



WEEKLY RAP FOR November 2, 2009

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Please note: From now on I will post each funding and conference announcement once in the Weekly RAP and then transfer the information to the RAP website under the tab RAP Resources/Seminars and Conferences of Interest. You can also access past Weekly RAPs under the RAP Resources tab as well.

RAP SPONSORED EVENTS

Last call *Effective Group Facilitation Workshop: RAP and the Chancellor's Office are co-sponsoring a training workshop on facilitation Nov 12-14. **The workshop will occur as three half-day sessions on Nov 12 (1-5); Nov 13 (8:30-12); and Nov 14 (8:30 to 12). Space in the workshop is limited. If you would like to reserve a spot in the workshop, please contact Ellen at ellen.weiser@alaska.edu to register. There are still a few spots left. There is no cost.**

Workshop description: The potential of many promising collaborative initiatives is undermined by our inability to work effectively in groups and teams. In this short course, participants will be introduced to the core competencies for group facilitation, and will learn what it takes to enable groups to function effectively and achieve durable outcomes. Designed for independent practitioners, managers, team leaders, coaches and others who seek to enhance their ability to support collaboration, this course presents a clear framework for the practice of facilitation, revealing the essential ingredients for success, and providing practical tools and templates that can be applied in diverse settings. The course includes multiple hands-on exercises, case studies and role plays, and includes opportunities for participants to identify and address some of the more challenging situations in multi-party group process.

All RAP Seminar – 401 IARC – 3:30 -5 pm

*** Special Event November 11 at 5:30 pm (Please note time change):** Julian Griggs will talk give a talk entitled, *An Insider's View of Collaboration: Lessons from a Decade of Conservation Planning in BC's Muskwa-Kechika Management Area*. Dinner and discussion will follow. Please RSVP to Ellen at ellen.weiser@alaska.edu. This is a special opportunity to engage in informal discussion with a noted facilitation expert!

November 18: 417 IARC (Please note new date and place) Students who completed RAP internships last year will give presentations about their internship experiences, followed by a discussion about how to make the most of an intership experience.

December 2: Stian Stensland will speak on "Angling Tourism and Salmon Management in Norway. - The Role of Landowners and Private Fishing Rights".

***Last call** We are making available the book **Principles of Ecosystem Stewardship, Resilience-Based Natural Resource Management in a Changing World**; Chapin, F. Stuart III.; Kofinas, Gary P.; Folke, Carl (Eds.) at the authors' discount rate of **\$33.40**

plus about \$5-\$7 shipping per book. If you are interested in purchasing the book at the discounted rate, please let Ellen know. **We will purchase only the number of books requested.**

CONGRATULATIONS:

The National Institutes of Health has selected **Dr. Jordan Lewis** as one of six individuals to serve as members of the Director's Council of Public Representatives (COPR), the advisory committee to the NIH Director on issues important to the public. Dr. Lewis is the vice president of the National Association of Social Workers, Alaska Chapter, for which he oversees recruitment and retention of members from rural areas of the state. He has just completed his doctorate in cross-cultural community psychology at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and he plans to use his diverse social work skills and policy background to improve health care programs for Alaska Natives. Dr. Lewis has presented his research on successful aging among Alaska Natives at conferences around the country and in Sweden. He also has taught courses on rural social work and issues of resilience in Alaska.

CALL FOR PAPERS

New *The World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium invites papers for the August 2010 edition of the WINHEC Journal. **The deadline for papers is June 15, 2010.** For more information, including the guidelines for papers, please contact: Professor Veronica Arbon, veronica.arbon@deakin.edu.au, 2010 Editor, Institute of Koorie education Deakin University, Geelong, Victoria, Australia. The previous editions can be reached online at <http://www.win-hec.org>

*The *NRF, A United Nations Sustainable Development Journal* is inviting your views on the following question for the *Viewpoints* section of the February 2010 issue: "Should sustainable consumption and production be a policy priority for developing countries, and if so, what areas should they focus on?" Each entry should be **200 words or less** addressing the above question. The deadline for submission to the *Viewpoints* for the February 2010 issue is: **November 30, 2009**. Submit your contribution to nrforum@un.org and provide your name, title, affiliation and contact details.

THIS AND THAT

New *Here is a link to the Traditional Peoples and Climate Change special issue of Global Environmental Change: Human and Policy Dimensions
http://www.sciencedirect.com/science?_ob=PublicationURL&_tokey=%23TOC%236020%232009%23999809997%231024480%23FLA%23&_cdi=6020&_pubType=J&_auth=y&_acct=C000025157&_version=1&_urlVersion=0&_userid=508790&md5=17dc533a8a3f1781f88fe4d6abd3cb86

New * At the climate change summit in Copenhagen in December, world leaders could make decisions affecting the future of our planet. They will have an historic opportunity to commit to actions that help to protect us from the disastrous consequences of dangerous climate change. Sign Friends of the Earth International's petition here to urge

them to do the right thing by our climate and people all over the world.
<http://www.foe.co.uk/climatetalks/petition.html>. More info about the petition:
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<http://www.foe.org/>