



LIFE SCIENCE NEWS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The IAB Holiday party and Ski Mass are here:

**Ski Mass, West Ridge Ski Hut, Noon
December 12, 2008**

**Holiday Party and Ski Mass awards
7:00 p.m. at Dog Musher's Hall
925 Farmer's Loop**

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.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

**2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - 401 Akasofu Building (IARC)
Biomedical Seminar**

“Smoking, Chewing and Cultural Identity: Prevalence and Correlates of Tobacco Use among the Yup'ik: the Center for Alaska Native Health Research (CANHR) Study”

Gerald V. Mohatt, Director, CANHR and
Christopher Wolsko, former UAF faculty member

This presentation is based on a manuscript that examines the prevalence and correlates of tobacco with a particular focus on its relationship to enculturation and acculturation among the Yup'ik of the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta region in Southwest Alaska.

Information: Michelle Dondanville, 474-6230

NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

**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>.

Important information about the 2009 Global Change Student Competition:

The Global Change Student Research Grant Competition has been expanded and is now open to students from both UAA and UAF. Maximum award amounts have been increased, and there is a renewed emphasis on undergraduate as well as graduate student submissions. Content and formatting requirements have changed significantly. The new guidelines will be posted at <http://www.cgc.uaf.edu> by 5 p.m. on Monday, December 8.

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>.

LIFE SCIENCES SEMINAR

3:30 p.m. - 207 Irving I

December 12, 2008

“Scientific Teaching, Examples from the Summer Institute”

KARSTEN HUEFFER

Assistant Professor of Microbiology, Institute of Arctic Biology, University of Alaska Fairbanks

**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.cfml?fissel=1>. **Proposals are to be submitted by email to: fisheries_resource_monitoring@fws.gov before January 12, 2009, 5:00 PM Alaska time.**

Quote of the Week:

“Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.”

~Author Unknown

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Erich Follmann

“Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Raboral V-RG Oral Rabies Vaccine in Captive Arctic Foxes”
\$7,000 supplement
USDA/APHIS

TRAVEL

- **Brian Barnes**, 12/10-14, Boston, MA, Arctic Observatory Network Workshop
- **Jaynene Black**, 12/4-14, YK region, data collection
- **Bert Boyer**, 12/3-14, YK region, data collection
- **Donie Bret-Harte**, 12/10-13, Boston, MA, Arctic Observatory Network Workshop
- **Bill Cable**, 7/1/08-4/30/09, Bonanza Creek, site visit
- **Terry Chapin**, 12/8-11, Washington, DC, NFS meeting
- **Roy Churchwell**, 12/7-9, Anchorage, AK, Alaska Shorebird Group Meeting
- **George Divoky**, 12/9-14, Quebec, Canada, present paper/posters at Arctic Change 2008 Conference
- **River Gates**, 12/7-9, Anchorage, AK, Alaska Shorebird Group Meeting
- **Scarlett Hopkins**, 12/3-16, YK region, data collection
- **Jordan Lewis**, 11/29-12/14, Dillingham, field work
- **Phillip Loring**, 9/18-5/1/09, Arizona and Mexico, RAP Internship, Sonoram Institute
- **Dave McGuire**, 12/8-10, Arlington, VA, attend Carbon Cycle Science Steering Group
- **Joe Margraf**, Juneau, AK, meeting with ADF&G, and grad student committee meeting
- **Eliza Orr**, 12/4-14, YK region, data collection
- **Audrey Taylor**, 12/7-9, Anchorage, AK, Alaska Shorebird Group meeting