".

UAS Ketchikan Assistant Professor of History **Mike Dunning** will be participating in the UAS Interdisciplinary Pacific Rim Conference in Juneau in April.

Ketchikan

Last fall, Assistant Professor of English **Rod Landis** and his wife, **Taylor McKenna**, received a UAS Ketchikan Director's Grant to commission a new theatrical work and mount it as a local production in the spring. In the recent past, Landis and McKenna have secured grants from the Alaska Humanities Forum and the University of Alaska's President's Special Projects Fund to stage humanities conferences, which always had as their centerpiece a dramatic production. First City Players' productions of Margaret Edson's *WIT*, John Guare's *The House of Blue Leaves*, and Seamus Heaney's *The Cure at Troy* are among the plays staged locally and followed by scholarly discourse in the disciplines of literature, history, music, visual arts, anthropology, philosophy, and even mathematics. This year, the scope of the project is smaller- discussion regarding the themes of the play will occur all in one evening, rather than spread out over a weekend - yet according to Landis "the significance of what we're doing this year is huge." The UAS-Ketchikan Humanities Forum, "Intimate Conversations," will be informed by an as-yet untitled script written by local writers **Evon Zerbetz** and **Erin Hollowell**. Zerbetz has illustrated several children's books and has in recent years begun to hone her own writer's voice; Hollowell is program director for KAAHC and has recently been accepted to an MFA program in Creative Writing. McKenna, who has not helmed a dramatic production since First City Players' *The Real Thing* three years ago, is serving as director, interpreting and staging the script.

In celebration of National Poetry Month, Pulitzer Prize winning poet **Stephen Dunn** will be reading from his work on Sunday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Saxman Tribal House. This event is free to the public and is made possible through UAS Ketchikan and the Ketchikan Writers Forum, a program of the Ketchikan Area Arts and Humanities Council.

Meet the Learning Center Candidates

Candidate Mary Hicks, March 24th

Faculty and Staff time, 2:30 - 3:30 in the Lake Room

Candidate Jacqueline Tagaban, March 30th

Faculty and staff time, 11 - 12:00, Egan Library 105

Candidate John Bilderbeck, March 31st

Faculty and staff time, 2:30 - 3:30 in Mourant Conference Room