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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The University has implemented a Graduate Student Health Insurance Program, and effective August 25, 2007, graduate students employed under a Teaching or Research Assistantship will receive coverage under the plan. *Students may not waive coverage.* The plan will cover matters of a medical nature; however, it will not offer vision or dental benefits. There will be a \$150.00 out-of-pocket deductible, and benefits will be provided at 80 percent of allowable charges.

In reference to RA job assignments, if you plan to be placed on a fall and/or spring RA assignment, please contact Marta Conner as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Marta at extension 6676.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – 212B Butrovich

Center for Alaska Native Health Research (CANHR)

“Health Promotion Conceptual Frameworks”

Dr. Beti Thompson, School of Public Health and Community Medicine, University of Washington
Information: Michelle Dondanville (fnmad1@uaf.edu, 474-6230)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

10:00 a.m. – Noon – 212B Butrovich

Center for Alaska Native Health Research (CANHR)

“Cultural Competency and Collaboration”

Dr. Beti Thompson, School of Public Health and Community Medicine, University of Washington, and Dr. Edison Trickett, University of Illinois at Chicago, visiting President's Professors of Biomedical Research through CANHR

Information: Michelle Dondanville (fnmad1@uaf.edu, 474-6230)

MONDAY, AUGUST 20

1:30 p.m. – Board of Regents Room, 109 Butrovich

Ph.D. Thesis Defense

“The Role of Fire Disturbance in the Carbon Dynamics of the Boreal Region”

Michael Balshi

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

9:00 a.m. – Board of Regents Room, 109 Butrovich

Biomedical Seminar

Center for Alaska Native Health Research (CANHR)

“Forced Acculturation Roundtable”

Rebekah Burket

7:00 p.m. – Schaible Auditorium

Public Seminar

“Winning Sustainability in an Age of Global Change: What is Our Responsibility?”

Peter Raven, Director, Missouri Botanical Garden

FRIDAY AUGUST 24

9:00 a.m. – Board of Regents Room, 109 Butrovich

Biomedical Seminar

Center for Alaska Native Health Research (CANHR)

“Forced Acculturation Roundtable”

Rebekah Burket

SPECIAL LIFE SCIENCES SEMINAR

Friday, August 24, 2007

4:30 - 5:30 p.m. - Arnold Espe Auditorium, UA Museum of the North

“How Many Plant Species Will Survive the 21st Century?”

Peter Raven

Director, Missouri Botanical Garden

Post-seminar potluck and reception: 6:30 p.m. at the home of Brian Barnes and Alison York

For more information call 474-7640

Maps are available in 311 Irving I, www.iab.uaf.edu/events/events.php

NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

September 2007

NSF 07-570

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program (STEP). *Replaces Document NSF 06-502.* Letter of Intent Due Date (optional): **August 7, 2007.** Full Proposal Deadline: **September 18, 2007.**

URL to view this funding opportunity:

http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf07570

NSF 07-569

Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU). *Replaces Document NSF 05-592.* Full Proposal Deadline: **September 13, 2007.**

URL to view this funding opportunity:

http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf07569

November 2007

NSF 07-580

Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Biology (PRFB). *Replaces NSF 04-539.* Full Proposal Deadline: **November 5, 2007.**

URL to view this funding opportunity:

http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf07580

January 2008

NSF 07-563

Materials Research Science and Engineering Centers (MRSEC). *Replaces Document NSF 04-580.* Preliminary Proposal due: **September 5, 2007.** Proposal Deadline: **January 18, 2008.**

URL to view this funding opportunity:

http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf07563

NSF 07-560

Research Initiation Grants and Career Advancement Awards to Broaden Participation in Biology (RIG CAA BP). *Replaces Document NSF 05-58.* Proposal Target Date: **January 14, 2008.**

URL to view this funding opportunity:

http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf07560

TIP OF THE WEEK

Microsoft Office Compatibility Pack for Word, Excel, and PowerPoint 2007 File Formats: Have you been getting files from colleagues that were saved in Office 2007 format, which is incompatible with Office 2003 applications? Microsoft has a Windows-only "compatibility pack" that can be downloaded from their website

(<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?displaylang=en&FamilyID=941B3470-3AE9-4AEE-8F43-C6BB74CD1466>). Just install the compatibility pack, and you will be able to open Office 2007 files (.docx, .xlsx, etc.) with your Office 2003 applications. If you have other, non-Microsoft or Macintosh Office, applications and need to read a .docx file, you can download the DOCX Converter, which will extract the text from from a Word 2007 .docx file (<http://docx-converter.com/>).

→→TRAVEL→→

- **Jim Allen**, 8/15-19, San Francisco, CA, APA Convention
- **Deborah Alstrom**, 8/15-21, San Francisco, CA, APA Convention
- **Paula Ayunerak**, 8/15-21, San Francisco, CA, APA Convention
- **Perry Barboza**, 8/3-15, Sydney, Australia, presenting invited lecture at Sydney University, writing book
- **Donie Bret-Harte**, 5/16-8/15, Toolik Field Station, AK, fieldwork
- **Rebekah Burket**, 8/16-20, San Francisco, CA, APA Convention
- **Mark Burton**, 6/3-9/1, Toolik Field Station, AK, fieldwork with Dr. Bret-Harte
- **Pam Deters**, 8/16-20, San Francisco, CA, APA Convention
- **Gunnar Ebbesson**, 8/11-19, San Francisco, CA, APA Convention
- **John Gonzalez**, 8/16-20, San Francisco, CA, APA Convention
- **Elizabeth Green**, 7/7-9/1, Seattle, WA, fieldwork
- **Brad Griffith**, 8/6-14, Yakustka, Russia, attend 12th Annual Arctic Ungulate Conference
- **Lesla Hollen**, 8/16-25, Cancun, Mexico, 8/16-25, International Society of Neuro-Chemistry Conference
- **Sarah Hopkins**, 6/11-8/23, CA, fieldwork
- **Scarlett Hopkins**, 8/8-15, Bethel AK, fieldwork
- **Sasha Kitaysky**, 8/15-18, Anchorage, AK, NPRB: Bering Sea Integrated Ecosystem Research

Program Patch Dynamic Meeting; 8/20-31,
Vancouver BC, Canada, meeting with co-PIs on
project

- **Franziska Kohl**, 7/31-8/25, Toolik Field
Station, AK, fieldwork
- **Catherine Koverola**, 8/16-20, San Francisco,
CA, APA Convention
- **Kevin McCracken**, 8/1/07-8/1/08, Peru,
Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, Ecuador, Falkin Islands,
Brazil, fieldwork
- **Jack McFarland**, 8/7-16, San Jose, CA, Ecol.
Soc. Amer. Annual Meeting
- **Kate McGlone**, 7/7-8/29, Seattle, WA,
Internship with UW Center for Genomics and Health
Care Quality
- **Gerald Mohatt**, 8/16-22, San Francisco, CA,
APA Convention
- **Donald Walker**, 7/31-9/5, Moscow; Nadiem;
Salekhard; Labatnagi; Russia, fieldwork

Quote of the week:

***"Never argue with a fool. Someone watching may not
be able to tell the difference."***

- Unknown -