



The Mānoa Graduate



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Graduate Student Organization Newsletter

HAPPY THANKSGIVING! We are thankful for our constituents and want to continue working hard for you. Please drop us a line and let us know your thoughts.

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



Seeking: GSO Academic Chair

Attention all graduate students!

The GSO is currently searching for a new Academic Committee Chair to begin in January 2012. The position will sit on various committees throughout the university that concern graduate education, become a member of the GSO Executive Council, and will receive a monthly stipend.

All interested students should submit their CV and any questions about the position to gso@hawaii.edu as soon as possible.

GSO Co-Sponsored Events- Check it out!

The GSO is co-sponsoring a series of Graduate Development Workshops with the Psychology Department:

Job Seeking 12/13.

Space is limited, so please contact Megan Forbes at mforbes@hawaii.edu with your name and department to reserve a seat or for more information on the series.

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

THINK GREEN:

GSO Campus Greening Initiative, Applications EXTENDED to MAY 31, 2012

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

Graduate Students & Holiday Stress

Many grad students are currently enduring an **enormous amount of pressure**. End of semester deadlines and holiday stresses are piling up. Add to that the intense fatigue and isolation that sometimes accompany graduate work and it can feel like there's no way out. If you or anyone you know is feeling anxious or just needs to talk, help is available. **1-800-GRAD-HLP** is a national crisis-line staffed by trained counselors who understand your unique pressures and know how to help.

Support is out there: **1-800-GRAD-HLP**. Keep this phone number handy. Use it anytime, 24-7. Your life matters. For more information about the crisis line, check out:
<http://www.hopeline.com/gradhelp.html>

Please forward this message to as many friends as possible. Together we can prevent the kinds of tragedies that have become all too common on our campuses. Learn how to recognize the symptoms of depression:
<http://www.gradresources.org/articles/depression.shtml>

True connections and support can be found in local communities for grads. See
<http://www.gradresources.org/menus/connected.shtml> for ideas on how to connect locally.

Financial pressures can also be a source of tension for many grads. Review the article
<http://www.gradresources.org/articles/financialpressures.shtml> and be aware that initiatives are being taken to assist grads nationally in financial issues. <http://wh.gov/Tgl>

Let's be sure that EVERY graduate student knows that help is available when they need it:
800-GRAD-HLP

Graduate Division

The STAR Scholarship Site is now open for any graduate students who wish to seek awards for the coming year. This includes travel awards (See Dai Ho Chun) and thesis/dissertation completion awards (see Research Corporation of the University of Hawai`i). Please check eligibility requirements carefully for all awards. The site is at:

https://www.star.hawaii.edu:10012/Scholarship_live/GeneralPageMain.jsp

Please bookmark:

<http://manoa.hawaii.edu/graduate/>

Or visit GD on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/uhmgd

GSO Grants & Awards

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

Hyun Hee Heo, Speech
Jaimie Gusman, English
Karen Huang, Linguistics
Majda Rahmanvoic, Religion
Holly Coleman, History
Andrew Peterson, History
David Ritter, Anthropology
April Greenwell, Plant & Environmental Protection Sciences
Elizabeth Nguyen-Wu, Cell & Molecular Biology
Mary Donovan, Zoology
Mathew Lacchi, Zoology
Sheng-Ti Hung, Economics
Maya L. Saffery, Curriculum Studies
Chiara Logli, Educational Foundations
Laura Lesar, Travel Industry Management
Ehsan Yavari, Electrical Engineering
Brian Boston, Geology & Geophysics

Next deadline for G&A is December 1, 2011. To find out more about how to apply for a Grant and Award visit the GSO website:

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

Around Campus

UH Manoa Graduate Students **Lee Taylor**, **Douglas Cullison**, **Lena Mobin**, and **Ryan Akamine** will be competing at the 23rd annual Venture Challenge™, hosted by San Diego State University, March 15 – 17. They will be representing the University of Hawaii through support from Shidler College's Pacific Asian Center for Entrepreneurship (PACE).

The Venture Challenge™ showcases teams from leading universities worldwide, as they compete for prize money and investment capital from an audience of business leaders, venture capital firms and investors. This concentration of global talent winds Venture Challenge™ into an economic springboard of sorts, for the budding ventures' business plans.

Several Theatre MFA graduate students participated in the first ever Oahu Fringe Festival on November 13. The participants in this landmark event included **Jenn Thomas** in her one woman show *"My life as a featured extra"* and **Ben Sota**, **Jen Dickenson** and featuring **Cher Anabo** (MFA in Dance) in an original piece called "Rident".

The Theatre MFAs have been busy! This past Saturday, November 19, they performed at King Kamehameha's birthday celebration at Iolani Palace. The show featured **Ben Sota**, **Jen Dickenson**, **Cher Anabo** (MFA in Dance), and in addition featured performances by **Josephine Calvo**, **Alex Munroe**, and **Yasu Theodora**.

Upcoming Events

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>

The Library & Information Science (LIS) Program's upcoming Poster Mini-Conference will be held at Hamilton Library on Thursday, December 8th from 1pm to 3pm.

The poster will focus on research and/or internships conducted by graduate students in the LIS program. It will help demystify what library students' study and do in the basement of Hamilton.

All graduate students conducting extensive academic research are welcome to attend to find out what issues future librarians are honing in on.

Letter to the Editor

Have a suggestion or thought you want to share? Submit a Letter to the Editor piece so your opinion can be heard!