THE 2009 RAP RETREAT WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 5, 2009 at THE ELKS LODGE 1003 PIONEER ROAD FROM 8 AM TO 5 PM.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE. STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS.

CONFERENCES

Thule Institute Research Seminar “Towards Better Understanding of Global Change” – October 12 to 14, 2009 at the Oulanka Research Station, Kuusamo, Finland. The seminar with transportation and accommodation is free of charge. Dead-line for abstracts September 18 and dead-line for registration is September 25.


Ocean Management Research Network National Conference – October 21 to 24, 2009 – University of Ottowa, Ontario, Canada - Please visit http://www.omrn-rrgo.ca/smc/registration.php to register and to learn more about the conference (including information on the Conference Hotel – the Sheraton Ottawa).

*Complex Adaptive Systems and the Threshold Effect: Views from The Natural and Social Sciences - AAAI Fall Symposium, Arlington Virginia, November 5-7. Submission Date May 15 for notification by June 5. Registration, September 18. For information go to http://sites.google.com/site/complexadapativesytem.


Dissertations Initiative for the Advancement of Climate Change Research - March 13-20, 2010 - Saguaro Lake Ranch, Mesa, Arizona Application Deadline: Monday, 31 August 2009 For further information, please go to: http://www.discrs.org/ Or contact the organizers: Email: info@disscrs.org

The Teaching Professor Conference - May 21-23, 2010 - Hyatt Regency Cambridge in Cambridge, MA. Featured topical areas are: Scholarship of Teaching; Learning; The Pedagogies of Engagement; Teaching Unique Types of Courses; Faculty Growth, Resilience, and Change; Teaching and Learning with Technology; Undergraduate Research. For more information about the proposal process and how to submit your proposal, please click here: www.teachingprofessor.com/conference/proposals

TALKS AND LECTURES

September 22 - 7 pm - Schaible Auditorium - Joe Garcia will give a public lecture titled "Leading Multicultural Teams".

September 23 – 1 pm – 201 O’Neill – Terry Chapin is giving a talk on Resilience as a strategy for sustainability in a rapidly changing world.

New September 25 – 3:30 pm – 304 Eielson - The first talk of the UAF Department of Anthropology colloquium season will be given by Prof. Linda Green (University of Arizona) this coming Friday at 3:30 pm. Dr. Green’s presentation will focus on “Tuberculosis Epidemics and Yup'ik Peoples over the Course of the Twentieth Century."

New September 25 – All Day - Ian Urquhart will be in town and available to speak with any students interested in Canada and/or oil and gas development. Dr. Urquhart teaches in the Department of Political Science at the University of Alberta. His current research examines the political economy of Canada's petroleum sector with a particular focus on the tar/oil sands found in the province of Alberta. The manuscript he is working on, "A Costly Fix?: Alberta's Tar Sands in an Oil-Addicted World," examines the factors responsible for what may be the greatest resource boom in North American history. Among other subjects, the manuscript examines the domestic and international political/economic factors that shaped public policy making, the impact of this development on the environment, the challenges the rapid exploitation of this resource poses for First Nations/indigenous peoples and the potential for contemporary environmental politics to shape the future of exploiting the tar sands.

Please contact Amy Lovecraft at 907.474.2688 by Thursday evening to make arrangements for Friday.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:


Please note the change in time September 23 at 1 pm at the Coffee Roaster's - Interested RAP students are invited to meet with Gary Kofinas to discuss ideas for a new Adaptive Management course.

New The following two classes may be of interest:
(1) PS 603 Public Policy - RAP students have traditionally taken this course if they are
interested in adding any policy analysis or activism to their work. Taught by Amy Lovecraft, it focuses on frameworks of policy analysis, research design, and then the latter half of the class has each student designing the policy research section/chapter of his or her thesis or dissertation. This will be taught Tues/Thurs 5:20-6:50pm

(2) PS/ANS 450 Comparative Aboriginal Rights and Policies. This is not currently a graduate level course, but will be taught by Dr. Meek and grad students are allowed to take a limited number of 400 level courses. It could be very valuable for anyone interested in doing comparative work, or simply gaining a better understanding of how indigenous people are governed (and in turn affect governance) in different countries. It will be taught Mondays 5:30-8:30pm

IGERT now offers a way to stay in touch with others in the field. www.IGERT.org offers a sustainability group that you can join as well as notices of conferences and meetings. You can sign up and join the group.

Here is a link to recent testimony on July 30th, 2009 by John Holdren, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Office of the President of the United States, addressing the US Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation. In particular, from the perspective of a social scientist, it provides a quite articulate statement of the need for a focus on adaptation with regard to climate change, and for the importance of integrating social science into the larger research and discourse process. http://commerce.senate.gov/public/_files/HoldrenTestimony.pdf

7th Annual P3 Awards: A National Student Design Competition for Sustainability Focusing on People, Prosperity and the Planet. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as part of the P3Award Program, is seeking applications proposing to research, develop, and design solutions to real world challenges involving the overall sustainability of human society. For more information go to http://www.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2010/2010_p3.html

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

New The Wilderness Society of Anchorage Alaska is looking for a full time regional director. Please go to http://wilderness.org/content/alaska-regional-director for details.

New The Department of Political Science in the College of Arts and Sciences at Case Western Reserve University invites applications from outstanding scholars for a tenure-track position in the general areas of environmental, energy, and/or sustainability politics and policy. Junior applicants should submit a letter of application stating research and teaching interests, a curriculum vitae, and at least two writing samples to Professor Karen Beckwith; Department of Political Science, Case Western Reserve University; Mather House 111, 11201 Euclid Avenue; Cleveland, OH 44106-7109. Please e-mail these materials to lauren.gallitto@case.edu. They should also arrange for three letters of reference to be sent as hard copies to Professor Beckwith. Senior applicants should submit to the e-mail address listed above a letter of application indicating research and teaching interests and a curriculum vitae with a list of references.