



The Mānoa Graduate



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Graduate Student Organization Newsletter

Aloha all graduate students! After a brief hiatus, *The Mānoa Graduate* is back in motion and ready to offer you with more updates on happenings around campus and information that affects you directly. We're happy to be on this journey with you to make your time here a fulfilling one. The GSO is your representative body and we are striving to make this campus more interconnected and to better support all the 5,000 graduate students that continually diversify and enrich our beautiful Mānoa campus.

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



New GSO Office Manager:

Welcome to Jessica Garlock! She will work with the GSO team to assist in all areas and provide continuity during annual officer, committee, and Assembly representative transition. Look for extended office hours at our Hemenway Hall 212 office to better serve you. Jessica is pursuing a PhD in Social Work and a MA in Pacific Island Studies. She is excited to work for GSO because of the diverse and dynamic group of people that want to meet the needs of graduate students. When she isn't busy with her studies, you can find her traveling or spending time at Hale, 8 Fat Fat 8, or Soul de Cuba. Please stop by and meet the newest member of our team.

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.

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/>.



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 Mānoa 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>.

The first approved Campus Greening Initiative project, led by MBA student Steve Mazur, will install over a 100 water-saving toilet and urinal handles in UH Mānoa bathrooms. These easy-to-install handles are anticipated to save UH more money on water and sewage fees in the first year of their use than the cost of the handles themselves. The project's \$10,000 budget goes almost entirely to the purchase of the handles. Steve found an eager partner in UHM Facilities Management, which will install the handles and collect building water usage data to monitor the handles' effect.

Obama Library Proposal

The GSO passed a resolution allowing a proposal to locate the Presidential Barack Obama Library in Hawai'i. Obama is looking for a transformative institution for the library, technology, sustainability, indigenous education, multiculturalism, globalism here in Hawai'i. The library would be part of a University of Hawai'i campus and already has the support of the Chancellor. It could serve as a policy center, house virtual classrooms and virtual exhibits, and help promote economic growth in Hawai'i. Chicago is vying as a location for the Obama library.

Working Group on Graduate Education (WGGE) Academic Policy Process

The WGGE committee was formed at the request of the Mānoa Faculty Senate, former Dean Peter Garrod and Vice Chancellor for Research and

Graduate Education, Gary Ostrander. The two main directives of the committee are: 1. To evaluate the current system of Graduate Academic Policy formation, (which currently is primarily controlled by the Graduate Council who advises the Dean) and 2. To consider possible discrepancies in quality and standards of graduate programs across different academic disciplines and how to address them.

It seems that the first directive comes from the Faculty Senate, some members of which would even challenge the legality of the existence of a graduate council appointed by the administration rather than elected by the Faculty senate and the second directive is coming from the administration and the Dean's office. It is key to remember that these groups and their decisions have a significant impact on graduate students.

Across Campus – Noteworthy updates on what fellow graduate students are up to.

Congratulations to **Dana Arakawa** and **Corey Flanders** for winning first prize for their presentation "Are Variations in Gender Equality Evident in Pornography? A Cross-Cultural Study" at the HPA (Hawaii Psychological Association) 3rd Hawaii Psychology Student Research Dinner. Dana and Corey's team of research assistants coded a total of 180 images from Norway, US, and Japan on two scales developed to measure Dis-empowerment and Empowerment and discovered that countries with higher levels of gender equality tend to have more empowering representations of women in pornography than countries with more conservative and traditional gender distinctions (inequalities). The Dinner was attended by students from UH Mānoa, HPU, and BYU and their advisors and hosted by HPU's Psy Chi Chapter and Psychology Club. Dana and Corey were advised by Dr. Elaine Hatfield in the development of this project.



Congratulations to **Yeung Lo**, PhD Candidate Department of Tropical Medicine, Medical Microbiology and Pharmacology for receiving the Young Investigator Award at the 59th American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH), a very competitive award (\$1000.00 cash prize). She presented her recent findings on VAR2CSA, a variant surface antigen on late-stage Plasmodium falciparum-infected erythrocytes.

Congratulations to **James Kelley**, PhD Candidate Department of Tropical Medicine, Medical Microbiology and Pharmacology for being chosen as one of 38 out of over 250 recipients for the 2010 Travel Award to the 59th American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) (over \$2500.00 award). He presented his findings on how dengue virus nonstructural proteins may be important during severe disease pathogenesis.

Upcoming Events

The College of Education's Doctorate Student Association (COEDSA) will host a BBQ and potluck on Friday, December 3rd at 4-7 pm on the lawn by 1776 University Avenue. This event is part of the COEDSA monthly "First PHriDays Workshop Series," which gives COE doctoral students a chance to meet, network, and listen to faculty, staff and students present information on topics of interest. COEDSA represents eight departments within the College of Education and can be reached at coedsa@hawaii.edu.

GSO Grants & Awards

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

Laura Specker, *Philosophy*

Mari Miyao, *Linguistics*

Emiko Kamimoto, *EALL/SLS*

Malgorzata Citko, *EALL*

Mary Baker, *Political Science*

Yu Jung Lee, *American Studies*

Tani Helen Sebro, *Anthropology*

Tai-An Miao, *Urban and Regional Planning*

Julie Holmes, *Psychology*

Katie Ersbak, *Urban and Regional Planning*

Daniel Alexander, *Urban and Regional Planning*

Mukesh Kumar, *Tropical Medicine*

Jyotsna Krishnakumar, *NREM*

Heather Spalding, *Botany*

Jayne Kim, *Zoology*

Merica McNeil, *Teaching*

Melissa Akaka, *Marketing*

Nate Staheli, *Accounting*

Euisin Kim, *International Management*

Huixia Wang, *Economics*

Yao Ying, *Economics*

Laxman Sharma, *Civil and Environmental Engineering*

To find out more about how to apply for a Grant and Award visit the GSO website:

<http://www.hawaii.edu/gso>