

Summer Sessions & Lifelong Learning

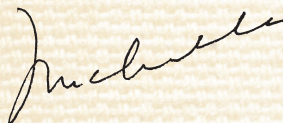
2012 ANNUAL REPORT

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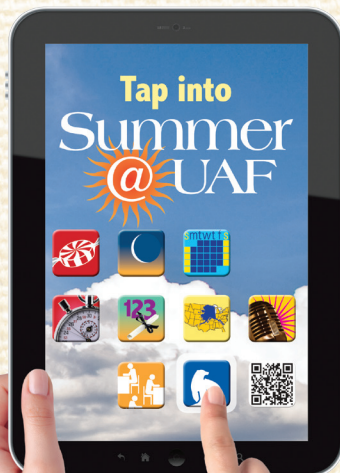
Summer Sessions & Lifelong Learning (SSL) offered over 200 courses and 47 events during summer 2012. But SSL is not only about summer, it operates throughout the year. In January, hundreds of students took WINTERmester courses. An extreme temperature of -35°F did not prevent almost 200 people from attending **John Walsh's** WINTERmester lecture on climate change. On March 17, **Paula Poundstone** had the audience laughing for two hours straight during her sold-out one-woman show. Each year SSL's educational travel program takes folks to foreign destinations. The trip to Turkey this fall will introduce the country's natural, cultural and political history to the travelers. In January, another group will head to Peru and the Galapagos Islands. SSL also hosts educational groups coming to Alaska. This year an **Osher Lifelong Learning Institute** group from the University of Vermont visited for a 10-day program.

SSL is an incubator that turns ideas into reality for students and the Fairbanks community. Over the past ten years, we have worked with colleagues across campus to begin new UAF traditions. Summer in-state tuition for all, the **Sweet Summer Deal**, **Really Free Markets**, the **Legacy Lectures**, award-winning UAF entries in the Golden Days parade, **WINTERmester**, **MAYmester**, **Family Cultural Nights**, the **Alaska's Land and Sea** lectures, Discover Alaska, **REEL History** movie series and the **Music in the Garden** concerts all began with an idea that was nurtured with the help of many, and today each of those ideas are an integral part of UAF.

We are grateful for the individuals and departments who have partnered with us in this dynamic process and we look forward to what we can create together in the years to come.



Michelle Bartlett
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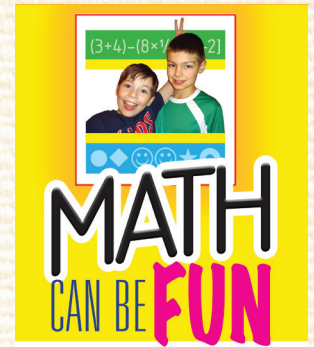
New in 2012

Graduate Student Tuition Awards

New to our Summer Sessions financial aid this year were **graduate student tuition awards**. We were pleased to offer over \$20,000 which was distributed among 25 qualified graduate students taking an SSL course required for their degree completion. Five students from the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, four students from the College of Liberal Arts and 16 students from the School of Education received awards.

Math Can Be Fun

In an attempt to promote math skills in children from grades two to six, **Math Can Be Fun - A Day Camp for Parents and Children** was launched this year. The intention of the program is two-fold: To help improve children's math skills prior to middle school and, to give parents the tools to effectively work with their children on developing those skills. Professional teachers worked with both parents and children during two separate, week-long sessions. The enthusiastic feedback from both parents and their kids has encouraged us to continue pursuing similar programs in the future.



Music in the Garden

Also new this summer was **Music in the Garden (MIG)**, a free, outdoor public concert series held in the Georgeson Botanical Garden. MIG's success surpassed all expectations, attracting well over 1,000 spectators throughout the five concert season. Attendance at the

Thursday night concerts, which were broadcast live on KUAC, grew vastly over the summer. Moreover, glowing success of the series has encouraged us to expand each event next summer. Our inaugural MIG season included the following bands: **Fairbanks Red Hackle Pipeband** and **Highland Dancers**, **Haifa**,



The Frosty Bottom Boys, The Rock Bottom Stompers and Zingaro Roots. The Georgeson Botanical Garden; Kohler, Schmitt and Hutchison PC; and KUAC sponsored these events.

Sweet Summer Deal

With the success of the Sweet Summer Deal (SSD) in 2011, we sought to expand this financial aid by offering more courses to more students. By joining forces with eLearning (previously the Center for Distance Education), we were able to offer their courses in addition to ours. Residence Life supported SSD students by offering a 28% discount on campus housing. This dynamic duo boosted the number of SSD applicants by 150% over last year.

Academics

Summer Field Schools

Summer at UAF offers the unique opportunity to experience

Alaska's wilderness and wildlife while earning credits during our summer field schools. These rare opportunities to use nature's classroom are the kinds of experiences that Summer Sessions prides itself on providing to our students. This summer, students took advantage of nine on-site opportunities in seven disciplines including: **Anthropology, Geoscience, Art, Biology, Natural Resource Management, Marine Science and Geological Engineering.**

The **Archaeological Field School** at the Mead Site in the Tanana Basin was led by Prof. **Ben Potter**. This successful annual five-week course allowed students to study various artifacts and test hypotheses while putting their skills into practice.

This year, we offered for the first time ever a **field painting course** on the Yukon-Charley Rivers, instructed by Prof. **David Mollett**. This four-day long course allowed for students to learn and practice artistic principles in a unique wilderness setting.

The **Volcanological Field Schools** have taken students on excursions to both Katmai and Kamchatka each summer since 2007. For this summer's Katmai trip, students hiked through unprecedented snow into the valley on the 100th anniversary of the great eruption to experience on-site lectures and hands on research on the Caldera Rim and Trident's new crater. Kamchatka's excursion boasted fantastic weather, allowing the group to reach

every local landmark as well as spend the night at the summit of the Gorley volcano where they observed the incandescence of a roaring active vent. These trips were designed and organized by Prof. **Pavel Isbekov** from the Geophysical Institute and Prof. **John Eichelberger**, dean of the Graduate School.

Brenda Konar of UAF's Global Undersea Research Unit lead the **Kelp Forest Ecology field course**, allowing students to learn about near-shore research, collect and analyze data as well as compose reports.

The newest addition to our summer field schools was the **Arctic Vegetation Ecology: Northern Alaska field course**. This course was led by Profs. **Skip Walker, Martha Reynolds** and **Amy Breen**. This mobile course headed up to Prudhoe Bay traveling via the Dalton and Elliott Highways. Stops included Toolik Lake, Deadhorse, Happy Valley, Galbraith Lake and Coldfoot. The success of this inaugural expedition has led to developing an expanded version of the course for next summer.

The **Alaska Soil Geography field course** was also conducted along the Dalton Highway. Prof. **Chien-Lu Ping** led a group of 26 students through hands-on learning about soil morphology as well as how soil is affected by various ecological factors in the arctic.

The College of Engineering and Mines' Prof. **Paul Metz** lead this year's **Field Methods and Applied Design I and II**, a geological engineering field methods course up the Haul Road. This course allowed students to learn techniques, geologic mapping and geotechnical instrumentation and use the unique location in the arctic to apply and evaluate those techniques.

Course Highlights

- The Justice department had the greatest boost in enrollments this summer. This coincides with an increase in new courses offered such as *Dispute Resolution and Restorative Justice*, and *Clinic in Mediation, Conferencing and Circle Practices*.
- Our annual Mammoth Award is presented to the instructor of the course with the highest enrollments of the summer. This year's award recipient was **Andrei Ghenciu**, whose *Differential Equations* class had 53 students enrolled.
- UAF's new Special Education program has grown rapidly to serve a record number of teachers this summer. We had the unique opportunity to host national autism expert, **Dr. Stephen Shore** as both a lecturer and course instructor.
- Enrollments were record high for Human Anatomy and Physiology I requiring the addition of an evening lab.

MAYmester and WINTERmester

MAYmester is a popular option for many students at the start of the summer. Many students take a 3-credit class in two weeks and are then ready to move into summer employment or more summer classes. Course options have tripled and enrollments have increased by 150% since MAYmester was introduced in 2007. WINTERmester enrollments have also increased by 150% since this compressed session began in 2009.



Educational Travel

Educational travel programs have been an integral part of SSLL for the past eight years with outbound as well as inbound programs.

Inbound Travel

Over the years, SSLL has hosted several groups who come to Alaska for educational programs. In June, SSLL hosted an Osher Lifelong Learning Institute group from the University of Vermont. Arriving in Fairbanks for a four-night stay, the group traveled on to Nenana, Denali, Talkeetna, Anchorage, and Seward. Lectures on Alaska's natural, political, and cultural history were woven in throughout the program



Outbound Travel



Each year SSLL takes a group to a foreign country to learn about the country's natural, political and cultural history. This October a group of 25 visited Turkey on a 14-day odyssey beginning and ending in Istanbul. While visiting this modern Muslim democracy, folks had a chance to explore the land of Troy and Gallipoli.

Kudos From Our Peers

Awards

This year, UAF Summer Sessions & Lifelong Learning won five awards from the Western Association of Summer Session Administrators (WASSA). The awards presented included Best Non-Credit Program, Best Comprehensive Marketing Program executed by Summer Sessions, Carol Switzer Award for the Best Stolen Idea and the Best Print Media Advertising.



Lecture Series

Family Cultural Night

This year's **Family Cultural Night** was held in the Museum of the

North's auditorium, drawing an abundant crowd each Monday evening. Lectures included *The Culture of Taiwan* with **Ying Chih Fang**, *Beauty of Ukraine* with **Inna Connor**, *The Changing Face of Grameen (Rural) Women of Bangladesh* with **Trina Mamoon**, and *Egypt: The Second State* with **Ahmed Hosney Ahmed Kamel**.

Alaska's Land and Sea

On Tuesday evenings, **Alaska's Land and Sea** lecture series was provided by the Alaska Sea Grant College Program and the UAF Cooperative Extension Service. The lectures were held on West Ridge in the O'Neill building, extending summer across campus.

Lectures included *Common Garden Pests and How to Manage Them* with **Taylor Maida**, *Building with Hardwood Logs* with **Val Barber**, *The Underwater World of the Aleutian Islands* with **Reid Brewer**,



The audience enjoys a Family Cultural Night lecture

What is Alaska Sea Grant Doing in West Africa? with **Kate Wynne**, *Sustainability Activities and Ways you can Get Involved* with **Michele Hebert**, *Alaska Coastal Sentries: Robot Watch for Submarine Invasion by Alien Creatures* with **Gary Freitag**, *Thar She Blows! Whale Research Around the Emerald Isle* with **Bree Witteveen**, *From Your Garden to Your Table* with **Heidi Rader**, *Chickens: The Down and Dirty of Keeping a Small Laying Flock in Interior Alaska* with **Mara Bacsujlaky** and **Steve Brown** and *Fish Waste Utilization Projects in Bristol Bay* with **Izetta Chambers**.

Spotlight Series

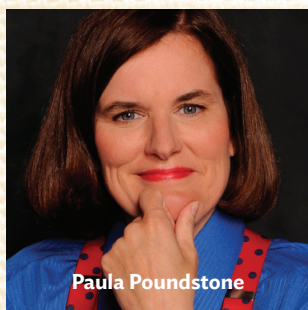
The impressive number of special event speakers in the lineup for the summer inspired us to develop an all-new **Summer Spotlight Series** on Wednesdays in Schaible Auditorium. The series included four Discover Alaska lectures - *the Top 20 Things You Didn't Know About Alaska* with **Ned Rozell**, *Back in the Day...Before Oil* with **Terrence Cole**, *Gates of the Arctic* with **Don and Tracie Pendergrast**, and *The Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge* with **Mark Bertram** and **Vince Matthews**. The additional spotlight lectures included: *Six Stress Reduction Techniques That Really Work* with University of San Francisco's **Brian Gerrard**, sponsored in part by the UAF School of Education; *An Alaskan's Guide to Surviving Washington and Politics* with Alaska's own **Libby Casey**, sponsored in part by Alaska Airlines;

Missed the lectures?

All Summer@UAF lectures can be viewed at
www.uaf.edu/summer/multimedia/

Relationships and Sexuality for People with Autism – Reaching a Greater Understanding with national autism expert, **Dr. Stephen Shore**, sponsored in part by Autism Society of Alaska, Fairbanks Resource Agency, and UAF School of Education; *Sustainability Decisions: Learning from the Food Service Front Lines to Guide and Empower Everyday Citizens* with TV's "Let's Dish" host, **Chef Christopher Koetke**; *Alaska-Inspired Modern Music for Two and Three Pianos* with **Etsuko Kimura Pederson** and friends; and finally *After the Ice* with award-winning author and poet **Gretel Ehrlich**, sponsored by the National Park Service.

Special Events



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After an inspiring trip to Fairbanks last summer with the cast and crew of *Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me!* **Paula Poundstone** agreed to return to our state for a one-woman comedy show in the Davis Concert Hall on March 17th. The full house erupted with laughter throughout the evening as Poundstone offered the hilarious, off-the-cuff humor for which she's nationally renowned.

Glass Bead Game

This summer, we had a return visit from the legendary Fairbanks rock band, the **Glass Bead Game**. Their roots reach back to the 70s at the Howling Dog, where they began the legend. This summer they came back to play an outdoor concert on the steps of the



The Glass Bead Game, circa 1970

Rasmuson Library under a clear, blue sky. The crowd gave them a warm welcome back as they grooved to the band's rediscovered sounds. It turns out that they DO still rock 40 years later. This event was sponsored in part by UAF Student Enrollment Services

NPR's Mountain Stage

For the first time ever, **NPR's Mountain Stage** came to Alaska. Host **Larry Groce**, along with his band and crew, provided two unique concerts on two evenings in August. The full house on each night enjoyed a wide variety of bands from the local, Alaskan scene as well as from across the lower 48. Each concert was broadcast live on KUAC and the recorded performances were aired on NPR. Performers included **Hot Club of Cowtown**, **Horse Feathers**, **Tim Easton**, **The Whipsaws**, and **Melissa Mitchell** on Friday; while **David Lindley**, **Bearfoot**, **Tift Merritt**, **Susan Grace**, **Pat Fitzgerald** and **Robin Dale Ford**, and **Steve Brown** and the **Bailers** played on Saturday. This event was generously sponsored by Fairbanks Convention and Visitors Bureau, Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, Robinson and Associates, Princess Cruises and KUAC.



NPR's Mountain Stage with Larry Groce (center)

2013 Calendar

WINTERmester January 2 – 15
MAYmester May 13 – 24
Six-week Summer Session I May 28 – July 3
Full Summer Session May 28 – August 16
Six-week Summer Session II July 8 – August 16

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