Welcome, new members of UH Hilo, fall 2017

The University of Hawai‘i at Hilo welcomes the following individuals to the UH Hilo ‘ohana:

**Tyler Arford:** Athletic Trainer, Athletics  
*Previous position:* Associate Athletic Trainer, University of San Francisco  
*Academic background:* B.A., San Diego State University; M.A., San Jose State University  
*Last book read:* *The Bat* by Jo Nesbo

**Ruthie Clearwater:** Clinical Faculty, School of Nursing  
*Previous positions:* Adjunct Clinical Faculty, Hawai‘i Community College; Adjunct Faculty, Capella University; Flight Nurse, AMR Air Hawai‘i  
*Academic focus:* Nursing, Medical Physiology  
*Academic background:* MSN, Walden University  
*Last book read:* *Sycamore Row* by John Grisham

**Abhijit Date:** Assistant Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences, DKICP  
*Previous positions:* Postdoctoral Fellow, The Center for Nanomedicine, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine; Postdoctoral Fellow, Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Health Professions; Postdoctoral Fellow, Northwestern University  
*Academic focus:* Pharmaceutics (drug delivery)  
*Academic background:* Ph.D., Bombay College of Pharmacy, University of Mumbai  
*Last book read:* *Mutation* by Robin Cook

Update on enrollment management

by Interim Chancellor Marcia Sakai

As part of a University of Hawai‘i Systemwide initiative, UH Hilo is currently developing new ways to be more effective at recruitment, retention, and graduation. Each of the 10 campuses in the statewide UH System is developing its own five-year enrollment management plan specifically designed with appropriate goals for the individual campus.

The good news is that each year we are meeting our ever-growing graduation performance targets (set by the UH System). Last year our goal was to graduate 926 students and we exceeded that with 955 students receiving degrees and/or certificates. But this success, while we are absolutely doing what we need to do, has a negative effect on enrollment.

While we at UH Hilo predict enrollment will continue to decline for fiscal year 2018 (on par with national trends), the drop should be smaller for the University than in previous years. Meanwhile, we continue our enrollment management work with an integrated, strategic and holistic approach to student success that will reverse the decline and begin to rebuild enrollment.

Through careful planning and constant review and reevaluation of our progress, the campus is moving forward on several actions over the next year:

- Place new admissions counselors for West Hawai‘i and transfer students as part of our redesigned marketing strategy and expanded...
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Bryce Fukunaga: Assistant Professor, Pharmacy Practice, DKICP
Academic focus: Pharmacy Practice
Academic background: Pharm.D., University of Hawai‘i at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy
Last book read: *Inferno* by Dan Brown

Travis Mandel: Assistant Professor, Computer Science, Natural Sciences Division
Academic focus: Helping develop the ‘Ike Wai Data Science program using artificial intelligence and machine learning techniques to automatically optimize content in educational videogames
Academic background: B.S., Computer Science, Carnegie Mellon University; Ph.D., M.S., Computer Science & Engineering, University of Washington
Last book read: *Four Color Fear* by Greg Sadowski

Ligaya Hill: Project Manager, Facilities Planning
Previous position: Construction Manager, SSFM International Inc.
Academic background: B.S., Industrial Engineering, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Last book read: *Snakes of Hawaii*, (Nature guides of the world) by V. Ralph Knight

Kimberly Meyers: Office Assistant, Student Medical Services, Division of Student Affairs
Previous position: Phlebotomist, Hilo Medical Center
Academic background: Studied Political Science and Languages, University of Fairbanks Alaska
Last books read: *The Black Dagger Brotherhood* by JR Ward; *A Discovery of Witches* by Deborah Harness

Heather Kaluna: Assistant Professor, Astronomy, Natural Sciences Division
Previous positions: Postdoctoral Fellow, Hawai‘i Institute of Geophysics and Planetology; Research Assistant, Institute for Astronomy
Academic focus: Observations of water-rich asteroids and laboratory experiments simulating the evolution of asteroid surfaces
Academic background: B.A., Mathematics and Physics, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo; M.S. and Ph.D., Astronomy, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

Chenit Ong-Flaherty: Assistant Professor, School of Nursing
Previous position: Assistant Professor, School of Nursing and Health Profession, University of San Francisco
Academic focus: Healthcare Systems Leadership, Public Health Nursing
Academic background: B.A., Mount Holyoke College; MSN, San Francisco State University; Diploma in Nursing, New England Baptist School of Nursing; DNP, University of San Francisco
Last book read: *Seven Storey Mountain* by Thomas Merton

Gene Krieger, Jr.: Head Volleyball Coach, Athletics
Previous position: Head Volleyball Coach, Anderson University, South Carolina
Academic background: B.S., Health and Sports Medicine, Portland State University
Last book read: *All In* by Mark Batterson

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Kimberly Shmina: Assistant Professor, School of Nursing
Previous position: Assistant Professor, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
Academic background: BSN, University of Michigan; MSN., Michigan State University; DNP, Wayne State University
Last book read: Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand

Jerry Watanabe: Director of Facilities Planning & Construction, Administrative Affairs
Previous position: District Engineer, State Department of Accounting and General Services
Academic background: B.Arch, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
Last book read: Projects by Robert A.M. Stern

Christine Waters-Banker: Assistant Professor, Kinesiology & Exercise Science, Social Sciences Division
Previous position: Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Calgary
Academic focus: Sports Medicine, specifically Athletic Training
Academic background: B.S., Exercise and Sports Science, Oregon State University; M.S., Athletic Training, Ph.D., Rehabilitation Sciences with emphasis in Basic Science, University of Kentucky; Postdoctoral Training, Muscle Mechanics, University of Calgary
Last book read: Yes Please by Amy Poehler

Grady Weyenberg: Assistant Professor, Mathematics, Natural Sciences Division
Previous position: Research Assistant, Integrative Epidemiology Unit, University of Bristol, England
Academic focus: Statistics, Data Analysis

Academic background: B.S., Physics and Mathematics, University of Arizona; Ph.D., Statistics, University of Kentucky
Last book read: Woodworking Basics by Peter Korn

Aryn You: Assistant Professor, Pharmacy Practice, DKICP
Previous position: PGY-1 Pharmacy Resident, DKICP/Hawai'i Pacific Health
Academic focus: Pharmacy Practice
Academic background: PharmD and B.A., Pharmacy Studies, University of Hawai'i at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy
Last book read: If I Can’t Have You: Susan Powell, Her Mysterious Disappearance, and the Murder of Her Children by Gregg Olsen and Rebecca Morris

Nicole Young: Assistant Professor, Pharmacy Practice, DKICP
Previous positions: Post-graduate Year 2 (PGY2) Pharmacy Residency in Critical Care, DKICP and Queen’s Medical Center, 2016-2017; Post-graduate Year 1 (PGY1) Pharmacy Residency, PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center, Bellingham, Washington, 2015-2016
Academic focus: Pharmacy Practice
Academic background: PharmD and B.A., Microbiology, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa; Pharm.D., University of Hawai'i at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy
Last book read: Discover Germany by Andrea Schulte-Peevers
Interim administrators named

Three administrative positions at the University of Hawai’i at Hilo have been filled on an interim basis after their appointments were approved by the UH Board of Regents in August.

Kainoa Ariola has been appointed Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. Ariola began working at UH Hilo in 2003 as a Program Associate in the Kipuka Native Hawaiian Student Center and in 2005, was hired as Director of the Advising Center. She earned her Bachelor’s degree in Hawaiian Studies from UH Hilo in 1995, and obtained her Master’s degree in Administration, Curriculum, and Instruction from Gonzaga University in 2000. Her appointment is effective September 1.

Dr. Aaron Jacobs has been named Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the UH Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. Jacobs joined DKICP in 2009 as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and was tenured and promoted to Associate Professor in 2016. He received his Ph.D. in Pharmacology from UCLA under the mentorship of Nobel Prize recipient Dr. Louis J. Ignarro and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Vanderbilt Institute of Chemical Biology. His appointment became effective August 25.

Kalei Rapoza has been named Interim Vice Chancellor for Administrative Affairs, effective September 1. Rapoza came to UH Hilo in 2013 when he was appointed Associate Director of Human Resources, and became Director in 2016. He received his undergraduate degree from UH Mānoa, his Juris Doctor from the William S. Richardson School of Law, and is a graduate of the 2014 UH President’s Emerging Leaders Program.

UH Hilo adds Australia to list of countries with formal collaborative ties

Student pharmacists at the University of Hawai’i at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP) are now able to formally expand their educational experiences to the Land Down Under following an agreement with an educational partner in Australia.

UH Hilo signed a Memorandum of Agreement with Blackmores Institute, an academic and research organization headquartered in the northern Sydney suburb of Warriewood, New South Wales.

“We are excited to partner with Blackmores Institute,” said DKICP Dean Carolyn Ma. “This MOU signifies our commitment to giving our students the most competitive education possible while fulfilling our mission to establish a global identity.”

The agreement establishes a program called the “U.S. BI Student Pharmacist Intern Program” that promotes the exchange of international experiences. Students will have the opportunity to get credit through elective Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience courses, which all fourth-year students in the professional program must take before obtaining a Pharm.D.

“Blackmores Institute’s focus on advancing the knowledge and research on complementary medicine dovetails nicely with our own emphasis on natural products,” said Ma.

Blackmores Institute, with regional offices in Singapore and Malaysia, is the academic and professional arm of Blackmores Limited, an Australian natural health company. In addition to UH Hilo, the Institute also collaborates with Taylor’s University in Malaysia and the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology in Australia.
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Island. Expand counselor visits and open houses on neighbor islands, O‘ahu, and U.S. mainland

• Establish a Transfer Success Center as a one-stop service for advising, credit evaluation and engagement for incoming students

• Hire a First-Year Experience Director to expand our integrated programs aimed at increasing freshmen retention from 71 percent to 75 percent by 2020. Our highly successful residential Living Learning Communities for first-year students, with peer tutoring and residential programming, will be made a permanent part of offerings to incoming freshmen.

• Expand our successful peer mentoring programs to Marine Science with future programs in Biology and Health Sciences. These proven programs engage entering freshmen and transfer students in their first year, giving them a good academic start, especially in English and Mathematics.

• Start the Starfish student success platform in spring 2018. Starfish is designed to identify students beginning to have academic difficulty through an early alert system, pinpointing areas of concern and connecting students with appropriate services to stay on track to persist and graduate.

These actions illustrate a strategy in correcting declining enrollment through transitioning New Student Programs into First-Year Experience Programs. For example, by having upperclassmen in the majors serve as peer mentors, our campus goals are supported by 1) providing student employment income to upperclassmen, 2) providing peer support to underclassmen, 3) increasing retention and 4) increasing timely graduation.

Further, it’s important to note that despite decreased enrollment, our Orientation Program and Housing Program both have experienced increases this semester in their respective areas.

More students and their parents participated in this fall semester’s Orientation than last year. Orienting and engaging students early in their college experience contribute to first-year retention so we are very pleased to see this increase.

In Housing, 743 students are housed on campus so far this semester (as of Aug. 22) compared to 672 last year. Of those, 206 are housed in our new Hale ‘Alahonua residence hall compared to 148 last semester. In addition, there is a search in progress for an Associate Director for Residence Life position which will help to increase engagement of resident students.

At its core, all this activity in enrollment management is based on the foundational needs of Hawai‘i Island’s high school students and others to have options in accessing higher education on our island and to then be successful in their academic endeavors. These are the guiding needs we are answering in these new directions in enrollment management. We all need to work together—our internal University community and our local community-at-large—to plan for and implement these new directions in improving recruitment, retention and graduation. Together, we can work toward reversing the decline in enrollment and build a stronger, more accessible university for the people of our island, state and region.

For more information, visit our Enrollment Management website.

Aloha,

Marcia Sakai

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Please Be Reminded...

• New internal communication initiative emailed every Tuesday to UH Hilo Faculty and Staff during the academic year to better keep us informed.

• Emails will include bulleted items of information that are current and brief (1-2 sentences). A link will be provided for items that have more detailed information, such as a news release, published article, website.

• Samples of information include campus events, budget and enrollment management updates, research news, personnel appointments, etc. that you want your colleagues to know.

• Weekly information will be provided by the University community and should be emailed to Alyson Kakugawa-Leong (Alyson@hawaii.edu) for editing and inclusion no later than Monday, Noon, for the following day’s distribution.

• Please call x7669 with any questions/concerns.

Mahalo for everyone’s support and assistance!
New student recruitment to be featured on September 13
Voices of UH Hilo

A key component of the University’s enrollment management plan will be highlighted on the next Voices of UH Hilo, which airs on Wednesday, September 13 at 7:53 a.m. on AM 670 KPUA.

Admissions Director Zach Street will provide an update on fall enrollment and discuss the University’s enrollment management strategies to recruit new students.

Voices of UH Hilo features University administrators, faculty and staff discussing programs and initiatives on the second Wednesday of the month throughout the calendar year.

New crosswalk increases pedestrian safety

Walking across Nowelo Street at the Lanikaula intersection has become safer, thanks to the addition of a new painted crosswalk.

The crosswalk was installed by the County last month following a request by the University to address pedestrian safety concerns brought to the attention of administrators. In response, University Relations Director Jerry Chang reached out to the County Department of Public Works, Traffic Division, which conducted site studies and determined that a crosswalk was warranted.

The crosswalk was installed in less than two months after the formal request was made and serves as a visual reminder for motorists to be on the lookout for pedestrians, and for pedestrians to check for moving vehicles before crossing.

National accreditation board approves eight-year tenure for DKICP

The University of Hawai’i at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP) has graduated to the next step in national recognition by attaining full accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) for a full eight years for the first time.

ACPE is the national accreditation body that evaluates all colleges of pharmacy in the nation. DKICP was found to be “compliant” or “compliant with monitoring” in all 25 standards set by ACPE with no “partial” or “noncompliant” findings. In a prior ACPE evaluation in 2015, DKICP was granted full accreditation for two years with the provision that it was “contingent on continuous progress” and monitored by ACPE.

This year’s positive assessment was determined by a combination of a site visit as well as from a 110-page self-study compiled by faculty, staff, students, preceptors, administrators and community members from the Dean’s Advisory Council.

The ACPE survey team, representing faculty and administration from several notable pharmacy schools, practitioners in the field, and the ACPE accreditation staff, conducted the on-site evaluation in Hilo and Honolulu during the week of March 7-9.

According to the report, particular attention was made to the progress and changes that have occurred since the last focused on-site evaluation in fall 2014. It cited the appointment of a new dean as well as new chairs for each of the College’s departments.

The report to the Board noted that while research is still regarded critical activity for faculty, the College has revisited its mission and vision so that “evaluative expectations have been revised to more realistic levels.”

Other changes noted in the report include progress on construction for the College’s permanent building.

“As we all recall, accreditation was at risk previously when we couldn’t prove support for a permanent building,” Dean Carolyn Ma said. “This time when the survey team visited, they could see concrete evidence that building has begun, and that we have a clear future. We are forever appreciative to the many members of our College, the community and the legislature who rallied behind us.”

Citing “good support” from the University, the report showed encouragement by future developments in interprofessional education, which includes working with members from medicine, nursing, pharmacy, social work and public health.

The accreditation term granted for the Doctor of Pharmacy program extends until June 30, 2025.

Campus crosswalk addition
Four honored at annual Student Affairs event

by Malia Callo
Records Specialist

A half-day of activities took place on Friday, August 4 that included breakout sessions covering communication styles, elements of teamwork, applied Hawaiian language in Student Affairs practices, and the special recognition of four staff members.

The S.T.A.R. Awards (Staff That Are Remarkable) recognizes outstanding staff who render exceptional service to students, faculty, staff, and others in the UH Hilo community, and who are contributing to the DSA mission to support student success. Nominations are made by peers to honor those who are exceptionally reliable, inspirational, energetic, and full of ideas.

Winners of this year’s 2017 S.T.A.R. Awards are:

• Leadership Award: Susan Shirachi, Director, Disability Services
• Positivity Award: Mackenzie ‘Kenzie’ Slayton, Interim Associate Director, Campus Recreation Department (Tommy Hamilton accepted the award on behalf of Kenzie)
• Work Smarter Award: Ginger Hamilton, Director, Minority Access and Achievement Program (MAAP)
• Go-To Award: John Oshima, Administrative Assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Division of Student Affairs (DSA)

We all know staff members who are consistently relied on, get energized by, and are full of great ideas, but often these individuals go unsung. This was a great time to celebrate these special people with a day filled with fellowship, learning, and an appreciation of the hard work and dedication of the Division of Student Affairs.
Hats off to...


**Chris Frueh**, Professor, Psychology, gave two invited talks: “The VA system’s disability policies are tragically iatrogenic” at the American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C., and “‘Operator Syndrome’: A unique pattern of behavioral and medical sequelae associated with a career in the special operations military forces” at the Department of Population Health, New York University School of Medicine, New York, NY.

**Julie Adrian**, Associate Professor, Veterinary Pharmacy, and Tamara Kondratyuk, Associate Specialist, Pharmaceutical Sciences, authored “Evidence supporting the conceptual framework of cancer chemoprevention in canines,” published in Scientific Reports.


**Supakit Wongwiwatthananukit**, Professor, Pharmacy Practice, was presented with the Outstanding Pharmacy Engagement Recognition Award from the Faculty of Pharmacy Rangsit University in Bangkok, Thailand. The award is presented to a non-alumnus visiting scholar/lecturer who has made significant contributions to the faculty of pharmacy and to the pharmacy profession.
With the start of a new academic year, Ka Lono Hanakahi returns with a new series of Program Spotlight features, highlighting the work of various programs at the University. Each year, Program Spotlight follows a specific program throughout the entire academic year, and provides monthly updates, including photos on various developments and events.

This year, Program Spotlight showcases the Division of Student Affairs. The DSA houses more than two dozen offices and units designed to provide quality activities, programs and services that facilitate the academic success of students, and cultivate their holistic development as citizens and leaders of diverse and global communities. This month’s update shines on the New Student Orientation and First Year Experience programs.

Each fall, the New Student Programs (NSP) coordinates a four-day New Student Orientation to assist students and parents with the transition to college life, UH Hilo and the community. This year, there were 896 registrations for the various events, compared to 705 last year. This year’s participants were the first to enjoy a reduced orientation fee from $75 to $50. Three highlights from this year’s program include New Student Convocation, Making Initial Connections and Making Major Connections, and NSP’s Speed Mixer.

“New Student Convocation” is a formal ceremony that marks the official beginning of the students’ UH Hilo educational journeys. Dressed in regalia, Interim Chancellor Dr. Marcia Sakai, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Dr. Farrah-Marie Gomes, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dr. Ken Hon and the various academic deans welcomed the new students.

Prior to entering the Theater for convocation, our newest Vulcans were presented with a symbolic lei la‘i made by UH Hilo faculty, staff, students and volunteers.

“Making Initial Connections” and “Making Major Connections” are two programs established to help guide our newest Vulcans on their academic journeys. In “Making Initial Connections,” participants met first-time freshmen or transfer students from different universities. In “Making Major Connections,” students were able to talk to academic advising counselors as well as meet faculty members within their declared majors to find out about their major, careers, internships and undergraduate research opportunities.

“NSP - Speed Mixer” further supports the program’s mission and values of creating connections for student participants. NSP’s orientation speed mixer is one of the most popular social programs where students meet at least 10 other students within an hour’s time. Participants are seated across from one another and have two minutes to get to know one another using prompted questions or by engaging in casual ongoing conversation. NSP is committed to hosting this program as many past students have said this is where they’ve met and created long-lasting connections with some of the best friends they’ve made at UH Hilo.

In the coming months, New Student Programs will transition to UH Hilo’s First Year Experience program. Details about this transition and how faculty and staff can become more involved will be shared as they become available. The First Year Experience program will focus on implementation of retention strategies targeted toward our newest students as part of UH Hilo’s enrollment management plan.
UH Hilo Graphics Services: Providing quality work and service with aloha

by Ken Hupp

With a new academic year underway, the staff at Graphics Services is looking forward to taking care of all your design and print-related needs. Whether you are faculty, staff or student, Graphics invites you to contact them or drop by their department on the third floor of the Mookini Library to discuss how they can assist you.

Graphics performs a wide range of work, including graphic design, color and black and white digital printing, photocopying, scanning, large-format poster printing, lamination, stationery, signage, and various finishing services. Prices are competitive, service includes on-campus delivery, and the quality of their work has earned them critical acclaim.

The marketing pieces they produced for the “Seeking ed-Venturers” campaign won two APEX Awards for Publication Excellence in 2012. The awards are given out annually for excellence in publishing, editing, writing and designing for print, web, electronic and social media. By utilizing Graphics Services, units receive award-winning expertise while providing Graphics with important operational support, which creates a classic win-win scenario.

“We have a unique situation because we do not receive a dedicated budget,” said Graphics Services Coordinator Darin Igawa. “Our operation and existence relies on the revenue we generate by charging other units for our services.”

Igawa says Graphics is equipped to handle nearly every request it receives, but will refer work to an outside vendor if his staff is unable to perform the task or if a vendor can do it for less.

For more information on services offered and pricing, visit https://uhhilographics.wixsite.com/uhhgraphics.
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## Fall 2017 Hawaiian Language Workshops for Faculty & Staff of UH-Hilo & HawCC

| Dates        | Sept. 21; Oct. 5, 19;  
              | Nov. 2, 16, 30; Dec. 14 |
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| Time & Location | 1:00p–2:00p |
              | UHH campus, Kanaka'ole-112|

Register at: [papaolelo.weebly.com](http://papaolelo.weebly.com)

All classes are open to faculty & staff of both campuses. Participants are encouraged to commit to attending all classes. Please bring materials for note taking. All those who attend will receive a free Hawaiian language resource generously donated by the Hale Kuamo'o Hawaiian Language Center and Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language.

Please contact Kekaiianani Irwin at 932-7785 / rirwin@hawaii.edu if you have any questions.