



LIFE SCIENCE NEWS

Published by the Institute of Arctic Biology

Monday, 15 December 2014

Announcements

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.

SkiMass 2014 was a rousing success! Check out the results page [here](#) to see who skied the fastest and who wowed the judges with their costumes. Well done everyone!

Photo contest (cash prizes): The U.S. Arctic Research Commission (USARC) is holding a photo contest titled "Observing the Arctic" to identify compelling Arctic images to be included in USARC's publication "Report of the Goals and Objectives for Arctic Research 2015- 2016." This report, to the President and Congress, outlines scientific research goals and objectives for the Arctic.

Submissions of original photos of Alaska and the greater Arctic region are sought in the following categories:

- *Environmental Change
- *Human Health
- *Natural Resources
- *Civil Infrastructure
- *Indigenous Cultures and Identities
- *Nature

One overall winner and six runners up will be selected. Consistent with U.S. Federal Government Challenge.gov regulations, the winner will receive a prize of \$400.00, and the winning photo will be prominently exhibited in USARC's Alaska and Washington offices, displayed on the USARC website, and published on the cover of USARC's 2015-2016 Goals Report.

The six runners up will receive prizes of \$150.00 each, and will also have their photos displayed on the USARC website and published in the report. For details, [click here](#).

Events and Seminars

15 December 2014

- **Notice: Final exams**

16 December 2014

- **Notice: Final exams**

- **Thesis Defense: Spring Beauty (Claytonia) in Beringia: new evidence from morphometrics and phylogenetic analysis**
Stephany Jeffers

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

1:30PM
Murie Bldg, rm 107

17 December 2014

- **Notice: Final exams**

18 December 2014

- **Notice: Final exams**

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
- **Bret Harte, Donie**, 12/12/14 - 12/20/14, San Francisco, CA, Present at AGU
- **Brown, Dana**, 12/15/14 - 12/20/14, San Francisco, CA, Attend and present at AGU
- **Edgar, Colin**, 9/1/14 - 6/15/15, Toolik Field Station, Field work
- **Euskirchen, Eugenie**, 12/12/14 - 12/19/14, San Francisco, CA, Attend NGEE and AGU
- **Genet, Helene**, 12/13/14 - 12/19/14, San 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
- **Hollingsworth, Teresa**, 12/16/14 - 12/20/14, San Francisco, CA, Presenting at AGU
- **Huntsman, Brock**, 12/16/14 - 12/17/14, Anchorage, AK, Present research at the Chinook Salmon Research Initiative Meeting
- **Jones, Jay**, 12/14/14 - 12/20/14, San Francisco, CA, Present at AGU
- **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
- **Muskett, Reginald**, 12/12/14 - 12/20/14, San Francisco, CA, Attend AGU, NGEE Conferences
- **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
- **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

11/26/14: Alaska Business Monthly
[Snow-starved Alaska not the normal state](#)
Brian Barnes

12/8/14: Sit News
[Alaska blackfish in a world of its own](#)
Brian Barnes

12/9/14: Alaska Dispatch News
[While not highly prized, coyote fur still works great for Alaskans](#)
Laura Prugh

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

Knapp, C.N., **Chapin III, F.S. (e)**, **Kofinas, G.P. (f)**,
Fresco, N., Carothers, C., and Craver, A. (2014).
Parks, people, and change: the importance of
multistakeholder engagement in adaptation planning
for conserved areas. Ecology and Society 19: [IAB
3909].

Blair, B., Lovecraft, A.L., and **Kofinas, G.P. (f)**

(2014). Meeting institutional criteria for social
resilience: a nested risk system model. Ecology and
Society 19: [IAB 3910].

Young, R.C. (g), **Kitaysky, A.S. (f)**, Carothers, C.,
and **Dorresteijn, I. (g)** (2014). Seabirds as a
subsistence and cultural resource in two remote
Alaskan communities. Ecology and Society 19: [IAB
3911].

See the [UAF Cornerstone](http://uafornerstone.net/) for more news and events (http://uafornerstone.net/).

Quote of the Day

Nobody cares how much you know, until they know how much you care.

[Theodore Roosevelt](#)