**Announcements**

**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](http://www.iab.uaf.edu/events/skimass_results.php)

**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](http://www.iab.uaf.edu/events/skimass_results.php).

**Events and Seminars**

**6 January 2015**

- **Webinar: ACCAP Alaska Climate Webinar Series: National Ecological Observatory Network in Alaska: Taiga and Tundra**
  - Katrine Gorham
  - National Ecological Observatory Network
  - 10:00AM - 11:00AM
  - [https://accap.uaf.edu/NEON](https://accap.uaf.edu/NEON)

**Travel**

- **Edgar, Colin**, 9/1/14 - 6/15/15, Toolik Field Station, Field work
- **Jones, Jay**, 1/11/15 - 1/14/15, Yellowknife, NWT, Canada, Attend Wildfire Workshop

**Grants and Awards**

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

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

1/4/15: citizenvoice.com (Wilkes-Barre, PA)
Wilkes coordinator to lead research group studying climate in Alaska
Toolik Field Station

New IAB Publications


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

Quote of the Day
Let the beauty of what you love be what you do.
Rumi