*The Research Activities Committee of the Association of Polar Early Career Scientists (APECS) is dedicating this June to Social Sciences!

We have developed a new APECS Social Sciences webpage for that at http://www.apecs.is/research-fields/social-sciences

We will be updating our website continuously with information on what APECS social sciences members are doing, who our mentors are, and how to find out more about polar social sciences! We will also have various activities, including a Virtual Poster Session showcasing some of the great research projects our members are working on and a career development workshop in connection with the 7th International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences in Akureyri, Iceland!

So if you are an early career researcher doing research in a field related to social sciences we encourage you to:
* post a brief update on your research, pictures or videos to the Social Sciences Bulletin Board;
* send us links or citations for your recent publications;
* join our Social Sciences mailing list;
* tell us about your research blog or website, so we can include a link to it for others to follow your efforts

Feel free to also send us other links or ideas so we can include them to the APECS Social Sciences website; rosa.thoris@gmail.com (Rosa Rut Thorisdottir) or g_fugmann@hotmail.com (Gerlis Fugmann)

*NOBEL LAUREATES CALL FOR STRENGTHENED EARTH SYSTEM GOVERNANCE

On May 16-19, more than twenty Nobel Laureates, several leading policy makers and some of the world’s most renowned thinkers and experts on global sustainability met for the Third Nobel Laureate Symposium at the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in Stockholm with the support of HM King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden.

The Nobel Laureate Symposium took a transdisciplinary approach to discuss how economic, political and social systems can be governed within the boundaries of the planet. The Symposium concluded with the Stockholm Memorandum: Tipping the Scales towards Sustainability. In this memorandum, Nobel Laureates call for "strengthening of Earth System Governance" as a priority for coherent global action.

This memorandum has been submitted to the High-level Panel on Global Sustainability appointed by the UN Secretary General and will feed into the preparations for the 2012 UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20).

The Earth System Governance Project is undertaking a range of activities to contribute to the process leading to the Rio+20 conference theme on the Institutional Framework for Sustainable Development and to strengthen earth system governance. This includes the production of a Policy Assessment on the Institutional Framework for Sustainable Development. A dedicated website
The Earth System Governance Project is the largest social science research network in the area of governance and global environmental change. Its international research programme takes up the challenge of exploring political solutions and novel, more effective governance systems to cope with global environmental change. More information on the project, including publications, events, and its large international network of researchers and research institutions is available at [http://www.earthsystemgovernance.org](http://www.earthsystemgovernance.org).

For more information on the Third Nobel Laureate Symposium see: [http://globalsymposium2011.org](http://globalsymposium2011.org)

**Funding Opportunities:**


*July 1, 2011 – Deadline - NASA EPSCoR Travel Grants* Amount: $1000 per award. For faculty. [http://spacegrant.alaska.edu/nasaepscor/RID](http://spacegrant.alaska.edu/nasaepscor/RID)

*July 1, 2011 – Deadline - NASA EPSCoR Research Initiation Grants* Amount: $20,000 per award. **Deadline:** 7/1/2011. For faculty. [http://spacegrant.alaska.edu/nasaepscor/RID](http://spacegrant.alaska.edu/nasaepscor/RID)

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:**

*Graduate student needed ASAP for several weeks* - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) in Anchorage, AK. FWS has been asked by the Environmental Protection Agency to assist with their watershed assessment of Bristol Bay as part of a potential Clean Water Act Section 404(c) action. Specifically, FWS is working on wildlife species accounts and evaluating the vulnerability or risk to a number of species (i.e., brown bear, caribou, moose, wolves, waterfowl, shorebirds, landbirds, raptors, and seabirds) from each of several development scenarios: hydropower development; continued village infrastructure development/activities; oil and gas development; large scale mining; major road development, etc., within the Nushagak and Kvichak watersheds. Contact Mike Buntjer – 907-271-3053

**WORKSHOPS:**

*June 22-24 – Professional Grant Development Workshop – UAA*

Participants Will Learn How To:

- Navigate the world of grant procurement
- Research and identify potential funding sources
- Address the guidelines of federal and foundation applications
- Identify and effectively write the key elements of a proposal
- Create a grant design prior to writing the proposal
- Write winning grants that stand out against scores of competing submissions
- Develop focused and realistic budgets
- Demonstrate that one’s proposal merits excellence and innovation
- Package professional grant submissions

Our ultimate goal is:

For each participant who wishes to develop a proposal, to walk away with a product that includes the grant design, abstract and budget.

*Space is limited, and since this class fills-up quickly, it is on a first-come, first-serve basis.*

Workshop Fee: $595.00 (including tuition, materials, certificate of completion, and continental breakfast)

Rebate of $50.00 per person is given for two or more registrants from the same organization.

To Register: Please visit our [website](http://www.earthsystemgovernance.org) or call us toll free at (866) 704-7268; (571) 255-2061