

**Island Voices: Celebrating Our Past,
Present, and Future**



**The 39th Annual Hawai'i Sociological
Association Conference**

University of Hawai'i Hilo

February 24-25, 2018

Aloha and welcome,

It is an honor to have fellow sociologists here at UH Hilo; a place that is home to not only the incredible hospitality that symbolizes what aloha truly is but is also a place of wonder. UH Hilo is rooted in the history and culture of Hawai'i, dedicated to justice in our present and working for the best future for all – here in the islands and indeed across the nation, as well as globally.

This conference is a shared effort by so many. Thank you to all who have helped make this event happen, who will be sharing your wisdom with us, and all who have generously given their time to be here.

Mahalo nui loa,

Eunice Leung Brekke, Lindy Hern and Noreen Kohl - HSA Executive Committee 2018

- Island Feminisms: Art, Literature, and Culture: Penny-Bee Kaplilialoha Bovard, UH Manoa

Panel 3: Justice and Crime in Hawai'i

UCB 115

- The Racialized and Colonial Project of Institutional Discipline and Punishment in Hawai'i; Sanna King, UH Manoa
- Our Journey for Justice; Kat Brady, Community Alliance on Prisons (CAP)
- Taking the High Road: Criminalizing Homelessness, Its Impacts, and Evidence-Based Alternatives; Heather Marek, University of Oregon

11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Keynote Address

UCB 100

“I ka wā ma mua, ka wā ma hope” : The Future Lies in the Past – Who We Were, Who We Are, Who We Want to Be”

Kalei Kanuha, MSW, PhD

Hawaiian people have always understood our existence as being rooted across the dimensions of time – past, present, future. We honor our past because we are always connected to our ancestors who came before us; we honor our present because all that we are today is endowed by the legacy of our ancestors; and we honor our future because we carry forth the collective lived experience across the dimensions of time and space, upon which we build future generations.

Due to colonization and globalization, and its resultant cultural-historical trauma, these sacred islands and our native people have been transformed by a new world order in which we are challenged to situate ourselves. What is the role of sociology specifically in the Hawai'i context that addresses tough social problems and contributes to social change? How do we conduct research, teach and serve our local community in ways that respond to this call and vision of our past, present and future? And where are we today as we navigate towards a future for our mo'opuna?

"It is as if the Hawaiian stands firmly in the present, with his back to the future, and his eyes fixed upon the past, seeking

historical answers for present-day dilemmas." (Kame'eleihiwa, 1992)

12:30 – 1:30 pm

Lunch Served

UCB 127

1:45 – 3:00 pm

Paper Sessions

Panel 4: Social Media and Technology

UCB 112

- The Mechanisms of Failed Mob Justice: A Cross-Cultural Comparison between Thailand and the US; Penn Pantumsinchai, UH Manoa
- Hawai'i Subsistence Change: The People of Hawai'i & Food Factory Production System; Austin Davis, UH Manoa
- Envisioning Online Deliberation: Risks and Opportunities in the Experiences of Kanaka Maoli Women; Caterina Desiato, UH Manoa

Panel 5: Contemporary Justice Issues

UCB 113

- "Six months is a joke:" Carceral Feminism and Penal Populism in the Wake of the Stanford Sexual Assault Case; Nicholas Chagnon, UH Manoa
- Mental Health and Policing: The Impact of Police Stops and Arrest Among Adolescents in the United States; Noreen Kohl, UH Manoa
- Cracking jokes and playing games: The marketability and neoliberalization of affirmative consent on college campuses; Hannah Liebreich, UH Manoa
- Reversing the School to Prison Pipeline: Justice Involved Women Students in Higher Education; Marilyn Brown, UH Hilo and Barbara Bloom, Sonoma State University

Panel 6: Scientific Expertise and Education

UCB 115

- Expert Cues: Theorizing Boundary Work Between Scientists and Non-Scientists; Xochitl Mota-Back, UH West Oahu

- A need to explore embedded emotions in asynchronous text?; Alicia Takaoka, UH Hilo
- Complicating Responsible Citizenship: Neoliberal Subjectivities and the Role of Service-Learning; Colleen Rost-Banik, University of Minnesota

3:15 – 4:30 pm

Paper Sessions

Panel 7: Culture and Social Change

UCB 112

- Japan by Rail: The People of Japan & Railway Technology; Austin Davis, Callie Toyama, Camden Ramirez, and Kylie Cummings, UH Manoa
- Activism or extractivism? Threats to Indigenous territorial sovereignty in the Bolivian lowlands; Evan Shenkin, University of Oregon
- Sexualities, Scarcities, Abundances: On Relations of Relations to Economies, Orders, & Polities; Cody Lestelle, UH Manoa
- Island Voices in Translational Spaces - Third Wave & Caribbean Studies and Borderland Criminology; Kenneth Leon, George Washington University

Panel 8: Health and Healthcare

UCB 113

- A Single Prayer for Single Payer: Media Framing and the Construction of Health Care Policy; Lindy Hern and Kanoelani Dodd, UH Hilo
- Are There Gender Differences in the Psychological Effects of Ethnic Identity and Discrimination in Hawai'i?; Krysia Mossakowski, UH Manoa
- Addicted Bodies and Human Suffering: The Future of the North American Opioid Crisis; Omar Bird, UH Manoa
- When Food is Profit: An Actor-Network Translation; Ivy Ken, George Washington University

Panel 9: Island Studies: Sociological and Feminist Approaches

Presider: Marina Karides, UH Hilo UCB 115

- No Room at the Table: Puerto Rico and the United States; Kaylee DeCambra, UH Hilo
- Relationships to Land and Sea; Cherie Kauahi and Kamala Anthony, UH Hilo
- Pāhoa: Youth Interactions and Multi-Ethnic Island Societies; Misty Figueira, UH Hilo
- Reflections on Indigenous, Island, and Intersectional Feminism; Justme Yulian, UH Hilo
- Between Two Islands: Tracing Divorce and Labor Migrations for early Japanese women in Oshima and Hawai'i; Laurie Mengel, UH Hilo

4:30 – 5:30 pm Transportation From UH Hilo to Hilo Hawaiian / Dorms to Hilo Bay Café

6:00 – 8:00 pm Sushi Social at Hilo Bay Café

Pupus (appetizers) mostly in sushi form will be served. Cash Bar. Participants are encouraged to drop in at any time and make dinner reservations at Hilo Bay Café or nearby restaurant. Hilo Bay Café is within walking distance to the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel.

Sunday February 25

8:30 – 9:00 am Transportation to UH Hilo from Hilo Hawaiian

9:00 – 9:30 am Breakfast Served UCB 127

9:30 – 10:30 am Morning Plenary UCB 127
Social Action: Doing Sociology in 2018 and Beyond

This plenary is designed as an interactive session in which we will discuss issues that face the practice of sociology today and how we might best address these issues. We will consider the role of sociology specifically in the Hawai'i context and in what way sociology addresses tough social problems and contributes to social change. We will share ways in which we might conduct

research, teach, and serve our local community in ways that respond to the call and vision of our past, present and future. Please come, grab some breakfast, and engage in this interactive session while enjoying some tasty local food.

Plenary Leaders:

Eunice Brekke	Leeward Community College
Lindy Hern	University of Hawai'i at Hilo
Noreen Kohl	University of Hawai'i at Manoa
Noelie Rodriguez	Hawai'i Community College

10:30 am – 11:15 am Business meeting UCB 127

Meeting Agenda:

- HSA's 40th Annual Conference 2019
- Election of Executive Committee -- President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer
- Volunteers Needed:
 - Website and Media Committee
 - Program Committee
 - Local Arrangements Committee
 - Awards Committee
 - Nomination and Outreach Committee
 - Social Action Committee

11:30am – 12:45 pm Conference Workshops

Workshops are designed to be interactive and oriented toward application. Each workshop addresses a different theme – research, teaching, or service.

Workshop #1: Creating a Community of Hei in Educational Settings: A Hawaiian Practice for Personal, Professional, and Community Well-Being UCB 127

Facilitators: Yolisa Duley, UH Hilo and Rebecca Jacobs, Hawai'i Community College

Panelists: Traven 'Āpiki, Caterina Armantiad, and Candice Miner-Ching; University of Hawai'i at Hilo

Description: The Community of Hei workshop will involve a panel discussion and interactive participation in creating hei

with workshop participants. Although a universal practice, Hei, is a Hawaiian cultural practice that was nearly lost. As we learn, teach and practice hei, we are collectively revitalizing an important aspect of Hawaiian culture and knowledge.

Panelists will reflect on how creating and practicing hei has informed their leadership, and supported their professional, academic and personal well-being.

Workshop #2: Scholar-Activism in the Current Era: Experiences, Issues, and Practices for the Future **UCB 112**

Facilitators: Lindy Hern, UH-Hilo and Meghan Floyd, UH Manoa

Description: In this workshop, we examine the potential for focused application of applied sociological techniques in social and political activism as a potential location for service to both academic and public communities. Panelists will briefly discuss their experiences as scholar activists, the hurdles that they have had to overcome in order to continue their activism, and ideas for practices going forward. The expectations of academia can often conflict with the commitment to activism, which can make scholar-activism difficult. Yet, a foundational aspect of sociology as a discipline is the promotion of positive social change, which can be served through activism as well as through engaged research on social problems. This session is designed as a guided workshop, as we develop new strategies for continued scholar activism within the current socio-political context.

Workshop #3: Going Native, Being Native: Conducting Research as an Insider **UCB 115**

Facilitator: Dr. Val Kalei Kanuha MSW Ph.D

Description: The epistemology of insider research is based on the standpoint of a researcher who studies an identity group, community or constituency of which she is a member. Anthropologist Malinowski in the early 1900s first suggested that the efficacy of research with “others” required that the researcher “go native;” that is, that the researcher become one with those “natives” she is studying in order to deeply

understand the life ways of “others.” For many of us “others” who have now joined the academy, the reflexivity of our time has allowed (perhaps demanded) that we push the boundaries of researcher and subject when those margins between self and other are not so distinct. In this workshop, we will engage in dialogue about the challenges, benefits, joys and meaning-making that being insiders bring to the research endeavor. Particularly for Hawaiians who study our own people, what does it mean to be an insider researcher? Are we ever fully “insiders” once we become researchers? Are we ever fully researchers when we are Hawaiians with insider knowledge of our own people?

1 – 1:30 PM – Transportation to Airport or to Hilo Hawaiian

Thank you to those who have worked during the past year to organize this conference.

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