Report on Sabbatical Activities

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I wish to express my gratitude to the UH-Hilo administration and colleagues in the Department of Communication for allowing me to have the invaluable leave to engage in research and other professional activities.

During my sabbatical leave in Fall 2014, I proofread my book chapter entitled "Portraits of the women warrior: Cultural values in Disney and Chinese stories of Mulan" which was published in M. B. Hinner edited book Chinese Culture in A Cross-cultural Comparison (Peter Lang, 2014).


I delivered a keynote speech entitled Rethinking Cultural Identity in the Context of Globalization: Some Theoretical Considerations for Intercultural Communication at the 4th SHNU (Shanghai Normal University) International Conference of Intercultural Communication, on December 28, 2014, in Shanghai, China.


I also worked on a project examining the notion of self in Chinese and Chinese-American cultures. I analyzed the discourse of self concept in Chinese and Chinese American popular cultural texts and compared the Chinese conception to the individualistic idea of selfhood in the modern West. I plan to submit the manuscript to a refereed journal in a few months.

In terms of professional service, I reviewed manuscripts for the Journal of International and Intercultural Communication (the flagship journal of the International and Intercultural Communication Division of the National Communication Association) and Journal of Communication Inquiry. I also reviewed book proposals for Routledge and Blackwell, two of the largest publishers in the world.