

The Mānoa Graduate

December 2015 Newsletter

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Meet Your New Office Secretary!

Jamie Caldwell has recently been appointed to the post of GSO Office Secretary. She kindly agreed to answer some questions in order for the graduate students get to know her and her job within GSO:

JF: *What is your major and where are you from?*

JC: I'm a PhD candidate in the Department of Zoology. I am from New Jersey.



Photo: Jamie Caldwell, newly appointed GSO Office Secretary

Source: Jamie Caldwell

JF: *What is your office availability?*

JC: I am available on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays 10:00am to 3:00pm.

JF: *What made you interested in working at GSO?*

JC: GSO does a great job at supporting graduate students and their needs at UH. I've noticed some big improvements in the organization since I started graduate school several years ago, and I'm happy to join such a productive team.

JF: *What do you hope to accomplish in your job and in GSO this year?*

JC: To make the processing of Grants and Awards more efficient so we can get students their grant reimbursements faster.

JF: *What would you like graduate students to know about you?*

JC: I'm enthusiastic about getting to know more graduate students at UH. We have an open door policy in the GSO office, and I'm happy to help students out whenever I can. If I'm not in the office, you can probably find me conducting my research out at the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology.

Events: Bar 35 Trivia Night



Trivia Night went very well! We had a great turnout, and from what I heard, people were extremely pleased. I had great support for the event, especially when it came to writing a wide variety of questions that were well suited to our audience, ranging from UH Manoa statistics to Halloween facts. I had a great time at the event, and it was wonderful to see a simple idea manifest into something that so many people enjoyed. As a bonus, the event didn't cost GSO anything!

Photo and Comment by Molly Green

Events: Upcoming

Coffee Hour

Watch for next semester's first
Coffee Hour!

When:

January TBD

Where:

Sinclair Library Lanai

Why:

- Coffee & Snacks
- Network with other students
- Kick off the semester caffeinated!

YOUR GSO WELCOMES YOU TO OUR MONTHLY COFFEE HOUR!

WHERE: SINCLAIR LIBRARY LANAI



Walk With the Dean - December 10th

Burn off the holiday calories, and take a break from studying with a 20-30 minute walk around upper campus with Dr. Krystyna Aune, the Dean of Graduate Education. During this walk you will have the opportunity to engage in an open discussion with the Dean and other graduate students on issues and concerns related to graduate students.

When: Thursday, December 10th, 9:00am-10:15am

Where: Meet at the Spalding 1st Floor Lanai

Register at bit.ly/f15gradpd

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November G&A Awardees

Name:

Department:

Michael Abrigo

Economics

Hyunah Ahn

Second Language Studies

Jenna Caparoso

Educational Administration

Jessica Chen

Zoology

Michael Coe

Botany

Abby Frazier

Geography

Mohammad Habib

Public Administration

Machiko Hasegawa

Second Language Studies

Marian Howe

Marine Biology

Philipp Jordan

Communication and Information Science

Joel LeBel

Philosophy

Jasmine Pang

Public Health

Aya Takeda

Second Language Studies

Nabil Vargha

Public Health

Allison Wagner

Psychology

Elbereth Walker

Dance

Featuring G&A Awardees

Jessica Chen

I will be going to the 21st Biennial conference of the Society of Marine Mammalogy in San Francisco this December. The GSO funds will help me pay for conference fees, accommodation, and the flight to attend the conference. While there I will be presenting a poster about my research on acoustic communications of humpback whale mother-calf pairs and potential interference from nearby boats. I am excited to attend the conference, to meet and talk with other marine mammal researchers, and to present my novel research. Without the support of the GSO award, I would not have the chance to attend this conference, which is held by one of the international societies at the forefront of marine mammal research.



Source: <https://www.marinemammalogy.org/conference/>

Joel LeBel



Source: <http://www.sagweb.org/conferences/sacp-2015/>

My GSO grant was used to cover conference fees and the cost of travel to Monterey, California, for the annual conference of the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy. The theme of this year's conference was the past, present, and future of comparative philosophy. I presented a paper that took up a critical stance on the future of comparative philosophy by suggesting the greater need to embrace the role of creative imagination in doing cross-cultural philosophy in, and about, the future.

As a Ph.D. candidate in philosophy soon to enter the field, my membership in this society and my attendance at the annual conference is extremely important for establishing future professional relationships. The research that led to this paper has inspired me to collaborate with another UH Manoa philosophy student to co-write a paper on the future of cross-cultural philosophy. Additionally, due to interest in my talk at this conference, I was invited to be a guest lecturer at the University of California Berkeley to present a version of the paper for humanities students there.