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UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MĀNOA'S E-NEWSLETTER ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION



NAFSA Hi/Pac District Spring Conference 2018 - BYU Hawai'i

International Education: How Aloha Can Bridge the Divide

The keynote Speaker was the State of Hawai'i First Lady Dawn Amano-Ige. The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa contributed nine sessions presented by 13 faculty or staff and 2 UH students.

- *To Batch, or Not to Batch, That is the Question: A Comparison of BYUH, HPU and UHM SEVIS Reporting Process* - Karen Mikel (ISS) et al.
- *Using Social Media to Increase Student Engagement at an IEP* - Kimberly Imamura, HELP
- *Transitions: Study Abroad as Portal for Non-traditional Students* - Vanessa Chong (SAC), Sandra Cirie, and Constance Hassell (UHM students)
- *Applying Bolman and Deal's (2013) Organizational Four Frame Model To Organizations in International Education* - Pricilla Faucette, ELI
- *Humor and Advising: Bridge Building and De-escalation* - Ray Allen, ISS
- *Leadership and Organization: Campus Perspectives on International Education* - Linda Duckworth (ISS) et al.
- *Roundtable Discussions for Best Practices in Education Abroad* - Allison Yap (SAC), Vinnie Burns (MIX) et al.
- *Internships, Service Learning, and Volunteerism: Exploring the Opportunities and Navigating the Challenges* - OC Judy Ensing, Michiko Kahmann, Suzanne Mitri and Viet Ngo, ISS.
- *International Recruitment - Planning, Implementing and Organizing Your Recruitment Trips* - Dennis Chase (OC) et al.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NAFSA: Association of International Educators

May 27 - June 1, 2018 UH SYSTEM Booth #1240

Philadelphia, PA STUDY HAWAII Booth #1140

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Meet Vinnie Burns, Director Mānoa International Exchange

Vinnie Burns has been involved in study abroad and international education since 2005. He has been a study abroad program participant in Taipei, Taiwan; a TESOL teacher and volunteer in Fukushima, Japan; an international program coordinator in Seattle; a graduate student at the University of Leeds in England; and a study abroad program coordinator at the University of Oregon. Currently, Vinnie is the Director of Mānoa International Exchange (MIX) at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa.



How did you become interested in international education and what brought you to Hawai'i?

I would say there were two main factors that played a direct role in me getting involved in international education. The first would be my parents. My father has been an international educator for most of his professional career. Many of his colleagues and close friends are in the same field, so I've been around professionals in international education for much of my life. The other factor was my own international exchange experience in Taiwan during my junior year of college. This is where I first learned that study abroad was even a possibility. From then, it was a dream of mine to work in this field and to give others the same opportunities that I had.

Can you tell us more about your own experiences studying abroad?

I first studied abroad as an undergraduate. I studied at National Taiwan University in Taipei, Taiwan for a full academic year. During this time, I primarily focused on language study. I wanted to improve my Mandarin so I could get to know my mother's side of my family better, the majority of whom live in Taiwan. From that experience, I caught the "study/work abroad" bug. After I graduated, I spent four years teaching in Fukushima Japan. Shortly after that, I went to Leeds, England to get my Master's Degree in International Educational Management.

What advice would you give to students who want to go abroad on exchange?

Meet with your Academic Advisor as much as possible prior to going abroad and throughout your time abroad as well as after you return. They are the ones that decide how your coursework transfers back to UH, so they can help you to stay on track.

**"Sometimes you
have to go halfway
around the world
to come full circle"
– *Lost in Translation***

What are some of the projects in MIX that you're working on right now and what are your future plans?

We're currently working on a few different projects that upon completion should streamline the academic planning process for outbound MIX students. One of these projects is a public course equivalency database, which will allow students to see, institution-by-institution, how courses taken abroad will transfer back to UH Manoa and fulfill major/college requirements. This will make it easier for students to select classes abroad that will help them to stay on track academically. This database will also make it so Academic Advisors will not be required to approve the same course over and over. This is a common practice at other peer and benchmark institutions that I believe benefits all parties involved.

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

INTERNATIONAL TEACHERS TEACHING INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The English Language Institute (ELI) is an integral part of the internationally renowned [Department of Second Language Studies](#) (SLS), located in the [College of Languages, Linguistics and Literature](#).

The primary purpose of the ELI is to provide English instruction for students who have been admitted to the university and who do not speak English as a native language in order to facilitate their academic studies. We currently offer two levels of classes (Intermediate and Advanced) in three different academic curriculum areas (Listening/Speaking, Reading, and Writing). We also periodically offer hybrid or online courses, including one a hybrid version of our advanced graduate writing course that was offered in Spring 2017.

Our program is truly international in many respects. The majority of our current students come from China, Japan, and Korea. However, our student body represents a wide range of countries, such as Bangladesh, Bhutan, Ecuador, Israel, Latvia, Mozambique, and Poland, to name a few. International scholars at UHM who wish to improve their English are also welcome to audit our classes, space permitting.

In addition, our instructors, all graduate students in the SLS Department, are quite international, well-travelled, and multilingual. Current instructors come from Canada, China, Korea, Taiwan, and Vietnam, as well as the United States. Our American and Canadian teachers speak French, German, Korean, Japanese, Hindi, Vietnamese, and other languages. The ELI takes the perspective that, in this globalized world, English is a means for international communication across cultural boundaries, rather than solely for use within English-speaking countries.



The ELI works collaboratively with a number of other departments and units on campus, such as International Student Services (ISS), Mānoa International Exchange (MIX), Student Athlete Academic Services, the Office of Graduate Education (OGE), the East-West Center, and more, and provides programs with expertise and resources in areas such as second language learning, language testing, English language requirements for admissions, and writing across the curriculum.

Further, the ELI provides outreach that supports other colleges and departments in developing entrepreneurial international degree programs. We have developed specially tailored English courses for the Shidler College of Business Vietnam Executive MBA Program ([VEMBA](#)) and for the School of Architecture's Global Track [Dual Degree Program](#) with Tongji University in Shanghai, China.

Currently, the ELI is working to develop a streamlined, online ELI course that is tailored to help [3+2](#) students develop strong academic English skills and transition more smoothly and effectively to UHM.

Interested in observing an ELI class or curious to know more?

Check out our [website](#) or contact Associate Director Priscilla Faucette at faucette@hawaii.edu

CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Passport Day

Shidler College of Business International Business Organization (IBO) hosted Passport Day on February 15, 2018. UH Study Abroad Center, Mānoa International Exchange (MIX) and National Student Exchange (NSE) hosted a table to showcase their programs. For more information visit <https://www.ibouhm.com>.



International Night

On Friday, March 16, the International Student Association (ISA) presented International Night: Home Away from Home, a celebration of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's multi-cultural diversity. The vibrant evening was filled with an array of performances from Flamenco fusion to Russian folk games and culture booths from the following countries: China, Nepal, the Philippines, Russia, Thailand, Tonga, and Vietnam.

China and Taiwan Press Tour



The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) and Study Hawai'i organized a media tour for 10 educators and 30 members of the press from China and Taiwan. The press tour visited Maui and O'ahu to experience the high-quality education in Hawai'i and showcase the state as a Living Laboratory. On February 6, the UH President Lassner welcomed the delegation on the steps of Hawai'i Hall at UH Mānoa. UH students lead the group on a campus tour, followed by various departmental presentations hosted at the John A. Burns School of Medicine and a visit to the Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology at Coconut Island. At a dinner reception at the Governor's residence, Washington Place, the representatives mingled with Hawai'i state legislators and visited information tables hosted by Study Hawai'i member schools.

Study Hawai'i Day at the State Capitol

Educational institutions celebrated Hawai'i as "the Best Classroom in the World" at Study Hawai'i Day on February 28 at the Hawai'i State Capitol. The event was organized by DBEDT and the Study Hawai'i Educational Consortium to promote the State of Hawai'i as a study destination. Eight University of Hawai'i institutions hosted information tables including the UH System, UH Mānoa Undergraduate Admissions, OIEP, HELP, and the Outreach College.



UH MĀNOA INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION LINKS

Office of International and Exchange Programs:

<http://manoa.hawaii.edu/international>

Faculty and Scholar Immigration Services (FSIS):

<http://www.hawaii.edu/fsis>

FSIS provides immigration services and advising for departments, international visiting scholars, and employees across the University of Hawai'i System.

International Student Services (ISS): <http://www.hawaii.edu/issmanoa>

ISS is the primary university resource for international students in areas ranging from immigration advising to cross-cultural adjustment. They consult with the greater community on related issues.

Mānoa International Exchange (MIX): <http://manoa.hawaii.edu/mix>

The goals of MIX are to facilitate partnerships with outstanding universities around the world to the benefit of UH Mānoa students, faculty, and staff; promote cross-cultural education and understanding at UH Mānoa through the enrollment of international exchange students; and provide UH Mānoa students with study abroad opportunities that will have a transformative and positive effect on their lives.

National Student Exchange (NSE): <http://www2.hawaii.edu/~nse>

The UH Mānoa NSE website has instructions for UH Mānoa students wanting to attend an exchange school or students attending consortium member schools wishing to exchange to UH Mānoa, but the most detailed information on each of the 170 participating schools can be found on the national website, <http://www.nse.org>.

UHM Study Abroad Center (UHM SAC): <http://www.studyabroad.hawaii.edu>

UHM SAC provides summer, semester, and year-long study abroad programs for undergraduate student. Faculty are able to teach, mentor students, develop new courses, and pursue their research interests. Students earn UH Mānoa credits for coursework completed overseas.

College of Education (COE) - International Activities:

<https://coe.hawaii.edu/research/international-and-special-programs-iasp>

COE develops and maintains sustainable international agreements and partnerships in higher education with institutions in China, Japan, Kazakhstan, Norway, Russia, and Vietnam. Activities include collaborative research projects, educational conferences, and student/faculty exchanges. COE annually hosts numerous visiting scholars interested in studying with COE faculty and exchanging expertise.

College of Social Sciences (CSS): <http://www.socialsciences.hawaii.edu>

CSS offers students many opportunities to engage in the global community through its expertise, leadership, and far-reaching partnerships, which span from Indonesia to Sweden. CSS continues to expand and grow new and existing relationships with its international partners through innovative educational agreements, programs, conferences, symposiums, and other collaborative projects.

English Language Institute (ELI): <http://www.hawaii.edu/eli>

ELI, housed in the Department of Second Language Studies, supports admitted students at UH Mānoa who speak English as a second language and are found to be in need of ELI's support. ELI provides instruction in English for academic purposes and strategies for more effective study and helps students acclimate to a new academic culture.

Hawai'i English Language Program (HELP): <http://manoa.hawaii.edu/eslhelp>

The HELP program has been providing the highest quality academic English classes for over 40 years. Through our Conditional Admission pathway, students can enter undergraduate or graduate study at UH Mānoa without a TOEFL score. HELP also offers teacher training workshops and the CELTA English teaching certificate program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
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John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) - Global Health/Medicine Programs:

<http://jabsom.hawaii.edu/global-health>

JABSOM is committed to improving the health of the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Basin. Our mission is to train a globally competent health workforce with skills to address critical global health problems. JABSOM strives to understand and reduce health inequalities around the Pacific Rim.

Office of Graduate Education - UHM 3+2 International Program: <http://manoa.hawaii.edu/threeplustwo>

UHM 3+2 International Program cooperates with prestigious universities overseas to recruit well-performing college students to spend their senior year at UH Mānoa and simultaneously, pursue their master's program at UH Mānoa. After five years, the student will acquire a bachelor's degree from his/her home institution and a master's degree from UH Mānoa.

Outreach College - International Programs: <http://www.nice.hawaii.edu>

The International Programs division of the Outreach College provides international students access to UH Mānoa through its ESL programs, conditional admission university preparation programs, and short-term customized programs on a variety of subjects.

School of Travel Industry Management (TIM): <http://www.tim.hawaii.edu>

TIM is recognized as a leading educational institution in hospitality, tourism, and transportation management. TIM pioneered the concept of integrating all aspects of the travel industry under a single discipline. Built on a foundation of management science, TIM also draws on a broad range of disciplines to provide high-quality education at the undergraduate and graduate levels to current and future professionals.

Shidler College of Business - Full-time Global MBA Program: <http://www.shidler.hawaii.edu/ft-mba>

The Full-time Global MBA program offers students a comprehensive foundation in business fundamentals with its wide array of internship and study abroad opportunities in the Asia-Pacific region. Students can take a semester of classes at one of our partner schools and work at a professional internship in countries such as China, Japan, and Vietnam.

Pacific Asian Management Institute (PAMI): <http://pami.shidler.hawaii.edu>

PAMI is the center for international business programs with an Asia-Pacific focus. They are the umbrella organization housing the PAMI Summer Program, PAMI Year Round Programs, PAMI Asian Field Study Program, Center for International Business Education and Research, and Pacific Asian Consortium for International Business Education and Research.

William S. Richardson School of Law - International Programs: <https://www.law.hawaii.edu/which-program-right-you>

The William S. Richardson School of Law maintains an active schedule of international programs and activities. The law school offers two degree programs for international students, the LLM degree for foreign law graduates and the advanced JD program, which grants credit for qualified foreign law graduates. American law students are encouraged to pursue international law study through our exchanges with schools such as with Bucerius Law School in Germany or through programs in China, Hong Kong, or Australia.

College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR): <https://cms.ctahr.hawaii.edu>

CTAHR at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa is composed of six academic departments, the Center on the Family, and the Western Insular Pacific Sun Grant Subcenter. The mission of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources is to create and deliver knowledge that supports and strengthens families, agricultural and food systems, and the natural environment.

Theatre and Dance: <http://manoa.hawaii.edu/liveonstage>

Both the theatre and dance programs at UH Mānoa give students an opportunity to work in Asian and Pacific traditions, while also experiencing more Western ones. With a mix of academic coursework and live productions, the department aims to provide a rich global environment in which students strengthen both the mind and the body. The Kennedy Theatre provides a great space for experimentation and community collaboration.