The Sakamaki-Hawley Collection in Hamilton Library ranks as one of the most important in Okinawan studies, housing books, documents and paintings that likely would have been destroyed in the 1945 Battle of Okinawa. Many of its items are unique to the collection, existing nowhere else. In an ongoing collaboration between UH and the University of Ryukyus (UR), roughly half of the collection’s items have been digitized and are viewable on the UR library website. In addition to the surface value of the items in helping us learn more about the history and culture of the Ryukyu Kingdom, some of the works provide interesting looks into the changing Okinawan Language. This presentation will first introduce the UR website, then focus on several items in the collection, demonstrating what kind of research is being done using these works, as well as what kind of research might be done in the future.

Dr. Huey’s project involves how traditional Japanese literature and culture was practiced and deployed in the Ryukyu Kingdom both as pastime and diplomatic tool. He served as a member of the University of the Ryukyu’s Management Council from 2009 through 2019.

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