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JOIN US FOR A SEMINAR ON: “Open Content, Open Software, Open Learning”

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Saunders Hall 713, TIPG/PEACESAT
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The Pan Pacific Distance Learning Association is pleased to bring together an expert panel from the United Nations University, University of Hawaii and the Hawaii Open Source Education Foundation to discuss some of the trends in Open Content, Open Software and Open learning.



Brendan Barrett Head of the Media Studio, UNU

Brendan Barrett has worked with the UN since 1995, first with the United Nations Environment Program and then with the UNU. From 1997 onwards he has been heavily involved in the area of online learning beginning with a three year project dealing with online environmental monitoring and education in collaboration with Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation and Iwate Prefectural Government. Brendan was also involved with the Virtual University Initiative while at UNU-Institute of Advanced Studies including the establishment of the UNU-Global Virtual University in collaboration with UNEP GRID Arendal and Agder University College. In December 2002, Brendan took up the position of Academic Program Officer and in March 2003 set up the UNU-Media Studio together with Prof. Kimio Uno. Brendan is a member of the IUCN Commission on Education and Communication and a member of the Pacific Island Digital Opportunities Special Committee.



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Paul McKimmy received his bachelors in Business & Computer Science at Hope College and Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Western Michigan University. He is currently, Director of Technology and Distance Programs at the University of Hawai`i-Manoa College of Education and a tenured Full Specialist in Educational Technology. Dr. McKimmy teaches graduate and undergraduate courses, works with faculty to develop online and hybrid programs and is responsible for supporting instructional technology within the College. He oversees the development and delivery of Masters, Baccalaureate, and certification programs to Oahu's neighbor islands.



Scott Belford Founder, Hawaii Open Source Education Foundation

Scott Belford is the Founder and Director of the Hawaii Open Source Education Foundation (HOSEF). HOSEF promotes the use of Free and Open source software. This is software with source code owned by the general public rather than a specific individual or company. HOSEF collects, refurbishes, and donates hardware running open source software to schools and other non-profit organizations. With the donation of hardware, HOSEF provides the installation, training and support to make it useful and promotes its use by sponsoring classes, seminars, meetings, and conferences. HOSEF won many community awards and has been featured in many news articles and television programs that can be viewed at: www.hosef.org.