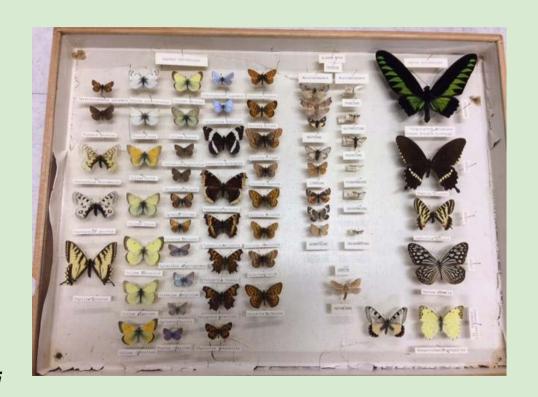
# Lepidoptera Highlights from 2016 at UAM

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#### **Outline**

- Curation of KWP Collection
  - Smithsonian Visit
  - LepNet / Photography
  - Wing Length Study
- NPS Bioblitz / Nat'l Moth Week
- Galena Butterfly Fest
- Denali Lycaena phlaeas
- Gates of the Arctic Oeneis uhleri



## Smithsonian Visit / Decision











ALASKA LEPIDOPTERA SURVEY





### LepNet & the KWP Collection

-27 institutions across USA

Goal: 1.7 million specimens

-UAM: 2 technicians, started 1 July

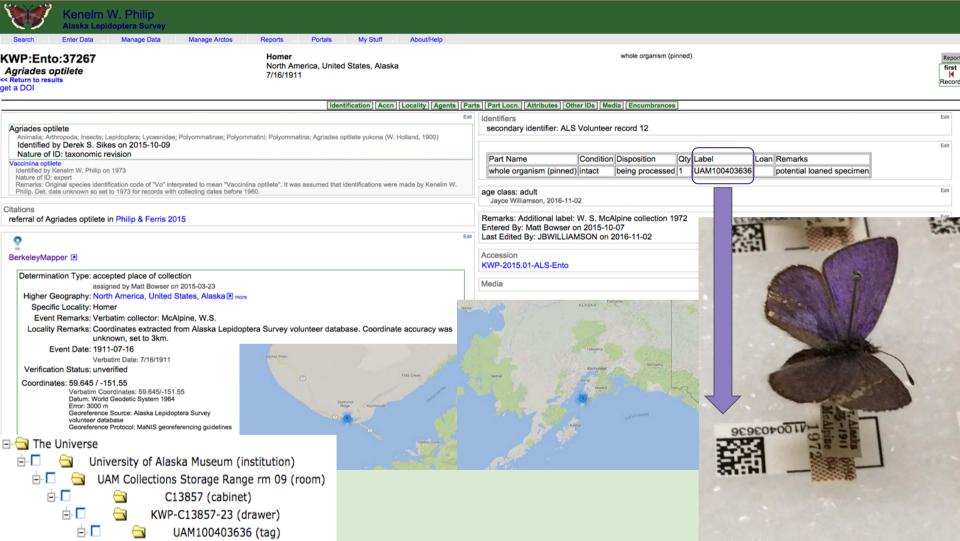
13,000 specimens databased

111,800 Beringian specimens

12% processed (now 18% done!)

-All Drawers Now Photographed!















#### Alaska Butterfly Wing Length Study

Greenland: High Arctic butterflies become smaller with rising temperatures (Bowden, 2015)

2 species: Colias hecla & Boloria chariclea

Zackenberg Station (1996-2013), 4500 individuals

Do Alaska butterflies exhibit spatial and temporal variation in wing length?

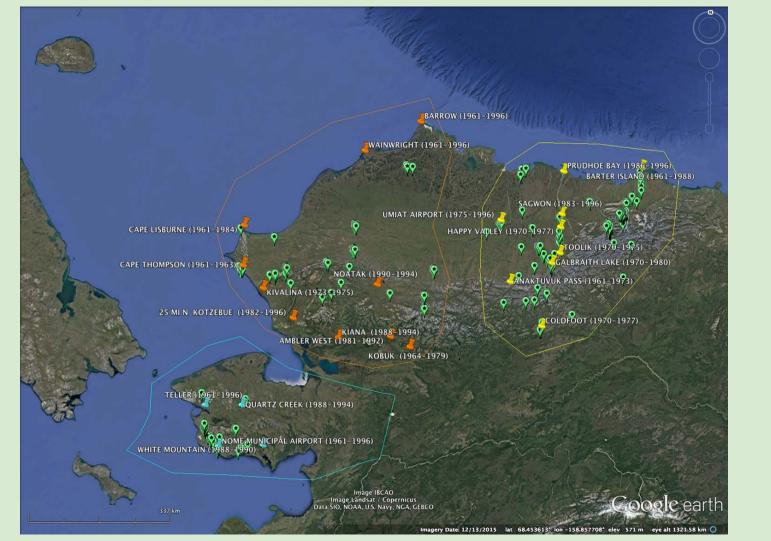
1971 - 1995 across North Slope & Seward Peninsula

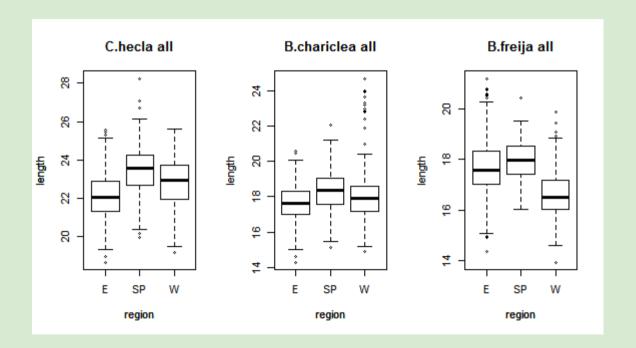
3 species: C. hecla, B. chariclea, B. freija

15 undergraduate students measured & curated 2500 specimens

Photos by Kenelm W. Philip







# Good UAM Lep News

Lycaena phlaeas

Last known record: 1998

Found! Denali National Park 2016

Oeneis uhleri

Last Collected: 1973

Lake Isiak, Gates of the Arctic

Both collected in bee bowls by Jessica Rykken















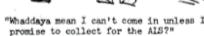


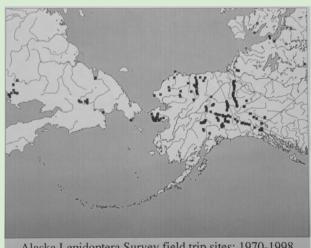


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Alaska Lepidoptera Survey field trip sites: 1970-1998

