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Welcome and Aloha!

by Chancellor Rose Tseng



With last month's arrival of students and orientation week activities, we officially said farewell to summer and welcomed another academic year at UH Hilo. There is a special feeling of excitement and anticipation in the air, as our University `ohana speculates on what the coming year will bring.

The beginning of a new academic year brings about reflection on the many milestones we have achieved. UH Hilo's faculty and staff work with special care, aloha, dedication and commitment to offer the best educational opportunities to our students that prepare them to be successful in achieving their goals. Our growth and development create the positive momentum to move us forward to be a world-class, comprehensive university.

During the past few years, new masters degrees such as Counseling Psychology, and Tropical Conservation Biology and Environmental Science were developed in response to student and community needs. Meanwhile, our Aquaculture and Marine Science programs will be enhanced with the completion of the Pacific Aquaculture and Coastal Resources Center. We have also received Board of Regents approval in concept for a Ph.D. in Hawaiian Language and Indigenous Culture Revitalization and a Doctorate of Pharmacy Degree. And it is with great excitement that we welcome our first 20 pre-pharmacy students.

Our vision is to integrate science with culture and maximize our natural learning laboratory concept to enable our students to master the experience and competencies necessary to be competitive in the global workforce.

Our research initiatives such as the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR), Keaholoa STEM, Title III - Kipuka and Research Infrastructure in Minority Institutions (RIMI) are important initiatives to build our infrastructure, reach out to students and offer them new options. The Science and Technology Building, which is in the design and planning process, will enhance our teaching and scientific research.

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SPOTLIGHT

College of Business and Economics dean well suited for the job

by Ken Hupp



Marcia Sakai

Dr. Marcia Sakai, newly appointed dean of UH Hilo's College of Business and Economics, admits that she first wanted to become a doctor in the sixth grade. The good news for UH Hilo is that those plans never panned out.

"Back then I wanted to be an M.D., not a Ph.D.," Sakai recalled during a conversation in her Edith Kanaka'ole Hall office. "But when I thought about it, I decided I would have to spend too many years in school, so I got over it by the eighth grade."

Had she pursued her original plans, Sakai might have been performing surgery or delivering babies. Instead, her career path steered her to the University, where she presided over the birth of a new college, and officially became its first dean on August 1, 2005.

"I kind of chuckle thinking about why I decided not to become a doctor," Sakai said. "By choosing a career in education, I spent just as much time in school as I would have to become a surgeon."

It would certainly be hard to argue with that statement. Born in Honolulu and raised in Kai-

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Our enrollment continues to be strong because students are selecting UH Hilo as their university of choice. We are becoming notable for exemplary education through our caring professors. And we are proud that UH Hilo is the gateway for many of Hawai'i's first-generation students to receive a college degree and enter the workforce. In addition to students from Hawai'i, students from the mainland and from around the world choose to come to study in our natural and cultural environment, bringing richness and diversity to our University and community.

UHHilo continues in its dynamic growth development. We have a lot to look forward to with the completion of Phase I of the North Hawai'i Education and Research Center (NHERC), the opening of the Mauna Kea Astronomy Education Center, construction of the China-U.S. Center's first phase, planning for the College of Hawaiian Language and the College of Pharmacy.

UH Hilo cannot achieve all that it has without the hard work of our University 'ohana working together within the University and working together with our many community partners. It is through the synergy of our University and community partnership that we are able to address the academic, social and economic needs of our community and state.

To all of you, a big Mahalo for all of the outstanding work that you do, making UH Hilo a university we can most certainly be proud of. 🍌

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Mycologists on the move!

UH Hilo served as the host for the first joint meetings of the Mycological Society of America and Mycological Society of Japan from July 30-August 5, 2005. Over 450 mycologists (people who study fungi and mushrooms) representing 30 countries, from South Africa to the Mauritius Islands, enjoyed a week of field trips, symposia, and contributed papers. One hundred and forty Japanese scientists attended the conference, which was coordinated by UH Hilo biologist Dr. Don Hemmes. He was assisted by the UH Hilo Conference Center staff headed by Judith Fox-Goldstein and Josie Malepeai.

"160 people were taken on a preconference collecting trip to Lava Tree State Park and MacKenzie Park in Puna and nearly 450 participants traveled to Volcanoes National Park for a day-long site seeing trip with scientific interpreters along the way," Hemmes said. "The weather was beautiful all week and approximately one million mushrooms were out at Thurston Lava Tube to excite these mycophiles."

The UH Hilo gymnasium held two evening poster sessions with nearly 300 scientific research papers presented as posters. UH Hilo students made unique Indian wigwam-type easels out of strawberry guava branches. On each of the poster session evenings the public enjoyed talks by Paul Stamets, a world famous mycologist and mushroom guru from Olympia, Washington, who gave illustrated talks on antiviral compounds and other novel mycopharaceuticals derived from mushrooms. His talks were sponsored by the County of Hawai'i from the office of Margarita Hopkins, and the Resource Conservation and Development Committee directed by Steve Skipper and Larry Komata. The meetings finished with a social and auction at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel where over \$10,000 was raised for the endowment fund and student travel.

At the meetings, Hemmes was elected vice president of the Mycological Society of America. He will continue as president-elect and then give his presidential address at Pennsylvania State University in 2008.

"Participants from Harvard, Cornell University, the University of Wisconsin, the University of Chicago, UC Berkeley and many other prestigious universities were impressed with UH Hilo's facilities and the general ambiance of the campus," Hemmes said. "Kudos go to Chancellor Rose Tseng, Vice Chancellor Steve Hora, Dean Randy Hirokawa for supporting the conference and to Kolin Kettleson and all his staff for making the campus look great and for facilitating the use of the buildings." 🍌



Poster sessions in the volleyball gymnasium were well attended with over 300 scientific presentations made. Note the fancy poster easels made by UH Hilo students.

Silicon Valley executive to head Mauna Kea Astronomy Education Center

by Ken Hupp

Peter B. Giles has been named director of the Mauna Kea Astronomy Education Center (MKAEC), effective September 1, 2005. Giles, who served 18 years as president and CEO at The Tech Museum of Innovation in San Jose, California, replaces Dr. Marlene Nachbar Hapai who resigned August 31, 2005 for personal reasons.

"We are pleased and extremely fortunate to have a director for MKAEC with the museum leadership experience of Peter Giles," said Chancellor Rose Tseng during a press conference last month announcing Giles' appointment. "Peter's background includes building and operating 'The Tech,' a world-class technology learning center and visitor attraction, as well as his service on the Board of Directors for the Association of Science and Technology Centers and the San Jose Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Tseng noted that he literally oversaw 'The Tech' development from its earliest stages to become one of Silicon Valley's hottest attractions. She said that experience will prove invaluable as the University prepares to open its own world-class interpretive learning center and visitor attraction to the public.

Giles, who calls MKAEC "an institution of extraordinary promise for Hawai'i's future," said that his top three priorities are "to place MKAEC on a solid financial basis, to build the image and reality of the Center as the 'must see' destination in the Pacific and to establish the facility as an educational center with a reputation on par with the world-class reputation of Mauna Kea's astronomy research."

He believes the Center is well-positioned through its linking of astronomy and Hawaiian culture to inspire Hawai'i's youth to set their sights on careers in science and technology. In that regard, Giles sees a parallel with what he accomplished with 'The Tech.'

"It was really about building a bridge to the future for the young people that were growing up within a stone's throw of the most advanced research and technology activities in the world and had no clue about what was going on inside," Giles said. "What we want to do with the Center is shorten the distance between young people growing up here and the top of the mountain, to have them lift their eyes and realize that opportunities in science and technology can be pursued without losing the endearing and powerful qualities of being Hawaiian."

The Center, slated to open at year's end, has attracted \$27 million in federal funding through NASA, and will be supported by admissions and fees, corporate, individual, and public funding. MKAEC will feature a state-of-the-art



Peter Giles is welcomed by Chancellor Rose Tseng and former MKAEC director, Dr. Marlene Hapai.

laser planetarium, an object theater, and 3D Journey through Time and Space, engaging visitors in the fascinating discoveries of astronomy with compelling glimpses into linkages to Hawaiian traditions.

Tseng said that Hapai, professor and former dean of the University of Hawai'i, who has been director of the Center and planetarium-in-progress since January 2004, "was the right leader to bring the Center forward from concept to the impressive institution taking shape in the University Park of Science and Technology."

"We have made giant strides since then," Tseng said. "Marlene has guided this project through an extraordinary period of accomplishment and has brought us to the completion phase."

"This Center, along with all the other science facilities that have opened on the Big Island, is a dream-come-true for me," Hapai noted. "This has truly been a labor of love for me and I envision success for MKAEC and for Peter as its new director. I also ask the community to give Peter and the Center the support needed to make the Center that 'must visit' jewel Hilo can be proud of."

Giles said he looks forward to the challenge and invoked the vision of Hawai'i U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye, who was instrumental in securing federal funding for the Center. He noted that Inouye envisioned MKAEC as a place where the entire community could come together in mutual understanding, improved communication and awareness of the two important elements of science and Hawaiian culture.

"That's a powerful idea," Giles said. "I think if we achieve this, we will have something to teach the world about how to take the best from modern science and indigenous culture, enduring values and qualities associated with that, and build a future for all concerned." ☺

UH Hilo faculty honored for excellence in teaching

A trio of UH Hilo faculty members were recognized for their excellence in teaching and commitment to students. Samuel Na'ilima Gaison, lecturer of Hawaiian language, was presented the Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence by an Instructor or Lecturer, Dr. Rebecca Ostertag, assistant professor of biology, was awarded the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents Excellence in Teaching Award, and Dr. Alton Okinaka, associate professor of sociology, received the Outstanding Advisor/Mentor Award.



Na'ilima Gaison

Gaison's popular Hawaiian Language in Action class has become a cornerstone of UH Hilo's effort to educate students about Hawaiian culture. "Kumu," as he is affectionately known to many, earned praise from a colleague who described him as an instructor who brings the spirit of Aloha to life.

"Na'ilima is known for his long-standing and total commitment to providing students with a deeper understanding and appreciation for Hawaiian culture," the colleague noted. "He goes beyond the call creating hands-on cultural encounters, including trips to historical sites and culturally based activities, sometimes financed with his own personal funds."

Colleagues in the Biology Department say Ostertag



Rebecca Ostertag

came to UH Hilo with impressive credentials, yet continuously exceeds expectations.

"Becky is one of the most promising teacher/scholars that we have ever recruited and among her many talents is outstanding teaching and selfless dedication to helping undergraduate students," one colleague said. "Her teaching evaluations are among the highest I have ever seen, with some students telling me they thought Becky was the best teacher they ever had."



Alton Okinaka

Students credit Okinaka, known to many of them as "Dr. O," for his high level commitment to the University, where he has served in various capacities, including UH Hilo Student Association (UHHSA) Advisor, testing coordinator for the general GRE graduate school admissions test, and a volunteer at numerous Athletic events. One of his nominators stated that Okinaka's knowledge and expertise has helped make UHHSA a more effective advocate for the University and its students.

"Being involved in numerous legislative affairs, both on campus and at the state level, he is able to advise today's student leaders on what to do on their legislative trips and during their senate meetings," the student stated. "I don't see how UHHSA would be where it is today without his countless hours of support." ☺

Miyose UH Hilo Admin Affairs employee of quarter



Dean Miyose

Groundskeeper working supervisor Dean Miyose was selected as the UH Hilo Administrative Affairs Employee of the Quarter. Miyose has been employed at UH Hilo for nearly 18 years.

"It was an honor to be recognized," Miyose said about his selection. "I think the whole crew should have been recognized. They do most of the

actual work."

"Dean increased productivity by reorganizing work areas, holding crew meetings, and splitting up a large crew into smaller units according to various projects," wrote the anonymous UH Hilo employee who nominated Miyose for the award. "Dean also leads by example. You often see him

working side-by-side with the other groundskeepers, and yet he still is able to check assigned special projects, and groundskeepers working in other areas."

Miyose began his career at UH Hilo in August 1987 as an emergency hire janitor. A month later he was hired for a limited term appointment as a janitor. He was hired as a regular janitor in June 1988. He was promoted to janitor working supervisor in April 1998; in April 2003, he assumed a groundskeeper position. In of this year he was promoted to his current post as working supervisor.

Miyose says he enjoys his job, although he concedes that he and his crew have been operating under adverse conditions.

"I guess all departments are short-handed and lack resources," he said. "The expansion of the campus makes it more challenging with the number of people that we've got. You just have to do the best that you can with what you've got. We try hard to please the public with the appearance of the grounds." ☺

UH Hilo ranked in “America’s Best Colleges 2006”

US News & World Report magazine recently released its national college rankings to coincide with the beginning of the new academic year at most institutions across the country. In overall rankings, the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo is ranked this year in the fourth tier—schools ranked 165 through 215 -- of 215 liberal arts college nationwide, of which 193 are private and only 22 are public.

The liberal arts college designation is based on categories developed by the Carnegie Foundation for Advancement of Teaching and includes institutions such as UH Hilo that emphasize undergraduate education and award at least half their degrees in the liberal arts.

In addition to its “Best Liberal Arts College” ranking, UH Hilo ranked in a tie for fifth among liberal arts colleges in racial diversity—the colleges where students are most likely to encounter undergraduates from racial or ethnic groups different from their own, not including international students. Among the U.S. citizens in the undergraduate student body, UH Hilo has more Asian-Americans than any other liberal arts college in the U.S. at 42 percent.

UH Hilo was also tied for 13th among liberal arts colleges for the largest proportion of international undergraduates in its student body during the 2004-2005 school year, at 11 percent.

“In today’s global economy and global marketplace, employers place a high premium on prospective employees who are ‘citizens of the world,’” UH Hilo Chancellor Rose Tseng said. “UH Hilo offers undergraduates the opportunity to interact on a meaningful intellectual and social level with fellow students from a multitude of racial, ethnic and cultural backgrounds and to immerse themselves in the multicultural milieu that leads to the ‘world citizenship’ that is so vital for the future.”

In other categories listed by *US News & World Report’s* rankings, 84 percent of UH Hilo’s faculty is full-time and only four percent of its classes have 50 or more students. Forty percent of its classes have fewer than 20 students.

“UH Hilo has always prided itself on hands-on learning and on the amount of individual attention that students receive from faculty,” Tseng noted. “These are numbers that vindicate the individualized experience that students receive at UH Hilo.”

UH News & World Report compiles the annual rankings based on reputational surveys of senior academicians at peer institutions, faculty and financial resources, student selectivity in the admissions process, the percentage of freshmen who return for a second year, and ultimately graduate, and alumni giving to the institution. ☺



Upward Bound silver anniversary golden

The Upward Bound program has just completed its 25th year at UH Hilo. Its silver anniversary turned out to be a banner year for the program that provides promising high school students whose families meet federal low-income guidelines and whose parents have not earned a bachelor’s degree the tools to be successful in college.

Thirty students graduated from the program in 2005 and all plan to attend college in the fall. Among those graduates, seven graduated with summa cum laude honors, nine with magna cum laude honors and six garnered cum laude honors.

Six 2005 Upward Bound graduates were class valedictorians or co-valedictorians. They are: Brian Imada, a summa cum laude graduate of Honoka‘a High School who plans to attend the University of California at San Diego; Chauncey Souza, a summa cum laude graduate of Honoka‘a who plans to attend University of Redlands; Bryan Juan, a summa cum laude graduate of Pahoa who plans to attend UH Manoa; Jennifer Villahermosa, a summa cum laude graduate of Ka‘u who plans to attend Arizona State; Peterson Dela Cruz, a summa cum laude graduate of Waimea who plans to attend the University of Southern California; and Jessica Jacinto, a summa cum laude graduate of Waimea who plans to attend UH Manoa.

Two 2005 Upward Bound graduates were class salutatorians: Shirnel Enos, a summa cum laude graduate of Kea‘au who plans to attend UH Hilo; and Angelita Juan, a summa cum laude graduate of Pahoa who plans to attend UH Manoa.

In addition, two 2005 Upward Bound graduates who plan to attend UH Hilo are recipients of the UH Hilo Chancellor’s Scholarship: Enos and Shawna Keelan, a magna cum laude graduate of Pahoa. Two more incoming UH Hilo freshmen received UH Hilo’s Upward Bound Leadership Scholarships: Chelsea Wong, a magna cum laude graduate of Kea‘au and Reese Ebanes, a cum laude graduate of Pahoa.

UH Hilo’s Upward Bound program has two components: the “classic” program which services students from Big Island high schools, and the math/science regional center, which helps students from high schools across the State improve math and science related skills. Upward Bound provides, at no cost to qualified applicants, academic and tutoring and counseling throughout the year and a six-week on-campus college experience during the summer. ☺

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Jerry Calton

Jerry Calton, Professor of Management, had his paper on "Social Contracting in a Pluralist Process of Moral Sense Making: A Dialogic Twist on the ISCT" accepted for publication in the *Journal of Business Ethics*, a major European ethics journal. He was also appointed as a contributing editor and member of the editorial board for a new five-volume *Encyclopedia of Business Ethics and Society*, to be issued by Sage Publications in 2007, and served as co-chair of the Local Arrangements Committee at Academy of Management national meeting in Honolulu, attended by 6,000 participants last month.



Jon Cauley

Jon Cauley, Professor of Economics, will have several of his articles on economic reform in China and China-U.S. international relations included in a collection located in the U.S. Embassy's Information and Resource Center at the American Center for Educational Exchange in Beijing, China. This special archive will be the first of its kind in the People's Republic of China. The articles to be included are "Agency Theory and the Chinese Enterprise Under Reform," "Sino-U.S. Cooperation: A Case for APEC," "Stakeholder Incentives and Reform in China's State-Owned Enterprises: A Common-Property Theory," and "Agency Cost and the Crisis of China's SOEs: A Comment and Further Observations."



Yoshitaka Miike

Yoshitaka Miike, Assistant Professor of Communication, was invited by *The Taipei Times* to write a commentary on cultural globalization. "Cultural Asia in the Age of Globalization" was published in July. He also co-authored a paper on "Ferment and Future of Communication Studies in Asia: Chinese and Japanese Perspectives" with Dr. Guo-Ming Chen, University of Rhode Island, who presented it at the 10th International Association for Intercultural Communication Studies



Yumiko Ohara

Conference in Taipei, Taiwan in July.

Yumiko Ohara, Assistant Professor of Linguistics and Japanese, presented her research at the 9th International Pragmatics Conference at Riva del Garda, Italy, in July. The conference was organized by the International Pragmatics Association, the largest academic organization devoting itself to the study of language usage. Ohara presented "The Linguistic Construction of a National History and Its Ideological Consequences: The Treatment of World War II in Japanese History Textbooks." She is currently planning to undertake a comparative linguistic analysis of treatment of WWII in history textbooks with researchers from Austria and Germany.



Jonathan Dresner

Jonathan Dresner, Assistant Professor of History, will have his article on "Hopes and Fears: Japanese Government Instructions to Emigrant Laborers, 1885-1895" included in the forthcoming Routledge Asian Transformations Series *Japanese Diasporas: Unsung Pasts, Conflicting Presents, and Uncertain Futures*, scheduled for publication in early 2006. Additionally, Dresner gave talks on "Japanese Emigration Policy: Government Priorities as Structure" and Virtual Academy: Japanese History and Historians On-Line" at the Association for Asian Studies Pacific Region Conference in Claremont in June.



Gabriele Matull Worst

Gabriele Matull Worst, Records Specialist, is one of the first in Hawai'i to obtain a Mental Health Counselor license. Licensure for Mental Health Counselors was approved by the State of Hawai'i earlier this summer. She is also a current Certified Rehabilitation Counselor.



Harald Barkhoff

Harald Barkhoff, Assistant Professor of Health and Physical Education, has been invited to serve as a reviewer for the journal *The Sport Psychologist*.



Linda Golian-Lui

Linda Marie Golian-Lui, University Librarian, has been appointed by

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Terrance Jalbert

the American Library Association to serve on the newly created Rural, Native and Tribal Libraries of All Kinds Committee. The committee is charged with reviewing issues and challenges facing rural, native and tribal libraries and to collaborate with other American Library Association Committees and Units in addressing the special needs of libraries that serve these special populations.

Terrance Jalbert, Associate Professor of Finance, had the following papers published: "Implications of changes in tax rates for firm debt levels: evidence from the 1986 tax reform act," for the *Journal of Business and Economics Research*, and "Analyzing Functional Performance of Hong Kong Firms: Planning, Budgeting, Forecasting, and Automation," for the *Journal of the American Academy of Business Cambridge*, with Steven Landry and Canri Chan. The latter is a benchmarking case study of the accounting and finance functions of Hong Kong firms.

Emmeline dePillis, Associate Professor of Management, has published her papers, "Managerial sex stereotypes in an ethnically diverse environment" in *The International Journal of Diversity in Organizations, Communities and Nations* and "Psychological correlates of political ideologies in the blogosphere" in *The E-Business Review*, V5 Revised CD Edition, 2005. She also served as a session participant, "In memory of Dr. Michael Driver," and session facilitator at the annual meeting of the Academy of Management in Honolulu last month.

Barbara Leonard, Associate Professor of Accounting, **Hank Hennessey**, Professor of Management, and student **Chris Nakato** have published a paper on "A Comparison of the Financial Performance of Regulated versus Non-regulated Electric Utility Companies" for the *Journal of Accounting and Finance Research*, examining differences in the



David Hammes

effect of regulatory climate on utility financial performance. In addition, Leonard had her paper on "Accounting for a New Economy" published in the *Journal of Accounting and Finance Research*.

Kelly Burke, Associate Professor of Management Information Systems, had his paper "The Impact of Firm Size on Internet Use in Small Business" published in *E-Business in Small Business*. His study is the first to compare adoption patterns among only small businesses, finding that slight differences in firm size generate different patterns of adoption for several types of small business information systems.

David Hammes, Professor of Economics, had "Thomas Edison's Monetary Option" accepted in *The Journal of the History of Economic Thought*. The paper discusses Edison's 1922 proposal that U.S. currency should be backed by the agricultural production of American farmers. Additionally, Hammes and **Eric Im**, Professor of Economics, collaborated in finding a dramatically simpler analytical solution for the stability condition for difference equations of any order. "Stationarity Condition for AR Index Process" has been accepted for publication in *Econometric Theory*, a Yale University journal. Alpha Chiang, author of *Fundamental Methods of Mathematical Economics*, has notified the authors of his interest in citing their results in the next edition of his book.

Michael Marshall, Associate Professor of Art, participated in "Bridging the Waters - Africa to America," a special exhibition at the World Trade Center/Center for International Relations, St. Louis, MO this past summer. Additionally, he was also one of seven invited artists statewide featured in *The Contemporary Museum Biennial Exhibition of Hawai'i Artists*. The exhibition was on display in Honolulu over the summer, and travels to the Maui Arts



Emmeline dePillis



Hank Hennessey



Kelly Burke



Eric Im



Michael Marshall



John Hamilton

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Bob Fox

and Cultural Center in Kahului this month where it will remain on display until October 15, 2005.

John Hamilton, Instructor of Physics & Astronomy, and **Bob Fox**, Professor of Physics & Astronomy, were awarded a Conservation District Use Permit from the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the Ashra project. Ashra (All-Sky High Resolution Air-Shower Array) is a revolutionary Cosmic Ray detector on the slopes of Mauna Loa using CCD technology that will image the transitory fleeting effects of High Energy Cosmic Rays in the Earth's atmosphere above the Saddle area. The Ashra project is a collaboration between UH Hilo and the Institute for Cosmic Ray Research at the University of Tokyo, UH Manoa, and National Taiwan University.

Wayne Miyamoto, Professor of Art, was invited to China to participate in an art and cultural exchange program sponsored by the Boston Printmakers Association this summer in Beijing, Huangshan, Hangzhou, Suzhou, and Shanghai. The group comprised of artists and faculty from the Art Institute of Boston, Leslie University, Miami (Ohio) University, the University of Arizona, the University of Nebraska, and UH Hilo. At Hangzhou, Miyamoto presented a slide-lecture of his work in printmaking. His work was included in an exhibition of prints in Hangzhou and in an exchange portfolio of prints presented by the Boston Printmakers.

Keola Donaghy, Assistant Professor of Hawaiian Studies, presented a paper on "John Kameaaloha Almeida: A Comparative Analysis of Hawaiian Language as Spoken and Sung" at the International Council For Traditional Music's 38th World Conference held in Sheffield, England last month. 📍



Wayne Miyamoto



Keola Donaghy

Promotion and tenure awarded

Congratulations to the following faculty members who received promotion and tenure:

Promotion and tenure:

- Dr. Susan Jarvi, Associate Professor, Biology
- Dr. Jon-Pierre Michaud, Associate Professor,

Chemistry

- Gail Makuakane-Lundin, Assistant Specialist, Native Hawaiian Student Center

Tenure:

- * Susan Shirachi, University Disability Services

Performing Arts/Student Government to kick off Fall Focus on UH Hilo

UH Hilo's Performing Arts programs and student government will be featured on the September telecasts of *Focus on UH Hilo*. The program is hosted by Chancellor Rose Tseng, and airs Wednesday evenings during the instructional year from 8:00 – 8:30 p.m. on Channel 55.

Ken Staton, associate professor of music and chair of performing arts, will appear with Jackie Pualani Johnson, professor of drama, on the September 7th telecast, which kicks off the fall semester. Staton and Johnson will discuss the various performing arts programs and preview the upcoming Theatre season.

The September 21st program will feature a discussion of the role and activities of UH Hilo's student government. Guests will include Dylan Nonaka, president of the UH Hilo Student Association (UH HSA), and a representative from the Student Activities Council (SAC).

Focus on UH Hilo highlights UH Hilo programs, up and coming developments and the University's partnerships with various community organizations. 📍

In the name of science

by Judith Fox-Goldstein

In mid-July, 22 teachers from the heart of Georgia visited the Big Island for a weeklong UH Hilo Hawaiian EDventure program. Most were science and social studies teachers, although a few taught multi-age groups of gifted students. They came to enrich the science and social studies curricula they teach in Georgia's elementary, intermediate and high schools.

Their itinerary was jam-packed with experiential field excursions. The Georgia teachers received expert guidance and instruction by East Hawai'i science educator and field interpreter Claudia Zirola-Coyl. With Zirola-Coyl as well as a variety of dedicated instructors and community resources, the group ventured from volcanoes to beaches, from the Onizuka Center for International Astronomy to the shallow waters off Kona to see, touch, feel, taste and hear what Hawai'i's Big Island has to offer the young people they teach thousands of miles away.

One day they studied rocks and soil, the inner earth and the history of the volcanic chain of islands that is Hawai'i. Another day the teachers collected sea life from the lagoons at Onekahakaha Beach after a morning slide show and visit to Mokupāpapa Discovery Center in downtown Hilo. An evening with Hawaiian EDventure's cultural resource specialist, Hollis Taylor, provided an extensive introduction to the hula and the effort that goes into making the unique natural costumes and accessories that a dance may require. Taylor even offered up a lesson in Hula Kahiko, the traditional ancient dancing. The island was, literally, their learning laboratory.

Another highlight of the trip was the morning spent with Dr. Marlene Hapai for a private tour of the Mauna Kea Astronomy Education Center. The teachers were thrilled by the potential for astronomy-based professional development and they are looking forward to joining the next offering of AstroVaganza in 2006.

The group also explored the Hamakua Forest and coastline, Waimea Town, and Parker Ranch Galleries before heading to Kona, coffee country and Kealahou Bay. The Big Island served up sensational landscapes and incomparable lessons, out of which will come imaginative and colorful curricula for the benefit of many young people in Georgia.

One of the goals of the UH Hilo's Hawaiian EDventure Program is to develop on-going professional development field courses that will bring an international cadre of teachers to the University and to experience the Big Island's diverse environment and culture. By exposing teachers to the innovative programs offered at UH Hilo, visiting teachers become great ambassadors for the University. They add to our marketing efforts aimed at defining the Big Island, and UH Hilo as the "Greatest Outdoor Classrooms in the World." ☺

(Editor's note: Judith Fox-Goldstein is director, Conference Center.)

Coaches cited for success

Four UH Hilo Vulcan coaches were recognized for the team's outstanding performances during the 2004-05 season.

Receiving Pacific West Conference Coach of the Year honors were Jeff Law (basketball), Earl Tamiya (golf) and Callen Perreira (softball). Honored as NCAA Division II West Region Coaches of the Year were Law and Kula Oda (men's and women's tennis).

Unranked in the pre-season, Law's squad landed in the eighth spot in the final NABC/NCAA Division II poll. They held onto the top spot in the West Region for three consecutive weeks before dropping to the second spot in the final poll. Selected to finish second in the PWC, the Vulcans claimed the title. The team's final 25-4 record was the second best winning percentage in Vulcan basketball history at .862.

Tamiya's squad claimed the conference tournament title by 30 strokes. His team eventually finished fifth at the NCAA Division II Championship.

Perreira's squad won its first PWC title and made its first post-season appearance in the NCAA. It also ended a 12-year post-season drought that started following a fourth place finish in the 1992 NAIA National Championship.

Oda, who coaches both the men's and women's tennis squads, guided his 33rd-ranked men's team to a 13-9 overall record and 7-4 PWC mark. His 12th-ranked women's squad was 12-7 overall and 7-4 in the conference. ☺



Jeff Law



Callen Perreira



Kula Oda



Earl Tamiya

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O'ahu, Sakai was Hawai'i's U.S. Presidential Scholar as a graduating senior from Kailua High School in 1965. She received her bachelor of arts in mathematics from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in 1969. She added master's degrees in mathematics and economics in 1971 and 1984, respectively, and a doctorate degree in economics in 1985.

Sakai first came to Hilo in 1976. She and her husband Bill, who she met as a freshman at the University of Michigan, had moved to Northern California in 1973. There, she worked as accounts manager and Bill as head horticulturist at a family wholesale nursery, providing floral and ornamental plant products to Safeway and Lucky supermarkets.

But Sakai longed to return to Hawai'i. Her ticket home came when Bill was hired by the former UH Hilo College of Agriculture. There, he worked for a time as acting dean, and is currently a professor of horticulture in the College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Natural Resource Management (CAFNRM). Sakai's career however, would have to wait while she concentrated on raising their child and temporarily re-located to O'ahu, where she earned her Ph.D. at UH Mānoa.

Sakai admits she couldn't have conceived at this point that she would one day find herself overseeing an entire college with programs servicing 400 majors. Perhaps it was destiny. But the match appears to have been a perfect fit. Ask around and one would have a hard time finding someone who has played a bigger role in the establishment of the College and its largest achievement to date.

"Dr. Sakai and the College of Business and Economics are practically synonymous," said UH Hilo Chancellor Rose Tseng. "From its establishment through the accreditation process, Dr. Sakai has been at the forefront of our efforts and has demonstrated the outstanding leadership qualities that this position demands."

One person who might give you an argument would be Sakai herself, who feels timing played an important part in her rise through the ranks. Having joined UH Hilo as an assistant professor in 1991, she earned her current rank of professor in tourism and economics, and was named director of the School of Business in 2000.

"It was kind of like working 10 years to become an overnight success," Sakai joked. "I think part of the reason I was at the right place at the right time is because I had worked hard as a lecturer and assistant professor, so I was ready for the opportunity when it occurred."

Sakai had little time to get comfortable in her new position as the University would soon gear up for its most ambitious effort to date: The establishment of a new College of Business and Economics. That goal was accomplished in January of 2004, followed by accreditation from the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Businesses (AACSB) just a year later. Sakai views those developments as part of an evolution that has been years in the making.

"These achievements never could have occurred without those who took this College from a division in the College of Arts and Sciences, to a School of Business and Economics, and ultimately an accredited College," Sakai said. "So what appears to have been accomplished under my direction has actually been done on the shoulders of others who came before me."

Sakai cites retired Associate Professor of Marketing Dr. Robert King, Professor of Quantitative Analysis and current Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dr. Steve Hora and Professor of Management Dr. Hank Hennessey as just three of the individuals whose vision and leadership laid the groundwork for future success.

"They saw what was possible here, and got others to buy into the concept," Sakai said. "So when I became Director, it was more a matter of building on what they had already accomplished, which was considerable. With the support of administration and a bit of bird dogging, things really flowed."

Sakai sees her role at the helm of the College as someone who can blend the rich talents of the school's faculty to achieve its goals and objectives. That ability to work collaboratively and develop a consensus is a talent that will serve the new dean well as she turns to immediate challenges facing the College. In its accreditation report, the AACSB visitation team cited the need to attain funding for larger and enhanced physical facilities, and to expand opportunities for student growth outside the classroom. Sakai says the school is better positioned to address those challenges as a college, because as a dean she has direct access to the vice chancellors for academic and administrative affairs.

"Space is going to be the big issue given our goal of doubling the number of business-related majors to 800," Sakai said. "If we're unable to build something we'll have to find the additional space within our existing facilities, and that may have to be our answer at least in the short term."

The need for additional space could occur within one or two years. Growth in the number of majors is currently tracking the University's overall rate of approximately five percent a year. But Sakai believes the College can grow much faster by utilizing the AACSB accreditation and other tools.

"We expected the accreditation to be a big draw for mainland students, who are already our fastest growing market," Sakai said. "But we need to use it to recruit more students from Hawai'i, through promotion and by attending recruiting fairs and other related events."

A hands-on approach is nothing new to Sakai, who has extensive experience in research, government and the private sector to compliment her teaching credentials.

Sakai has conducted studies, published papers and book chapters on a wide range of topics, including Japanese international travel, business travel, tourism program evaluation, and direct foreign investment. She has been a contributor to three books on Hawai'i, [The Price of Paradise](#), [Politics and Public Policy in Hawai'i](#), and [the Atlas of Hawai'i](#), and is

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Native Hawaiian pathways program receives grant

UH Hilo received a grant of \$804,391 from the U.S. Department of Education to continue the Natural and Environmental Sciences pathway program for Native Hawaiian high school students statewide. The program is administered through UH Hilo's Na Pua No'eau, the Center for Gifted and Talented Native Hawaiian Children. The grant award is for the third year of a three-year grant.

According to Center Director Dr. David Sing, it is anticipated that this effort will increase the number of Hawaiian students attending UH Hilo majoring in the sciences.

"Over the last two years we have worked with students who have raised their awareness, interest and abilities in environmental sciences," Sing said. "The students have developed a stronger sense of connection to these issues as it relates to them as Hawaiians. They have also heightened their sense of responsibility to protect those elements of the land and their culture."

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currently involved in a book being authored on tourism public policy in Hawai'i.

Her government and private sector credentials include service as a commissioner for the 1995-1997 Hawai'i State Tax Review Commission, policy analyst for the State Department of Taxation, economist for the State Public Utilities Commission and consultant to the Office of State Planning and private corporations.

Despite her marriage to a fellow professor, neither comes from a family of educators.

"We both love what we do, but this was never a case of us following in our parent's footsteps," Sakai said. "I guess that makes us first-generation educators, or whatever the term is that you use to describe it."

And what about their son? Has he followed mom or dad's example? Well yes, as a matter of fact. Sort of.

"Our son David and his wife Leyson own and operate their own nursery and retail shop in Hilo," Sakai said. "Sound familiar?"

Indeed. Perhaps history will repeat itself. It wouldn't be the first time. 🍷

(Editor's note: Ken Hupp is a public information officer.)

Peace Corps volunteers and local businesses share Aloha at UH Hilo Library

Fourteen Peace Corps volunteers and three local businesses joined forces and dedicated their time and materials over the summer to help the UH Hilo Mookini Library become a more beautiful environment in which to learn and study.

The project involved landscaping two atrium areas commonly referred to as "the pits" because of its unattractiveness. The project took approximately six hours and included repotting and positioning plants in the atrium areas to create a setting for students to enjoy while reading and studying on the first floor of the Mookini Library.

Planning for the landscaping project began approximately one year ago when JoAnna Allen from the Peace Corps contacted Dr. Linda Marie Golian-Lui, university librarian, about a possible volunteer project that could be completed in a day.

"Ms. Allen explained to me that 2005 was a very special 40th reunion celebration for many of the Peace Corps volunteers who received their initial Peace Corps training in Hilo," Golian-Lui said. "In the true spirit of the Peace Corps, members attending the 40th reunion wanted to do a community project that would be appreciated by the local community and the UH Hilo campus."

The volunteers participating in the atrium garden project were: Laird Graeser; Chris Graeser; Ellin Doyle; Gary Pokorny; Roger Newell; Mary Anne Newell; Nicki Bibbo; Mary B. Warner; Ellen Beeler; Sharon Armstrong; Dave Armstrong; Fred M. Arnold; Jessica Bibbo; and David Warner.

The Mookini Library partnered with the UH Foundation and with Harvey Tajiri, former Hawai'i State Representative and Board of Regents member, to create a landscaping plan and to procure donations from the local community to landscape the two atrium areas. Over \$4,000 worth of plants were donated and delivered by Raymond Tanouye of Mountain Meadows. In addition, Dr. Wayne Nishijima provided a significant donation of cinders and rocks from the Hilo's Cooperative Extension Service of UH Manoa's College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources. Dr. Bill Sakai, interim dean of UH Hilo's College of Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resources Management, donated potting soil. Other individuals and companies providing donations to make the project possible were Tajiri, Farmers' Exchange, and Nursery Things, Inc. 🍷



Volunteers gathered over the summer to help beautify Mookini Library.



Campus Events

September

- 5 Holiday: Labor Day
- 7 Focus on UH Hilo, 8 p.m., Channel 55
- 9 Last day to exercise credit/no credit
- 11 Last day to withdraw from courses without "W"
- 21 Focus on UH Hilo, 8 p.m., Channel 55
- 30 Vulcan volleyball vs. BYU-Hawai'i, 7:15 p.m.,
New Gym, Admission