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THIRSTY?

NOVEN VALENZUELA

Beat the heat with the University of Hawai'i - West O'ahu's water filling station.

Located at the library end of E-building, the water filling station dispenses both hot and cold water.

Assistant Professor of Education Dr. Richard Jones secured a grant to acquire the machine through the Office of Naval Research (ONR) and manages the machine himself by purchasing stone blocks and various measuring instruments to acquire data for further study.

"We're using this machine to gather data on the amount of water we consume, and the possible number of 16.9-ounce bottles we can save," says Jones.

Since July 30, the water station has

provided 170 gallons of water, replaced 1287.58 bottles of water, saved 46.3 pounds of plastic and reduced 52.7 pounds of carbon dioxide, according to data provided by Jones.

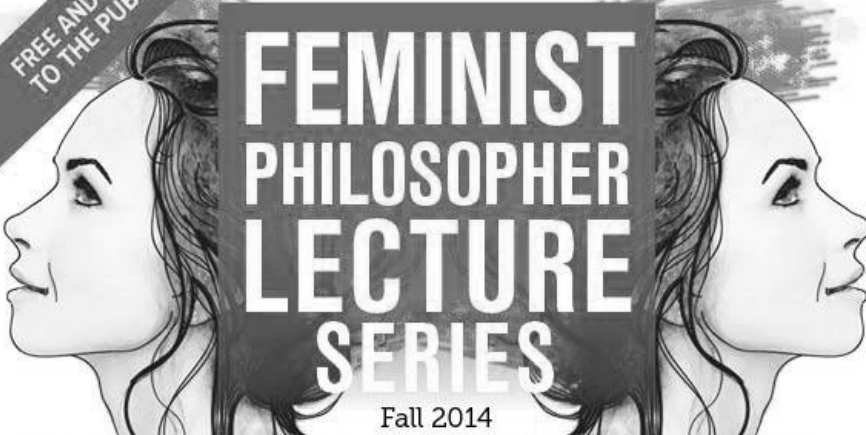
Jones plans to renew the \$20,000 ONR grant to allow more stations and modify current fountains.

"With the new construction, I hope to have at least one station in every building and to retrofit our fountains with the ability to fill bottles," Jones said. "I've wanted to have these stations and fountains since West O'ahu started, but we've been unable to with so many things going on."

Jones urges students to use the water filling station to help in not only acquiring data, but to also help the environment.

"I hope more people hear about the new station," Jones said. "Sustainability is a big part of West O'ahu and these stations are a step in the right direction."

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FEMINIST PHILOSOPHER LECTURE SERIES

Fall 2014

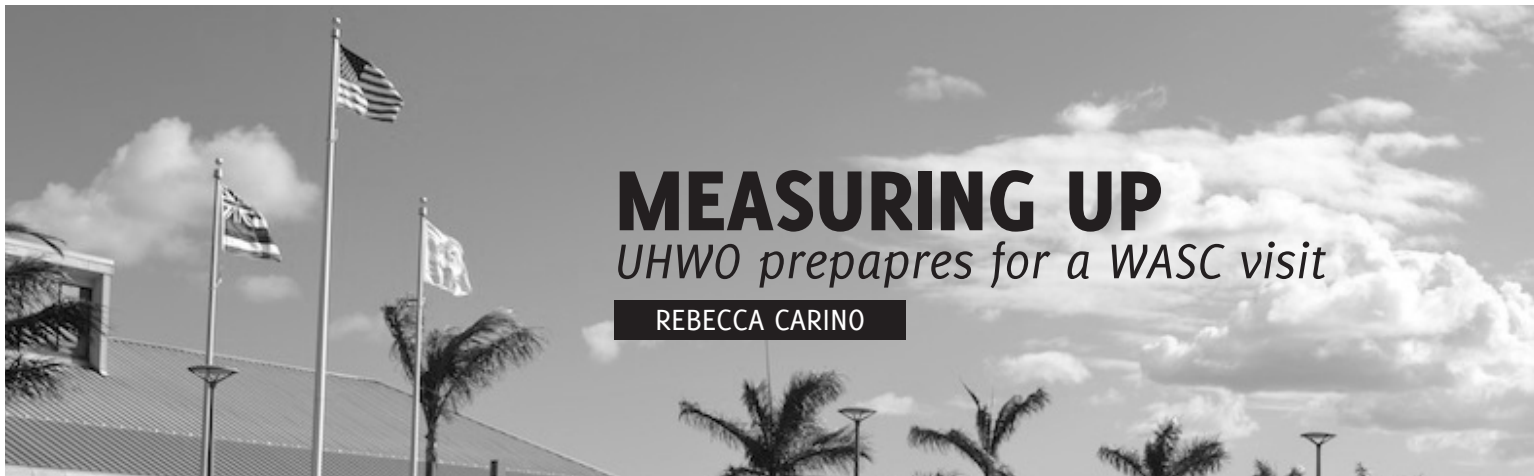
All lectures are in Classroom Building D151, Fridays, 9:30-10:50am

<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">SEP 19</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">CAN THERE BE FEMINISTS BEFORE FEMINISM?</p> <p style="font-size: small;">An exploration of women philosophers from Hildegard of Bingen to Moderata Fonte</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">By Dr. Tamara Albertini, Professor of Philosophy, UH Manoa</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">This lecture is part of a larger effort to honor the philosophical creativity of women and redress the injustice done to their achievements.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">OCT 03</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">CARE ETHICS IN A COMPARATIVE CONTEXT</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">By Dr. Vrinda Dalmiya, Associate Professor of Philosophy, UH Manoa</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Dalmiya will discuss the development of feminist care ethics as a viable alternative to mainstream ethical systems.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">OCT 24</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">MAKING SPACE FOR WOMEN</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">the significance of cultural location (and relocation) in defining what constitutes liberation</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">By Dr. Mary Tiles, Professor Emerita, UH Manoa (1989-2009)</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Tiles will discuss the topic of women and the public space in the context of the varied impacts of World War I on women in the United Kingdom.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">NOV 14</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">FEMINISM THEN AND NOW... WHAT HAPPENED?</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">By Dr. Sharon Rowe, Professor of Philosophy, Arts and Humanities, KCC</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Rowe will discuss the evolution of feminist movements. What were the lived experiences that motivated second wave feminism? How did it happen that feminism evolved from being a dynamic social-political-economic force, to being a pejorative that most women flee from?</p>
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MEASURING UP

UHWO prepapres for a WASC visit

REBECCA CARINO

A committee that ultimately decides whether the University Hawai'i – West O'ahu is an accredited higher learning institution will visit the campus in November.

The UHWO Strategic Planning Committee has been preparing for the visit in mid-November by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, or WASC. WASC is coming to campus to see how the university has responded to concerns the committee highlighted during its visit when the campus first opened in 2012.

WASC is the organization that accredits schools in the western region of the U.S. Accreditation is important for schools because it serves as validation that they provide high quality learning opportunities and all graduates from an accredited institution are expected to have met or exceed certain standards of quality.

According to the Educational Effectiveness Review Report created by UHWO, a WASC committee visited in April 2012 to review the university's response to issues raised in 2008. As a result of the review, the university was told that the key areas it needed to address were leadership, strategic/academic planning, a student-centered campus and an assessment of curricular and co-curricular programs and activities. Since then, the report stated that under the guidance of Chancellor Rockne Freitas, the university has made great strides to address these issues.

According to the report here's how the university has addressed the issues:

- **Leadership:** Chancellor Freitas assembled a leadership team whose members have had decades of experience to guide the UHWO campus.
- **Academic Planning:** In Fall 2011, the Academic Development Planning Committee was created to address the academic issues associated with transitioning UHWO from a

two-year upper-division transfer university to a permanent comprehensive four-year university. Since then the committee has created seven priorities that revolve around the types of programs that will eventually be offered at the university, which include Allied Health, Music, Environmental Science, Mathematics, Agroecology and a Master's in Counseling and Guidance.

- **Strategic Planning:** In May 2014, Freitas appointed representatives from administration, faculty and staff to serve on a Strategic Planning Committee. The Committee has drafted a new Strategic Plan for 2015-20. The plan is a comprehensive roadmap for strategic growth based on the stated campus priorities and goals. These goals focus on aligning with the UH system initiatives and developing and improving on academic programs.
- **Student-Centered Campus:** In Spring 2013, the UHWO Student Senate was able to increase the student fees from \$5 to \$120 to allow for more services on campus. In Fall 2013, the Chartered Student Organizations were created to help build a vibrant learning environment on campus. These new services and organizations, combined with the existing student clubs and ASUHWO, has allowed many opportunities for students to get involved in campus activities.
- **Co-curricular Programs and Activities:** Support services such as the No'eau Center which provides tutoring, and the peer mentor PUEO Leadership Program has helped with improved student performance and retention. Newer services such as mental health counseling, career counseling and health services have also been implemented to help supplement student success.

"I think we're moving in the right direction," said Sherry Proper, UHWO director of strategic Initiatives, who chairs the Strategic Planning Committee.

UHWO plans to become an indigenous-serving institution, and has looked at other campuses and institutions such as the University of Alaska Anchorage as a model.

Currently the university is a liberal arts college and is considered a non-research institution. However the university is aiming to focus more on majors pertaining to workforce development and relabeling majors, Proper said.

In terms of research, Proper said most people misunderstand what research is, and it is her hope that the university can find a balance where research can be done at UHWO since 30 percent of faculty engage in research.

“WASC is coming to campus to see how the university has responded to concerns the committee highlighted during its visit when the campus first opened in 2012.”

One of the big questions brought up at the Strategic Plan Draft Forum on Sept. 5 related to STEM and graduate programs being offered at the campus.

Proper said that there will be "a major discussion after (the) WASC visit" about what kinds of programs to bring in and how to work and bring STEM and graduate programs to the university.

The committee only had the summer to write up a strategic plan versus the usual 18-month time span. "It really was a collaborative effort" Proper said.

FEATURE

DEVELOPMENTS AROUND UHWO

MCKENNA VIERRA

University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu is at the center of major projects set to open within the next few years.



Tokai University Pacific Center

The Tokai University Pacific Center that is being built right in front of UHWO has developed quickly over summer break. According to Executive Director of Hawaii Tokai International College, Zack Oida, construction is actually ahead of schedule.

Architect John Hara designed the center to aesthetically blend with UHWO's campus, which he also designed. Spanning over six acres, the center will consist of three buildings: a classroom and office building, an auditorium and a dorm.

Hawaii Tokai International College is an American two-year liberal arts college that combines the educational philosophies of Tokai University Educational System of Japan founder, Dr. Shigeyoshi Matsumae, and former professor and founder of the UH Community College System, Dr. Richard Kosaki.

Construction of the new Hawaii Tokai International College will be completed by February 2015, and will hold its first classes on April 15, 2015.



Honolulu Rail Transit Project

The Honolulu Rail Transit Project that is being constructed less than a mile away from UHWO is becoming more than just tall, cement columns. It's been just about a year since the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit (HART) has resumed construction, and significant progress has been made.

According to HART, there are more than 120 columns that have been put up from Kapolei to Ewa. Three hundred thirty 50-ton segments have been cast and fitted together to form more than 25 guide way spans that the elevated rail will travel on.

At completion, the rail will stretch over 20 miles with 21 stations. It will connect West O'ahu with downtown Honolulu and Ala Moana Center via Honolulu International Airport. The rail is estimated to take 42 minutes to travel the entire route.

The first phase between Kapolei and the Aloha Stadium is projected to open in 2017, and to be fully completed from Kapolei to Ala Moana Center in 2019.



Ka Makana Ali'i

Ka Makana Ali'i, the "Center for West O'ahu," located at the corner of North-South Road and Kapolei Parkway is envisioned to be the central gathering place for the Kapolei community.

Ka Makana Ali'i will become O'ahu's third largest regional mall next to Ala Moana Shopping Center and Pearlridge Center. The 1.4 million-square-foot regional mall will feature more than 100 shopping, dining and entertainment experiences, a department store, two hotels and office space certified by the LEED green building rating system.

In a recent newsletter sent to Kapolei residents, President and COO of DeBartolo Development, Edward Kobel, shared that Macy's will be the anchor tenant at Ka Makana Ali'i. Macy's will occupy 103,000 square feet and employ approximately 108 associates.

Also coming to Ka Makana Ali'i is H&M. H&M will opening a two-story, 26,000-square foot store when the first phase of the mall is set to open in 2016. Ka Makana Ali'i, meaning "The Royal Gift," gives residents the opportunity to live, work and play right in their own community.



LAURA McDOWELL

S U S T A I N A B I L I T Y

UH WEST O`AHU PV FARM PROJECT



Photovoltaic panels are making its way to the University of Hawai`i West - O`ahu campus.

The *Notice to Proceed* documentation from the state of Hawai`i to begin construction of the system is ready to issue. However, these documents from the State are still being processed.

"We anticipate this occurring very shortly," said Donna Kiyosaki, UHWO Vice Chancellor of Administration.

According to www.nasa.gov, photovoltaics are cells that absorb light and transfer the energized electrons into an electrical current. Originally designed for spacecrafts, a photovoltaic system is a combination of modules that makes up larger and more productive energy conductors. Therefore, providing electricity from light.

The ongoing project at UHWO started in 2010 with the idea that the solar panels would be placed on the ground, rather than on a roof, to offer students a learning tool. The PV panels are expected to supply an estimated 15 percent or 435 kilowatts of UHWO's energy needs. Panels will be installed near the maintenance building within a secured and fenced perimeter.

UH system of Capital Improvements will be

UHWO Student Organic Garden Weekend Work Party Series

Please join us for a series of hands-on weekend work parties in the UHWO Student Organic Garden. Albie Miles, Assistant Professor of Sustainable Community Food Systems and the UHWO Student Eco-Club will be hosting a series of weekend work parties during the fall semester. We will meet every other Saturday from 8-11a.m. in the UHWO Student Organic Garden to prepare soil, build compost, plant fruit trees, install irrigation, sow seed and weed. Students, faculty and staff are all welcome. Please come prepared for physical work. Bring water, snacks to share, work clothes, sun hat, change of shoes and any other essential person items. We look forward to working with you!

UHWO Student Organic Garden Work Party Schedule

September	October	November	December
Sat. 09/06/14	Sat. 10/04/14	Sat. 11/01/14	Sat. 12/06/14
Sat. 09/27/14	Sat. 10/25/14	Sat. 11/29/14	

managing the PV panel project and \$2.5 million has been allocated from General Obligation bonds, used to pay for capital improvement projects.

The contractor is Betsill Brothers Construction, Inc., Kiyosaki said. "We are still waiting for documents from the State confirming that the construction funds have been set aside for the

project," Kiyosaki added. The PV "farm" will occupy an estimated 1.5 acres and the project will take about 14 months to complete.

"UHWO plans to continue to pursue PV projects across the campus," Kiyosaki said. Future projects will be funded through either the State Legislature or private sector in energy performance contracts.

MONEY-SAVING TIPS: REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

KELSIE VALENTINE

If you can remember the three-word rule to reduce, reuse and recycle when it comes to school supplies, you're ahead of the game.

Do not buy extra or unnecessary school supplies. Though it may be a new year and you're tempted to buy new stuff, consider having some restraint. There's nothing wrong with reusing your old school bag, pens or binders—nobody else is going to notice.

As for textbooks and other equipment, buy it secondhand or borrow if possible. Inquire about your textbooks before you buy them at the campus bookstore and talk to your teacher before the semester starts. It's also a good idea to talk to classmates and friends about trading your textbooks.

In the computer era, students will spend top dollar on new electronics. New laptops cost hundreds of dollars, especially from brand names like Apple, with a Mac priced at \$1000 or more.

To help you save money, make sure you know what classes you are taking and determine if a new laptop is necessary at all.

Another way to cut corners here is to utilize your surroundings. Every campus has computers for general use in the library. At the University of Hawai`i - West O`ahu, the library is open six days a week so take advantage of the resources you've already paid for!

At UHWO, copy cards are a somewhat costly necessity. Though it's only 10 cents a page, just think about the amount of research papers and essays you'll need to type up every semester. Some colleges allot about 1,000 pages of free copying before you get charged by the page—but 1,000 pages runs out fast if you're taking on a full class load.

If you expect to print out most of your assignments, then consider buying a printer. Laser printers trump cheap inkjets in terms of product quality, speed, size and cost per page. Basic models are compact and

may cost \$150 or less. The convenience of printing whatever and whenever you wish is also worth the purchase.

It's difficult to get by without a cell phone nowadays, and it can be pricey to have one—especially when texting and data charges are incredibly overpriced by phone companies.

To help you save, do some research and see if you can join a family plan. Family plans tend to be cheaper when more members are enrolled. But if you are on your own, surf the web and check out different cell phone plans.

However, avoid texting when possible; you'd be surprised how easily you can rack up hundreds of dollars in fees. Phone companies charge both sender and receiver for text messages, so notify your friends that you don't want to receive unnecessary text messages.

Utilize the power of email and messaging via free networking sites.

A hard breakup can be difficult. If you were in a pretty serious relationship that ended, more than likely it can be devastating.

Many people find themselves depressed for weeks, even months, after a breakup. Here are a few tips to remember after you separate.

Do Not Lose Hope

A breakup is not the end of the world, even if it feels like it is at the time. Of course, breakups can be very painful, but remember there is so much more in store for you.

Just because it did not work out with that particular person doesn't mean you will not meet someone right for you in the future.

Embrace the Situation

It may not seem like a joyful or exciting thing at the moment, but it is! You are entering a brand new season of your life. Just like being in a relationship is a new season, so is singleness.

Singleness brings many opportunities that are not always available when you are in a serious relationship. You have the freedom to spend your time on you, your friends and your family.

Is there something you've always wanted to try but never had the time? Make a point to try something new. You may never get these days of complete freedom back, so embrace the season of singleness.

Stay Busy

Granted, you may need some time to grieve. But don't allow yourself to be blue longer than you should. There are many different ways to cope and moping around won't help you move on.

Continue to remind yourself that you are awesome and one day you will find someone who respects you and will treat you as you deserve to be treated. Stay positive and be strong; life goes on and your future is bright!

If you've just gone through a hard breakup, remember these three things and embrace this new season in your life.

JORDAN LUZ

**HE
SAYS**



ARDEN ARREOLA

**SHE
SAYS**



I'm pretty sure everything breaks. A Kit Kat bar, phones, hearts, just about everything breaks.

Unless it's unconditional love, I'm optimistic that doesn't break. But if you're

newly single, don't worry—it's not the end of the world. Let's walk this road together and figure out how to deal with your recent breakup.

Reflect and understand

Were you the "breaker" or the "brokee"? The "dumped" or the "dumpee". These titles shouldn't be empowering or defaming. Resolving that helps you better understand why the whole breakup even happened.

Why did he or she break up with you or vice versa? Was it mutual? Were the reasons valid? What could have been done to make it work? Most importantly, were you even happy? Was it even love?



Ways to Cope After a Breakup

Vent about it

Everyone in the world needs someone to talk to. Jesus, mom, your dog, your friend, someone you trust.

I wouldn't talk to someone who's close to your ex because that could cause unnecessary drama. Eventually, I'm sure you'll get sick of talking about the relationship and move on.

Stay Occupied

If it helps, write a journal entry. If that doesn't help, go punch a pillow. Keep yourself busy.

Some people like to go out and flirt (I recommend healing the heart first). Instead of wasting time being upset, spend it on reforming yourself. Breakups shouldn't break you. They should motivate you.

Move on and be respectful

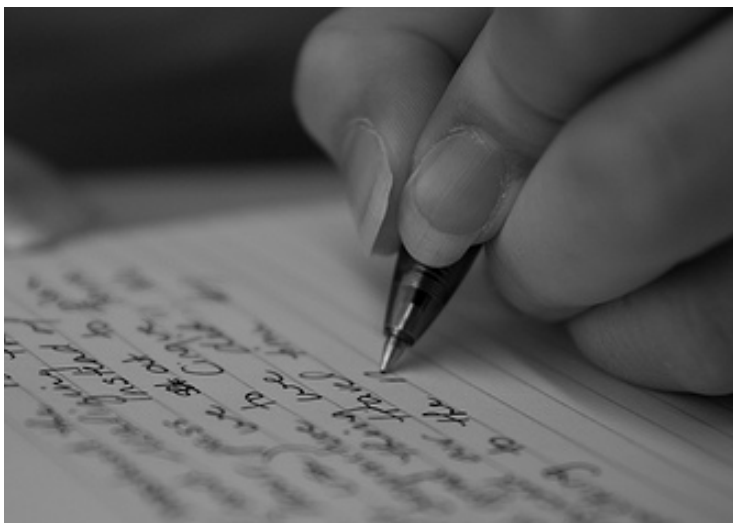
Don't dwell on it any longer. If you have something to say, say it. You're entitled to closure. If the break up was abrupt, kindly let the person know how you feel. If they don't respond, forget about them.

The act of expression is alleviating. If you broke off the relationship, give that person space. Ultimately, both parties should give each other space.

Whether it's social media, school, or at work, respect each other. Don't spite each other or flaunt new flings or successes. Be mature and let it go.

Hopefully these tips will help you out. No matter what, stay optimistic. You're moving up the ladder to bigger, better things.

Remember, everything happens for a reason. There's so much more to life than this one moment.



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SHANE NISHIMURA

TECH REVIEW

Five Free Useful Downloads

After having to pay for tuition and books, budgets tend to get tighter around this time of the semester. Having to find ways to keep costs to a minimum becomes a must. When it comes to software, there is a lot that the internet has to offer. While there is no guarantee you'll find brand-named software for free, there are other alternatives and programs to help make life a bit easier without breaking the bank.

LibreOffice

For those who aren't able to pay for Microsoft Office, Libre Office offers the same applications such as word processor, spreadsheet, PowerPoint, and graphics editor for free. Almost any feature that Microsoft has to offer, Libreoffice has it too.

honey

You can automatically save money by getting the best coupons delivered to you on thousands of stores. Honey is a Google Extension that finds online coupons codes to help save you money. Honey works with many online shopping sites such as Amazon, Macy's and Old Navy.

Inkscape

Much like Adobe Illustrator, Inkscape is a vector graphics editor that allows you to use create or edit designs and images for free. Think about Microsoft Paint, just much fancier.

Magic Actions for YOUTUBE™

A Google extension that makes it easier to use YouTube. Magic Actions forces YouTube to play at a certain resolution, control video volume using the mouse wheel and bypass ads. Another great feature that it has is the ability to continuously load videos instead of having to deal with buffering.

AdBlock.

Similar to Magic Actions for YouTube in which it allows you to block advertisements, Adblock does the same for any other site. It saves you time when trying to enter websites and removes those irritating banner ads on the side of the webpage.

THE TRICK TO SUCCESS: FIND THE RIGHT FIT

ERIKA BARENG

The future—everyone is scared of it at some point. Students often feel confused about what steps to take after getting an undergraduate education. Many consider graduate school. But many fail to be proactive in looking for a program.

Topping the list of things to know before applying for graduate school includes a solid objective, information about the program and the overall fit of the program. The future is unknown and sometimes scary, but if you identify your interests and are ready to commit to a program, these are the steps you need to take.

Students need to know well in advance what their objectives are in terms of an “end-goal,” whether it be for their career or what they want to learn at the end of a possibly four-to-10-year academic or professional journey.

After you graduate, multiple programs become available including programs at professional schools, master's programs and doctorate programs. Unlike

undergraduate schooling, students are expected to know what exactly their own personal objectives are; therefore, they will be able to choose a specific program. Making sure that you know what program you want is the first step to approaching graduate schooling correctly.

“You really need to solidify what you are going to study. There's no such thing as a MA in general studies,” said Irene Morrow, academic advisor at the University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu.

Actively seeking information from the source is also vital to your post-undergraduate school journey. Calling the faculty at the school of your choice and asking questions including those about types of scholarships available, housing options, test requirements or even language requirements will allow you to decide whether the program or the school is a proper fit. Doing research on each school and the area where you might be living is also very important.

“When you're choosing a program, don't go by a ranking list—go for the best fit. You also have to ask yourself—do I want to live in this place for about eight years?” said Associate Professor of History Dr. Alan Rosenfeld at UHWO.

Multiple things, including the city you live in, the cost and even the sacrifices you'll have to make leaving your hometown are things you need to take into consideration. Funding is always a big issue so taking multiple part-time jobs may also be something you need to factor in with the intensity of the academic work.

We live in an era where there is a credential creep. To be in specific fields, people need these degrees to set themselves apart from other people competing for the same job. Approach getting into grad school strategically while taking all of these factors into consideration, and hopefully you will be on your way to pursuing your dream career.



ERIKA BARENG

HOT EATS

3rd Cup Café and Venue

3rd Cup Café and Venue has come back like an old friend.

Following a brief hiatus, the café has returned to its original location in the Times Building in Kunia across from Wal-Mart. 3rd Cup Café opened in November 2011, closed in March 2013, then reopened in June.

Former owner, the Rev. Michael Ohara, wanted to build a safe place on the leeward side where the community could gather on a daily basis. Ohara is passionate about giving back to the community and a portion of the café's proceeds were also going toward organizations such as the Special Olympics.

The café unfortunately had to close because Ohara was busy with pastoral duties. However, Ohara still wanted to keep the café's mission alive even after its closure.

"He looked for a new owner to keep 3rd Cup that way. He really wanted to keep that vision and build a safe place for the people on the west side," said manager Sarah Yagin.

Along with the vision that 3rd Cup upholds to this day, the atmosphere, service, drinks, and food are just as wonderful.

3rd Cup's current location, which was formerly a Chinese restaurant, has a jazzy, hip and relaxing feel and cost \$250,000 to rebuild completely. The work has paid off, as new and old customers keep returning to the café.

The staff at 3rd Cup is friendly and approachable, complementing the relaxing atmosphere of the café. The café also hold open mic nights on Fridays and Saturdays and also features local artists' works on the walls for display and sale, adding to the hip ambience. Free Wi-Fi, lots of space and multiple

comfortable chairs make the café an excellent study spot. If you're there just to hang out, they offer board games as well.

The name of the café stems from a saying: the first cup, you're a stranger, the second cup, you're a friend and the third cup, you're family.

The drinks at 3rd Cup keep bringing new additions to the café family everyday. The most popular drinks include the Oreo Brain freeze, which is 3rd Cup's Oreo ice-blended drink, and their Thai tea. They also have coffee, hot cocoa, lattes, and multiple tea flavors. Drinks range from \$3 to \$5.

3rd Cup also offers heavenly pastries and food including their muffins which cost from \$1.75 to \$3 and their flavorful calzones, which cost \$5.95. Their calzone flavors include cheese and spinach, jalapeno and olives, spinach and sundried tomatoes and an all-meat calzone.

The café will have a grand opening sometime within the year once they pick up their rhythm. It plans to have more food choices available and also hopes to bring back more of their special events including slam poetry and live music.

3RD CUP CAFE AND VENUE IS LOCATED ACROSS FROM KUNIA WAL-MART ON 94-615 KUPUOHI ST., #210. THEY ARE OPEN DAILY FROM 6:00 A.M. TO 10:00 P.M.



ARDEN ARREOLA

MOVIE REVIEW

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

I had a dream once. It was that *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* would not fall into the hands of Michael Bay. But it did.

Well, it wasn't only Michael Bay who helped produced the film. Alongside other producers of *The Purge*, *Spider-Man* and *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre*, it shouldn't be that bad right?

Released on Aug. 8, the movie made \$65.5

million opening weekend. Compared to *Guardians of the Galaxy*'s opening weekend release of \$42.1 million, that's pretty good. People were excited to relive their childhood cartoon on the big screen, but most were disappointed. On *Rotten Tomatoes*, critics gave the movie 4.2 out of 10 while the audience rated the movie 3.5 out of 5.

For those who don't know what *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* are, it's about four turtles named after Renaissance artists in the city of Manhattan. Taken under the wing of Master Splinter, Leonardo, Michelangelo, Raphael and Donatello learn the art of ninjitsu. Living in the sewers of New York City, they fight crime in the

shadows, concealing their identities.

Even though Michael Bay was just a producer and Jonathan Liebesman was the director, I could still feel Bay's presence throughout the film. Stereotypical elements, irritating characters and bombastic action, the movie screams Michael Bay.

Maybe I'm just a Michael Bay hater because of what happened to *Transformers*, but hear me out. Imagine *Shrek* in the form of ninja turtles, Megan Fox, and an annoying Michelangelo. The turtles looked atrocious, Megan Fox pouts and makes sexy faces the whole movie and Michelangelo was obnoxious due to his tough-guy act and body that was similar to the Hulk. It should have been called the "Giant Mutant Ninja Turtles and Megan Fox".

The movie's storyline didn't stay true to the cartoon. Without giving any spoilers, it gave an interesting take on how the turtles came to be. At times, the movie was funny, other times it was hit and miss. The action was over the top, full of explosions, car chases and sword fights. When watching this movie, it's best to leave your brain at the door.

Obviously, there were no life lessons to be learned from this movie. Except don't trust Michael Bay with your childhood cartoons.

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Workshop Dates

No`eau Center

Academic Success Kit

Fall 2014

DATE	TIME	WORKSHOP
September 9	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Grammar Workshop
	12:30 - 1:30 PM	MLA Workshop
September 10	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	MLA Workshop
	12:30 - 1:30 PM	Grammar Workshop
September 16	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	APA Workshop
	12:30 - 1:30 PM	ASA Workshop
September 17	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	ASA Workshop
	12:30 - 1:30 PM	APA Workshop
September 23	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Literature Review
	12:30 - 1:30 PM	Senior Project & Powerpoint
September 24	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Senior Project & Powerpoint
	12:30 - 1:30 PM	Literature Review
September 30	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Study Skills
	12:30 - 1:30 PM	Stress & Time Management
October 1	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Stress & Time Management
	12:30 - 1:30 PM	Study Skills
October 7	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Math Anxiety
	12:30 - 1:30 PM	Resumes & Interviews
October 8	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Resumes & Interviews
	12:30 - 1:30 PM	Math Anxiety
October 14	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Dress for Success
	12:30 - 1:30 PM	"A" Papers/Commas
October 15	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	"A" Papers/Commas
	12:30 - 1:30 PM	Dress for Success
October 21	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Research Papers
	12:30 - 1:30 PM	Improving Reading & Grammar
October 22	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Improving Reading & Grammar
	12:30 - 1:30 PM	Research Papers
November 5	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	APA Workshop
	12:30 - 1:30 PM	ASA Workshop
November 12	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	MLA Workshop
	12:30 - 1:30 PM	APA Workshop
November 18	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Stress & Time Management
	12:30 - 1:30 PM	Math Anxiety
November 19	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Math Anxiety
	12:30 - 1:30 PM	Stress & Time Management
November 25	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Research Papers
	12:30 - 1:30 PM	"A" Papers/Commas
November 26	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	"A" Papers/Commas
	12:30 - 1:30 PM	Research Papers
December 2	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Powerpoints
	12:30 - 1:30 PM	Study Skills
December 3	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Study Skills
	12:30 - 1:30 PM	Powerpoints



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Margaret Ledward

KIRSTEN BROWN

University of Hawai'i West - O'ahu administrator Margaret "Margy" Ledward admittedly was once an unmotivated student with mediocre grades. She didn't realize she enjoyed learning until she attended college at age 35.

"I learned how empowering education can be and how it opens up opportunities. I also

learned that I loved learning, I just thought I hated it," said Ledward, UHWO's Title III project director. Ledward's experiences and love for her work drive her to urge students to follow their passions.

Ledward oversees several programs geared toward student success and improving students' academic experiences. These programs include the No'eau tutoring center and Keala'ikahiki, which is the first and only native Hawaiian serving program at UHWO that is dedicated to promoting the academic success of students in a Hawaiian environment through cultural education and practices. Helping students realize their potential and achieve success is rewarding for Ledward.

"I am very passionate about students succeeding... the best part of my job is helping people," Ledward said.

Ledward was a first-generation graduate of Kailua High School during a time when pursuing college degrees was not as popular. Ledward barely graduated with a 2.0 GPA and stresses the fact that she did not enjoy school or learning until she attended college in her 30s.

It was Ledward's circumstances that led her to pursue a college degree.

"During and right after high school, I was working at a restaurant getting tips. As I got

older, I worked clerical jobs making minimum wage, probably doing more work than the other people who made more money than me just because I didn't have a degree," Ledward said.

After deciding with her husband that she would attend school and pursue a degree, Ledward began attending Windward Community College through a program called Women in Transition.

"I really liked it and it helped me figure out what I wanted to do," she said.

Originally planning to pursue a degree in fashion design, Ledward quickly realized her passion lied in working with people.

"I like people... I especially like working with young people, which is something I did while working in the admissions office at WCC and it felt good."

In addition to taking advantage of student programs, Ledward also encourages students to discover what they are passionate about while in school.

"College is a time for students to explore and find their passion. Take classes and use the process of elimination . . . we also provide assessments for students to help them figure out what their interests are."

GROWTH WITHIN UHWO

KELSIE VALENTINE

Since the University of Hawai'i West - O'ahu campus opened in fall 2012, student enrollment has rapidly increased.

From a conservative perspective based on our current campus resources, there is a minimum of 3 percent annual growth in student enrollment since the opening of the UHWO campus. The Strategic Plan for UHWO also estimates that, with added variables and resources, annual student enrollment can increase by up to 12 percent. According to the Institutional Research and Analysis Office (IRAO), we now have a total of 2,715 students for the fall 2014 semester - which is a 13 percent increase from last fall's enrollment number.

At UHWO there are six majors programs offered: Humanities, Social Sciences, Business Administration, Public Administration, Education and Applied Science. Additionally, the Creative Media program also is offered. "If they get the STEM grant through, maybe we can get some science majors... and even majors for math," said James Cromwell, UHWO director of enrollment management.

Although there has been a growth spurt in student enrollment at UHWO, Cromwell said that the size of the student body also depends on the amount of in-line faculty we have. Department faculty are responsible for not only teaching, but also for creating major programs' policies and keeping their division curriculum updated via research and journal publications. "The more professors and facilities we have, the more we can expand as a college campus," Cromwell said.

UHWO could potentially experience a growth spurt when neighboring Tokai University opens in January, 2015. Tokai will offer associates of arts degrees and students with an A.A. degree from Tokai will have the option to transfer to any UH campus for their bachelor's degree.

Tokai and UHWO will ultimately be a blended campus—dorms, café and other facilities will be shared with Tokai's students. "We can look forward to engaging in different student cultural activities together," Cromwell said.

But with blended college campuses, Cromwell said that the dorms at UHWO will be

owned and built by a private vendor. But what matters most to UHWO, Cromwell said, is that we continue to have student growth—and the great thing about dorms is that outer island students will be able to actually live here on campus. Any student in Hawai'i who wants a four-year degree can come here for school; it would be a good alternative to Mānoa."

Meanwhile, UHWO is cooperating with the Board of Regents for other plans for campus growth. Cromwell said that, generally, we can look forward to filling our campus with more facilities, retail, commercial and residential resources where students can have opportunities for jobs close to school. Ultimately, the goal is to have students become engaged with their education as well as each other, he said.

"Everyone thinks that if we have dorms, then we have student life, and that's not true," says Cromwell. "We have to remember that all students want student life not just residence hall students. The key is to be engaging with all students—we want all the different Leeward students to be interacting on campus after school and on weekends for intramurals and concerts. We want them all involved."



Although there is no longer an ATM on campus, students are able to withdraw cash at the UH Federal Credit Union.

Branch Service Supervisor Malia Madriaga says students just need to have a Federal Credit Union account to do shared branching. Shared branching throughout Hawaii allows members of any Federal Credit Union easy access to their accounts. If your FCU is on UHFCU's long list of shared branch locations, all transactions are free, Madriaga said. And

if not, the transaction fee is \$2.50 to withdrawal cash.

Located on the ground level of the Campus Center adjacent to Student Services office, the UHFCU offers many banking services and caters to students seeking financial security and convenience.

For more information, go to the UHFCU at Campus Center or visit www.UHFCU.com.



Digital Art Society of Hawaii (DASH) Exhibit

October 6-18, 2014, in the 2nd Floor Exhibit Space
Artists' Workshop/Demo - October 9, 2014

The Digital Art Society of Hawaii (DASH) is presenting new work October 6, 2014 - October 18, 2014 at the University of Hawai'i West - O'ahu Library. The artists' workshop/reception is planned for Thursday, Oct. 9 at 12:00 p.m. in the Library Computer Lab.

Writing Workshop: Reading and Writing Scholarly Essays

October 20 (Library Computer Lab, time to be announced)

In this workshop, you will learn specific reading strategies that will help you to better understand and evaluate scholarly articles, allowing you to summarize, paraphrase, and quote from these sources. We will also discuss the appropriate tone and vocabulary to effectively address an academic audience in your own writing. You will also learn various search techniques for locating scholarly articles in library databases. Check the UHWO Library web site for the scheduled time of this workshop

Need help with a research paper? Librarian appointments

Trying to figure out what database to use for your research? Not finding enough scholarly (peer reviewed) articles? Make an appointment with your subject liaison librarian!

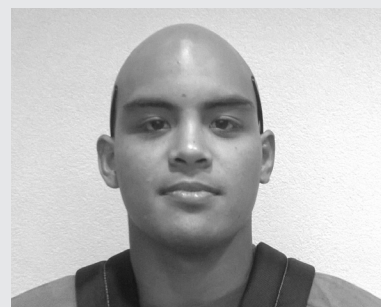
Check the "Contact" page for our subject specialties and email addresses, or talk to the librarian at the Reference Desk.

Featured Database: Films on Demand

Looking for video clips for an assignment? Or just want to watch fascinating documentaries? Check out Films on Demand, our streaming video database. It provides access to licensed educational and entertaining streaming videos on a variety of academic subjects, from producers such as PBS, The History Channel, National Geographic and BBC.

CAMPUS VOICES!

What was the best treat you ever received on a "trick or treat" mission?



"The best treat was a kiss and I'm not talking about the candy."

—DAMAN SUGUITAN, JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION



"The best treat was a regular sized Twix bar, but I didn't have anyone to share it with."

—GLENN SLABIAK, CENT



"A caramel apple on a stick."

—PETER POENTIS, ANTHROPOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY

REVIVING THE DEAD ZONES

UHWO weighs options for cell phone connection

KIRSTEN BROWN

The University of Hawai'i - West O'ahu is looking for solutions to expand the campus' limited cell phone coverage without the eyesore of a cell tower.

The UHWO campus sports many modern amenities, including energy-efficient lighting and cooling systems, as well as a state-of-the-art creative media lab. One feature the campus does not maintain, however, is adequate cell phone reception. The campus, which opened to students in fall 2012, was built in a fairly remote location far from most cell towers.

"We were approached by businesses before the campus was built that we would have some issues with cell phone connection, said James "Kimo" Yamaguchi, UHWO's Manager of Campus Services.

After the warning, the campus was built and each office was supplied a working land line for the convenience of faculty and staff members. Unfortunately, the lack of cell phone coverage remains a nuisance for many who need to communicate with their mobile devices on campus.

“I don't care if [the tower is] ugly because the beauty of it would be the peace of mind in knowing I can connect socially with my family on my phone.

-Warlito Casem, UHWO Student

"Because I'm a husband and a parent, I want to feel secure knowing that I can promptly give or relay a message by phone or text," said Warlito Casem, a student at UHWO.

The problem extends beyond just students as well; many UHWO employees are impacted by the dead zones.

"The worst place for me is in my office. I don't have access in many spots, but not getting service in my office is pretty annoying," said UHWO Student Life Coordinator Rouel Velasco.

The administration is aware of the trouble caused by the lack of cell coverage on campus and has been looking for viable solutions since the completion of the campus in 2012.

"A lot of companies that actually build cell towers made proposals before the school was built, but for whatever reason, nothing was ever agreed on," Yamaguchi said.

One of the most recent proposals made to the

school by a cell tower company involved building a 120-foot tower at the front of the campus.

"To give some perspective, all the other towers and structures on that part of the campus are only 115 feet high. The cell tower would have been a detriment to the overall look of the campus, so the administration turned the proposal down," Yamaguchi explained.

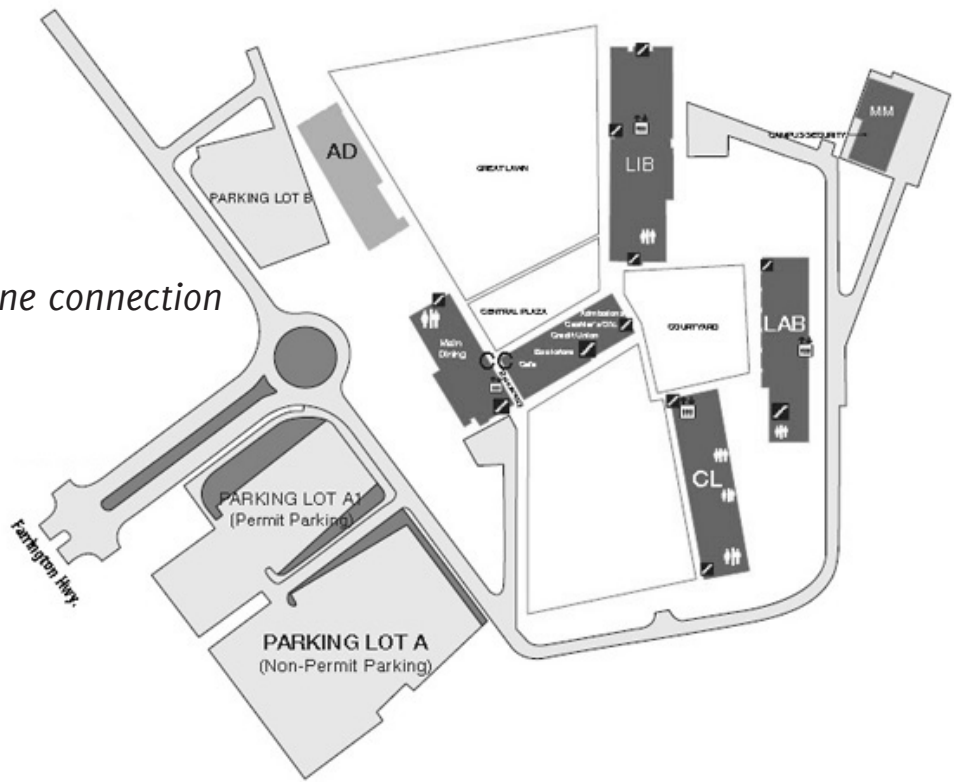
Some don't seem to mind the idea of an imposing tower, as long as they received better cell coverage in the process.

"I don't care if it's ugly because the beauty of it would be the peace of mind in knowing I can connect socially with my family on my phone. If they are worried about what it looks like, then they should just make it look like a palm tree, like the one at the Waikole Shopping Center," Casem said.

Although no official deadline has been set to fix the cell coverage problem, Yamaguchi is optimistic that a solution will be found.

"The administration is looking into several possible solutions, including installing cell phone repeaters on the roofs of the buildings so we can get better signal from the tower by Kapolei High School. Tokai University might also offer some of their land for a tower and we would benefit from that. The biggest obstacle right now is just cost and how a tower might affect future development and the campus' master plan," Yamaguchi said.

While potential solutions are still being



Worst Dead Zone Locations (from least to most reception):

1. Library
2. Student Services Building
3. Classroom Building D
4. Lab Building E
5. The Cafeteria

considered and the benefits weighed, there are some tips students can follow in order to minimize their reception issues.

"The type of service provider has a lot to do with it," said Yamaguchi, who uses AT&T and encounters problems mostly inside the building. "I heard that Verizon Wireless is pretty good, but Sprint is upgrading their towers, so aside from problems people will have for the rest of this month, it might get better once the upgrades are finished," Yamaguchi added.

Besides switching carriers, which could be difficult and inconvenient for students who are under contracts, Yamaguchi also suggests students check their phones regularly outside between classes and try to find areas in the building where reception might be better.

"I take my phone outside with me pretty often and I keep it here [at the edge of the desk closest to the door] because I noticed it rings sometimes and gets more texts there than by my computer [on the other side of the office]," Yamaguchi said.