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Announcements

IAB SkiMass will be Dec. 11 at noon. Teams must be registered by 4 p.m. Wed. Dec. 10. Details and web sign-up [here](#). SkiMass is a costumed, 3-person, short-course ski race. The snow is cooperating, the trails are fantastic and the temperatures are balmy!

Welcome to IAB's new fiscal officer Melissa McDonough! We're very excited to announce that Melissa will be joining the IAB family Dec. 22. She is currently the fiscal analyst at UAF's Office of Finance and Accounting. According to IAB Executive Officer Phill Harrington, "we wanted the best, and we got the best."

Welcome to IAB's new grant tech Valia Casey! We're thrilled to announce that Valia will be joining the IAB family Jan. 5. She is currently the administrative assistant for IAB Center for Alaska Native Health Research, has loads of inside-IAB knowledge, and will be a very familiar face in Irving I. Please join us in giving Valia a hearty welcome.

Events and Seminars

11 December 2014

• IAB SkiMass 2014

IAB SkiMass

12:00PM - 1:00PM

UAF Ski Hut

• IAB Holiday Party: IAB Holiday Party

6:00PM - 10:00PM

Dog Musers Hall, Farmers Loop Road

12 December 2014

• Notice: Last day of classes

Travel

• **Abels, Mike**, 12/12/14 - 12/20/14, San Francisco, CA, TFS and AGU meetings

• **Barnes, Brian**, 12/12/14 - 12/23/14, San Francisco, CA, Attending AGU Conference

• **Bersamin, Andrea**, 12/6/14 - 12/9/14, YK Delta, Dissemination/ program/field work

• **Bret Harte, Donie**, 12/12/14 - 12/20/14, San Francisco, CA, Present at AGU

• **Buchhorn, Marcel**, 12/7/14 - 12/13/14, Ottawa, Canada, Attend Arctic Change Meeting

• **Churchwell, Roy**, 12/8/14 - 12/12/14, Juneau, AK, Attend Alaska Bird Conference

• **Craig, Heather**, 12/9/14 - 12/13/14, Juneau, AK, Attend Alaska Bird Conference

• **DuBour, Adam**, 12/9/14 - 12/12/14, Juneau, AK, Attend Alaska Bird Conference

• **Edgar, Colin**, 9/1/14 - 6/15/15, Toolik Field Station, Field work

• **Epstein, Howard**, 12/8/14 - 12/12/14, Ottawa, Canada, Attend Arctic Change Meeting

• **Euskirchen, Eugenie**, 12/12/14 - 12/19/14, San Francisco, CA, Attend NGEE and AGU

• **Genet, Helene**, 12/13/14 - 12/19/14, San

Life Sciences Seminars in the Murie Auditorium, Fridays 3-4 p.m.
No seminar scheduled this week.

Francisco, CA, Present at AGU

- **Harms, Tamara**, 12/14/14 - 12/20/14, San Francisco, CA, Attend the Berkeley Catchment Science Symposium and present at AGU
- **Huettmann, Falk**, 8/12/14 - 12/10/14, Florida, Semester at Sea
- **Joe, Jorene**, 12/8/14 - 12/12/14, Fairbanks, AK, Reflections of Qungasvik Projet & Project Review
- **Jones, Jay**, 12/14/14 - 12/20/14, San Francisco, CA, Present at AGU
- **Kanevskiy, Misha**, 12/7/14 - 12/13/14, Ottawa, Canada, Attend Arctic Change 2014 Conference
- **Klein, David**, 11/24/14 - 12/12/14, Corvallis, OR. Oregon State University. CAFF Arctic Biodiversity Congress, Trondheim, Norway., Invited talk on coastal erosion, nesting birds, and foxes on St. Matthew Islands
- **Kofinas, Gary**, 12/7/14 - 12/13/14, Ottawa, Canada, Attend Arctic Change 2014 Conference
- **Lara, Mark**, 12/12/14 - 12/18/14, San Francisco, CA, Attending AGU
- **McGuire, Dave**, 12/12/14 - 12/19/14, San Francisco, CA, Attend AGU
- **Murphy, Carl**, 12/6/14 - 12/20/14, Kaposvar, Hungary, MRI Training and Collaboration with the University of Kaposvar
- **Nu, Jennifer**, 12/4/14 - 12/9/14, YK Delta, Data Dissemination
- **Okitkun, Reynold**, 12/8/14 - 12/11/14, Fairbanks, AK, Reflections of Qungasvik Projet & Project Review
- **Powell, Abby**, 12/8/14 - 12/12/14, Juneau, AK, Attend 16th Alaska Bird Conference
- **Robinson, Brian**, 12/8/14 - 12/12/14, Juneau, AK,

Attend Alaska Bird Conference

- **Shoen Group**, 3/16/14 - 12/31/14, Chena and Tanana Rivers in North Pole and Fairbanks areas, Field work for Chinook predation project
- **Tucker, Colin**, 12/14/14 - 12/20/14, San Francisco, CA, Attend AGU
- **Walker, Skip**, 12/7/14 - 12/13/14, Ottawa, Canada, Attend Arctic Change 2014 Conference
- **Zhang, Yujin**, 12/12/14 - 12/19/14, San Francisco, CA, Present at AGU
- **Zhou, Jiake**, 6/4/14 - 12/17/14, Fairbanks, AK, Attend UAF

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

12/5/14: Juneau Empire
[Alaska blackfish in a world of its own](#)

12/6/14: Alaska Dispatch News
[Air-breathing, cold-resistant Alaska blackfish has legendary toughness](#)

New IAB Publications

Legend: **f**=faculty, **r**=research scientist, **s**=staff, **e**=emeritus, **a**=affiliate, **g**=grad student, **p**=post-doc, **u**=undergrad student, **h**=high school student

Borg, B.L. (g), Brainerd, S.M. (r), Meier, T.J., and **Prugh, L.R. (f)** (2014). Impacts of breeder loss on social structure, reproduction and population growth in a social canid. *Journal of Animal Ecology* [IAB 3908].

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

Quote of the Day

He who has health, has hope; and he who has hope, has everything.

[Thomas Carlyle](#)