



LIFE SCIENCE NEWS

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Announcements

Congratulations to Roger Ruess! Congratulations to Roger Ruess! Please join me in congratulating Professor Roger Ruess on being selected for the 2014 Emil Usibelli Distinguished Research Award, UAF's most prestigious faculty award.

Roger has been at the Institute of Arctic Biology and the Department of Biology and Wildlife since 1989 as a ecosystem ecologist with research interests in the structure and function of boreal forest environments. His work specializes on what controls growth and diversity of plants and trees in highly seasonal environments, especially the roles of nutrient availability, plant-fungal and plant-animal interactions, and disturbance from floods, fire, and herbivory. Roger is currently the principal investigator of the Bonanza Creek Long-Term Ecological Research (BNZ-LTER) program.

The Emil Usibelli Distinguished Teaching, Research, and Public Service Awards have been presented annually since 1992. The three \$10,000 awards go to individuals who are exemplary in their contributions to the discovery, communication, and use of knowledge.

Brian M. Barnes

Director, Institute of Arctic Biology

Business office staff update. Please join us in

wishing Rachell Peterson a fond farewell and congratulations as she moves to a new position as Grant Manager for our friends at the Geophysical Institute. Rachell has been an indispensable part of our team and her contributions have been a great benefit to our Institute. We will miss her outgoing and friendly demeanor, but we are happy to know she will still be close by.

Plan and schedule your year-end purchases now. Check [\(here\)](#) for deadlines for the UAF procurement requisition cutoff schedule for Fund 1.

IAB Graduate Summer Travel Awards program is accepting applications. [Details here.](#) Deadline April 23, 5 p.m.

UAF wellness program, [HealthyRoads](#), information available. Employees and spouses/FIPs enrolled in the UA Choice health plan are eligible to earn a rebate on their health plan payroll contribution.

CANHR's Children's Healthy Living Program is having a winter clothing drive. Spring is finally here! Out with the old and in with the new, but don't let that used winter gear go to waste. The Children's Healthy Living Program in the Center for Alaska Native Health Research is organizing a preschooler-sized winter clothing and equipment

LIFE SCIENCES SEMINAR

Friday, 25 April 2014

CANCELED

Cumulative Impacts of Infrastructure and Climate Change in the Prudhoe Bay Oilfield

drive. For preschoolers to be physically active in the winter, they need the right gear! We need your help to make Fairbanks a more active community. Donate winter gear appropriate for children ages 2-8 years old in the Arctic Health Research Building (Room 105) or the Patty Center. We are collecting anything from skis and sleds to jackets and snow pants. Items must be clean and in good condition!

Events and Seminars

21 April 2014

- **Meeting: InfoEd Sponsored Programs Information Network InfoEd SPIN**

UAF Office Sponsored Programs
2:00PM - 3:00PM
West Ridge Research Building (WRRB) Conference Rm 010-LL

22 April 2014

- **ACCAP Webinar: NOAA Climate.gov: An Audience-Focused Approach to Public Communication David Herring**

NOAA Climate Program Office
10:00AM - 11:00AM
<https://accap.uaf.edu/node/1057>

24 April 2014

- **Workshop: Spring 2013 UAF Career Workshop Karen Kelsky**

Academic Career Coach and found of "The Professor Is In"
8:30AM - 5:00PM
Elvey Bldg, Globe Room rm 215

25 April 2014

- **Notice: SpringFest (no classes)**

Travel

- **Barboza, Perry**, 4/27/14 - 5/2/14, Girdwood, AK, Attend 48th North American Moose Conference
- **Bias, Salena**, 4/20/14 - 4/24/14, YK Delta, Data Collection
- **Black, Jynene**, 4/20/14 - 4/24/14, YK Delta, Data Collection
- **Boyer, Bert**, 4/23/14 - 4/25/14, Kotzebue, AK, WAISC Conference Attendance/Presenting
- **Chow, Lorraine**, 4/15/14 - 6/7/14, Carrizo Plain, CA, Conduct fieldwork in support of research project in Carrizo Plain
- **Dainowski, Bonita**, 4/23/14 - 4/25/14, Kotzebue, AK, Present at WAISC
- **Daly, Kathryn**, 4/18/14 - 5/14/14, Toolik Field Station, Spring field work
- **Drew, Kelly**, 4/23/14 - 4/26/14, Kotzebue, AK, Participate in the Western Interdisciplinary Science Conference
- **Epstein, Howie**, 4/23/14 - 4/25/14, Rockville, MD, Attend NASA LCLUC Meeting
- **Fraleay, Kevin**, 4/21/14 - 4/21/14, Cantwell, AK, Flight surveys for rainbow trout research
- **Grajal-Puche, Alejandro**, 4/15/14 - 6/7/14, Carriso Plain, CA, Conduct fieldwork for research project in Carrizo Plain, CA
- **Kelsky, Karen**, 4/23/14 - 4/25/14, Fairbanks, AK,

Speaker for Career Development Workshop

- **Kofinas, Gary**, 4/26/14 - 5/11/14, Montpellier, France, Attend Resilience 2014 Conference and Resilience Science Meeting
- **Koonce, Carolyn**, 3/17/14 - 8/31/14, Fairbanks, AK, Work at UAF
- **Maggard, Stephanie**, 4/22/14 - 4/25/14, Kotzebue, AK, Attend/Present at the WAISC Meeting
- **Moore, Jeanette**, 4/18/14 - 8/1/14, Toolik Field Station, Summer field work
- **Niles, Krsitine**, 4/20/14 - 4/24/14, YK Delta, Data Collection
- **Schoen, Erik**, 4/22/14 - 4/24/14, Anchorage, AK, Attend Juvenile Salmon Workshop

• **Sellmer, Kristen**, 4/22/14 - 4/24/14, Anchorage, AK, Attend Juvenile Salmon Workshop

• **Shoen Group**, 3/16/14 - 12/31/14, Chena and Tanana Rivers in North Pole and Fairbanks areas, Field work for Chinook predation project

Grants and Awards

Go to the IAB funding opportunities webpage, www.iab.uaf.edu/research/funding_opps.php, for the latest on available grants, scholarships, fellowships, and awards.

IAB in the News

4/16/14: Capital City Weekly

[Thawing toolik station is no small task for scientists](#)

See the [UAF Cornerstone](http://cornerstone.uaf.edu) for more news and events (<http://cornerstone.uaf.edu>).

Quote of the Day

Question everything. Learn something. Answer nothing.

[Euripides](#)