



LIFE SCIENCE NEWS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The winners of the Alaska EPSCoR minigrant program have been announced. This program supports projects aimed at finding new ways of increasing engagement of Alaska Native people in research activities.

These awards are for up to \$20,000 each and run January 22-June 30, 2009. More information on this program can be found at our website www.alaska.edu/epscor.

Awards were made to the following University of Alaska faculty:

Anita Hartmann, College of Liberal Arts, UAF
Claudia Ihl, Biology, UAF Northwest Campus
Mary Beth Leigh, Institute of Arctic Biology, UAF
Kenji Yoshikawa, Institute of Northern Engineering, UAF

Congratulations to these four recipients!

DHL domestic express and ground service will end effective Dec. 10, 2008. This change is for DHL Express U.S. only. Service guarantees for DHL's U.S. domestic products ended on Nov. 17, 2008. For more information go to: www.dhl.com or call 1-800-CALL-DHL.

IAB annual holiday party will be 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 13 at the Dog Musher's Hall, 925 Farmers Loop Road.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

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

Graduate Student Workshop

“Panel on How to Find a Job After Grad School”

The Biology Graduate Student Association will be hosting a panel that will address HOW TO LOOK FOR AND OBTAIN A JOB FOLLOWING GRADUATE SCHOOL. All graduate students are invited and encouraged to attend. The panel will consist of a current post-doc and new faculty member who will share information on finding and applying for positions at universities, a senior faculty member will discuss how search processes are conducted and what departments look for, a representative from Fish & Game will address the hiring process for agency positions, and a representative from the UAF career center will share information on how the UAF career center can specifically help graduate students who are looking for jobs.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

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

IAB Faculty Meeting

7:00 p.m. - University of Alaska Museum of the North, Arnold Espe Auditorium

IAB Public Seminar

“Animal Olympians: How Dolphins, Whales and a Couple of Other Surfer Dudes Helped Michael Phelps Earn Eight Olympic Gold Medals”

Terrie M. Williams, University of California, Santa Cruz

Information: ffpsb@uaf.edu

LIFE SCIENCES SEMINAR

3:30 p.m. - Elvey Auditorium

December 5, 2008

TERRIE WILLIAMS

University of California, Santa Cruz

“Do Carnivores Count Calories? How Environmental Perturbation is Leading to an Energy Crisis for Large Animals”

NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowship program is accepting applications for their year-long assignments in Congressional offices or federal agencies until **December 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.

Alaska EPSCoR Phase IV Call for Concept Papers Deadline: December 22, 2008

Call for concept papers - We are now calling for four-to-five-page concept papers that describe potential new or continuing themes that are appropriate for NSF support. Researchers preparing concept papers should review the EPSCoR specific review criteria on pp 12-13 of <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2008/nsf08587/nsf08587.pdf>.

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>.

Notice of Availability of Federal Assistance 2010 Request for Proposals

The Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program is seeking technically sound projects that gather information to manage and conserve subsistence fishery resources in Alaska.

The Request for Proposals # 701819R123 for the 2010 Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program is now posted to both world-wide websites, <http://www.fedbizopps.gov> and <http://www.grants.gov>, and the Office of Subsistence Management webpage at

<http://alaska.fws.gov/asm/fis.cfm?fissel=1>. Proposals are to be submitted by email to: fisheries_resource_monitoring@fws.gov before **January 12, 2009, 5:00 PM Alaska time.**

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Perry Barboza

“Caribou Body Condition Measures for the CARMA Network - Year 2 of 3”
\$50,000
University of North British Columbia

TRAVEL

- **Roger Arenas**, 11/30-12/4, Anchorage, AK Public Health Summit and team research meeting
- **Jayne Black**, 12/4-14, YK region, data collection
- **Bert Boyer**, 12/3-14, YK region, data collection
- **Jason Garron**, 7/1/08-4/30/09, Bonanza Creek, site visit
- **Scarlett Hopkins**, 12/3-16, YK region, data collection
- **Douglas Kernak**, 11/30-12/5, Anchorage, AK Public Health Summit and team research meeting
- **Cecile Lardon**, 11/30-12/4, Anchorage, AK Public Health Summit and team research meeting
- **Jordan Lewis**, 11/29-12/14, Dillingham, field work
- **Henry Lupie**, 11/30-12/5, Anchorage, AK Public Health Summit and team research meeting
- **Phillip Loring**, 9/18-5/1/09, Arizona and Mexico, RAP Internship, Sonoran Institute
- **Eliza Orr**, 12/4-14, YK region, data collection

Quote of the Week:

“Hem your blessings with thankfulness so they don't unravel.”

~Author Unknown