

# Summer Sessions & Lifelong Learning

2009  
annual  
report

## 2009 was a very good year.

Summer 2009 was a summer to celebrate. Enrollment was up. Over 2,000 students took advantage of the hundreds of academic courses. In addition thousands of students, community members and visitors to our campus enjoyed over 39 cultural programs.

Sustainability was our summer theme. It was a concept reflected in our catalog, our website, and in many on campus events. Green tips and suggested green reading in the catalog were helpful. We took another step forward with the UAF Really Free Market, a 'free cycling' event for all Fairbanks community members. But this is just a beginning. It cannot be a one-year effort. Therefore, this coming year, 2010, will be another year dedicated to sustainability. We invite you to join us with ideas and suggestions to enhance our campus and our community.

Our Summer Sessions & Lifelong Learning team acknowledges that we could not succeed alone. It took many key players to achieve the successes of this past summer. First and foremost we thank the faculty whose dedication and talents made this summer academically what it was. From there the list is long and has way too many to name. We do however want to give a special thanks to Darrin "Bear" Edson and his team at the physical plant who contributed in some form to nearly every event this summer.

It has been a very good year and we look forward to what the next one will bring.

Michelle Bartlett  
Director, Summer Sessions & Lifelong Learning



## NEW IN 2009—

**Students Admitted for Summer:** For the first time in UAF history, students were admitted to UAF for the summer term. While in past years open enrollment enabled all to take courses during the summer, only students admitted to the university were eligible for financial aid. Summer admission allowed entering freshman to use financial aid available for the 2008–09 academic year and still begin the fall 2009 semester with a full year's worth of financial aid available. One hundred sixty-seven students took advantage of this summer admission opportunity.

**WINTERmester:** With the success of MAYmester, 2009 brought about the creation of WINTERmester, a two-week intensive term at the beginning of January. From January 5–16, 192 students chose to complete up to three credits. The sub-zero temperatures did not deter these determined students who were grateful for the opportunity to move one step closer to their degree. WINTERmester 2010 is scheduled for January 4–15.



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**TUITION WAIVERS**—SLL has been investing in students for the past four years with the Summer Tuition Waiver program. This summer 31 of the 79 waivers awarded were the result of generous support from UAF units: CLA, CNSM, SOM, TVC, SNRAS, OLLI, and CEM. New students who have taken less than 12 credits and continuing students with a 2.5 or better GPA and are FAFSA eligible can apply for a tuition waiver which will cover up to three credits of tuition. Waivers can only be used for degree-required courses offered by Summer Sessions.



Students receiving summer tuition waivers in 2009 included (left to right) Adrian Triebel, Leanne Burnett, Chrissy Hardman, James Smith, and Sarah Miner.

## Academics

## WEEKEND FOCUS CLASSES

A popular element of Summer@UAF, Weekend Focus classes again offered students an opportunity to acquire skills in areas that included entomology, fly-fishing, emergency trauma training and more. Woodworking classes such as Make a Chair from a Green Tree and Greenwood Spoon Carving, led by local master craftsman John Manthei, were exceptionally popular. A total of 193 students participated in various courses.



Dana Medison

## SUMMER NUMBERS SOAR

Enrollment this past summer in the following disciplines have seen significant increases over Summer 2008:

- Journalism: 8%
- English: 9%
- Communication: 16%
- Mathematical Sciences: 23%
- Anthropology: 29%
- College of Rural and Community Development: 41%
- Counseling: 43%
- History: 85%
- Justice: 155%
- Social Work: 200%
- Music: 244%

## OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE

Led by Program Director, Professor Emeritus Barbara Lando, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) is a program for those 50 years of age and older. It is housed administratively under SSSL. Formerly the UAF Alaska Lifelong Learning Institute, OLLI was awarded a \$1 million endowment in 2008 to continue this program at UAF in perpetuity. This funding and the continued support from UAF, the OLLI members, and the Fairbanks community have allowed OLLI to serve more than 600 members in 2009 an increase of 6% over 2008.

During the past year OLLI offered 106 classes many of them taught by full time UAF faculty members. Topics included holocaust literature, film and book criticism, economics, history, and photography. Total course enrollment was over 2700 students. In addition OLLI members enjoyed summer excursions to Katmai National Park, Dawson City, the Yukon River and Eagle, Kotzebue, and Kaktovik. For more information contact OLLI at 474-6607 or [www.uaf.edu/olli](http://www.uaf.edu/olli)



Osher Lifelong Learning hiking club



International Volcanological Field Study, Katmai National Park

Revel Laboratory

## EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

SSLL invites students to enjoy the wilds of Alaska and the world with the Travel, Explore and Discover program. One of the highlights was the Winter Cultural Tour to Viet Nam in January, which took 19 participants to the country to learn about and experience the culture. Other travel classes in 2009 were:

- Archaeological Field Study: Tanana Basin, Mead Site near Delta Junction: 22 students
- Kayaking in Prince William Sound, Valdez: 10 students
- Alaska Soil Geography Field study in Northern Alaska (Dalton Highway, Brooks Range and beyond): 19 students
- Marine Biology and Ecology Field Course in Kasitsna Bay: 8 students
- International Volcanological Field Study, in Katmai National Park and Kamchatka, Russia: 13 students
- Intensive German Language and Culture, in Bonn, Germany: 7 students

## \$50K+ SHARED WITH SCHOOLS AND DEPARTMENTS

SSLL is a self support unit which derives its funding from tuition. Net revenue is shared with schools and departments based upon the enrollments. This year \$51,965 was distributed was to the following schools and departments.

### Schools

- School of Education
- School of Management

### Departments

- American Sign Language
- Anthropology
- Art
- Communications
- Developmental Education
- Early Childhood Education
- English
- Informational Technology
- Justice
- Mathematics
- Music
- Psychology
- Social Work

Over the past six years over \$250,000 of discretionary funds have been distributed as a part of our revenue sharing program.

## Community Events

39 special events to captivate the Fairbanks community during the 2009 season.

**LEGACY LECTURE**— The 2009 UAF Legacy Lecture, a tradition that features a distinguished UAF alumnus, featured **Grace Berg Schaible** June 1. This event was presented in partnership with the UAF Alumni Association. Her lecture can be viewed at [www.uaf.edu/summer/multimedia](http://www.uaf.edu/summer/multimedia).



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**DISCOVER ALASKA LECTURE SERIES**—Every Wednesday evening dozens of folks came to campus to attend the Discover Alaska Lecture Series. Thanks to our talented speakers, the following lectures were given:

- **Neil Davis**, Geophysicist: *The Mystery of Auroral Sound*
- **darleen masiak**, Artist: *Continuing with Art*
- **Brian Barnes**, Biologist: *Overwintering Strategies of Arctic Animals*
- **Terrence Cole**, Historian: *The D.A. Never Rests: The Rise of Ted Stevens in 1950s*
- **Dirk Lummerzheim**, Geophysicist: *Auroral Colors*
- **Peter Webley**, Volcanologist: *Volcano Monitoring in Alaska: Remote Sensing and Google Earth*
- **David Payer**, Biologist: *Floating the Rivers of The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge*
- **Dermot Cole**, Columnist: *Alaska at 50: The First Half-Century of Alaska Statehood*
- **Derek Sikes**, Entomologist: *Alaska's Charismatic Microfauna: Our Mostly Six-Legged Neighbors*
- **Charles Mason**, Photojournalist: *Ravens, Dinosaurs, and Tourists: A Fairbanks Photographer Looks at Alaska and Beyond*
- **Lance Mackey**, Dog Musher: *Growing Up in a Dog Mushing World*

It is not too late to enjoy any of the lectures. They are all available via podcast at [www.uaf.edu/summer/multimedia](http://www.uaf.edu/summer/multimedia).

## FREE MOVIES—

- **Reel Alaska—Documenting History:** Free weekly movies sponsored by the Rasmuson Library
- **Alaska Center for Documentary Film: 30 Years of Cultural Filmmaking:** Free weekly movies, made possible by Sarah Elder and Leonard Kamerling, co-founders of the Alaska Center for Documentary Film.

"I enjoyed these films. They give such an insight. Books and words on paper cannot express what you see in these films: The landscapes and the faces of these Eskimos. Thank you."  
—Anne Mare



**A PATHSTAR STORY**— A free lecture event entitled "From the Badlands to Alcatraz: A Pathstar Story," featuring **Nancy Iverson, M.D.** It was presented in partnership with University Advancement and School of Education and Counseling Programs, Fairbanks Memorial Hospital and the Center for Alaska Native Health Research.

**MARION NESTLE**— Prize-winning author and nutritionist **Marion Nestle** not only visited Fairbanks to offer an in-depth analysis of the business of food in the United States but also took the time to explore the business of local and state



business of food. Prior to addressing a full house July 15 on "The Politics of Food: Personal Responsibility vs. Social Responsibility," she visited the Tanana Valley Farmers Market, area grocery stores and a few Community Supported Agriculture farms.

The event was presented in partnership with UAF Cooperative Extension Service. Her lecture is available at [www.uaf.edu/summer/multimedia](http://www.uaf.edu/summer/multimedia).

**THE GOLDEN DAYS PARADE**— UAF made a cooperative effort to celebrate with the Fairbanks community at the annual downtown parade. Partners were UAF Cooperative Extension, School of Natural Resources Management, UAF Athletics, Marketing and Communications, Tanana Valley Campus, Faceoff Club, Future Farmers of America, Facility Services, Auxiliary Services, 4-H and Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival.



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"We've come every week to both the films and lectures. We are new to Alaska (2 years) and have learned so much. I especially liked Dr. Iverson and her project with Pine Ridge and Dr. Nestle. Thank you."  
—Alice LaBarre

**THE ALASKA BOOK FESTIVAL**—The third annual Alaska Book Festival was held June 11–13, bringing together Alaska authors in the name of history. In honor of 50 years of statehood, the theme was Historically Alaska. Authors from around the state gathered to share ideas and comments about their own works relating to the state's history. Keynotes were given by Alaska Native leader **Willie Hensley** and historian **Brian Garfield**.

The festival included readings, workshops, lectures and even some music throughout the three-day schedule. A highlight was the historical walking tours that offered insight into Fairbanks' past. Sponsors were Institute of Arctic Biology, Geophysical Institute, International Arctic Research Center, UA Geography Program, Institute of Marine Science and Center for Research Services.



**WHAD'YA KNOW?**—**Michael Feldman** brought the cast and crew of his Public Radio International quiz show *Whad'Ya Know?* to Fairbanks August 7. Alaskans filled the house to enjoy local novelties along with regular quiz show features. There was a lesson on marmot research from “the marmot guy,” UAF graduate student **Aren Gunderson**; a brisk discussion about cold with Anchorage's **Bill Streever**, author of *Cold: Adventures in the World's Frozen Places*; and more. The show broadcast live on KUAC August 7, and was aired again nationwide at regularly scheduled show times August 8. A podcast can be found at [www.notmuch.com](http://www.notmuch.com).



Nathan the airman wins the Whad'ya Know? quiz!

**UAF LAUNCHES A REALLY FREE MARKET**—

On Saturday, June 27, UAF hosted its first annual Really Free Market. At this market, unlike a flea market or a swap meet, everything was free. It was built around the following precepts:

- Because there's enough for everyone
- Because sharing is more fulfilling than owning
- Because a sunny day outside is better than anything money could buy
- Because “free trade” is a contradiction in terms
- Because no one should have to do without food, shelter, entertainment, and community

Designed after similar events throughout the country, the market invited anyone with safe, clean usable items to drop them off at the Patty Center parking lot from 8-10 a.m. Throughout the day anyone in want or need of an item — a couch, clothes, dishes, a microwave, anything — could just come pick it up. For free. Support came from various entities on campus and throughout the community, creating an eclectic team of volunteers enthusiastic about making the market a new UAF tradition. Coordinating committee members included Darrin Edsen, Pete Pinney, Lydia Anderson, Doris Nichols, Juella Sparks, Heidi Shepard, Robert Holden, Jennifer Ward, Netha Tuatagaloa and Greta Johnson.



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**FREE MARKET**

**2010 CALENDAR**

WINTERmester . . . . .	January 4–15
MAYmester . . . . .	May 17–28
Six-week Session I . . . . .	May 24–July 2
Five-week Session I . . . . .	June 1–July 2
Six-week Session II . . . . .	July 7–August 13
Full Session . . . . .	June 1–August 13
AUGUSTmester . . . . .	August 16–27



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