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THIS WEEK AT UHWO

a bulletin for UH West O'ahu faculty and staff



Week of April 20

Sign up for emergency alert notifications

Be prepared! Sign up to receive emergency text alerts at <http://www.hawaii.edu/alert> in the event of a UH West O'ahu campus emergency. If you have already signed up, log in to <http://www.hawaii.edu/alert> to ensure your contact information is current. There is an option to send a text message to your cell phone. **UH West O'ahu will conduct a test of the UH Emergency Alert notification system on Monday, April 28** at 10 a.m. At this time, all faculty, staff, and students will receive an emergency test email and other notification procedures will take place. Those who have signed up to receive emergency text alerts will receive the test information via text on the mobile number provided.

Extended No'eau Center hours, April 20-23 and April 27-30

To support students during these final weeks of the semester, No'eau Center staff will be available for extended testing and tutoring services in the Center located in the Library, B203.

Extended No'eau Center hours:

- Monday-Thursday, April 20-23 - 8 a.m.- 7 p.m.
- Monday-Thursday, April 27-30 - 8 a.m.- 7 p.m.

Testing Services include placement, retest and test proctoring. All students are encouraged to schedule a testing appointment by call 689-2752. Students need to bring a photo I.D. and UH username to each testing appointment. Faculty may bring or email test information and exams to Testing Coordinator, Ka'iulani Akamine (uhwotest@hawaii.edu). For ADA accommodations, students must first register with Disabilities Services Coordinator Dr. Steven Taketa at 689-2675 or taketas@hawaii.edu.

Tutorial assistance is available in a variety of subject areas including writing, math, statistics, economics, accounting and oral communication. Staffed by UHWO students who are specially trained, the Center offers one-to-one, group or online tutoring. Students are welcome to submit papers for review through [online submission](#).

Success supplies including laptops, iPads, calculators, and headphones are available for student use. To borrow supplies, students are required to bring a photo I.D.

For more information, call 689-2750 or visit the [No'eau Center web page](#).

Give a hoot...bring some loot (canned goods) for UH West O'ahu Hawaii Foodbank Food Drive

The 26th Annual UH West O'ahu Hawaii Foodbank Food Drive is happening on campus now! Make a monetary donation online at www.hawaiiifoodbank.org and make sure to indicate University of Hawai'i - West O'ahu OR drop off your donation at one of the convenient UHWO locations:

- Human Resources (E125)
- Chancellor's Office (D133)
- the No'eau Center (B202)

Donation receipts are available at all UHWO drop-off locations. The UHWO Foodbank Committee is also currently taking donations for the West Fest/Earth Day (April 22) White Elephant sale benefiting the Hawaii Foodbank.

- All donated items may be dropped off at D133 or the No'eau Center. Need help unloading? Drive to the loading dock in the back of the library and call the No'eau Center at 689-2750 and someone will come down to help unload.
- Please indicate what department (Students, Student Affairs, Academic Affairs, Administration) should receive credit for the donation.

For questions, contact Ka'iulani Akamine (ext. 2752), Christine Neves (ext. 2773), or Loea Akiona (ext. 2676).

Greens and volunteers needed for Spring Commencement prep

It's that time of the year again! [UH West O'ahu Spring 2015 Commencement](#) is happening on Saturday, May 9 at 9 a.m. in the UHWO Courtyard. UH West O'ahu Student Services requests donations for the commencement floral arrangements as well as volunteers to assist with assembling floral on Friday, May 8.

The following floral are requested:

- Red and green ti-leaves
- Monstera leaves (large and medium sizes)
- Laua'e (picked no earlier than Friday)
- Song of India
- Heliconia (hanging and upright)
- Ginger (dark pink, light pink and white)
- Bird of Paradise

When cutting long stem plants, please cut as close to the root as possible because they will be used in large arrangements

Place all donations in the buckets at the Library entrance near the Great Lawn on Friday morning, May 8. Volunteers are needed on Friday, May 8 from 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. outside of the Library entrance near the Great Lawn to assist with:

- Prepping/cleaning/trimming floral
- Assembling floral in pots and trays after prep and cleaning

Volunteers are needed the day of commencement (Saturday, May 9), to place the floral arrangements on stage prior to the ceremony. Contact Kainoa Nahulu at anahulu@hawaii.edu for more information.

Commencement volunteers are also needed to assist with:

- Ushering and crowd management prior to and after the ceremony
- Breaking down and cleaning up after the ceremony

To volunteer, contact Loea Akiona at loea@hawaii.edu. Mahalo for your assistance!

Da Spot new buffet and hours of operation

Da Spot is now serving a breakfast, lunch and dinner buffet for UH West O'ahu students, faculty and staff as well as Hawaii Tokai International College students. The buffet is \$10 per person per meal and Da Spot will continue to offer their regular ala carte daily menu. Da Spot's new hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

- 7-8:30 a.m. - Breakfast buffet
- 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. - Lunch buffet
- 5-7 p.m. - Dinner buffet

I Ola ka 'Āina, I Ola ke Kanaka Photo and Art Exhibit, April 28

I Ola ka 'Āina, I Ola ke Kanaka - a photography and art exhibit by UHWO students, faculty, and community members, that combines research on mo'okū'auhau (genealogy) and wahi pana (cultural sites, place names) will open at the UHWO Library second floor on Tuesday, April 28 from 10-11 a.m. Light Hawaiian refreshments will be provided. The event is free and open to the public and is sponsored by a Student Equity, Excellence and Diversity Grant and the UHWO Hawaiian-Pacific Studies Program.

Hawaiian Ensemble 'Ukulele and Slack Key Guitar Classes Lunchtime Concert featuring Bobby Moderow, April 28

Join Instructor Kamuela Kimokeo and his students as they welcome slack key artist Bobby Moderow of Maunaloa. The lunchtime concert will feature nahehe sounds by 'Uncle Bobby' as well as 'Ukulele, Slack Key Guitar and Hawaiian Ensemble classes on Tuesday, April 28 at 12:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria.

Academy for Creative Media System presents Final Fantasy Creator Hironobu Sakaguchi and Hollywood Actor and Director Justin Chon

This April, the Academy for Creative Media System will host innovators Hironobu Sakaguchi and Justin Chon. Creator of the Final Fantasy series, Hironobu Sakaguchi will participate in a question and answer session with UH Mānoa and UH West O'ahu students via the CyberCANOE at the UHWO Library Computer Lab (B233) on Wednesday, April 29 from noon-1 p.m.

Hollywood Actor and Director Justin Chon will discuss his career and creative influences at the UH West O'ahu 'Ulu'ulu Archive Exhibition Space in the UHWO Library on Thursday, April 30 from noon-1 p.m. All are welcome! For more information about the Justin Chon event, view the news release.

Kūnihi Ka Mauna: Hula Journeys presentation and performance, April 29

Dr. Leilani Basham's HPST 312 Kūnihi Ka Mauna: Hula Journeys students will share the hula (dances) and oli (chants) they have learned this semester along with the historical, political, and cultural backgrounds of the mele on Wednesday, April 29 from 5-6 p.m. in the UHWO Courtyard in front of the library with potluck to follow. All are welcome!

Math+Science+x Seminar - Adventures in Hawaiian Environmental Biology: Diversity in Adversity with Dr. Thomas Holland, May 1

Learn about the ecology and conservation of Hawaiian ecosystems during this interesting Math+Science+x Seminar "Adventures in Hawaiian Environmental Biology: Diversity in Adversity" by Dr. Thomas Holland Friday, May 1 from 10:30-11:50 a.m. in E243. See attached flyer for additional details.

SEAR the phish!

Don't be a victim of internet phishing! University of Hawai'i Information Technology Services (ITS) urges you to protect your passwords and personally identifiable information. Learn how to protect yourself from internet phishing in this informative ["SEAR the Phish" ITS video](#) and [flyer](#).

Open enrollment for EUTF Health Benefits, Premium Conversion Plan and Flexible Spending ends April 30

The EUTF (health benefits) Open Enrollment period is now through April 30, 2015. During open enrollment, employees may add, change or cancel a plan, add or delete a dependent or change coverage tiers (i.e. change from single to family). For more information, contact the [UHWO HR office](#) or visit the [EUTF Active Employees Open Enrollment website](#) or [UH Office of Human Resources website](#). An upcoming information session at UH West O'ahu is on April 17 in C225 with sessions running from 8:30-10 a.m., 10:30 a.m.-noon, 1-2:30 p.m. and 3-4:30 p.m. View the [information session schedule](#) for sessions held at all other UH campuses.

The Premium Conversion Plan (PCP) Open Enrollment period is also now through April 30, 2015. PCP is a voluntary benefit program in which the cost of your health plan premiums is deducted before payroll taxes are withheld, increasing your take home pay. Employees may enroll or cancel participation during open enrollment. For more information, visit the [UH Office of Human Resources website](#) or contact the [UHWO HR Office](#).

The Island Flex Open Enrollment period is now through April 30, 2015. This is a flexible spending program that allows employees to pay for eligible health care and dependent care expenses with tax free money. Information is available at the [Island Flex web page](#).

UHWO in the News

Hawaii News Now featured a story on UH West O'ahu's new sustainable community food systems program in ["New sustainable farming bachelor degree offered at West O'ahu campus."](#) Unlike the story says, it's sustainable community food systems, not farming.

UH West O'ahu's April 15 Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event was featured on the KITV4 News on April 15 and was the "one of the good things about Hawai'i" on Hawaii News Now.

Familiar faces

View these [photos](#) from last week's [Faculty Author Showcase](#), and [Lunchtime talk with Mericia Palma Elmore](#) on the [UHWO flickr page](#).

Events this week

UHWO students are eligible to purchase a reduced rate **Summer U-Pass bus pass** for university students. The cost is \$120 (cash only) and the pass is valid May 1 - August 31, 2015. Students with a validated student ID may purchase a pass at the Student Services Office, Campus Center, C141 from April 20 - June 30, 2015.

A ***Years of Living Dangerously* first episode film screening and discussion** will happen on Tuesday, April 21 from 1:30-3 p.m. in the 'Ulu'ulu Exhibition Space in the UHWO Library. Following the screening of this Showtime series, Dr. Kimberly Carl will lead a discussion on global warming and how it affects Hawai'i. For more information, contact Dr. Kimberly Carl at kc@hawaii.edu or visit the [Years of Living Dangerously website](#).

UH West O'ahu's Wojciech Lorenc and Dr. Jon Magnussen's new film-music collaboration *Fleet* will premiere on Tuesday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m. at UH Mānoa's Orvis Auditorium with music by the UH Contemporary Music Ensemble in a evening of film with live music performances featuring new music and contemporary films by artists of our time. Free and open to the public.

Don't miss UH West O'ahu's biggest events of the year! **West Fest and Earth Day** will happen on Wednesday, April 22 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Campus Courtyard. Featuring water slides, a deejay, jousting, dunk tank, surf sample sale, pai'ai demonstration, massages, free food and more! Join the entire UHWO community for a day of celebration!

Heard about the Thirty-Meter Telescope on Mauna Kea? Not sure of what to think? Join us in learning more information about both sides of the issue at the [Mauna Kea Mālama 'Āina Film Series](#) featuring

***First Light* film screening and discussion**

Wednesday, April 22, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

'Ulu'ulu Archive Exhibition Space in the UHWO Library

Featuring a film screening of *First Light*, a documentary seeking to shed light on the competing forces that vie for access to Mauna Kea followed by a panel discussion with UH Mānoa Institute of Astronomy Director, Dr. Gunther Hasinger and Assistant Astronomer/Outreach Coordinator, Dr. Roy Gal. Moderated by UHWO Professor, Dr. Dan Boylan.

Mauna Kea Teach-In

Thursday, April 23, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Campus Center Multipurpose Room, C208

The Mauna Kea Teach-In will screen *Mauna Kea: Temple Under Siege*, a film documenting the controversy about the additional astronomical observatories built on a mountain that Hawaiians consider sacred. A panel discussion featuring Noelani Goodyear-Kaopua, Ilima Long, Andre Perez and Walter Ritte will follow the film. Moderated by UHWO PIKO Project Coordinator, Tiana Henderson.

ImWest (UH West O'ahu's intramural sports program) **presents Field Day** open recreational play activities including volleyball, football and more happening Wednesday, April 22 from 2-5:30 p.m. on the UHWO Great Lawn.

The **UH West O'ahu University Band Spring Concert** is on Wednesday, April 22 from 7-9 p.m. in the Campus Center Multipurpose Room, C208. Free and open to the public.

UHWO Distinguished Visiting Scholars Jojo Peter and Barbara Tom of the Compact of Free Association Community Action Network will speak on Thursday, April 23, at 9:30 a.m. in E234 about **issues related to Micronesian migrant and diaspora experiences in Hawai'i**, and especially the new regulations regarding healthcare availability for

Compact of Free Association citizens under the Hawai'i Health Connector. Free and open to the public.

The UH West O'ahu University Chorus Spring Concert is on Thursday, April 23 at 7 p.m. in the UHWO Library. Featuring the UH West O'ahu University Chorus directed by Karol Nowicki, and special guests, the Leilehua High School choirs directed by Randy Kamisato. Free and open to the public.

All UHWO faculty and staff are invited to **presentations and coffee (half) hours by and for Applied Cultural Anthropology candidates** this month. All presentations will take place in E234 with coffee served in the E building faculty and staff lounge.

- **Ivan Small from Central Connecticut State University's Anthropology Department will present "Mobility-scapes: Money, Memory, Chance and Desire in a Vietnamese Coastal Town"** on Friday, April 24 at 3 p.m. Coffee half hour at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, April 24.

UHWO Student Organic Campus Garden Work Party hosted by Dr. Albie Miles will happen on Saturday, April 25 from 8-11 a.m. Prepare soil, build compost, plant fruit trees, install irrigation, sow seed, weed and harvest with fellow faculty, staff and students at the UHWO Student Organic Campus Garden between the Classroom and Laboratory Buildings. Come dressed to work in the garden (extra shoes recommended) and bring water and snacks to share. For more info contact Dr. Albie Miles at albie@hawaii.edu.

For the latest UH West O'ahu event information, view and submit listings to the UHWO [website calendar](#).

Want to include your story in the This Week at UHWO News Bulletin or post your UHWO department, program or club social media site to the UHWO Social Media Directory? Submit a [Communications Request Form](#) to the UH West O'ahu Communications Department.



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**UHWO ACADEMY FOR CREATIVE MEDIA
PRESENTS:**



**FINAL FANTASY SERIES CREATOR
HIRONOBO SAKAGUCHI**

Sakaguchi will participate in a question and answer session with UH Manoa and UHWO CM 385 students via the CyberCANOE.

**WED., APRIL 29TH FROM 12 - 1:00 PM
LIBRARY COMPUTER LAB RM. 233**

//SEATS ARE LIMITED. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE//



UHWO Academy for Creative Media
Presents a Master Class Series:

JUSTIN CHON

{Actor, Director and YouTube star}

Thursday, April 30th
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
'Ulu'ulu exhibit space,
UHWO Library



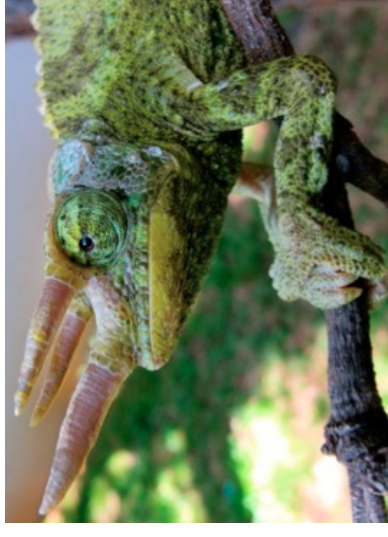
Math+Science+X Seminar

Dr. Brenden Holland

Adventures in Hawaiian Environmental Biology: Diversity in Adversity

The Hawaiian Islands have been referred to as spectacular "natural laboratories" for the study of Biological Science, and continue to provide extraordinary opportunities for the investigation of natural processes of diversification and adaptation. But sadly, despite our geographic isolation, Hawaii is not exempt from the global biodiversity crisis which has taken a heavy toll in recent decades. Many native terrestrial lineages including plants, birds, arthropods and snails, have experienced high extinction rates.

In this talk I will summarize results of a number of recent research projects focused on ecology and conservation of Hawaiian ecosystems.



Friday, May 1st 2015
Laboratorium Building E-243
10.30-11.50am