



LIFE SCIENCE NEWS

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Announcements

The Institute of Arctic Biology is pleased to announce **Stacy Rasmus, Ph.D.**, as the Interim Director of our Center of Alaska Native Health Research (CANHR) January 1, 2018. Stacy is an associate research professor with IAB and the College of Rural and Community Development. As a biological anthropologist, Stacy investigates social and cultural factors that lead to resilience and protection from abuse and violence among Yup'ik Alaska Native youth. She is principal investigator on an R01 grant from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism and on a new U19 award from the National Institute of Mental Health on reducing risk from co-occurring alcohol abuse and suicide, in addition to awards from the National Science Foundation.

We wish Stacy continued success with her research programs and additional accomplishments and achievement in her new leadership position with CANHR.

The **2018 Funding Call** is now open for the **National Park Service Shared Beringian Heritage Program**. This program celebrates the unique natural resources and cultural heritage shared by Russia and the United States in the region known as Beringia. From the Kolyma River in the west to Alaska's border with the Yukon in the east, Beringia includes the people, the land, and the water that connected the continents of North America and Asia during the Pleistocene ice ages. The area provides unparalleled opportunities to study both earth and human history. The overall purpose of the Shared Beringian Heritage Program is to advance local, national, and international understanding and preservation of the region's resources and to sustain the cultural vitality of its indigenous people. Learn more about it at <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/beringia>.

The UAF Science Communication Club (

facebook.com/UAFSciCommClub) is hosting a Storytelling Workshop with Rob Prince, creator of Dark Winter Nights (<http://professorprince.com/darkwinternights>). Please join us if you are interested in sharing your story of overcoming challenges, motivations in becoming a scientist, or crazy field experiences. Even if you feel like you don't have a story, storytelling techniques can improve your next conference presentation or journal article. This workshop is Friday, January 26th from 10:30am to 12:00pm in 501 Akasofu and is open to UAF faculty, staff, and students. Please email mhcysewski@alaska.edu to RSVP for the workshop.

Events and Seminars

15 January 2018

- **Alaska Civil Rights Day: Alaska Civil Rights Day**

16 January 2018

- **Spring 2018 Classes Start: Spring 2018 Classes Start**

Travel

- **Falk Huettmann**, 1/4/18 - 1/31/18, Punta Arenas, Chile, Field Work
- **Jacques Philip**, 1/16/18 - 1/19/18, Anaktuvuk Pass, AK, Field Work

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

IAB in the News

1/12/18: Anchorage Press

[City Wilds: Wood Frogs Sweeten Up to Survive](#)

[Alaska's Winters](#)

Brian Barnes

12/28/17: GlacierHub

[As Alaska Glaciers Shrink, Salmon Populations May](#)

[Also Decline](#)

Erik Schoen, Jeffrey Falke, Alaska Cooperative Fish

and Wildlife Research Unit

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

Coker, R. (f) and R Wolfe, R. (2017). Weight Loss Strategies in the Elderly: A Clinical Conundrum. Obesity 26:22-28 [IAB 4367].

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

Today's Quote

The price of greatness is responsibility.

[Winston Churchill](#)