



LIFE SCIENCE NEWS

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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."

Happy Solstice! The days are getting longer and the running and skiing is fantastic. We wish everyone at IAB a very merry holiday. Cheers from your communication and web support team!

IAB SkiMass results posted. A big thank you to everyone who participated in IAB's 2014 SkiMass. The violin birthday serenade was lovely. Results are online at www.iab.uaf.edu/events/skimass_results.php

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.

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

25 December 2014

- **Notice: Christmas Holiday**

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

26 December 2014

- **Notice: Christmas Holiday**

Travel

- **Barnes, Brian**, 12/12/14 - 12/23/14, San Francisco, CA, Attending AGU Conference
- **Edgar, Colin**, 9/1/14 - 6/15/15, Toolik Field Station, Field work

- **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.

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

Quote of the Day

Hope is but the dream of those who wake.

[Matthew Prior](#)