Linguistics move expected to raise College of Hawaiian Language profile

by Ken Hupp

Throughout its ten-year existence, UH Hilo’s Ka Haka ʻUla O Keʻelikōlani College of Hawaiian Language has earned a well-deserved reputation as a leader in language and cultural preservation.

Since its establishment in 1997, the College has awarded UH Hilo’s first master’s degree (M.A. in Hawaiian Language and Literature), which became the nation’s first MA degree in a Native American language. The College also produced the University’s first doctoral degree program with the Ph.D. in Indigenous Language and Cultural Revitalization, and reinforced its leadership credentials in Hawaiian Language preservation through the creation of the Kahuawaiola Indigenous Teacher Education Program.

“This is certainly an exciting time for Ka Haka ʻUla O Keʻelikōlani,” said Director Dr. Kalena Silva. “While everyone is rightfully proud of what’s been accomplished these first ten years, we feel there is every reason to believe that the best is yet to come.”

One reason for Silva’s optimism is the recent decision by Chancellor Rose Tseng to transfer the Linguistics program from the College of Arts and Sciences to the College of Hawaiian Language. Although it is unusual for an indigenous language program to offer courses in Linguistics, Dr. William “Pila” Wilson, the College’s academic programs chair, says the move is a natural fit.

“There are certain components of Linguistics which are very helpful in understanding concepts like how languages change over time, how...
societal communities use language as markers, the differences in language and poetry and how languages can go extinct as societies change,” Wilson explained.

In fact, the College and Linguistics have a shared history. Wilson, who possesses a linguistics background, notes that the scientific study of languages played a very important role in the development of the College’s graduate and teacher education programs, since it is used extensively for reading in language and cultural preservation.

“This is a textbook win-win situation,” said Tseng. “The move to Ka Haka ‘Ula O Ke‘elikōlani will give the Linguistics program and faculty a permanent home. At the same time, the College is inheriting an established program that will enhance its reputation by providing a venue to pursue new educational opportunities.”

But while some things will change, Wilson emphasized that there will be no addition by subtraction.

“Nothing is being taken away with this change. On the contrary, we want to build on the program’s considerable achievements,” Wilson said. “We have a solid B.A. program, which is rare, given that most programs throughout the United States are at the graduate level. We also had approximately 40 Linguistics majors enrolled at the beginning of the school year, so there’s a solid body of work to build on.”

The College is currently advertising for two new faculty, which they hope to hire by August 1. Unlike previous hires, the emphasis is not on candidates with a Hawaiian language background; instead, the College is seeking faculty with expertise in East Asian languages.

“These are languages we want to focus on more, since the most common backgrounds among our students after Hawaiian are Japanese and Chinese,” Silva said. “This will help draw us closer to these communities.”

Recent trends reveal a growing number of students from Japan are already coming through the Hawaiian Language program. They include two who will graduate this semester and one graduate who is currently teaching at the Hawaiian Medium Laboratory School Ke Kula ‘O Nāwahīokalani‘opu‘u.

Another former student, Miki Kawachi, taught at the school before returning to Japan. While there, she collaborated with Wilson in developing a system of writing Hawaiian in kanji, the Chinese characters which are the basis for the written form of several East Asian languages.

“The College has already established solid local and national credentials, which we can build on to expand to the international stage,” Wilson said. “International linguists are very concerned about language preservation, and they constantly point to Hawai‘i because of the progress we’ve made in revitalizing Hawaiian. What we’ve lacked up until now is any subject matter we could teach them that would help fulfill their objectives.”

UH Hilo already attracts a large number of international students. A total of 329 students from 41 countries were enrolled during Fall 2007, comprising 9.1 percent of the overall student body. Silva and Wilson now hope to combine the Linguistics program with the College’s laboratory schools and diverse student population to give it a global identity.

Both expressed their gratitude for the widespread support the move received. They noted that Linguistics faculty have shown great interest in the College, with some faculty enrolling in Hawaiian language classes, while the University administration strongly supported the move.

“It’s not unusual for programs to move from one college to another, but the support we received was very gratifying,” Wilson said. “Chancellor Tseng and Vice Chancellor Philip Castille were extremely supportive, and Dean Randy Hirokawa showed tremendous vision in deciding that moving an already successful program could make it even more successful. That speaks volumes about their commitment to this University.”

(Editors note: Ken Hupp is a public information officer.)

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**Marine Science and Hawaiian programs featured on April telecasts**

*Focus on UH Hilo* highlights the University’s Marine Science program and Ka Haka ‘Ula O Ke‘elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language during the month of April. The program is hosted by Chancellor Rose Tseng, and airs live Wednesday evenings during the instructional year from 8:00 – 8:30 p.m. on Channel 55.

The April 2nd telecast includes Dr. Jason Turner, assistant professor of marine science, and Jennifer Turner, a marine science lecturer. The Turners will discuss the latest developments in the program, including a new bachelor of science degree. They will also preview the program’s course offerings for the upcoming summer session.

The guest lineup for the April 16th program includes Dr. Kalena Silva, director of Ka Haka ‘Ula O Ke‘elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language. Silva will discuss details of the transfer of the Linguistics program to the College, along with other new developments. He will also review some of the major achievements of Ka Haka ‘Ula O Ke‘elikōlani, which is now in its 10th year.

*Focus on UH Hilo* highlights UH Hilo programs, up and coming developments and the University’s partnerships with various community organizations. Anyone interested in participating in the program should contact UH Hilo’s Marketing and Alumni office at x47501 or x47643.
Colorado space partnership to benefit Hilo students

Students at UH Hilo and the Colorado School of Mines, located in Golden, Colorado, will work together on space research at both campuses and at the new space research center on Hawai‘i, called Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems (PISCES), according to a Memorandum of Understanding signed April 4 in Colorado.

UH Hilo Chancellor Rose Tseng and School of Mines President Bill Scoggins signed the agreement establishing a partnership between the two schools, which will greatly expand space research opportunities for faculty, undergraduate and graduate students at both schools.

Colorado School of Mines is home to the Center for Space Resources, which focuses on using the natural resources of space, also called in situ resource utilization, to make air and water, and to meet all human needs for survival on the moon and beyond. UH Hilo is home to PISCES, which is dedicated to developing technologies that will enable humans to sustain life on another planet.

PISCES was established and partially funded by the Hawai‘i State Legislature in 2007. The organization is working with community and cultural leaders and educators to build on the Hawaiian history of voyaging in the preparation of future voyages into space. The space center plans to build a simulated lunar outpost on the Big Island where the ash and rock surface resembles the surface of the moon. Its labs will serve space agencies, commercial partners and entrepreneurs from the Pacific Rim and around the world who plan space mission involvement. PISCES has obtained research agreements with NASA in the areas of rover testing and in situ resource utilization.

PISCES was conceived by the Japan-U.S. Science, Technology and Space Applications Program under the auspices of the State of Hawai‘i. The new center is led by Dr. Frank Schowengerdt, former director of the NASA Research Partnership Centers and professor of physics at UH Hilo, and by Dr. Robert Fox, chair of the department of physics and astronomy at UH Hilo. A cultural advisory committee made up of native Hawaiians and representatives of all facets of the community helps guide PISCES decision-making.

“We are planning robust research programs in robotics, solar energy, in situ resource utilization, and education,” said Schowengerdt. “Almost anything you would do at an outpost in space will be an opportunity for research and development at PISCES, and we need good students who want to pursue space science to be a part of this work.”

Dr. Angel Abbud-Madrid, director of the Colorado School of Mines Center for Space Resources, said the partnership is perfect for their students, who are already involved in research on how to survive on the moon and Mars. Students work with Lockheed Martin on equipment designed to produce oxygen from the lunar rocks and soil. Mines students also have been involved in developing a special membrane that will one day help astronauts make methane fuel on Mars for their return flight to Earth.

“The number of Hawai‘i students interested in space exploration is rapidly growing,” said Tseng. “We welcome the opportunity to be a part of information and education exchanges like this one.

“This partnership is a natural extension of our space-related initiatives that are made possible by the Big Island’s unique living, learning laboratory,” she added. “From the world’s most important collection of telescopes atop Mauna Kea, to our ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center, to PISCES, UH Hilo has taken its place on the cutting edge in this exciting field.”

Richard Lee and Friends in Concert

The UH Hilo Performing Arts Department presents Richard Lee and Friends in Concert on Saturday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

“This faculty recital will be a classical music/jazz combination and will feature some of the finest concert musicians in the State of Hawai‘i,” noted Richard Lee. The classical music portion includes flute works by Bach, Schubert, Caccini, Hovhaness, and Gaubert and features Anthony Maroudas on piano, Amy Yamasaki, soprano, and Lisa Lilja on bassoon. The jazz portion includes swing and Latin jazz standards and features Gregg Perry on piano, Bruce David on drums, and John Parker on bass, with Lee on flute and saxophone.

Tickets are $5 general admission and $3 students and seniors. (L-R) Anthony Maroudas, Lisa Lilja, and Richard Lee
Tolmies provide critical scholarship funding for UH Hilo

Longtime community and UH Hilo supporters Linda and John Tolmie have established a $50,000 endowed scholarship in the names of their parents, John and Mary Tolmie & James and Fulvia Bailey.

The Tolmies, who operate Tolmie Properties Ltd., a commercial real estate firm in Hilo, have lived in Hawai‘i since the mid-1970s and have been active in a number of community organizations. John, a former Marine Corps officer, is a longstanding member of the UH Hilo Chancellor’s Advisory Board. Linda, a former teacher, served as vice chair of the UH Hilo Performing Arts Center Advisory Committee from its inception in 2003 until 2007.

John’s father left high school during the depression, and to support his family, he worked in a number of factories. Linda’s father worked in the shipyards.

“We never felt deprived,” said Linda, “and somehow it was just assumed” that the children would go to college. Linda put herself through Stonehill College near Boston and John is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. As the first in their families to attend college, they know firsthand the financial struggles students may face and are committed to helping them reach their goals.

The John and Mary Tolmie & James and Fulvia Bailey scholarship will benefit fulltime students in any field at UH Hilo. Preference will be given to students who have graduated from high school in Hawai‘i and demonstrate financial need. The first scholarship will be given to a student enrolling in the fall of 2008.

Private scholarships make a critical difference to students in need of financial assistance at UH Hilo, which receives nearly 5,000 applications for financial aid each year. “UH Hilo has the highest percentage of students receiving financial aid of any of the ten campuses in the University of Hawai‘i System,” said Chancellor Rose Tseng. “We would never be able to assist so many students with only government aid at our disposal. We are indebted to the Tolmies for making a critical difference.”

At a recent gift acceptance ceremony, John said, “When we look back, we don’t think we would have been as successful if the University wasn’t having such a powerful impact on the Hawai‘i Island economy.”

Ocean Day, Hawai‘i “Year of the Reef” is April 26!

by Sharon Ziegler-Chong

The public is invited to attend the 2nd annual Ocean Day, Hawai‘i “Year of the Reef” event hosted by the UH Hilo Pacific Aquaculture and Coastal Resources Center (PACRC) and Marine Science Department, in partnership with the University of Hawai‘i Sea Grant on Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at PACRC on Kalaniaulaole Avenue in Keaukaha. There is no admission charge and children 15 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

This community outreach event is focused on increasing awareness of ocean issues such as conservation, ocean resources and ocean safety through fun, interactive displays, activities and booths. Our mission is to raise public awareness of the impact people have on the ocean environment, promote conservation of our precious ocean and coastal resources in a culturally sensitive way, and communicate the outcomes of current ocean and coastal research, management and education efforts here in Hawai‘i.

Over 500 people from the greater Hilo area attended last year, leading us to decide to host Ocean Day, Hawai‘i as an annual event at UH Hilo’s PACRC facility in Keaukaha. This year we are expecting the event to be bigger and better, with a larger diversity of booths. In addition to providing information on current topics such as why plastic is so harmful to marine life, and what we can do to help identify and
Hats off to...

Terrance Jalbert, Professor, Finance, recently had “The Impact of Reserve Requirement Changes within an Emerging Market: The Case of Costa Rica,” accepted for publication in Journal of Emerging Markets. The paper is co-authored with Jonathan Stewart and Mercedes Jalbert.

Harald Barkhoff, Associate Professor, Health and Physical Education, and Taupouri Tangaro, HawCC, had their paper, “Uluakea – Hawaiian Place-Based Educational Teaching of Sport Psychology” accepted for presentation at the Third International Conference on the Teaching of Psychology in St. Petersburg, Russia, this summer.

Cam Muir, Assistant Professor, Biology, presented the workshop, “Understanding the use of genetics for forensic purposes,” to the Hawai‘i County Police Department’s detectives and supervisors in February.

Walter Dudley, Professor, Oceanography, delivered “Remembering the Tsunami” at the opening session of the Post-Tsunami Sustainable Livelihoods and Integrated Ecosystem Management workshop held at the Asian Institute of Technology in Bangkok, Thailand, in February. The workshop was funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development and had representatives from India, Thailand, Vietnam, Republic of the Maldives, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Philippines, and the People’s Republic of China. Dudley also chaired the workshop panel session on Community Based Disaster Management with Atiq Ahmed of the Asian Disaster Prevention Center and Peter Collier of the Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning System.

Jennifer Richardson, Assistant Professor, English, presented the paper, “24 Hour Cable News and The Rhetoric of Speculation” at the National Conference of the Popular Culture Association and American Culture Association in San Francisco, CA, last month.

Jerry Calton, Professor, Management, and Roxanne Salen, candidate for the China-U.S. Relations Master of Arts program, present a co-authored paper at the 12th International Conference on Corporate Reputation, Brand Identity, and Competitiveness in Beijing, China next month. “Sinopec and Global Corporate Citizenship: Institutional, Strategic, and Discursive Perspectives on the Greening of Business Legitimacy Claims in the New China” is based on Salen’s thesis, which will be defended this month.

Christopher Frueh, Professor, Psychology, presented the paper, “Acute care bed shortages and use of emergency departments: The effect of hospital closure on neighborhood hospitals” at the 18th Annual Mental Health Agency Services Research Conference in Arlington, VA, in February.

Cecilia Mukai, Associate Professor, Nursing, and Emress Matsumoto, Nurse CARE Project Manager, recently presented a poster in Washington, D.C. during an HRSA All-Grantees Meeting. Mukai’s federally-funded HRSA project, Nurse CARE, supports RNs returning to receive their BSN degree from the UH Hilo RN to BSN DL program. Nurses complete online coursework with clinical experiences held in their home communities on Kaua‘i, Maui, and Hawai‘i. Possible expansion of the program to American Samoa or Micronesia is being explored.
Wayne Miyamoto, Professor, Art, has work in the current Naestved International Exhibition of Contemporary Mini Square Prints, Roennebaeksholm Arts and Culture Centre, Naestved, Denmark. The exhibition features artists from 51 countries. Miyamoto’s work was also featured in the 80th Annual Exhibition of the Honolulu Printmakers Association, Academy Art Center, Honolulu, HI, last month.

Yoshitaka Miike, Assistant Professor, Communication, was appointed as one of the four consulting editors of Intercultural Communication Studies, an official journal of the International Association for Intercultural Communication Studies. ICS was launched in 1991 with the goal of publishing interdisciplinary research on indigenous, cross-cultural, intercultural, and international communication.

Sarah Blanchard, Lecturer, Business, wrote Jump with Joy: Positive Coaching for Horse and Rider, recently published by Howell Book House. Blanchard, who has also taught a horsemanship course at UH Hilo, is also starting the magazine/newsletter, Malama Lio.

Christopher Lu, Professor, Animal Science, delivered a keynote address at the opening of the International Conference on Small Ruminant Production and Health in Arid and Semi-Arid Regions held in Muscat, Oman, in January. The conference addressed issues concerning nutrition, reproduction, management, health and ecology in small ruminants, and had representatives from Iran, Iraq, Syria, Egypt, Sudan, Libya, Tunisia, Australia, Pakistan, Czech Republic, Spain, Mexico, France, Jordan, U.S., Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Nigeria, and Oman.

Peter Mills, Associate Professor, Anthropology, and Steve Lundblad, Assistant Professor, Geology, had their paper, “Science and Sensitivity: a geochemical characterization of the Mauna Kea Adze Quarry Complex” accepted for publication in American Antiquity, the principal journal of the Society for American Archaeology. Co-authors include Patrick McCoy, formerly of Bishop Museum, Jacob Smith, UH Hilo geology undergraduate, and Sean Naleimaile, UH Hilo anthropology graduate.

Sonia Juvik, Associate Dean, CAS, and Gail Makuakane-Lundin, Director, Kipuka Native Hawaiian Student Center, had their paper, “Transforming Institutions of Higher Education in the Pacific: Supporting the Academic Success of Indigenous Students” accepted for presentation at the 2008 WASC Academic Resource Conference in San Diego, CA, this month. They will co-present with administrators from the College of the Marshall Islands.

Robert Fox and Nina Buchanan, Co-Directors, UH Charter School Resource Center, had their article, “Every School a School of Choice: What American Educators Can Learn From a Small Country Like Ireland,” accepted for publication in the Irish Education Studies journal, Volume 27, Issue 2. The paper is a product of a four-month sabbatical spent in Ireland last year.

William Mautz, Professor, Biology, helped to organize the First International Conference on the Coqui Frog held at the Naniloa Volcanoes Resort in Hilo in February. He and three of his UH Hilo TCBES graduate students each made a presentation on their coqui frog research.
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Sandra Wagner-Wright, Professor, History, had her article, “Birth, Marriage, Honor, & Poverty: Ramifications of Traditional Hindu Culture & Custom on Modern Indian Women,” accepted for publication by the Forum on Public Policy.

Marianne Takamiya, Assistant Professor, Physics and Astronomy, collaborated on a paper, “The ACS Virgo Cluster Survey XV. The Formation Efficiencies of Globular Clusters in Early-Type Galaxies: The Effects of Mass and Environment,” which was published in the Astrophysics Journal. The results are from data obtained with the Hubble Space Telescope and partly supported through a National Science Foundation project.

Bryan Kim, Associate Professor, Psychology, co-authored the article, “Counselors’ Values Profile: Implications for Counseling Ethnic Minority Clients,” that appeared in the Counseling and Values journal. The journal is published by the American Counseling Association.


Larry Rogers, Professor, Japanese, had his translation of a short story by the contemporary writer Hiroko Takenishi accepted for publication in Kyoto Journal. His translations of several of the poems of the early 20th century poet Motomaro Senge have also been accepted by The Hudson Review and Prairie Schooner.

Grease slicks up center stage this month!

by Lee Dombroski

The UH Hilo Performing Arts Center presents the UH Hilo Performing Arts Department’s production of Grease on Fridays and Saturdays, April 11, 12, 18 & 19 at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays, April 13 & 20 at 2 p.m. Tickets are reserved seating and range from $10 - $15, with pre-sale discounts available for qualified persons. Box Office hours are Monday – Friday, 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on school days. Call x47310 or order online at http://artscenter.uhh.hawaii.edu.

Grease, by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey, is the all-American musical, based on the sub-cultures of high school in the 1950s. The show takes place at the hyperactive Rydell High School where Danny Zuko fronts his gang, the Burger Palace Boys, who romance their sassy female counterparts, the Pink Ladies. When good-girl Sandy Dumbrowski arrives in town the Pink Ladies take her under their collective wing. It turns out Sandy and Danny had a brief love affair over the summer. While Sandy stresses the emotional attachment she and Danny had, he stresses the physical aspects of their relationship. As the show goes on, the students at Rydell High have to deal with love, gang violence, teen pregnancy, and friendship. In the end good-girl Sandy and bad-boy Danny resolve their differences and end up happily together.

The show is full of fabulous 50’s style music and dance. While the musical differs slightly from the movie, you’ll still recognize songs such as: Greased Lightning!, Beauty School Dropout, Look t Me I’m Sandra and the all time favorite, We Go Together (Like Rama-Lama-Lama Ka-Kinga Da Ding-Dong!) Come to the UH Hilo Performing Arts Center and don’t miss a trip down memory lane for some and a-rockin’ fresh experience for others!

(Editor’s note: Lee Dombroski is manager, PAC.)
Cowboy Up! raises $20,000

by Andrea Furuli

Horse enthusiasts and supporters from across the island flocked to attend the UH Hilo’s first-ever Blue Jean and Black Tie fund raiser Cowboy Up! in late February. More than 200 people attended the afternoon benefit, held at the UH Hilo Equestrian Center at the laboratory farm in Panaewa.

UH Hilo Chancellor Rose Tseng and College of Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resource Management (CAFNR) Dean William Steiner arrived on horseback to welcome the crowd.

Guests were treated to an afternoon barbecue, as well as entertainment including country music by Patio Productions, a herding dog demonstration by Abe Gonzales and a “jive” number by youth dancers of the Center Stage Dance Studio. A live auction with Hilo auctioneer Mike Schmidt closed the program.

Program remarks also honored the late Mrs. Kapua Wall Heuer, a longtime cattle rancher and horse enthusiast, as the founding supporter of the Equestrian Center. Heuer’s daughter Pudding Lassiter, an accomplished horsewoman in her own right, served as the committee chairperson for this year’s fund raiser.

Lassiter said, “My mother would be extremely satisfied knowing that Big Island kids will have an opportunity to pursue equestrian activities while going to school here in Hilo instead of having to leave the island.”

Ticket sales and more than 30 business and individual sponsors contributed to net proceeds of $20,000. Funds raised will help purchase equipment and interior furnishings for the pavilion, including fence panels, pens, chutes and bleachers.

Steiner said he expects to have the infrastructure in place to begin holding classes and events in the facility by September 2008.

“The UH Hilo Equestrian Center is the only covered facility of its kind in East Hawai‘i and holds great potential as a host venue for all kinds of events and activities,” he said.

The College is convening an advisory committee with members willing to come together to share their knowledge and expertise in building out the pavilion. To learn how you can contribute to this effort, contact Dean Steiner at x47393.

(Editor’s note: Andrea Furuli is development associate.)

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control aquatic invasive species, other booths will focus on our coastal heritage here in Hawai‘i. Information on how to get involved with beach clean ups, what you can do to help preserve and protect our ocean resources, and how to gain a career in the ocean sciences will also be available.

There will be educational booths with UH Hilo Marine Science researchers, Hawai‘i Division of Aquatic Resources, Richardson’s Ocean Center, Mokupapa and many more. There will also be plenty of crafts, activities, and educational resources available for the whole family to enjoy! The keiki will surely love the fishing games, SCUBA diving demos and exhibits of native Hawaiian fishing techniques, and touch tank exploration.

We look forward to sharing with the public the new additions to our educational outreach program such as our long-term projects and collaborations with Na Pua No’eau. Student representatives from this program will present the results of their “mini-research project” on the growth rates of native mullet. This project represents one of the many opportunities that students have to utilize PACRC’s resources and benefit from the experience of our hands-on aquaculture center.

Interested parties can request more information on this event by emailing Sharon Ziegler-Chong at ziegler@hawaii.edu.

(Editor’s note: Sharon Ziegler-Chong is associate director, PACRC.)

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“I enter into this assignment with the full expectation of it being a two-year effort, although even that length of time is short for realizing the fruition of longer-term strategic goals,” Crosby said. “We all expect that some degree of tactical success should be evident at the end of two years, but the more important goal for me is to build a strong strategic foundation for long-term success.”

“We” includes Chancellor Rose Tseng, who said that UH Hilo is “fortunate that the National Science Board allowed him to take a leave of absence to come to UH Hilo.”

“Dr. Crosby is well known among his colleagues throughout the research community, who hold him in very high regard,” Tseng noted. “Having someone of his stature will be a tremendous asset as we seek to expand our research infrastructure and attract more funding, which are critical to maintaining high quality in scientific research.”

A marine scientist who earned his PhD at the University of Maryland, Crosby will be responsible for strengthening science and engineering research at UH Hilo, developing the University in such areas as its research capacity, competitiveness, and management capabilities. He will foster excellence in research, strong linkages to undergraduate education and the incorporation of Hawai’i Island’s natural environment and cultural diversity into UH Hilo’s research endeavors.

“Having been privileged to be able to conduct years of research in Hawai’i in partnership with various UH faculty and students, Native Hawaiian interest groups, and marine resource agencies, I have developed a deep appreciation and respect for the value of weaving Native Hawaiian and broader Pacific Islander culture and perspectives into science research and education in Hawai’i,” Crosby said. “Examples of such integration range from observations of stars to aid in navigation of the sea in traditional voyaging canoes and gaining an understanding of the origins of our universe, to observations of marine and terrestrial ecology as a basis for natural resources management through the similar concepts of traditional ahupua’a and integrated coastal zone management. Much can also be learned from the Hawaiian model for pro-actively broadening participation of under-represented minorities in fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.”

Crosby brings over 30 years of diverse research and leadership experience to his new position. Prior to becoming executive director of the National Science Board in 2003, he held several positions with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), ranging from chief scientist for sanctuaries and reserves to senior advisor for international science policy. He also served as senior science advisor for marine and coastal ecosystems at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), and held several science positions with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the National Cancer Institute, in addition to faculty positions at several universities.

A top-flight researcher, Crosby has been awarded research grants from a wide variety of organizations, including the NSF, Environmental Protection Agency, NOAA, Department of Defense and USAID. During the past 16 years, he has led national and international multi-disciplinary research programs and developed national policy for the country’s science programs. In addition, he serves as a reviewer and panelist for numerous scientific journals, advisory committees and national and international science panels. He has authored over 40 articles for major marine science journals and has edited several books and manuals dealing with protected marine life and coral reefs.

“I actually love doing marine science as a hobby, but administration gets in the way of doing much of that any more,” he said. “One of my old research sites is on the other side of the Big Island at Puako. I’m looking forward to the challenge of helping fulfill Chancellor Tseng’s vision of enhancing existing programs within UH Hilo, while developing and implementing new programs and partnerships that can form the basis of locally, regionally and globally relevant research initiatives.”

UH Hilo has increased its outside funding for scientific research -- much of it from NSF and EPSCoR. Crosby said that is due in no small part to Tseng’s leadership.

“Chancellor Tseng deserves a lion’s -- or perhaps lioness’s -- share of the credit for why granting agencies are noticing UH Hilo,” he said. “Much of her effort is done behind the scenes and is not widely recognized. Without question, she has some wonderful faculty and staff that are instrumental in achieving recent successes. However, there is no greater single variable contributing to the recent growth in UH Hilo’s research enterprise than the drive and vision of Chancellor Tseng.”

Crosby also said the faculty is crucial to UH Hilo’s future success as a research institution.

“The UH Hilo faculty that I have met with to date are without question more than capable of taking this institution to the next level of research, which will benefit both the students and the broader community,” he said. “However, in order for them to succeed in this progression, there is a need for a focal point for research administration and coordination of the UH Hilo research enterprise and a basic level of support from the State. The UH Hilo faculty have wonderful ideas for research projects that should resonate with State and federal priorities.”

“UH Hilo is also a part of the community and has a responsibility to demonstrate the relativity of our research enterprise to the improvement in the quality of life in Hawai’i, while continually weaving Hawaiian and Pacific Islands culture throughout our efforts. Modern science has much it can learn from traditional knowledge of the world around us. UH Hilo is clearly a leader in linking culture and science,” he added.

“I hope that I can be a champion for these faculty and the students who deserve an opportunity to be more fully engaged in research as an integral part of their education experience.”
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