



The Mānoa Graduate



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Graduate Student Organization Newsletter

Bring on 2011! *The Manoa Graduate* is excited for a year of new beginnings and to continuously serve you. We promise to continue offering relevant updates and information that affects you. It will be a fulfilling year with lots to look forward to! Read on for what we've accomplished thus far and our 2011 goals.

Speaking of resolutions, often we are so busy in our field of study we forget how diverse this campus is, the many things going on, and million ways to get involved with your community. Please check out the many exciting events happening all around you! (See Upcoming events/Around Campus)

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



Looking Back:

The GSO has achieved many things in one short semester...

- 1) The GSO is represented and continues to show a strong presence at many campus wide executive meetings including the Faculty Senate, WGGE, and Manoa Excellence Team. We bring back the pertinent information to share with you!
- 2) Our newsletter is up and running in full force!
- 3) GSO is on task and fiscally responsible.
- 4) We've provided many successful socials bringing many graduate students together.
- 5) We've welcomed new graduate students through the GSO orientation in partnership with Graduate Division.
- 6) We've co-sponsored the "Use Your Voice, Use Your Vote" rally encouraging students to vote and be engaged in civic processes as part of the UH community.
- 7) We've allocated \$78,000 in Grants and Awards to 83 students for conducting and presenting independent research and other professional activities.

- 8) We've spent \$10,000 to install 159 half-flush toilet handles on campus, saving approximately 15% of the water usage in designated buildings through our Greening Initiative.
- 9) Look around! We have GSO T-shirts and we're not afraid to wear them.
- 10) The GSO website is user-friendly and frequently updated.
- 11) We started a Student Athletic Fee Committee to develop the best use of your fee.
- 12) Most positions on the Executive Committee and General Assembly have been filled with conscientious representatives.

Moving Forward:

...The GSO is not stopping yet!

- 1) We're sponsoring an exciting interdisciplinary graduate student conference titled Space, Place, and the Production of Knowledge, to be held April 8-9 at the Kamakakūokalani center for Hawaiian Studies.
- 2) We're allocating another \$90,000 in student fee money for the Grants and Awards

program, in addition to \$20,000 donated by the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education.

- 3) We're supporting 2-3 more Greening Initiative projects!
- 4) We're advocating to increase the number of Graduate Assistant positions (Teaching and Research Assistant): currently UH provides GA jobs to only about 23% of graduate students.



GSO Campus Greening Initiative: Call for Applications Deadline March 31

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.

Our first approved project led by MBA student Steve Mazur has installed water-saving half flush handles for toilets in Moore Hall and has seen reduction of about 15% in water usage for that building.

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>.

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

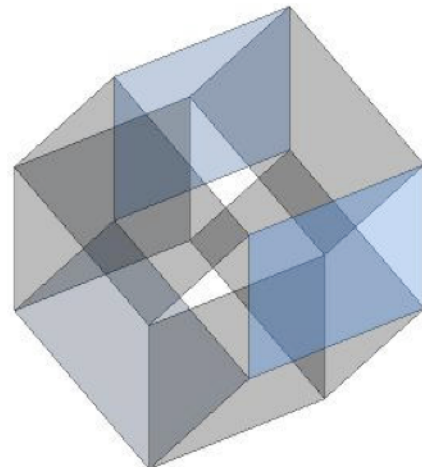
Seeking Treasurer:

We are seeking someone to complete the Spring semester as our GSO Treasurer. The Treasurer handles all financial matters of the GSO, presents reports on monthly financial transactions as well as a detailed written report on all expenditures at the end of his/her office and all other duties as assigned. For more information contact Sharain at sharain@hawaii.edu.

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.



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. **For more information:**

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

GSO Grants & Awards

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

Hiroko Sato, *Linguistics*

Joseph Harroff, *Philosophy*

OnSoon Lee, *Linguistics*

Henry Mochida, *Urban and Regional Planning*

Kathleen McGeehan, *Psychology*

Neeva Lemmel-Duerr, *Public Health*

Sherri Brokopp Binder, *Psychology*

Yoshitaka Miyake, *Geography*

Md Saiful Momen, *Urban and Regional Planning*

Lucia Andreia Seale, *Cellular and Molecular Biology*

Kevin Boyle, *Zoology*

Lukasz Grabarek, *Math*

Rintaro Yoshida, *Math*

Alexis Zamora, *Electrical Engineering*

Next deadlines for G&A are January 24 and February 24. To find out more about how to apply for a Grant and Award visit the GSO website: <http://www.hawaii.edu/gso>

Across Campus/Upcoming Events

Tune In and Listen out for the voices of Dan D. Randerson and Chris McGahan of Theatre and Dance department who recently recorded a regional radio commercial for McDonald's Haupia Pie's. You can hear it now on 107.9!

KITV News Featured The Graduate Women in Science Alpha Lambda Chapter at UH, (which includes women graduate students from across all science, technology, engineering, and math fields), for their "Be A Scientist Tonight" K-12 outreach event for the children and families at the Institute for Human Services in December. Children took part in several stations of various science-related activities including making a mini-terrarium, taking apart a computer, learning about marine animals, and playing with underwater robots. Although it might be too late to attend the second event held on January 22 at Aikahi Elementary School, there are many ways to get involved. For future events and more information please visit: <http://www.gwis-hawaii.org/>

Be More Cultured: Join the East Asian Film Society for their weekly film screening, which showcases rare and hard to find films from around East Asia. The weekly screenings are held at both the Sinclair library at 5:00pm and once a month at the Center for Korean Studies Auditorium at 5:30pm. Next showing: *Farewell to the Land*, Thursday, January 27 at 5:00pm at Sinclair Rm 110. You can see the most recent schedule on their website at <http://www2.hawaii.edu/~mj23/>. If you have any questions or comments please contact Matt Winchell at mj23@hawaii.edu.

Learn about the union difference for LGBT workers, labor history on LGBT issues, tools for confronting homophobia and transphobia in your union and your workplace, organizing 101, finding your way in your local union, getting a resolution passed, building labor support for pro-LGBT legislators and legislation at the LGBT Labor Leadership School on

January 28 5:00pm-8:00p, AND

January 29 9:00am-5:00pm

For applications or more information call (808) 543-6054 or email

prideatworkhawaii@hawaiiantel.net

Get a jump on the semester at the library!

Take a look at what the library can do for you:

<http://guides.library.manoa.hawaii.edu/grad>

and join us for a workshop or two:

<http://guides.library.manoa.hawaii.edu/gradws>

The Center for Teaching Excellence (the CTE) is offering faculty mid-semester teaching assessment services. We will conduct the Small Group Instructional Diagnosis and the Pencil and Paper Assessments from Monday, February 21, through Friday, March 18, 2011.

Teaching assessment services function on a "request only" basis; only the instructor or TA may ask us to conduct them. In the case of Small Group Instructional Diagnosis and/or Classroom Observation services, CTE consultants produce detailed documents for the instructor or TA. These documents, and other information about the

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The Manoa Graduate evaluation, will be kept confidential by our staff (though instructors/TAs can share them voluntarily with their units). Information about the CTE's approach to evaluation services can be found

here: <http://www.cte.hawaii.edu/philosophy.html>
<http://www.cte.hawaii.edu/TeachingAssessment.html> Types of Mid-Semester Assessment Services include **SMALL GROUP INSTRUCTIONAL DIAGNOSIS, PAPER & PENCIL ASSESSMENT, and CLASSROOM OBSERVATION.**

Availability: All year round. To register for these services, please fill out this online form: http://www.cte.hawaii.edu/MidSem/Assessment_Registration.html