



LIFE SCIENCE NEWS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

IAB's Annual Thanksgiving Feast will be Monday, Nov. 17, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Contact Kelly Seekatz at fnkls@uaf.edu to sign up soon to bring a dish to the potluck. It's a fantastic food and conversation event - mark your calendar and check your inbox for an email from Kelly.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

1:00 p.m. - Globe Room, 215 Elvey

Wildlife Graduate Thesis Defense

“Winter Movements of Arctic Foxes in Northern Alaska Measured by Satellite Telemetry”

Nate Pamperin

Information: ftnjp@uaf.edu

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

1:30 p.m. - Elvey Auditorium

IAB Public Seminar

“The Seabird-Tick System as a Model to Address Evolutionary Ecology Questions of Epidemiological Relevance: Host Specialization, Maternal Transfer of Antibodies and the Dynamics of Vector Borne Diseases”

Thierry Boulinier, Centre for Functional and Evolutionary Ecology (CEFE)

Information:

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Schaible Auditorium (Bunnell Building)

Far North Conservation Film Festival

The 5th annual Far North Conservation Film Festival. Sponsored by the Wildlife Society, USFWS, Alaska Public Lands Information Center, Fairbanks Arts

Association, and UAF Student Activities Office. Details available online at www.farnorthfilms.com.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Pioneer Park Centennial Center

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center

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NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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.

LIFE SCIENCES SEMINAR

Friday, November 7, 2008

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

“Wildlife Nutrition: Integrating Animal Responses to Variable Environments”

Perry Barboza

Institute of Arctic Biology, RGW Large Animal Research Station, Dept. of Biology and Wildlife

AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowship

program is accepting applications for their year-long assignments in Congressional offices or federal agencies until **Dec. 15, 2008**. Fellowships offer an opportunity to apply your knowledge and skills to national and international issues in the federal policy realm, while learning first-hand about establishing and implementing policy. Stipends are approximately \$69,000-\$90,000. To be considered for a fellowship, applicants must hold a doctoral-level degree. For complete eligibility criteria and information: www.fellowships.aaas.org.

Quote of the Week:

“A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.”

~ Lao-tzu, Chinese philosopher

The Christine Stevens Wildlife Award

Funding for innovative research in humane, non-lethal wildlife management and research.

Deadline: December 19, 2008

The Animal Welfare Institute (AWI) is now accepting applications for its 2008 Christine Stevens Wildlife Award program. This award program, named after the organization's founder, provides \$10,000 grants to award recipients to help defray the costs of innovative and creative research on humane, non-lethal tools and techniques for wildlife management and research.

Additional information about the Christine Stevens Wildlife Award can be found at

<http://www.awionline.org/wildlife/csaward.htm>.

TRAVEL

- **Archana Bali**, 11/1-7, Labrador, Canada, attending the 12th North American Caribou Workshop
- **Dixie Dayo**, 10/29-11/24, Old Crow, Inuvik, and Dawson, RAP International Internship fieldwork
- **Karen Enochs**, 11/1-6, Washington DC, NCURA Conference
- **Jason Garron**, 7/1/08-4/30/09, Bonanza Creek, site visit
- **Phillip Loring**, 9/18-5/1/09, Arizona and Mexico, RAP Internship, Sonoram Institute
- **Dave McGuire**, 11/3-8, Utrecht, Netherlands, CARBO-North Meeting
- **Joe Margraf**, 10/25-11/9, Sheperdstown, WV and Brookings, SD, attend a NCTC course, Guest Lecture, meet with SDCFWRU
- **Skip Walker**, 11/2-9, Helsinki, Finland, consultation and meeting on vegetation mapping
- **Mark Wipfli**, 11/2-5, Bethel, AK, sitting on Advisory Board for the Yukon Delta NWR
- **Emilie Wisner**, 11/4-10, S. Padre Island, TX, attend Waterbird Society Meeting