



The Mānoa Graduate



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Graduate Student Organization Newsletter

BUZZ BUZZ: It's not the middle of the semester yet, but there is a lot happening both on and off campus. Read further for more information on legislation that affects you, the upcoming GSO conference, and many more events and news!

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



Support House Bill 2859!

House Bill 2859 PASSED through the Higher Education Committee on February 14th, but we still need your support!

Please [contact the Finance Committee](#) and urge them to schedule a hearing:

<http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/committeepage.aspx?comm=FIN>

HB2859 - Excludes student help from the list of state employees statutorily barred from inclusion in any appropriate collective bargaining unit. Effective July 1, 2012.

This bill will revamp our ability to mobilize as state employees, which is currently prohibited because we are classified as "student help." It requires more INDIVIDUAL PERSONS to submit testimony for our voices to be heard and to be taken seriously.

Talking Points on HB2859:

- The overwhelming affect of the UH's system-wide and campus-wide budget cuts on graduate students need to be addressed now. At the state level, legislators should take action immediately to ensure our rights as state employees for better working conditions and salary increase.
 - Since 2004, we have **not** received a salary increase; yet with the rising cost of living, taxes and tuition we earn low wages and work long hours. Thus, as workers, our labor is easily exploited and we have no recourse of action for a grievance process to advocate for our workers' rights and education.
 - Our current collective bargaining laws are out of date and currently prohibit us from forming and/or join a union as graduate student workers at a public state university. Please update our collective bargaining laws by removing student help from the list of individuals prohibited from inclusion in any appropriate collective bargaining unit.
- Ultimately, we, the voters, deserve the right to unionize as state employees!

**GSO STUDENT
CONFERENCE:
MARCH 2-3, 2012**

**THE GSO STUDENT CONFERENCE
"CYCLES OF TRANSFORMATIONS AND
TRANSFORMATIONS OF CYCLES:
CREATION, EVOLUTION, AND
PERFORMANCE"**

The fourth annual interdisciplinary GSO-sponsored conference will be located at the Kamakakuokalani Building (Hawaiian Studies building, 2645 Dole Street). The keynote speaker will be Dr. Setsu Shigematsu, Assistant Professor of Media and Cultural Studies at the University of California Riverside.

On Friday March 2nd, we will be hosting a screening of her new documentary *Visions of Abolition: From Critical Resistance to A New Way of Life*. This film documents the effects of the prison industrial complex, with a focus on how it has affected women's lives. This 2010 film introduces and elaborates the theory, perspectives and practices of scholars and activists involved in the prison abolition movement. For more information please visit: <http://gsoconference.com/>

THINK GREEN:

GSO Campus Greening Initiative,
The GSO-sponsored Campus Greening Initiative is encouraging graduate students interested in environmental and sustainability issues to apply for a Greening Initiative grant funded by GSO. Grants range between \$1,000 and \$10,000 for projects that will have a lasting impact at UH Manoa. .
The deadline is May 31, 2012.

Application materials and information about current projects can be found on the GSO website. Reducing our carbon footprint starts with you!

<http://gso.hawaii.edu/gso2/funding.html>

Greening Initiative: Cycle Manoa

The GSO General Assembly approved Cycle Manoa's proposal for the purchase of new and additional tools, a storage shed, a traveling tool kit to offer bike repairs and workshops at the Sustainability Courtyard.

The goal of this proposal is to improve and expand the services Cycle Manoa provides to UHM students through: 1) enhancement of our existing workshop and 2) re-establishment of our mobile workshop program. All funds are requested for investment in permanent hardware that will allow Cycle Manoa to better serve the sustainable transportation needs of UH's approximate 20,000 students. Cycle Manoa is a self-sustaining club that has been a registered independent organization at UH for four consecutive years (2008-present).

We have provided approximately 500 low or no-cost bicycles to UH students by operating on a sustainable business model. Cycle Manoa accepts donated bikes and utilizes 100% volunteer labor for refurbishment and repairs. The nominal costs of parts for repairing donated bikes are covered by the income produced at our discounted sales events each semester.

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/gso2/files/documents/events/events_application.pdf

Call for Volunteers: March 26-27

The UH Center on Disability Studies is hosting its 28th annual Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability and Diversity on March 26 & 27 at the Hawaii Convention Center.

This year's theme is "Living to our Complete Potential," and in order for them to live up to their complete potential, they need volunteers who have the time to want to make a difference to help make this conference a working success, and to make an impact on how disabilities are portrayed globally.

They are in need of **50 volunteers** to engage in interesting topics that address the global need for social change towards inclusion and acceptance. Volunteers must work 6-8 hours, hours can be divided between the two conference days and must have access to personal transportation. For more information:

<http://www.cds.hawaii.edu/ctou/pacrim/>

2012 GSO Elections:

The 2012 GSO Election cycle has officially begun! We'll look forward to receiving your nominations in writing within the next month or in person at the March General Assembly meeting. Please see our website if you are considering running for a position or would like to learn more about the election process and rules.

For more information contact gso@hawaii.edu

GSO Grants & Awards

Will be announced in the next newsletter.

**Apologies to Mi Yung Park, East Asian Language and Literature, whose name was misspelled in the January 2012 issue under Grants and Awards.

The next deadlines are March 1, April 12, and April 26, 2012. To find out more about how to apply for a Grant and Award visit the GSO website: <http://www.hawaii.edu/gso>

Around Campus:

Congratulations to **Nu Tang**, Psychology PhD student, who won 1st Place from the Student Research Awards of Hawaii Psychological Association for "significant scholarly contribution to graduate research in psychology" in October 2011.

The following graduate students competed in this year's American Collegiate Theatre Festival: **Meg Hannah, Brittni Shambaugh, and Sam Shields.**

Congratulations to **Karrisa Adams** for winning a scholarship to the Seattle Shakespeare Festival's summer training program through the ACTF festival.

We are pleased to highlight the touring company for The Genteel Sabai, which performed at UH Hilo's International Festival on February 17 and featured many Theatre graduate students including : **Christopher McGahan, Evelyn Leung, Nicole DesLauries, Jillian Blakkan-Strauss, Daniel Sakimura, Jasmine Yep, Yasu Ishadaru, Murray Husted, and Dani Belvin.**

Upcoming Events:

This month, Hawai'i Women in Filmmaking will be hosting the 1st **Work-In-Progress Screening: Feb 29, 6-8pm at the ARTS at Mark's Garage, FREE and open to the public**

FINDING KUKAN work-in-progress fundraising trailer by **Robin Lung**

The fundraising trailer is often the first piece of an independently produced film to "go public." It is required for many big film grants and a valuable tool for crowd-sourcing campaigns that can help raise production funds to complete your film. But how can you put together a successful one with limited footage? What should you include and what should you leave out?

Robin Lung invites two seasoned filmmakers to address these questions before screening two work-in-progress pieces from her own documentary-in-progress FINDING KUKAN and eliciting feedback from participants. Feedback collected at the workshop will be used by Lung to edit a third work-in-progress piece.

For more information:

<http://www.nestedeggproductions.com/>

REVENGE OF THE ELECTRIC CAR

March 16, 2012 Doors open @ 6:45. Screening @ 7:00pm Please note: the film is 90 minutes

Location: the ARTS at Marks Garage 1159 Nu'uuanu Avenue, Honolulu, 96817

Screening is FREE and OPEN to the Public Light refreshment offered

In *Revenge of the Electric Car*, director Chris Paine takes his film crew behind the closed doors of Nissan, GM, and the Silicon Valley start-up Tesla Motors to chronicle the story of the global resurgence of electric cars. Without using a single drop of foreign oil, this new generation of car is America's future: fast, furious, and cleaner than ever.

With almost every major car maker now jumping to produce new electric models, *Revenge* follows the race to be the first, the best, and to win the hearts and minds of the public around the world. It's not just the next generation of green cars that's on the line. It's the future of the automobile

More information:

http://womeninfilmmaking.files.wordpress.com/2011/08/roec_flyer_1up.pdf