



LIFE SCIENCE NEWS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark your calendar! On December 4, IAB will host Terrie Williams, Associate Professor of Biology, University of California at Santa Cruz as the 2008 Irving-Scholander Memorial Lecturer.

Life Science Specialist Andrew Koerber from Fisher Scientific will be visiting UAF on September 24, 2008.

Andrew will be available from 10 am to 1 pm in the West Ridge Research Building Lobby. He will be able to answer questions and talk about new products. If you wish to set up an appointment please contact him at 800-955-6666 ext. 1992324

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

IAB Public Seminar

3:30 p.m. - Elvey Auditorium, 214 Elvey Building

“Spatial modeling and extrapolation: Simulation of the National Ecological Observation Network (NEON) sampling design”

Dave Schimel, NEON CEO, Natural Resource Ecology Laboratory, Colorado State University

Information: Dave McGuire, ffadm@uaf.edu

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Museum of the North International Polar Year (IPY)

Public Lecture

7:00 p.m. - Museum of the North

“Are we what we eat?”

Todd O’Hara, Institute of Arctic Biology

Information: 474-7505, <http://www.uaf.edu/museum>

Presented in partnership with the Arctic Institute of North America and the U.S. Arctic Research Commission. Free admission.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

LARS tour during UAF’s 2008 alumni reunion

3:30 p.m. - Robert G. White Large Animal Research Station

Lindsey Blaine, LARS tour coordinator

The Robert G. White Large Animal Research Station will be hosting a special behind-the-scenes tour for participants of UAF's 2008 Alumni Reunion.

Go to www.uaf.edu/alumni for reunion information.

NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Alaska Humanities Forum announces October 1

General Grant Deadline - The Alaska Humanities Forum is currently accepting grant proposals for projects that enrich the civic, intellectual and cultural life of all Alaskans. **General Grant Program proposals are accepted just one time per year and must be submitted by October 1st.**

Nonprofit organizations or institutions, individual scholars, or ad-hoc groups may apply for grants to fund proposals that promote the humanities in Alaska. The humanities are the study of human values, traditions, ideals, thoughts and actions.

The Forum’s grant program makes a variety of projects possible, including publications, films and other media, lectures, exhibits, public meetings, oral history, and humanities based research. The Forum awards approximately \$120,000 in grants annually. The majority of grant awards range from \$1,000 to \$10,000, with the average award of just over \$5,000.

LIFE SCIENCES SEMINAR

Friday, September 26, 2008

3:30 p.m. - Elvey Auditorium, 214 Elvey Building

“Mining Biodiversity Data: Moving Beyond Data Delivery in Megascience Projects”

Falk Huettmann

Institute of Arctic Biology and Dept. of Biology & Wildlife, University of Alaska Fairbanks

The online deadline for acceptance of proposals is **October 1 at 10:00 p.m.** For more information, including grant guidelines, instructions, and online application visit the Forum's web site at www.akhf.org or contact the Forum's grants office at 272-5373.

The **University of Alaska Coastal Marine Institute (CMI)**, established by a cooperative agreement among the University of Alaska, the State of Alaska and the Minerals Management Service is pleased to announce a funding opportunity for Federal Fiscal Year 2009. The purpose of CMI is to provide matching MMS funding for research in Alaska on coastal, marine and human environmental issues pertaining to offshore mineral exploration and extraction. Up to \$750,000 per year is available. Regions of interest include the Beaufort Sea, Chukchi Sea, or North Aleutian Basin as well as laboratory and other studies informing MMS management of Alaska's offshore oil and gas efforts. **Deadline for initial proposals is October 13, 2009.** Please visit the CMI website for more information <http://www.sfos.uaf.edu/cmi/admin/2009/>

ANGUS GAVIN MIGRATORY BIRD RESEARCH GRANT - Proposal Deadline: November 17, 2008

The UA Foundation is pleased to announce the availability of the Angus Gavin Memorial Bird Research Grant for the 2009 field season (\$14,000 maximum award). Proposals for the grant will be accepted from scientists within the University system, which includes graduate students and faculty members. <http://www.alaska.edu/foundation/grantsandawards>

More information in the IAB Director's Office.

TRAVEL

- **Bert Boyer**, 9/15-26, Yukon-Kuskokwim, data collection
- **Brian Barnes**, 9/19-24, Toolik, Genomics field work and meet with NSF and National Science Board
- **Donie Bret-Harte**, 9/19-24, Toolik, field work and meet with NSF and National Science Board
- **Kelly Drew**, 9/18-22, New York Academy of Science, Hypothermia, Threat to Cure
- **Eugenie Euskirchen**, 9/20-26, China, IBERA Conference
- **Erich Follmann**, 9/20-10/5, Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Atlanta, GA, presenting papers at the ICES Science Conference and the Rabies in the Americas Conference
- **Jason Garron**, 7/1/08-4/30/09, Bonanza Creek, site visit

- **Jon Gerken**, 9/14-10/14, Sulukna River, field work
- **Scarlett Hopkins**, 9/15-26, Yukon-Kuskokwim, data collection
- **Phillip Loring**, 9/18-5/1/09, Arizona and Mexico, RAP Internship, Sonoram Institute
- **Eliza Orr**, 9/16-22, Yukon-Kuskokwim, data collection
- **Melanie Richter**, 9/19-24, Toolik, field work
- **Jun Yan**, 9/4-29, Toolik, field work and meet with NSF and National Science Board

Quote of the Week:

"The foolish man seeks happiness in the distance; the wise grows it under his feet."

~James Oppenheim