



LIFE SCIENCE NEWS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to the IAB 2008 Summer Graduate Research Fellows.

Keiko Akasofu, Yeganeh Ataian, Mariana Bulgarella, Christopher Barger, Robert Burgess, Benjamin Gaglioti, Madeline Grant-Hoffman, Susan Hazlett, Chanda Meek, Christian Richey, Theresa Woldstad, and Brian Young.

Workshop

Modeling Patterns and Dynamics of Species Occurrence
Monday, May 5 - Thursday, May 8
8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Room 004 West Ridge Research Building (WRRB)

Instructor: **Darryl MacKenzie**
Proteus Wildlife Research Consultants

Cost: Regular \$540 Students \$350
Limited Space

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IAB is a sponsor of **The 2008 Alaska Book Festival** which will be held June 12-14. This year the theme is "Naturally Alaska." Authors whose genre is natural history will be sharing their works. The keynote speaker is artist Ray Troll from Ketchikan. The kick-off will be Thursday evening, June 12 with an authors reception on the main floor of the Rasmuson Library with food, wine and a faculty band. Troll's talk will follow at 7:00 p.m. in Schaible Auditorium. The next two days will be filled with lectures, workshops, panel discussions, and author readings at nine different venues around town on both Friday and Saturday night. The final event late Saturday will be Ray and his pick up band at the Howling Dog.

TUESDAY, MAY 6

2:30 p.m. - 201 Irving I

Ecology & Ecosystem Graduate Thesis Defense

"Ecological-Evolutionary Genetics of some Neotropical Birds"

Matthew Miller, M.S. candidate

Information: ffslc@uaf.edu

FRIDAY, MAY 9

10:00 a.m. - 401 Akasofu Building (IARC)

Wildlife Graduate Thesis Defense

"The Effects of a Changing Environment on the Population Dynamics of Trumpeter Swans in Alaska"

Joshua Schmidt

Information: ftjhs2@uaf.edu

7:00-9:00 p.m. - Birch Hill Cross-Country Ski Center

Ed Murphy Retirement Party

For a good balance of menu items please bring dishes that correspond alphabetically with the first letter of your last name:

Hot Dishes	A - G
Desserts	H - J
Cold Dishes	K - M
Condiments	N - R
Hor d-oeuvres	S - Z

Please sign up and e-mail to Dorothy at fndrp@uaf.edu. You may also send Dorothy an e-mail with what you'll be bringing.

We have asked a few faculty to step forward for committees, if you would like to volunteer for set-up/decorations; clean-up; cooking detail please let Dorothy know.

NO LIFE SCIENCES SEMINAR

Globalization and Culture Seminar Series
Sponsored by Center for Alaska Native Health Research
(CANHR)

Convener: **Kim Hopper**, Ph.D.
Columbia University

UA President's Professor of Biomedical Research
All Sessions in 209 Gruening Building

The Problem(s) of Culture(s)
Wednesday, May 7, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Globalization and Its Discontents - An Overview
Friday, May 9, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Culture(s) Revisited
Monday, May 12, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Creolization - The Making of (Postmodern?) Cultures
Wednesday, May 14, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Politics of Culture -
Examples from Alaska Native Research
Friday, May 16, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Participants are expected to do the readings; draft brief response papers, and take responsibility for leading discussion in one of the five sessions to be held. Special attention will be paid in the last session to introduced readings or reports that address how these issues have arisen in Alaskan Native health research.

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

Qualifications:

- Enrolled as a graduate student at UAF.
- In good academic standing.
- Pursuing a course of study in nutritional or physiological ecology of ungulates.

More information in the IAB Director's Office, or call 474-6464.

**2008-09 Canadian Studies Grant Opportunities
for Faculty and Students**

The Canadian Government, through its Embassy and Consulates in the United States, supports research, conferences, teaching, and program activity related to Canada and/or Canada-U.S. relations. Our grant program seeks to encourage comparative research and teaching, faculty exchanges, student mobility, and collaboration between American and Canadian researchers. We also seek to build stronger ties between American and Canadian universities and colleges.

In 2007-08, the Canadian Studies Grant Program provided support to faculty, researchers, and graduate students at 80 universities, colleges, and institutions in 31 states. More than 100 projects were funded on a wide range of topics and in many disciplines.

<http://geo.international.gc.ca/can-am/washington/studies/grantguide-en.asp>

More Information in the IAB Director's Office.

\$\$ GRANTS AND AWARDS \$\$

Sasha Kitaysky and Evgenia Kitaiskai
BSIERP Patch Dynamics Study UAF Seabirds
\$187,667
North Pacific Research Board

NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Jack R. Luick Memorial Travel Fund
Deadline: May 31, 2007
for travel through November 30, 2008

Applications are being accepted from students seeking limited support (generally \$500 - \$1,000) for travel to upcoming scientific conferences in 2008.

TRAVEL

- **Roger Arenas**, 5/7-11, Yukon Delta region, data collection
- **Bert Boyer**, 4/23-5/6, Yukon Delta region, data collection
- **Gunnar Ebbesson**, 5/4-8, Anchorage, Annual School of Addiction meeting
- **Cecile Lardon**, 5/7-11, Yukon Delta region, data collection
- **Michelle Mack**, 5/6-8, Baltimore, MD to attend LTER and Network Council meetings
- **Dave McGuire**, 5/4-8, Aarhus, Denmark, present at "After the Melt" International Conference
- **Joe Margraf**, 5/4-8, Portland, OR, Annual Meeting of the Western Division of AFS
- **Sangeta Sharma**, 5/5-14, to Fairbanks for FFQ training
- **Katie Villano**, 5/4-12, Colorado, attend New Generation Polar Research Symposium
- **Terry Chapin**, 5/4-10, Baltimore, MD, attend LTER Science Council

Quote of the week:

*The true test of character is not how much we know
how to do but how we behave when we don't know what
to do.*

~ John Holt