



The Mānoa Graduate



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Graduate Student Organization Newsletter

Mele Kalikimaka finals are over and the fall semester has come to a close. The Graduate Student Organization (GSO) representatives wish you all a joyous and fun-filled holiday. Rest up, eat up, and be ready to start the Spring semester off right. We'll see you again in 2011 where we'll continue to offer you with more updates on happenings around campus and information that affects you directly.

Please stop by and visit us at Hemenway Hall 212 or on the web at <http://gso.hawaii.edu>



New Graduate Division Policies:

The Graduate Division is implementing three new policies for graduate students:

- 1) If you're in a Masters Program and haven't completed in five years, you will be automatically put on probation. Petitions for exemption can be made to the Graduate Division.
- 2) Once admitted to a PhD program, if you haven't reached candidacy in five years, you will be automatically put on academic probation. This is in addition to the policy, which puts you on probation if you haven't completed the PhD in 7 years. Again, petitions for exemption can be made to the Graduate Division.
- 3) When forming a doctoral committee, only professors who have served on at least one previous doctoral committee will be eligible to be the "university representative" on this committee. This position was formally called the "outside member" because the UH professor should be from a department outside your own.

Want to Host An Event on Campus?

Call for Applications

If you have an event, the GSO is interested in sponsoring (up to \$300) for student planned on

campus events that promote interdisciplinary dialogue and academic development such as but not limited to inviting a scholar for a lecture, hosting a film screening, and organizing a student symposium. Guidelines to apply are found on the GSO website at:

http://gso.hawaii.edu/page/files/documents/events/events_application.pdf

Seeking Chair of the 2011 Election Committee:

The Election Committee Chair will be in charge of the committee, which oversees the elections of the officers of the GSO. The Chair's commitment to this position is from February to April 2011.

For more information contact Sharain at sharain@hawaii.edu.

GSO Campus Greening Initiative: Call for Grant Applications and Updates

The GSO-sponsored Campus Greening Initiative funds projects led by graduate students which will make the UH Manoa campus greener and more sustainable. Grants are between \$1,000 and \$10,000. For more information about the Campus Greening Initiative or to find out if your green project is eligible for a grant, please visit:

<http://j.mp/campus-greening>.



Save the Date for Space, Place, and the Production of Knowledge: April 8-9, 2011

The GSO-sponsored conference will explore sites where place-based cultures and practices meet with scholarship. This includes an examination of how region and environment influences scholars and their methods. The conference welcomes work from a variety of intellectual fields. In addition, submissions by artists, poets, photographers, filmmakers, musicians, and theatrical performances are welcomed. **Please submit a paper or panel proposal by December 31, 2010 at:**

<https://sites.google.com/site/spaceplaceandpok/>.

New GSO Ts

If you see anyone wearing the GSO shirts below, feel free to stop them and say hello! The GSO team has new shirt designs (see below). We are always excited to meet fellow graduate students.



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Meet the new GSO Grants and Awards Manager, Maria Suarez.

Maria is pursuing a Master's degree in Public Administration so she is able to help better people's lives directly through implementing and shaping public policy. She is excited to be a part of the GSO team and especially since it provides students with an opportunity to reach their full potential through support on conducting research and attending educational events. When she is not busying studying or working at the GSO office, you might find Maria watching movies, swimming, singing karaoke or eating Mexican or Italian food. Please come by and welcome our new G&A Manager.

GSO Grants & Awards

Congratulations! to the following graduate students whose GSO Grants & Awards applications were approved during the December Review:

Laura Berbusse
Cheryl Naruse
Meilin Chinn
Asami Nago
Will Chapple
Hyeon Ju Lee
Ryan Longman
Jennifer Bufford
Thong Ho
Nelson Lazaga
David C Spafford
Pei-Luen Lu
Ming Xu

To find out more about how to apply for a Grant and Award visit the GSO website:
<http://www.hawaii.edu/gso>

Holiday Inspiration

Masters of Public Administration student Taui is an inspiration to us all. She is a leukemia survivor and posts her milestones to lead a normal life on the link below:
<http://bamboodays.wordpress.com/>