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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Biobites-Biology Graduate Student Association Seminar
Title: Auklets, polytomies and AFLPs: exploring the tangled evolutionary history of four Alaskan endemic birds (and one bird that isn't)

Date: Tuesday, 25 April; 1-2 PM at 201 Irving I
Speaker: Liz Humphries

There will be a **IAB/B&W Faculty** meeting 1:00 Thursday 27 April in Irving I, 201 where we will discuss the collaborative PhD program among other issues.

Chancellor Steve Jones will be visiting IAB on April 28. The chancellor will open the meeting with introductory comments, and then move to open discussion where you are invited to share or ask any comments, questions, issues, or ideas that you may have. Please come to listen or participate:
Friday, Apr 28, 2006, 1:30pm, Irving I, 201.

Proposal Preparation Lead time

Just a friendly reminder that if you are planning on submitting a proposal in the near future, please give our new Proposal Coordinator, Desereé Baker, extra lead time to help you prepare your proposal. The other Proposal Coordinator position has been posted so please bear with us until we are fully staffed. Thanks!
Contact information for Desereé Baker: ext 6665; email fdmb2@uaf.edu.

Construction News

Hello Everyone,

Please note that the 3rd floor of Irving I is now under

construction. The schedule, which sometimes changes, follows:

April - May

- 17-18 April: 408, 409, 400C4, **314, 313, 312A**
- 18 April: **312, 308 WR, 308B**
- 19 April: 400C3, **308, 308A, 309**
- 20 April: **311B, 311A, 311C**
- 20-21 April: 400U1, stairwell
- 21 April: **301, 302, 303**
- 24 April: **304, 305, 306, 307**
- 25-26 April: **300C4**
- 27-28 April: **300C3**
- 1-2 May: **300U1**
- 3-5 May: **300C2**

Please bookmark www.iab.uaf.edu/news/construction for the most updated information.

If there are others who should receive this 3rd-floor e-mail reminder, please send me their name and/or e-mail addresses. Thanks,
Marie Gilbert (fnmeg@uaf.edu).

\$\$ GRANTS AND AWARDS \$\$

Dr. Kelly Drew has been selected by the Usibelli Award Selection Committee to receive the **2006 Emil Usibelli Distinguished Award for Teaching!** This is UAF's most prestigious faculty award and has a cash prize of \$10,000 per award to be used at the discretion of the recipient.
Congratulations Kelly and thank you for your great contributions to your students!

LIFE SCIENCES SEMINAR

William Summers
Yale University

Marmots, microbes and Mandarins: The Geopolitical Uses of the Manchurian Plague of 1910-11
Elvey Auditorium
April 28, 3:30pm

📖 NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES 📖

International Polar Year (IPY)

Full Proposal Target Date(s): May 1, 2006

The research emphasis areas are: ice sheet history and dynamics; biological adaptations at the cellular and genomic level to life in extreme cold and prolonged darkness; and the arctic observing network. URL: <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2006/nsf06534/nsf06534.htm>

Applications are being accepted for the **Jack R. Luick Memorial Travel Fund** from students seeking limited support (generally \$500 - \$1,000) for travel to upcoming scientific conferences in 2006 and 2007.

Qualifications: Enrolled as a graduate student at UAF, in good academic standing, and pursuing a course of study in nutritional or physiological ecology of ungulates. Preference will be given to students presenting papers at international conferences.

The application should include: A letter from the student to the fund's Selection Committee summarizing education, experience, research interests and career goals, a letter of support from the student's major professor, a conference agenda or synopsis, title and abstract, if available, of the paper to be presented, and an itemized travel budget. Submit entire packet to: Scholarship Coordinator, UAF Financial Aid, 105C Eielson Bldg., PO Box 756360, Fairbanks, AK 99775
Deadline: Oct 15, 2006 for travel through April 30, 2007

Graduate Student Travel Grants: Sponsored by The Comparative Nutrition Society. The Comparative Nutrition Society (CNS) will make two travel awards for the 2006 Conference: The 6th Symposium of the Comparative Nutrition Society will be held from August 4 through August 9 at the Keystone Resort Conference Center, Keystone Colorado. The symposium will begin with an opening reception on the evening of August 4, 2006 and close with an informal banquet on the evening of August 9, 2006.

The Susan Crissey Memorial Scholarship will recognize student research in captive animals, and **The Malcolm Ramsey Memorial Scholarship** will recognize student research in field animals. Recipients will have their CNS meeting registration fees waived and will receive a \$1,000 honorarium. **NOTE:** To apply, *students must be a member of CNS (you can join at www.cnsweb.org) and submit an abstract of their research and their CV by May 12.* Abstracts will be judged based on scientific merit and their potential to make an innovative and exciting contribution to the field of comparative nutrition.

Graduate Student Presentation Awards (GSPA):

Three awards of \$500 each will be given in recognition of the highest quality oral and poster presentations. Presentations will be judged based on style, scientific merit, and their contribution to the field of comparative nutrition. For more details contact the CNS at www.cnsweb.org or contact Robert G. White at fgrgw@uaf.edu. (Bob White is a past President of the CNS; several IAB graduate students have previously won the GSPA; the travel scholarships are new awards this year).

→→TRAVEL→→

- **Brian Barnes**, 4/20–4/26, to Toolik for fieldwork.
- **Sam Decker**, 4/9–4/24, to Juneau, AK to attend a short course on Predicting Fish Distribution.
- **Gunnar Ebbesson**, 4/16–4/23, to Y-K Delta area for data collection.
- **Heather Foltz**, 4/26–5/1, to Palm Springs, CA for the Western Psychological 2006 Convention.
- **John Gonzalez**, 4/26–4/29, to Albuquerque, NM.
- **Brad Griffith**, 4/24–5/12, to Railholler, MO to attend the 12th Annual Wild Turkey Research & Management Workshop.
- **Nick Hubalik**, 4/24–5/4, to Y-K Delta region for data collection.
- **Franziska Kohl**, 4/16–4/28, to Toolik for fieldwork.
- **Cecile Lardon**, 4/26–5/1, to Palm Springs, CA for the Western Psychological 2006 Convention.
- **Joe Margraf**, 4/27–5/13
- **Dave McGuire**, 4/29–5/9
- **Gerald Mohatt**, 4/24–4/25, to Anchorage for WICHE meeting.
- **Oivind Toien**, 4/16–5/1, to Toolik for fieldwork.
- **Eric Widden**, 4/14–5/1, to Toolik for fieldwork.

Quote of the week:

“Strength is the capacity to break a chocolate bar into four pieces with your bare hands—and then just eat one of the pieces.”

Judith Viorst