UH Hilo welcomes new faculty

by Ken Hupp

They’ve been referred to as the “Sweet Sixteen.” But don’t confuse them with the early survivors of the annual March Madness Basketball Tournament. They, along with two visiting professors, are the newest faculty members holding court in classrooms throughout the University of Hawai’i at Hilo.

UH Hilo’s new faculty members include 10 additions to the College of Arts & Sciences (CAS), two in the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resource Management (CAFNRM), and four in the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Matthew Platz described the new faculty as “an extremely talented group of individuals.”

“Hiring faculty is the single most important thing we do in Academic Affairs,” Platz explained. “It is critical to the success of our students and it is a clear and unambiguous statement of our values and priorities.”

Due to budget constraints, the group is smaller than in past years, which required the search committee to zero-in on the areas that will have the greatest impact on student success.

“Nothing is more frustrating for a student than needing a class for graduation that has no qualified faculty available to teach it,” Platz said. “So in defining faculty search priorities we began by looking at areas where we felt challenged to meet student demand. These areas were largely concentrated in the natural and social sciences.”

UH Hilo also chose to recruit two new faculty in the humanities to preserve critical programming (Performing Arts, Chinese Language) valuable to both the on- and off-campus communities. And CAFNRM recruited two new faculty in areas (Agri-energy, Entomology) UH Hilo considers to be central to Hawai’i Island’s economic future.

The group even includes an element of familiarity, with a handful of faculty who previously served in different, non-tenure track positions. Platz said through the hard work of the search committees, the University was able to achieve 100% success in all of its searches. He’s...
now hoping that they will become long-term members of the UH Hilo ʻohana.

“UH Hilo is the kind of place where we hope all new faculty will be successful and enjoy a productive and satisfying 30-year career,” Platz said. “We want to do everything we can to ensure they feel welcome and to ensure their long-term success.”

The new faculty includes:
Dr. Jiren Feng, Languages
Amy Horst, Performing Arts
Dr. Misty Pacheco, KES
Dr. Chad Johnson, Psychology
Dr. Marina Karides, Sociology
Dr. Su-Mi Lee, Political Science / AJ
Dr. Sarah Smith, Nursing
Dr. Li Tao, Biology
Dr. Francois Ascani, Marine Science
Allyson Gilles, Psychology
Brooke Hansen, Anthropology *
Jack Rossen, Anthropology *
Jessie Eiben, Applied Entomology
Shihwu Sung, Agricultural Engineering
Elizabeth Ackerman, Pharmacy Practice
Christina Mnatzaganian, Pharmacy Practice
Helen Wong Smith, Pharmacy Practice
Michelle Zacchetti, Pharmacy Practice

* Visiting Faculty

(Emotional intensity to the experience, and understandably the students and their families needed reassurance that they were safe and that the appropriate plans were being carried out to maintain their safety and well-being.

The students held their presentations on Monday and Tuesday as the hurricane got stronger and nearer. UH Hilo staff made arrangements to support conference participants who wanted to fly home early to secure their families and property. The conference still continued for those who were here—for example, the group took a field trip up to Mauna Kea Wednesday morning.

As it became clear that Iselle was going to make landfall, staff made sure the group was safe, and felt safe, and that needs were met such as food and lodging. That included putting them in a hotel, and on Thursday before Iselle hit, evacuating them to a safer location because the hotel was on the coast, and then checking them back in after the storm. Staff was in constant contact with them before, during, and after the storm.

Though the conference was shortened and participants weren’t able to take part in every planned activity, everyone was able to present their research. Staff made sure that in addition to ensuring their safety, there were ample opportunities for strong student networking among conference participants, meeting an important goal of the program.

Throughout UH Hilo, our staff are creating an environment on campus where students can learn—even while responding to a hurricane. The Islands of Opportunity program focuses on engaging students in science and research to become the next STEM leaders in the region. Though not the intention, the students experienced the first historical direct hit by a hurricane that is thought by many to be an indication of changing climate conditions in the Pacific, reminding us all that their future studies and careers are important to our island future and success.

Many thanks to faculty and staff who helped students during Iselle. Our hearts go out to all on our island who were impacted by the storm and we wish them a speedy recovery.

Aloha,

Donald R. Shaney
UH Hilo emerging leaders selected

UH Hilo’s Emmeline dePillis, Farrah-Marie Gomes, and Kalei Rapoza are currently participating in the President’s Emerging Leaders Program (PELP) for 2014-2015, a professional development opportunity for highly motivated faculty and staff of the University of Hawai‘i that identifies and develops future campus and System leaders.

de Pillis is a professor of management in the College of Business and Economics. She is currently serving as the faculty representative for UH Hilo’s new residential learning community program. Her research interests include unconscious bias in decision-making, the human-technology interface, and cross-cultural management. Her work has been published in the *Communications of the ACM*, *Cross Cultural Management: An International Journal*, *The International Journal of Entrepreneurship Education*, *Frontiers of Entrepreneurship Research*, *Qualitative Health Research*, and *Biz Ed*, the AACSB’s bi-monthly magazine on business education.

Gomes has been serving as interim dean for the College of Continuing Education and Community Service (CCECS) since June 2011. She continues to serve as director of the North Hawai‘i Education and Research Center (NHERC), a position she has held since coming to UH Hilo in 2006. At the System level, Gomes is currently serving as chair for the UH Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). At the campus level, Gomes is co-chair of the Chancellor’s Professional Development Committee (PDC).

Rapoza has been with UH Hilo since October 2013 serving as the associate director of Human Resources. Since July 1, he has also been serving as the acting director of EEO/AA, which also functions as the Title IX Coordinator for UH Hilo. A member of the campus Diversity Committee, Rapoza worked for the State Department of Education as a Labor Relations specialist overseeing collective bargaining matters, employee relations, and performance and conduct issues.

The PELP program aims to assist participants in establishing a base of knowledge about higher education, and in addition, offer potential leaders a chance to reflect upon their leadership potential and how they might make a difference in our campuses and System. A variety of methods, including discussions, lectures, case studies, simulations, and hands-on exercises, may be used to develop leadership skills and apply those skills in solving real-life issues.

CCECS partners for DLIR grant

The College of Continuing Education and Community Service (CCECS) recently partnered with the Hawai‘i Tropical Fruit Growers (HTFG) to secure an Employment and Training Fund (ETF) grant through the State of Hawai‘i Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR). Executed on July 22, the one-year grant of just over $70,000 will allow CCECS and HTFG to develop and establish a Master Food Preserver (MFP) certificate program.

The MFP program will serve small businesses, farmers, workers, and those who are interested in learning for the purpose of developing a business in Hawai‘i County. The program will teach participants to develop and safely preserve value-added products that utilize undersold and underutilized agricultural produce. CCECS Interim Dean Farrah-Marie Gomes shared: “A partnership with the HTFG allows us to expand our professional development offerings for farmers and entrepreneurs. We are excited about supporting our local workforce while also being able to increase capacity and income for Hawai‘i County’s small agricultural businesses.”

HTFG was incorporated in 1989 as an association of growers around the State of Hawai‘i to advance Hawai‘i’s tropical fruit industry through research, marketing and promotion. HTFG’s Executive Director Ken Love serves as the program director and instructor of the MFP classes. CCECS, whose mission is to serve as the outreach arm of UH Hilo, will assist with curriculum development, program coordination and promotion.

The MFP certificate program consists of 64 hours of hands-on education, instruction and discussion. Classes will be held in a certified kitchen with locations available in both East and West Hawai‘i. Course topics include prevention of foodborne illness, food storage and safety, canning basics, canning acid foods, canning low-acid foods, pickled and fermented foods, preserving fruit spreads, freezing foods, drying food products, nutritional considerations, and using a pressure canner.

For more information about the MFP certificate program, contact CCECS program coordinator Luisa Castro at luisac@hawaii.edu or 974-7664.


Hats off to...

Philippe Binder, Professor, Physics, co-wrote a paper on “How chaos forgets and remembers” that was featured in the June 19 issue of Nature. The paper was co-written by Robert Pipes, a May 2014 UH Hilo graduate with bachelor’s degrees in physics and astronomy.


Sarah Smith, Coordinator, Nursing Lab, had her solo authored research study on “Magnet Hospitals: Higher Rates of Patient Satisfaction” accepted for publication in Policy, Politics & Nursing Practice.

Charmaine Higa-McMillan, Associate Professor, Psychology, co-authored the following: “Predictors of Use of Evidence-Based Practices for Children and Adolescents in Usual Care,” Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research (in press), and “Self-consciousness and social anxiety in youth: The Revised Self-Consciousness Scales for Children,” Psychological Assessment (in press).

Kathy Cooksey, Assistant Professor, Astronomy, recently served on the panel for the Hubble Space Telescope Cycle 22 Proposal Review Meeting where she participated in peer review and rank proposals for HST resources. She was also awarded three nights with the 8.2-m Subaru Telescope last month, 1.5 nights with the 10-m Keck II Telescope in January 2015, and two nights on the UH88 Telescope to take spectra of distant galaxies to study the chemical properties of intervening gas.


Tenure and Promotion awarded

Congratulations to the following faculty members who recently received tenure and promotion!

Tenure and Promotion:
Diane Barrett, Education
Forrest Batz, Pharmacy Practice
Jason Cabral, Hawaiian Language & Hawaiian Studies
Leng Chee Chang, Pharmaceutical Sciences
Avis Masuda, Education
Yumiko Ohara, Linguistics
Michael Peterson, Computer Science
Sarah Smith, Nursing
Dianqing Sun, Pharmaceutical Sciences
Ghee Tan, Pharmaceutical Sciences

Tenure:
Larianne Au, Library
Karla Hayashi, Kilohana: The Academic Success Center
Charmaine Higa-McMillan, Psychology
Deborah Juarez, Pharmacy Practice
Carolyn Ma, Pharmacy Practice
Sarah Marusek, Political Science
Kirsten Mollegaard, English
Shawon Rahman, Computer Science

Promotion:
Andre Bachmann, Pharmaceutical Sciences
Roberta Barra, Accounting
Jie Cheng, Computer Science
Lincoln Gotshall, Kinesiology & Exercise Sciences
Susan Jarvi, Pharmaceutical Sciences
Sunyoung Kim, Psychology
Larry Kimura, Hawaiian Language & Hawaiian Studies
Kathleen Stacey, Library
Tracy Wiegner, Marine Science
UH Hilo is nation’s most diverse campus

The Chronicle of Higher Education has ranked UH Hilo as the most diverse four-year public institution in the country. UH filled out all the top spots in that category, with UH Maui College, UH West O‘ahu and UH Mānoa ranking two through four respectively.

“This outstanding ranking is due to the work of faculty and staff in making UH Hilo an accessible campus where students from diverse backgrounds can succeed,” said UH Hilo Chancellor Don Straney. “It is always great to be identified as number one for something, but when it is for something that really matters, and in which we take pride, we have reason to celebrate.” The Chronicle’s diversity index uses national data to calculate the probability that any two students at an institution are from different racial or ethnic groups.

Windward Community College not only led the two-year public institution rankings but was also rated as the single most diverse campus in the nation. Hawaii‘i Community College, Kaua‘i Community College and Leeward Community College rounded out the top four in that category, followed by Berkeley City College, Honolulu Community College and Kapi‘olani Community College.

“The exceptional rankings of our entire UH System are not only a reflection of Hawai‘i’s unique island diversity but also a testament to the commitment and passion of our faculty, staff and students in celebrating and supporting our diversity,” said UH President David Lassner. “Being a diverse campus means that our students are able to study with people who have different experiences and different ways of thinking than they do. And they learn more. That’s what being the most diverse campus is going to mean for the students; they are going to have a much better educational experience than if we were the other end of the spectrum.”

CSAV training indoors

Since 1990, UH Hilo’s Center for the Study of Active Volcanoes’ annual summer International Training Course in Volcano Hazards Monitoring has been instrumental in helping scientists from volcano observatories in developing countries to become self-sufficient at monitoring their own volcanoes, which leads to better forecasting of eruptions, thus saving lives. The visiting scientists enjoy field and lab work, learning how the University of Hawaii and the US Geological Survey’s Hawaiian Volcano Observatory efficiently collect, model, and interpret data. But as volcanologists develop their understanding of a volcano and the hazards it poses, the information needs to be conveyed to the general public, and this requires good communication skills, particularly with the press. Thus, one section of the CSAV course deals with public outreach—how to present information about volcanic and earthquake hazards to school children and community groups, and, how to talk to the media. Ken Hupp of UH Hilo Media Relations contributed his expertise this summer by asking questions during Mock Interviews, in which the scientists were videotaped while they were asked questions about recent volcanic events back in their home countries.

For more details on the CSAV International course, visit http://hilo.hawaii.edu/~csav/international/.

UH BOR approves change of status for College of Pharmacy

The University of Hawai‘i Board of Regents (BOR) approved a change of status from “provisional” to “established” for the PharmD degree offered at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP) in a meeting on O‘ahu August 21.

The BOR Committee on Academic Affairs recommended the approval on August 7. Established UH programs must perform regular reviews every seven years.

The PharmD program is designed to prepare students for a career as a pharmacist after passing a national board examination and successful completion of licensure requirements in the state where they will practice. In addition to acquiring extensive experience in
the practice of pharmacy, the rigorous curriculum is rooted in basic, biomedical, and pharmaceutical sciences, designed for students to acquire knowledge of the scientific underpinnings of the profession.

The four-year professional program has had 341 graduates since acquiring full accreditation status in 2011. Of those graduates, 97 percent have passed their licensure exam. As of June 2014, graduates from the Class of 2014 have been hired for jobs that require a PharmD degree in eight states as well as Guam and Saipan at various retail chains, community pharmacies and hospitals.

As of January 2013, 95 percent of the graduates from the Class of 2011 and 73 percent of the Class of 2012 reported that they were working in a job that required a PharmD. As of the end of May 2013, a record 11 members of the Class of 2013 were selected for highly competitive pharmacy residencies in hospitals across the US and Hawai’i.

Last month, the American Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) extended accreditation for DKICP and found the College compliant with all of 30 strict standards.

Pharm2Pharm extends pharmacist after-care program to O‘ahu

Pharmacists on O‘ahu are now helping patients at risk of medication-related hospitalization readmissions through Pharm2Pharm, a project from the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP) at UH Hilo.

Patients leaving Pali Momi Medical Center in West O‘ahu and Castle Medical Center in Windward O‘ahu can take advantage of the program during their recovery.

“The Hospital Consulting Pharmacists (HCPs) use risk-based criteria to identify inpatients who may benefit from further care once they leave the hospital,” said Karen Pellegrin, director of the project based in DKICP’s Center for Rural Health Science. “The HCPs also consider referrals from community docs who have high-risk patients not currently in the hospital who might benefit.”

“The launch on O‘ahu was timed with the implementation of state-of-the-art health information technology by Hawai‘i Health Information Exchange (HHIE), a key project support partner,” said Pellegrin. “The Hawai‘i Community Pharmacist Association and Hawai‘i Pacific Health also are key operating partners for the Pharm2Pharm project, which is funded through the federal Center for Medicare and

CCECS recognized by Kona-Kohala Chamber

On June 27, the Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce (KKCC) recognized UH Hilo’s College of Continuing Education and Community Service (CCECS) with the Pualu Award at its annual Installation and Membership Banquet at Four Seasons Resort Hualalai. CCECS was recognized as one of 11 individuals, businesses and organizations for its hard work and dedication in the community.

Under the leadership of Interim Dean Farrah-Marie Gomes, CCECS was recognized with the Chamber’s Business Innovation Award. This award recognizes a business or organization that is committed to improving or enhancing employee’s lives or exhibits creative product development, marketing or customer service.

In an effort to ensure Hawai‘i Island has a viable workforce, Gomes was proactive in forming creative and innovative non-credit classes and professional development programs to meet new workforce needs. Gomes explained that the College pooled resources from both its Hilo and Honoka‘a offices at the North Hawai‘i Education and Research Center to make expansion of services to West Hawai‘i possible. She shared, “Providing access to lifelong learning opportunities across Hawai‘i Island is a responsibility that CCECS takes seriously. I thank our staff for aligning our services with our mission and for working diligently to maximize our services to the community, with the community, and for the community.”

Pictured left to right are CCECS and NHERC staff: (front) Michelle Rodriguez, Marisa Miyashiro, Farrah-Marie Gomes; (back) Penny Alcoran, Janet Lindsey, Vice Chancellor Matt Platz, Stacie Higgins, Luisa Castro.

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Medicaid Innovation within the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).”

With wireless mobile devices, Consulting Pharmacists can access cloud-based prescription-fill histories on their patients and ensure a complete and accurate medication list is available to other members of the care team through use of Health Care Systems, Inc. medication management tools. Participating Consulting Pharmacists can also communicate with each other and with other members of the care team through HHIE’s secure messaging system.

Pellegrin said they are currently focusing on hospitals in regions of O‘ahu with higher rates of potentially preventable hospitalization rates. More than 1,300 high risk-patients have been enrolled statewide since Pharm2Pharm was implemented on Maui, Kaua‘i and Hawai‘i Island in 2013.

**Conquering the Sun auditions scheduled for Sept 15 & 16**

Auditions for the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo Performing Art Center’s fall production of *Conquering the Sun* will be held on September 15 and 16, 7-9 p.m., PAC center stage. Auditions are open to college students and community members.

*Conquering the Sun* is the story of the Hawaiian demigod Maui and his journey to slow the sun from crossing the sky so quickly. The play touches on various other Hawaiian myths and teaches the important lesson that working together is often more effective than working alone.

UH Hilo Performing Arts graduate Kimo Apaka debuts as the director of the small ensemble cast. The play was created by UH Hilo’s Jackie Pualani Johnson and members of the Colorado Caravan at the University of Colorado in 1976.

The audition will include cold readings, improvisational exercises, creating different characters, and showing special skills, particularly things of, but not restricted to, Hawaiian culture such as hula, Hawaiian chant, ukulele, and blowing a conch shell. Everyone is urged to come dressed to move and be willing to have fun.

Performances will be held during the second week of November. Those interested in auditioning should be available for mid-morning performances for school children during that week. A perusal script can be found in PAC’s back hallway for those who are interested.

For additional information, contact Apaka at apaka@hawaii.edu.

**U.S.-Thai Consortium includes UH Hilo’s College of Pharmacy**

The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP) at UH Hilo is the newest member of a multinational group working to advance pharmacy education, research, practice, and improve the health and welfare of the people in Thailand.

The U.S.-Thai Consortium for the Development of Pharmacy Education in Thailand, founded in May 1994, made the announcement at the 2014 consortium conference from May 28-30 at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy in Baltimore, MD.

The consortium now includes 19 Thai and 17 U.S. schools of pharmacy. The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) signed the original Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with eight schools of pharmacy in Thailand and the Committee for Pharmacy Manpower Development of the Thailand Ministry of University Affairs.

“We are energized by and grateful for the opportunity to join these other top schools of pharmacy because we understand how to affect global health and make a difference for humanity,” said DKICP Dean John M. Pezzuto. “Our geographic location positions us to become the hub of pharmaceutical research where contributions of western sciences, eastern traditions and Pacific Island heritage combine to advance pharmaceutical knowledge and practice.”

Other U.S. schools of pharmacy in the consortium include top-10 schools University of Minnesota, University of North Carolina, University of Texas, University of Kentucky, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Ohio State University, Purdue University, University of Utah, University of Washington and University of Arizona.

Thai schools of pharmacy include Chulalongkorn University and Rangsit University, both of which have clinical site and research agreements with DKICP. These agreements give DKICP students an opportunity to go to Thailand for their experiential training, as well as will bring Ph.D. students and postdoctoral associates to Hawai‘i to work in DKICP labs.

DKICP has developed relationships and signed memorandums of understanding (MOU) with universities in China, Thailand and Japan. Students in the UH Hilo program also have unique learning opportunities available throughout Hawai‘i, across the mainland and the Pacific Basin, in Guam, American Samoa and Saipan.
UH Hilo Performing Arts Center announces its 2014-15 season

The UH Hilo Performing Arts Center kicks-off its 2014-15 season with Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and GRAMMY® Limetime Achievement Award winner Mavis Staples on Saturday, September 27 at 7:30 p.m.

“Staples has been the solid rock of American music for over six decades, seamlessly crossing genres from the delta-inflected gospel sound of the 1950s to pop radio in the 1970s and back again to her gospel roots today,” noted PAC Manager Lee Dombroski.

Audiences will have a varied and diverse season of performances for 2014-15. Emel Mathlouthi and her band perform on Saturday, October 4 at 7:30 pm, bringing a new sound to Tunisian music. On Saturday, October 18 at 7:30 p.m., Jacob Rajan takes the stage in Indian Ink Theatre Company’s dramatic storytelling production of The Guru of Chai. The fall season concludes with Conquering the Sun, the amalgamation of several Hawaiian myths created by Jackie Pualani Johnson and the CU Colorado Caravan, and directed by Kimo Apaka. Performances are Friday and Saturday, November 14 & 15 at 7 pm, and Sunday, November 16 at 2 p.m.

The spring season opens with Rani Arbo & daisy mayhem featuring vintage American music on Thursday, January 22 at 7:30 p.m. On Wednesday, February 11 at 7:30 p.m., GRAMMY® Award-nominee Eric Bibb takes the stage with his finger picking technique and blend of folk-blues. Kyle Abraham / Abraham.In.Motion dance company presents Pavement on Tuesday, February 24 at 7:30 p.m. “Abraham’s work is provocative, sensual and socially relevant with a strong emphasis on sound, human behavior and all things visual,” Dombroski said.

Massive Company performs The Brave, a work that interweaves the stories of eight diverse Auckland-based men who share their most sincere ponderings on what it takes to be a brave man in the world today, on Tuesday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m. The season wraps up with The Gay Men’s Chorus of Los Angeles presenting it gets better on Thursday, April 2 at 7:30 p.m. “This performance is the culmination of a week-long residency in which the It Gets Better company works closely with our community in a series of workshops, rehearsals and community dialogue to create a performance intended to energize a local awareness of bullying and examine the broader issues of tolerance and diversity,” Dombroski said.

This season the annual Girls’ Day Diva Festival will feature a slightly different format and is titled Girls’ Day Diva Festival 10.1. The festival is scheduled for early March 2015.

Season subscription packages, ranging in price from $74.40 to $157.60, will be available beginning September 2 by calling the Performing Arts Center Box Office at 932-7490 or ordering online at http://www.artscenter.uhh.hawaii.edu. Single tickets for all events will be available beginning September 9.

UH Hilo Chancellor Don Straney (left) stands with UH President David Lassner at last month’s kīpaepae ho‘okama‘aina ceremony. Chancellor Straney and Hawai‘i Community College Chancellor Noreen Yamane hosted the formal Hawaiian ceremony welcoming President Lassner into his permanent role as University of Hawai‘i President. A kīpaepae ho‘okama‘aina is the anchoring of one’s presence to the land, skies and seas. To ho‘okama‘aina (to indigenize) means to embody the profound conditions of knowing what it means to interact and intersect with an ancient living land-culture that is defined by elements such as rain, lava, earthquakes, and tsunami.

Participating in the ceremony were administrators, faculty, staff and students of UH Hilo and HawCC and invited members from the community.
Campus Events

September

5  Final day to completely withdraw from classes without owing tuition
12  Final deadline to apply for Fall 2014 Graduation

Final day to exercise Credit/No Credit
Final day to submit Auditors Form

15  Final day to drop a class online without “W”

Final day to receive 50% refund of tuition for complete withdrawals

27  Mavis Staples, 7:30 p.m., PAC, Admission

30  Final day to submit approved Summer 2015 Curriculum Documents to Registrar