

UAA Senate Diversity Committee

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The purpose of this *News Flash* is a dialogue between the members of the UAA Diversity Committee from your Co-Chairs to provide a running discussion for the issues that it is currently discussing. Regular meetings are held the 3rd Friday of every month while school is in session and as we use those times to conduct business, it behooves us to have a platform to discuss issues that we haven't the time to pursue during those time-critical meetings. We encourage and invite you to submit editorials and rebuttal pieces to further any discussion to any of those persons listed in the masthead. This *News Flash* will be sent to the Dean of Students, Linda Lazzell, for her consideration and/ or inclusion in the Diversity Newsletters. Thank you

This *News Flash* can also be found on the Web, thanks to our own Dr. Sam Thiru at: <http://hosting.uaa.alaska.edu/fsdc/diversity.html>

Holiday Greetings



From the Co-Chairs, Members of the Committee, and Staff of the News Flash.

BREAKING NEWS -

Our own Dr. Jeanne Eder,
Co-Chair of the committee, goes
on the road to perform across
the Northwest

Sacag(i)awea and the Lewis & Clark Expedition

- News from Vancouver, Washington, and Portland, Oregon

November 2004

During November 2004 and November 2005, the series goes on the road to cities across the Northwest.

From the Vancouver, Washington, and Portland, Oregon, area to the Tri-Cities, Lewiston, and Spokane, Dakota historian and performer [Jeanne Eder](#) (pictured at right) will present her portrayal of Sacagawea, the Shoshone woman who accompanied the Lewis and Clark expedition. Eder's performance examines the myths about Sacagawea's life and presents an often overlooked historical perspective of Indian women.



Historians and local tribal representatives will provide valuable context.

These events are sponsored by the [Department of History](#) and the College of Liberal Arts, Washington State University, with the assistance of the [Center for Columbia River History](#).

Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: [Student Services Auditorium](#)
Washington State University
Vancouver, Washington

Event: Featuring Dr. Jeanne Eder as Sacagawea with comments by Dr. William Lang, WSU Vancouver, and Ray Gardener, vice-chairman, Chinook Nation.

Date: Thursday, November 18, 2004

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: [Tamastsiht Cultural Institute](#)
Wildhorse Resort and Casino
Pendleton, Oregon

Event: Featuring Dr. Jeanne Eder as Sacagawea with comments by author [Mary Clearman Blew](#) and Roberta Conner, director, Tamastsiht Cultural Institute.

Date: Friday, November 19, 2004

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: [Silverthorne Auditorium](#) (in the Administration Bldg.)
Lewis–Clark State College
Lewiston, Idaho

Event: Featuring Dr. Jeanne Eder as Sacagawea with comments by Dr. Orlan Svingen, Department of History, WSU, and Allen Pinkham, Nez Perce historian.

Jeanne Eder

Director of Alaska Native Studies at the University of Alaska, Anchorage

Jeanne Eder is a Dakota Sioux. Her Dakota name is Oya-win (pronounced OH-yeah-wee-a); it means "Track Woman." She was born and raised on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in Poplar, Montana. She has bachelor's and master's degrees in American history, and she earned a Ph.D. in American history and public history from Washington State University. Eder says, "I guess you could say I am a historian, and as a historian I have always been interested in the oral traditions of Native people—all sides of the issues." She was one of the first American Indian members of the National Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Council and a member of the Montana Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Committee.



Mary Clearman Blew

Author and Professor of English, University of Idaho

Mary Clearman Blew was born and raised on a small cattle ranch in central Montana, the site of her great-grandfather's original 1882 homestead. She attended the University of Montana and the University of Missouri, Columbia, where she received a Ph.D. in Renaissance literature. She has written or edited 10 books, including *All but the Waltz: Essays on Five Generations of a Montana Family*, which won a Pacific Northwest Booksellers Award; *When*



Montana and I Were Young (a found memoir), which received WILLA and Handcart awards; and, most recently from the University of Oklahoma Press, *Writing Her Own Life: Imogene Welch, Rural Schoolteacher*. She teaches creative writing at the University of Idaho.

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Upcoming November UAA Events---

UAA Community Campaign on a roll

* As of Nov. 11, nine days after launch of the Campaign, UAA faculty and staff had already donated \$14,688. That's a great start – let's keep the momentum going!

* The last News Digest story about the Campaign claimed your pledge through payroll deduction is a pre-tax donation. That is not true; our apologies for the incorrect information. However, don't let that stop you from making a pledge at a level that's comfortable for you. \$10 or more a pay period – that's forgoing one Big Mac a week to make a positive impact to real people. And it makes you feel good!

* The uBay web auction will go on-line next Tuesday, Nov. 23, because we are spending time collecting even more unique items and experiences. Remember, this is a "reverse auction," where the goal is not to find a bargain but to bid items to their maximum amount for a great cause. Watch for it next week, and bid often!

FUTURE EVENTS

Deadline Jan. 14

The Facilities Planning and Construction office is issuing an artists' "call for concepts" for art to be installed as part of the Kachemak Bay Campus expansion project. The art selection committee is interested in artwork that reflects the mission of the Kachemak Bay Campus to provide education and enlightenment. Artwork should be easily maintained and not subjected to vandalism.

The budget for this art project is \$22,000. Deadline for submission is Jan. 14, 2005 at 5 pm. For RFP drawings, go to www.homer.alaska.edu. For more information, contact Vicki Williams (786-4918 or anvrw@uaa.alaska.edu).

***THE CENTER FOR ADVANCING FACULTY EXCELLENCE
THE UNIVERSITY of HAWAII
&
THE EAST/WEST CENTER**

Invite you to **SAVE THE DATE**
for this exciting event!

MAY 23-25, 2005 at UAA

Russi@sia: Russia in Asia Faculty Development Workshop

This interdisciplinary workshop examines the relationships between the Russian Far East and its neighbors in the region. Panel discussions, slide presentations, and local and national keynote speakers will focus on a wide range of topics, including the indigenous peoples and their cultures, personal accounts of life in the Russian Far East, and the current economic and political dynamics of the region. This workshop will be held by UAA as a Regional Center of the Asian Studies Development Program of the East-West Center and the University of Hawaii and is intended for university and college professors who teach about Russia or Asia and who want to gain further training or expertise in Pacific Russia.

Questions? Dr. Susan Kalina, Associate Professor of Russian afsmk@uaa.alaska.edu

***Class: Grant proposal writing, Nov. 10 - Dec. 15**

Register now! This class will present an overview of funding sources and references, and provide an in-depth description of the components of a grant proposal. This is a five-week class being held 6:30 p.m. to 9:20 p.m. at Chugiak High School on Wednesdays from Nov. 10 to Dec. 15. Class is graded pass/no pass. Questions? Call 694-3313.

***PERS training seminars: Nov. 10, Dec. 9, Jan. 5**

The Division of Retirement will present PERS training seminars at UAA from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on the following dates: Nov. 10, 2004; Dec. 9, 2004; and January 5, 2005. For more information or to register contact Shauna Ramirez (anshr@uaa.alaska.edu or 786-1452) or go to: <http://www.finsys.uaa.alaska.edu/uaahrs/Peter%20Fisher%20PERS-TRS%20Training%20Seminars%20for%20UA%20Empl.pdf> .

Editor Note This News comes from the University of Alaska Anchorage News Digest 11-09-04 for more information contact uaa-community-admin@lists.uaa.alaska.edu The pieces we have included here are only portions of the Digest that we believe will benefit our members best.

Committee Meeting-

Dr. Robert Crosman, committee secretary, sent the following-
Our regular meeting will be held on Friday November 19th, from 3:00 to 4:30 in BEB 303. Mary Price, from Healing Racism in Anchorage, will talk to us for 20 min to 1/2 hour on "Institutional Racism." I have attached minutes of the October meeting.

As one of your representatives in the Faculty Senate, I proposed the following motion to the Faculty Senate at its Nov. 6th meeting:

"That the Faculty Senate recommend to all UAA faculty devote a portion of one class during the two weeks closest to the Alaska Civil Rights/MLK Jr. Day (i.e. Jan. 10-22, 2005) to commemorate in some way the importance of Civil Rights to our lives as academics and as citizens. This commemoration can take any of many forms, but should occupy a significant proportion of class time on that day - at least 15 minutes, preferably more."

In addition, I added that the Faculty Senate Diversity Committee would publicize this recommendation, and would send out before the end of Fall Semester classes a list of suggested activities for that occasion. What to do will of course be left to the individual instructor, I added.

When we come together next Friday, we have agreed to bring our completed survey forms (attached). In addition, would you be thinking of activities that we could suggest to our colleagues for that designated time in class during Civil Rights Week? Perhaps a sub-committee could collect these ideas and make a final recommendation before Dec. 1st, so that they can be sent out to faculty in a timely fashion.

Pilot Campus Survey

Diversity is defined at the University of Alaska as the following:

"With freedom of speech being at our core, UAA strives to create an inclusive respectful campus community that promotes and embraces our individual differences. We are united in our belief that diversity includes understanding and respecting differences in ideas, religion, gender, ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, disability, age, and socioeconomic status. We celebrate diversity in all of our educational and employment endeavors."

*Many walks of life cross paths on the UAA campus. How do **you** define diversity?

*Do you find it difficult to place yourself within profile categories often used to define individuals? Yes / No

If yes, circle any that apply.

- a. disability
- b. ethnicity
- c. gender
- d. marital status
- e. other _____
- f. political affiliation
- g. religious affiliation

*Do you feel sufficiently included in campus life at UAA? Yes / No
Please feel free to elaborate.

*Is there a particular course, club, or event you would like to see organized on campus?
Yes / No If yes, please explain.

*Have you wanted (but not been able) to engage more actively in the university community?
Yes / No

If yes, circle your area(s) of interest.

- a. campus clubs
- b. organized social gatherings
- c. workshops/lectures
- d. other _____

*What has impeded you from engaging more in the university community?

Circle all that apply.

- a. Nothing. I am actively involved on campus.
- b. Work outside UAA
- c. Family responsibilities
- d. Inability to identify with activities offered
- e. Disinterest
- f. There are extra-curricular academic, cultural, and social events on campus???
- g. Other _____

*How can we enhance your UAA experience or eliminate any obstacles mentioned?

*UAA consists of many diverse individuals. As a member, what types of interaction within this community have been your most positive experiences?

Our Next Regular Meeting

November 19, 2004 from 3-4:30 at BEB 303. Please Come and join us.

If you have any questions or comments about the meeting please contact Jeanne or Helena. (Contact information at beginning of *News Flash*)

- **Website:** See the Website for the latest News Flash and the Diversity Scholarship Notices

<http://hosting.uaa.alaska.edu/fsdc/diversity.html>

(Contact Professor Helena @ 786-1930 or Dr. Jeanne Elder @ 786-6136 for more information)

Note from the Editors: Please send your Bio for possible inclusions in future issues of News Flash

Free on-line scholarship search, www.fastweb.com

Free online scholarship searches based on student profiles with updates e-mailed to students as they become available.

The Diversity Scholarship for Students #28, #29, and #30 are now available by request from pfpc@matsu.alaska.edu or on the UAA Senate Diversity Web page.