

## **NRM F692 and GEOG F692 Syllabus**

Class meets Thursdays from 3:40 pm to 5:10 pm in Rm 183 in the Arctic Health Research Building.

Instructor is Steven Seefeldt, State Horticulture Specialist. Office is room 317 O'Neill. Phone number is 474-1831. Email is [ssseefeldt@alaska.edu](mailto:ssseefeldt@alaska.edu).

There are two objectives to this semester's seminar:

1. Discuss the book Omnivore's Dilemma
2. Prepare you for employment using practice talks for graduate student competitions at scientific meetings. As a graduate student you will need to present and defend your research to both the school and at a scientific meeting. Most scientific meetings come with graduate student competitions where cash and awards can be won (not to mention these prizes look really good on a resume). To accomplish this objective, each student will present a 15 minute talk on their research or study area. Each talk will be evaluated by a faculty team. These talks are meant to be a learning experience and should help make you more competitive when applying for work in the future.

### **Class Schedule**

1/14 – Steven Seefeldt, SNRE, UAF

1/21 – Invited speaker Jen Becker – Farming in Alaska. Start Chapter 1

1/28 – Discuss Chapters 2-7

2/4 – Discuss Chapters 8-10

2/11 – Discuss Chapters 11-14

2/18 – Discuss Chapters 15-20

2/25 – Invited Speaker Drs. Glen Juday and David Verbyla - Mechanisms of climate change effects in the Alaska boreal forest point toward adaptation: a chance for Alaska to lead again

3/4 – Invited Speaker Dr. Milan Shipka - We are Alaska's Land Grant University, but what does that mean?

3/11 – Invited Speaker Dr. David Valentine - Strategic pathways for Alaska: Education and natural resources management in a time of few financial resources

3/25 – Steven Seefeldt – Preparing talks for scientific meetings

4/1 – Student presentations

4/8 – Student presentations

4/15 – Student presentations

4/22 – Student presentations

4/29 – Student presentations

5/6 – Student presentations