



## WEEKLY RAP FOR February 6, 2012

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ALL RAP Seminar - **401 IARC** at 3:30 -5:00 pm – Presentations followed by discussion, pizza, fruit and cheese:

**2/15 – Rachel Garcia** – “Public Use of Local Foods in the Tanana Valley: Understandings of Producers and Low-Income Community Members” - **and** Discussion of dissertation defense techniques based on Karen Mager’s defense (see below) – Lead by Gary Kofinas.

### **RAP EVENTS:**

**\*February 15 – 2:00 pm – Elvey Auditorium – Karen H.-R. Mager will defend her dissertation, “Population Structure And Hybridization Of Alaskan Caribou And Reindeer: Integrating Genetics And Local Knowledge”.**

**\*February 6- 10 –Various RAP students will present at the Alaska Forum on the Environment**

### **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:**

**February 29 – Proposals due** – The Office of Sustainability and RISE will fund your ideas that increase sustainability on campus. Please see attached RFP.

### **CONFERENCES:**

**\*February 6 -10 - Dena’ina Center - Anchorage - The Alaska Forum On The Environment.** The agenda is available at <http://akforum.com/agenda.htm> and registration information is located at <http://akforum.com/register.html>. For general information, go to <http://akforum.com/>.

**\*February 17 – Proposals due- Presentations At The National Marine Educators Association’s (Nmea) Annual Conference - June 24-28, 2012.** This year’s conference, North to Alaska’s Seas: a confluence of science and culture, will be held for the first time in Alaska and will bring together formal and informal educators, scientists, students, and resource managers to share ideas about the world of water. Go to <http://www.coseealaska.net/nmeaconference2012/> for conference information and instructions on submitting a proposal. Submit proposals to Beth Trowbridge, [beth@akcoastalstudies.org](mailto:beth@akcoastalstudies.org).

**\*March 14-15 - Princess Riverside Lodge in Fairbanks March - The Sustainable Agriculture Conference** Review the agenda and register at the Cooperative Extension Service’s website at [www.uaf.edu/ces/ah/sare/conference/](http://www.uaf.edu/ces/ah/sare/conference/). There will be two preconference workshops held on March 12: Business Planning for Farmers, and Cultivating Mushrooms Workshop. For more information contact Taylor Maida via email at [temaida@alaska.edu](mailto:temaida@alaska.edu) or call 474-2422.

**\*March 1- Application deadline — University of Oregon, Eugene, OR - May 23 -24 - Indigenous Peoples and Climate Change Conference** - Students will present their research in either oral paper panels or poster sessions, and a broader local and regional community will be invited to participate, including American Indian and Alaska Native students from tribal colleges and others from native communities. Dr. Daniel Wildcat, Haskell Indian Nations University and Larry Mercurief, Seven Generations Consulting will be the keynote speakers. Please go to <http://uoclimateconference.wordpress.com/about/> for more information

## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:**

**\*Social Science Analyst Job at US Forest Service Research Office – Evanston, IL** - Analyst provides research support to a group of Research Social Scientists. In this job, you will focus on supporting the unit researchers as needed and communicating research and findings to the general public via plain language research summaries and content for the unit website. Research projects will focus loosely on the social side of environmental issues in the greater Chicago region. The job will be posted in the coming weeks at [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov). If you are interested in the job, please send a note to Vassia Heneghan ([vheneghan@fs.fed.us](mailto:vheneghan@fs.fed.us)). Vassia will send you an email with the link to the job when it is posted on [usajobs.gov](http://usajobs.gov). Please see attached flier.

## **Alaska Public Lands Information Centers – Employment and Summer Job Opportunities -**

<http://www.alaskacenters.gov/job-opportunities.cfm> - Great way to get a foot-in-the-door with the National Parks Service.

## **LECTURES:**

**\*February 7 - 2:00-4:00pm in IARC room 417 Methods for Interdisciplinary Research Seminar Course talk and discussion with William Schneider** (Project Jukebox) about conducting interviews in cross-cultural contexts on Tuesday Feb. 7th. The Toll Free number is [800-893-8850](tel:800-893-8850). Participant PIN 4956642 if you cannot attend in person.

If you plan to attend please look over the following material before hand.

Schneider, W., 2010. Interviewing In Cross-Cultural Settings. The Oxford handbook of oral history, 51.

<http://books.google.com/books?id=gNkL6T8Zx4cC&lpg=PA51&ots=Wes3vhnoQ2&dq=%22Interviewing%20in%20CrossCultural%20Settings%22%20%20William%20Schneider&lr&pg=PA51#v=onepage&q&f=true>

Huntington, H.P., 2005. “We Dance Around in a Ring and Suppose”: Academic Engagement with Traditional Knowledge. Arctic Anthropology 42, 29-32. PDF Attached

Please look at the Stakeholder's climate change jukebox

<http://jukebox.uaf.edu/site/stakeholders/> and explore how the narrators from Tanana use the following terms; "June rise" and "when the moose start to move around", these will be the basis the class discussion

**\*February 7 – 7:00 pm – Westmark Hotel, Gold Room – Science for Alaska lecture Series - Greg Finstad** will present – “Reindeer: Tundra Gold”.

**\*February 13 – 7:00 pm – Noel Wien Library Auditorium** - Derek Sikes, Curator of Entomology, UA Museum of the North will present – “Ecosystem Reassembly On Kasatochi: Terrestrial Arthropods Three Years Post-Eruption”.

**\*February 15 – 7:00 pm – UAF Wood Center Ballroom – Alan Lockwood** will present – “Coal’s Assault on your Health”. Reception at 6:30.

## **THIS AND THAT:**

**\*February 10 – Survey Due** - The Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) recently commissioned an independent evaluation of the Renewable Energy Fund grant recommendation program. The Vermont Energy Investment Company (VEIC) was selected via a competitive process for performing this evaluation and is assisted by the Alaska Center for Energy and Power (ACEP) in conducting both the research and reporting key findings and recommendations to AEA. The purpose of this evaluation is to identify ways to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the processes used in the program and their impact in Alaskan communities. The survey is found at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AlaskaRenewableEnergyFund>

**Sustainable Movie night at the Pub – Monday nights at 8:00 pm** - Sponsored by the Office of Sustainability

2/6– The Age of Stupid  
2/13 – Food Inc  
2/20 – Milking the Rhino  
3/5 – The Tipping Point  
3/12 – Cultivating Sustainability  
3/19 – Taking Stock  
3/26 – Building Green  
4/2 – Too Hot To Handle  
4/9 – Blue Gold  
4/16 – The State of the Ocean’s Animals  
4/23 – Earth Days  
4/30 – Climate of Change  
5/7 – Bag It  
5/14 - Fuel