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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - IARC 401

Graduate Student Meeting Barrow Young Researchers

The agenda for this first gathering is to recognize our fellow young Barrow researchers and to define the format of future interactions (seminars, workshop etc). The overall goal is to promote communication and exchange of information among the graduate students and recent post docs working in Barrow and adjacent areas, as highlighted by the Barrow Environmental Observatory Subcommittee. Young researchers from all scientific disciplines are encouraged to participate. If you have questions or have a conflicting schedule during our first meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Anna Liljedahl, IARC/INE grad student, ftakl@uaf.edu

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

1:00 p.m. - 201 O'Neill

Freshwater Ecosystems Seminar Series

“Western Arctic Contaminant Vertebrate Biotransport: Transboundary Linkages and Subsistence Users”

Todd O'Hara, UAF Fairbanks

Information: mark.wipfli@uaf.edu 474-6654

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - IAB Library

All IAB Workshop

Hazardous Waste Management training

There will be a Hazardous Waste Management training offered on Thursday, February 12 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the IAB Library, 311 Irving I. This training

is required by the EPA 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.

TAB proposal deadline Feb. 13, 2009

You can help determine how the technology fee is spent by submitting a proposal to the Technology Advisory Board. Visit www.alaska.edu/uaf/tab/ to submit a proposal. Faculty and staff deadline is Feb. 13, 2009 and the UAF student deadline is Feb. 20, 2009. Contact Linda Levy, Rasmuson Library, at 474-7442, or e-mail fydir@uaf.edu for more information.

The Student-Faculty Awards Committee is seeking **nominations** for the **Marion Francis Boswell Award** (Outstanding Graduating Senior Woman), the **Joel Wiegert Award** (Outstanding Graduating Senior Man), and the **Gray S. Tilly Memorial Award** (Outstanding Graduating Non-Traditional Student). These awards recognize outstanding UAF graduates each year.

You are encouraged to nominate a student or students for consideration by the committee relative to the awards above. Students nominated must have received or will be receiving their baccalaureate degree during the 2008-2009 academic year. Questions concerning these awards may be directed to Lydia Anderson at 7037. Nominations are accepted online at: www.alaska.edu/woodcenter/awards. Faculty, Staff, and students are encouraged to nominate.
Submission deadline is February 20, 2009.

LIFE SCIENCES SEMINAR

3:30 p.m.

Friday, February 13, 2009, Elvey Auditorium

**“What, Why, When, Where, and How of Stable C, N, and H isotopes
in Amino Acids in Ecological Studies”**

Marilyn L. Fogel

Biogeochemist, Senior Scientist

Carnegie Institution for Science: Geophysical Laboratory

NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Important information about the 2009 Global Change Student Competition:

Both graduate and undergraduate students are encouraged to check out the application information for the newly revised and expanded 2009 Global Change Student Research Grant Competition, now posted at <http://www.cgc.uaf.edu>. Interested students and their faculty advisors should read the 2009 information carefully, as many things have changed since last year! Paper copies of the announcement can be picked up at the Center for Global Change, Room 306 Akasofu (IARC), or the Graduate School, Room 202 Eielson. **Full proposals are due Friday, March 6, 2009.** For information call Susan Sugai at 474-5415.

The Emil Usibelli Distinguished Teaching, Research and Service Awards have been presented annually to three faculty members each year since 1992. These three \$10,000 awards go to individuals who display extraordinary excellence in teaching, research and public service - the areas representing the tripartite mission of the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Individuals receiving the awards will be exemplary in their contributions to the discovery, communication and use of knowledge.

All members of the university community - faculty, staff, students and the public are encouraged to submit nominations. **Nomination deadline is February 18, 2009.** Nominations will take the form of a one-page memorandum, highlighting the experience of the nominee in teaching, research or public service. Please choose which one of these areas you are nominating the candidate for and provide rationale of the nominee's qualifications and the nature of the distinguished activity. Please send nominations to the Office of the Provost, 301 Signers' Hall, fax to 474-1836, or email to fnskl@uaf.edu.

The Compton Foundation

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Details: UAF may submit one proposal per year.

Deadline: March 7, 2009

URL:

http://www.comptonfoundation.org/application_procedure.html

TRAVEL

- **Brian Barnes**, 2/11-14, University of Minnesota, Duluth, MN, to present two invited seminars
- **Bill Cable**, 7/1/08-4/30/09, Bonanza Creek, site visit
- **La Ona DeWilde**, 1/13-3/12, Sao Paulo, Brazil, IGERT internship
- **Phillip Loring**, 9/18/08-5/1/09, Arizona and Mexico, RAP Internship, Sonoram Institute
- **Kevin McCracken**, 1/31-2/14/09, Wright State University for an invited seminar and Washington, D.C. to participate in the Dissertation Improvement Grant Panel
- **Jen Peterman**, 2/8-21/09, Palm Springs, CA, NCURA Conference
- **Joe Welch**, 2/10-21, Anchorage-Fairbanks, research with Perry Barboza
- **Mark Wipfli**, 2/14-18, Orono, ME, present and collaborate on research at the University of Maine

Quote of the Week:

The man who doesn't read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them.

~Mark Twain