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University of Alaska Southeast Faculty & Staff Newsletter

UAS Prof. Hayes wins American Book Award

October 26, 2007



University of Alaska Southeast Asst. Prof. of English Ernestine Hayes is a winner of the 28th annual American Book Awards for 2007 for *Blonde Indian*, an Alaska Native Memoir. Past winners include such well-known writers as Russell Banks, Gerald Vizenor, and José Antonio Burciaga.

Since its publication in 2006, Hayes's memoir has earned regional, national, and international acclaim. It was a finalist for the Kiriya Prize and a creative nonfiction finalist in the PEN Center USA Literary Awards. It has been called a "rewarding, evocative, ultimately uplifting view of Native life," by Booklist and "one of the most important books to come out of Alaska," by the Anchorage Press.

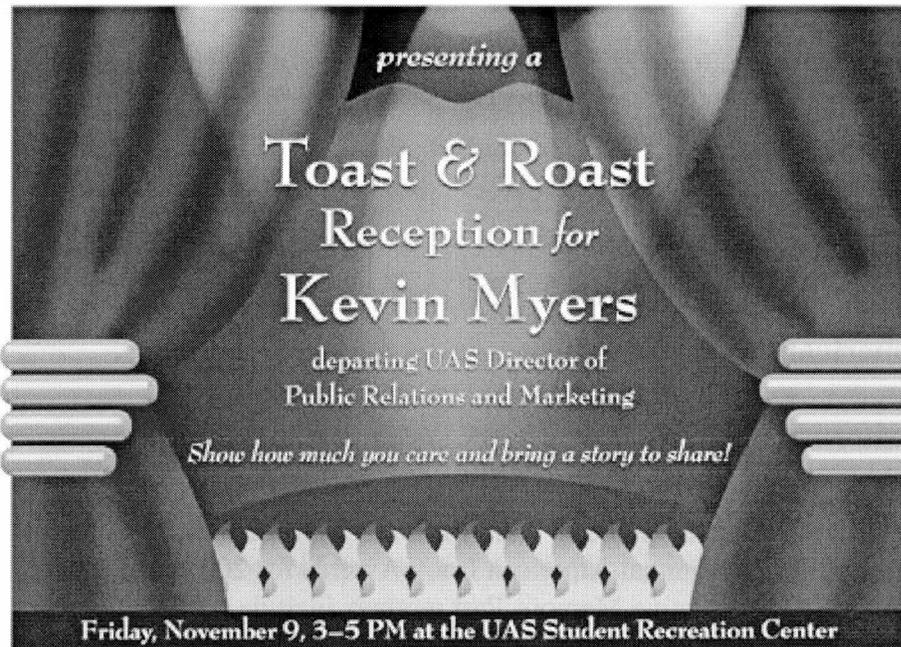
Arizona Press describes the book as blending folklore, metaphor, and a richly textured description of the Alaskan landscape. *Blonde Indian* offers a unique window into the challenges, rewards, and ambiguities that one woman of racially mixed heritage experiences both within and outside her native Tlingit community.

The American Book Award was established in 1978 by the Before Columbus Foundation to recognize outstanding literary achievement from America's diverse literary community.

All of Our Featured Stories

Myers Roast and Send Off

Don't miss the Roast & Toast for departing UAS Director of Public Relations and Marking Kevin Myers on Nov. 9, 3-5pm



Join us for the Toast & Roast Reception for Kevin Myers on Friday, November 9th from 3-5PM at the UAS Student Recreation Center. Show how much you care and bring a story to share.

Health assessments worth \$100

The deadline for turning in the University of Alaska Personal Health Assessment is November 15, 2007.

Each employee and covered spouse completing the assessment will receive \$100 checks in the mail by December 15, 2007. You can complete the paper version mailed to your home or the online version available at:

<https://www.summexhealthmonitor.com/pbcbs>

Fidelity on campus in November

Fidelity Investments will be on the Juneau campus

A retirement counselor Lynne Farrington from Fidelity Investments will be on the Juneau campus from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday November 13 in room 115 of the Egan Library. To reserve a confidential consultation, call 1-800-642-7131 or online at:

www.fidelity.com/atwork/reservations

Drop-ins are also welcome.

New hires

Barbara Morgan – coordinator, Fish Technology, Ketchikan. **John Radzalowski**, assistant professor of History, Ketchikan. **Laron Thomas**, instructional technician, Ketchikan. **Marian Allen**, administrative specialist, Sitka. **Paul Keith**, fiscal technician, Sitka. **Brandi Flemming**, administrative generalist, Sitka. **Mike Farrell**, financial aid technician, Student Services. **JoAnne Craig**, administrative specialist, Chancellor's Office. **Jennifer Van Ness**, student services technician, Student Services. **Patrick Brown**, dean, Arts & Sciences. **Kent Kay**, administrative generalist, Education. **Dave Behrends**, crafts & trades, Facilities. **Stephen Perry**, instructional technician, Learning Center. **Elizabeth Williams**, admissions rep/recruiter, Student Services.

October Anniversaries

Timothy Anderson, 5 years; **Heather Beaudette**, 1 year; **Arnel Bolanos**, 12 years; **Sandra Burgess**, 9; **Tom Dienst**, 15 years; **Karen Donovan**, 3 years; **Mark Hildebrand**, 14 years; **Mark Hopson**, 7 years; **Laura Hosey**, 3 years; **Barbara Hyde**, 25 years; **David Lendrum**, 6 years; **Arlo Midgett**, 7 years; **Maria Moya**, 4 years; **Amy Nelson**, 1 year; **Laura Powers**, 1 year; **Ray Roberts**, 4 years; **Karl Sears**, 7 years, **Naomi Seidel**, 1 year; **Donald Sims**, 5 years.

Here's some EDGE news for you.

UAS professor Cathy Connor and UAF's geology professor Anupma Prakash will present a talk and poster session at the upcoming Geological society of America National meeting in Denver, Oct 26-31, 2007. They also ran a workshop about Introducing GIS in AK High School and Middle School classrooms for science teachers at the Alaska Math & Science Conference sponsored by the Alaska Science teachers Association in Anchorage Oct 13-20, 2007

Environmental Technology Program featured Journal AWWA.

Journal AWWA's goal

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Journal AWWA's goal is to be the internationally acknowledged authority on drinking water. Both a professional and a scholarly publication, the Journal publishes timely, technically accurate, peer-reviewed information about water quality, resources, and supply and about the management and operation of water utilities. The Journal provides information for a diverse, worldwide readership. As AWWA's flagship publication, the Journal also serves the association and the drinking water industry as a whole.

AWWA is the authoritative resource for knowledge, information, and advocacy to improve the quality and supply of drinking water in North America and beyond. AWWA is the largest organization of water professionals in the world. AWWA advances public health, safety, and welfare by uniting the efforts of

the full spectrum of the drinking water community. Through our collective strength we become better stewards of water for the greatest good of the people and the environment.

UAS Fall 2007 Online Alaska Business Plan competition.

The UAS School of Management is sponsoring the second annual Fall 2007 Online Alaska Business Plan Competition.

The UAS School of Management is sponsoring the second annual Fall 2007 Online Alaska Business Plan Competition. The competition is open to any Alaska resident who wishes to participate and is currently enrolled as a student (graduate or undergraduate) at UAS. The competition seeks to solicit entrepreneurs who are looking to present their ideas and try to attain funding and support for seeing their proposed business become a reality.

The ideas submitted must be original and must be formatted into a business plan. The business must plan to be headquartered in Alaska. Please contact Rick Wolk at University of Alaska Southeast if you are interested in participating as an entrepreneur, judge, or sponsor.

Deadline for submission of business plans will be November 30, 2007.

The UAS School of Management offers online undergraduate and graduate business programs for learners throughout Alaska.

For further information, please contact:

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IT Factoid

UAS IT Media Services has been broadcasting distance education classes via the satellite for 47 semesters - this fall is the 48th semester. Classes are broadcast all three semesters; spring, summer and fall. Broadcasting of classes began in 1991 and Media Services has broadcast classes for up to 10 courses in one semester.

Faculty and Staff

Alice Tersteeg's watercolor exhibition "Chocolate...and other treats" will open at Annie Kaill's Gallery on Friday, Nov. 2, from 4:30-8pm Annie. The show is at 244 Front St.

Holiday Entertaining

UAS Alumni & Friends invites you to Holiday Entertaining 101

Saturday, November 3, at Chez Alaska Cooking School in the Nugget Mall Annex, 2092 Jordan Avenue
\$60 for members of Alumni & Friends, \$85 for non-members (\$99 value!)

Learn how to prepare a fabulous four-course holiday meal from start to finish. Featuring instructor Laraine Derr, UAS alum and owner of Chez Alaska Cooking School

Two 3-hour sessions available -- Space is limited to 25 participants per class

Session One: 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon. Four-course meal featuring Pork Tenderloin Stuffed with Cranberry Balsamic Jam

Session Two: 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM. Four-course meal featuring Rosemary & Pepper Standing Rib Roast with Two-Mushroom Pan Sauce

For Full Menus visit our website! www.uas.alaska.edu/alumni/Holiday-Entertaining.html

Call 796-6569 to reserve your seat today!

Gilligan's Island Cruise Back to College

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Sit right back and we'll tell you a tale, a tale of a fateful trip... Yes folks, that's right on Sunday, September 23, University of Alaska Southeast Ketchikan campus hosted a three hour tour, yes a three hour tour aboard the SS Minnow (aka and courtesy of the Allen Marine St. Nona catamaran) to celebrate the third annual Cruise Back to College! Gilligan's Island was our theme and the whole cast of characters joined in the fun-filled fundraiser for UAS Ketchikan's Rainbird Trail Improvement Project. The event was a success and raised over \$3000 for the project. Many thanks go to the cast and to the UAS Development Office – Lynne, Deanna and Keni – they made the event a breeze for Ketchikan.

Characters from Left to Right: Gilligan (Chris Hoyt), Mr. Howell (Rick McDonald), Mrs. Howell (Clare Patton), The Professor (Rod Landis), Marianne (Colleen Ianuzzi), The Skipper (Steve Brandow) & the Lovely Ginger (Cathy Graham).

Beer & Wine Tasting!

Tickets are still available for the UAS Alumni & Friends 7th Annual Beer and Wine Tasting

Tickets are still available for the UAS Alumni & Friends 7th Annual Beer and Wine Tasting this Friday, October 26 from 6-8:00 PM at TK Maguire's in the Prospector Hotel. Here's the scoop:

Ticket Prices:

\$25 for members of UAS Alumni & Friends Association

\$30 for general admission

Must be 21 to attend and ID is required.

Call 796-6569 for tickets

Featuring libations from the following corporate sponsors: Alaska Distributors, Alaskan Brewing Company, K&L Distributors, Odom Company and Specialty Import
Hors D'Oeuvres hosted by UAS Alumni & Friends

The Prospector Hotel is also offering a special rate for anyone wanting to stay the night of October 26, only \$50 per night.

UAS Ketchikan Faculty & Student Honored at Cisco Networking Academy 10-Year Anniversary Salute

102 Instructors and Alumni from 50 U.S. States and District of Columbia Help Mark Milestone in Model for Public and Private Partnership

Cisco® Networking Academy® honored UAS Ketchikan Assistant Professor of Computer Networking Richard McDonald and UAS Ketchikan student Sarah Strickling at an event marking the 10th anniversary of the Cisco Networking Academy.

Over the past decade, the Networking Academy has demonstrated success in providing students with valuable skills and knowledge in networking and information technology (IT), leading to advanced academic exploration and career development. Students and graduates benefit from gaining in-demand skills, increasing their earning power and often advancing their education to aid in the development of their countries and local economies.

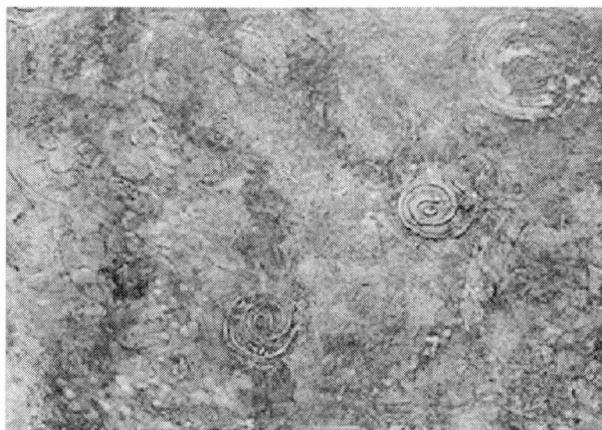
“We are pleased to acknowledge a select group of Cisco Networking Academy alumni and instructors at the 10-year anniversary salute,” said Gene Longo, senior manager of the Cisco Networking Academy U.S. Field Operations. “According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, five of the fastest-growing occupations for college-educated job seekers through 2014 will be in information technology. We applaud these individuals for their contributions in helping to raise awareness of the opportunities in this industry and the benefits to students and our nation.”

Attendees of the salute include Networking Academy alumni and instructors from all 50 states and the District of Columbia, government officials, education-focused associations, and Cisco employees. Held over the course of two days, the event features a number of activities, guest speakers and community-building sessions.

The Networking Academy has provided more than 1.6 million students in more than 160 countries with IT and networking skills essential to succeed in the global economy. Since 1997, in the United States alone, more than 500,000 Networking Academy students have completed a course and been equipped with the Internet technology skills required to help ensure U.S. competitiveness and innovation in the 21st century.

Sitka News

Petroglyph Murals / Sitka Campus open house / Alaska Day Festivities



Sitka Campus will be hosting a Grand Opening/Reception for their Petroglyph Murals in the atrium on Wednesday, November 14 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. UA President Mark Hamilton, the Sitka Advisory Council, Chancellor Pugh and many others plan to be on hand. Local Tlingit artist Robert Hoffman will create a poem about the mural. Marco D'Ambrosio, a regular contributor to the Sitka Fine Arts Camp and composer of scores for PBS films, will compose a special piece of music and perform it at the event. If you're in Sitka on November 14, please stop by and join in the celebration.

Sitkans, legislators, faculty and staff join in the ceremony officially opening the new welding facility at Sitka Campus.

The Sitka Campus open house and welding facility "ribbon cutting" on Alaska Day was a great success. Students from Allen Puckett's welding class torched through a metal ribbon to officially open the welding lab. Over 250 people attended the dedication and lunch, consuming burgers and hot dogs as fast as Chef Love could cook!

Gabrielle LeDoux, Representative from Kodiak (center, with Director Jeff Johnston's wife Linda), was among the legislators who joined in the Alaska Day Festivities held at Sitka Campus. Governor Sarah Palin walked with the Sitka Campus contingent in the parade.



The UAS Health Fair, November 1st.

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The UAS Health Fair will be held in Lake Room on Thursday, November 1st from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm. Comprehensive Blood tests will be available, in addition to informational tables on numerous health issues. If you plan to have your blood draw, you must fast 12 hours in advance.

This event is open to Faculty, Staff and Students; their family and friends. Beat the long line at the Juneau Health Fair by coming in and supporting the event at UAS. Questions should be directed to Cheryl Loudermilk UAS Student Wellness at 796-6391.

Cafe Scientifique de Juneau

The UAS Natural Science Department has initiated Cafe Scientifique de Juneau.

The UAS Natural Science Department has initiated *Cafe Scientifique de Juneau*. The monthly gathering meets at the popular Downtown Juneau café The SilverBow. A new theme is chosen each month and faculty, staff, student, and the general public are invited to share their theories on the chosen topic. Some theories are interesting, others enlightening, and some are meant to be funny, but all the theories are used to enhance the audiences understanding of how scientific methodology is used to gain a better understanding.

Asst. Prof of Physics Matt Heavner and Asst. Prof of Chemistry Lisa Hoferkamp who organized the first two Café's said, "for the price of a cup of coffee or a glass of beer or wine, anyone can come and explore the latest ideas in science and technology. It is a forum for debating science issues, not a shop window for science. We are committed to promoting public engagement with science and to making science accountable and fun."

In its first two months, the Café has attracted more than 100 participants.

Evening at Egan Canceled due to Assassination Attempt on Lecturer

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Judge Zuhair wrote the following in an e-mail to lecture organizer Kevin Myers, "While these actions will not sway me from continuing my work on the Rule of Law, they have forced me to temporarily postpone my trip to the United States in the month of October. As soon as I am able to ensure the security of my family and process new travel documents, I will reschedule my visit. In the meantime, I wish you the very best and apologize for this terrible inconvenience."

Judge Zuhair is considered a cornerstone of the post-Saddam Iraqi legal system. He served as an Investigative Judge with the Central Criminal Courts of Iraq beginning shortly after the invasion and was elevated to Chief Judge by Paul Bremer in 2004. He was born and raised in Baghdad and attended Baghdad University where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature. From 1988 until 1999 Judge Zuhair worked successively as a translator for the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observation Group, a Foreign Relations Administrator for the Arab Union Scientific Research Council, and as an Administrator for the Arab Federation Food Industry. After careers in both government and private industry, Judge Zuhair returned to Baghdad University to attend law school.

Getting Alaskans on The College Track

UAS hosted the premiere of Alaska College Track 2 on Oct. 17th, the night before it aired on statewide television on Alaska One.

The showing was followed by an open discussion about the transition from high school to college, with panelists UAS Chancellor John Pugh, Juneau Douglas High School Counselor Frank Coenraad, UAS Director of Admission Joe Nelson, and UAS student and documentary subject Amanda Bremner.

The panel discussion will air in combination with the documentary on 360 North several times over the next few months.

The Alaska College Track series began in 2004 as a local companion to a national PBS College Track series, which explored equal access issues in the American educational system on the 50th anniversary of the landmark *BROWN v. BOARD OF EDUCATION* decision. The local version was told through the viewpoint of first-generation college students from Yakutat, Craig, and Hydaburg as they made their transitions from villages to college campuses.

Alaska College Track 2 acquaints viewers with the students from the original series. It shares how one student used the heartbreaking loss of her brother to reassess her goals and get back on the college track. The documentary takes viewers from UA campuses in Juneau, Anchorage, and Fairbanks to show how cultural identity and traditions are helping rural students stay in school. The documentary raises issues such as the High School Qualifying Exam, cultural differences, and the expectation gap between high schools and post-secondary educators.

Alaska College Track 2 is a KTOO-TV production. Katie Bausler served as Writer and Producer with UAS's Kevin Myers working as Associate Producer. Funding came from First National Bank Alaska, and the University of Alaska Foundation using funds provided by BP/ConocoPhillips.