



# 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](mailto: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.

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

**10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - IAB Library**

#### **Waste Management Training**

There will be a Hazardous Waste Management training offered on Monday, November 10 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the IAB Library, 311 Irving I. This training is required for all people that work in a laboratory environment and have not previously had this training, or anyone that might have specific concerns about disposal of waste materials in their lab. If you would like to attend, please contact Jami Warrick at x5455 or at [jami.warrick@alaska.edu](mailto:jami.warrick@alaska.edu).

**4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - 201 Reichardt Building  
(Natural Sciences)**

#### **Faculty Candidate Seminar**

“Serotonergic Modulation of Dopamine Neurons”  
**Elizabeth Pehek**, Western Reserve University School of Medicine, candidate for Senior Scientist--Biomedical and Behavioral Health faculty position.

**Information:** 474-6676

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

**1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - 201 Irving I**

**Biobites--Biology Graduate Student Assoc. Seminar**

“Community, Population and Growth Dynamics of Thinleaf Alder: Implications for Nutrient Cycling on an Interior Alaskan Floodplain”

Dana Nossov, Biology and Wildlife graduate student

**Information:** [jstone29@alaska.edu](mailto:jstone29@alaska.edu)

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

**8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - TBA**

#### **First Aid/CPR Class**

The class will be given by Thadd Williamson with Environmental Health & Safety. The class itself will be of no cost to the participants; however, those wishing to obtain a certificate will be required to pay \$8.00 for the actual certificate. There is also an opportunity for AED (Automated External Defibrillator) training and certification as well. There is room for up to 12 participants in the class. The location of the class will be announced at a later date. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jami Warrick at x5455 or at [jami.warrick@alaska.edu](mailto:jami.warrick@alaska.edu).

**1:00 - 2:00 p.m. - 201 Irving I**  
**IAB Faculty Meeting**

### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

**8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - TBA**

#### **First Aid/CPR Class**

The class will be given by Thadd Williamson with Environmental Health & Safety. The class itself will be of no cost to the participants; however, those wishing to obtain a certificate will be required to pay \$8.00 for the actual certificate. There is also an opportunity for AED (Automated External Defibrillator) training and certification as well. There is room for up to 12 participants in the class. The location of the class will be announced at a later date. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jami Warrick at x5455 or at [jami.warrick@alaska.edu](mailto:jami.warrick@alaska.edu).

## **LIFE SCIENCES SEMINAR**

**Friday, November 14, 2008**

**“Commercial Use Sustainability Assessment of Wildlife in Argentina:  
Ecologic, Economic, Social and Institutional Dimensions”**

**Francisco Barbaran**

**Researcher, Argentina's National Research Council**

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

## **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

**2:00 p.m. - Elvey Auditorium**

**Ecology & Ecosystem Graduate M.S. Thesis Defense**  
“Balancing the Conservation of Wildlife Habitat with Road Access for Subsistence Hunting in Yakutat, Alaska”

**Colin Shanley**, Biology & Wildlife graduate student

**Information:** [colin.shanley@uaf.edu](mailto:colin.shanley@uaf.edu)

### **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.

#### **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](http://www.fellowships.aaas.org).

#### **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**

→ **Bert Boyer**, 11/11-16, Philadelphia, PA, Society of Human Genetics 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

→ **Dixie Dayo**, 10/29-11/24, Old Crow, Inuvik, and Dawson, RAP International Internship fieldwork

→ **Jason Garron**, 7/1/08-4/30/09, Bonanza Creek, site visit

→ **Phillip Loring**, 9/18-5/1/09, Arizona and Mexico, RAP Internship, Sonoran Institute

→ **Kristen O'Brien**, 11/9-11, Barrow, AK, outreach

→ **Steffen Oppel**, 11/9-15, Quebec, Canada, attend 3<sup>rd</sup> American Sea Duck Conference

→ **Julieanna Orcewska**, 11/9-11, Barrow, AK, outreach

→ **Abby Powell**, 11/9-15, Quebec, Canada, present at 3<sup>rd</sup> American Sea Duck Conference

→ **Spencer Audie**

**Cord Brundage**

**Andrea Corcoran**

**Lawrence Duffy**

**Michael Harris**

**Megan Hoffman**

**Yilong Ma**

**Mary Van Muelken**

**Marvin Schulte**

**Barbara Taylor**

11/14-19, Washington DC, Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting

#### *Quote of the Week:*

*“If two wrongs don't make a right, try three.”*

*~ Laurence J. Peter*