FROM OIEP TO OGE

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Does the shift from the former Office of International and Exchange Programs (OIEP) to the new Office of Global Engagement (OGE) presage a shift in focus or emphasis? Not a shift away from “programs,” but a broader emphasis on “engagement,” with “global” embracing not just the “international,” but the entire planet. UHM is a member of two important international associations whose emphases offer complementary opportunities for global engagement: APAIE, with primary emphasis on exchange, and APRU, with primary emphasis on collaborative research for policy change. My column here briefly introduces these two.

APAIE (Asia-Pacific Association for International Education) was founded in 2004, when UHM joined 12 other universities in the Asia-Pacific, inspired by recent increases in student mobility within and into this region. APAIE aims “to encourage greater cooperation between institutions, to enrich and support international programs, activities and exchanges, and to promote the value of international education across the region and beyond.” It began hosting an annual conference and exhibition in 2006, with ca. 400 participants from around the region meeting to network, resulting in many new exchange partnerships. The size and global reach have grown steadily, with the most recent annual event (2019 in Kuala Lumpur), drawing over 2,500 participants, including large numbers from Europe and the USA. UHM plays a leadership role in APAIE, with plans to offer new professional development opportunities and new engagement activities.

APRU (Association of Pacific Rim Universities) was founded in 1997, with UHM joining in 2013. It now consisting of 61 leading universities, linking the Americas, Asia and Australasia. APRU promotes research collaborations, bringing together “thought leaders, researchers, and policy-makers to exchange ideas and collaborate on effective solutions to the challenges of the 21st century.” Among the issues addressed are climate change, global health, multi-hazard risk reduction, women in leadership, sustainable cities, AI, and most recently, indigenous knowledges. OGE is intensifying support for UHM participation in APRU programs. This year, CSS Dean Denise Konan and Vice Provost Laura Lyons are serving as mentors in the APRU women in leadership program; DURP Prof. Makena Coffman plays a central role in the sustainable cities group; and President Lassner, Provost Bruno, and I participate in APRU governance meetings. APRU's strategic priorities now are high-level policy dialogue, action on climate change, and support for diversity and inclusion. OGE is committed to all three.
SOEST is a world leader in ocean, earth and atmospheric sciences. SOEST is consistently ranked in the top 20 for geosciences in the world. The four departments (Atmospheric Sciences, Earth Sciences, Oceanography, and Ocean and Resources Engineering) offer high quality education -- bachelors, master’s and doctoral degrees.

**Education**

SOEST faculty, researchers and students engage in cutting-edge science that impacts communities around the world. From understanding climate change and forecasting El Nino events to preparing for sea level rise and volcanic hazards, our scientists are part of the solution to some of the greatest challenges we are facing. SOEST degree programs emphasize a combination of high quality in class instruction, lab experiences and field experiences.

Many SOEST research units work in collaboration with international institutions: the International Pacific Research Center is at the forefront of climate change research and the Pacific Islands Ocean Observing System provides ocean observing data to users across the Pacific. And SOEST faculty team up with researchers from Japan to study Earth’s structure; Iceland for glacier dynamics and volcanology studies; Various European institutions for oceanography and deep sea ecology studies.

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*Voice of the Sea* is broadcast on TV in Hawai‘i, American Samoa, Guam, Palau, The Federated States of Micronesia, and The Marshall Islands. The half-hour TV series is produced by the UH Sea Grant Center for Marine Science Education and airs in Hawai‘i Saturdays at 4pm Sundays at 6pm HST on KFVE (channels 6 & 1006).

Find out more at [Voiceofthesea.org](http://Voiceofthesea.org)

*Science by the SEA* public seminar series hosted by Hawaii Sea Grant.

SOEST News, Events & Announcements
I'm an international student from Tønsberg, Norway, studying Global Environmental Science (GES) in the SOEST Oceanography Department. Norway is most known for its beautiful nature, northern lights, and dominance in Winter Olympics. There's a saying that “Norwegians are born on skis on their feet”, which I find to be a very accurate description of myself growing up. I have always had a profound interest in nature and the environment, making SOEST a great fit for me.

The Environmental Planning Track is cross-disciplinary combining GES and Urban and Regional Planning. I'm currently researching water resources management and how plans are implemented state-wide to effectively sustain water resources in Hawai‘i. From this research, I hope to learn about and encourage better planning efforts to integrate environmental-and-climate change into water resources management in Hawai‘i and around the world.

Apart from academics, I play Volleyball at UH's Men's Volleyball team - We are the 2021 NCAA National champions! What I learned from being a Rainbow Warrior is the importance of taking pride in what you do and doing your best every day, whether it's athletics, academics, or life in general. Everyone involved in the program, including current and past players, coaching staff, and the Athletics Department pave the way for us to not only become great volleyball players and successful students, but better human beings.

After graduating in spring 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science, I aspire to obtain a Master's in Urban and Regional Planning (MURP) with a focus on Environmental Planning. Later on, I will travel back to Europe to pursue a professional volleyball career. Ultimately, I see myself working in a field related to environmental science, encouraging people to take better care of the planet we all live on. My time at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa has taught me to live Aloha and that's something I intend to do for the rest of my life.
INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION LINKS

FACULTY AND SCHOLAR IMMIGRATION SERVICES (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):
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.

NATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE (NSE):
NSE is a consortium of accredited baccalaureate-granting colleges and universities in the United States, Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Member institutions offer exchanges to undergraduate students for up to a full academic year.

MĀNOA INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE (MIX):
MIX facilitates partnerships with outstanding universities around the world to the benefit of UH Mānoa students, faculty, and staff. MIX promotes cross-cultural education and understanding through the enrollment of international exchange students, and providing UH Mānoa students with study abroad opportunities that have a transformative and positive effect on their lives.

UHM STUDY ABROAD CENTER (SAC):
SAC provides summer, semester, and year-long study abroad programs for undergraduate students. 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 ARTS, LANGUAGES AND LETTERS (CALL):
CALL is Mānoa’s largest college, encompassing the study of the arts, humanities, languages, and area studies on a global scale. We integrate local, cross-cultural, and international dimensions into education and scholarship and help students successfully participate in local and global communities. CALL units host numerous events and activities annually to promote international education and scholarship.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (COE) – INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES:
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 ENGINEERING (CoE):
The College of Engineering at the University of Hawai‘i is dedicated to world-class education and leading edge research. We produce the entrepreneurial and innovative human and intellectual capital required to be competitive in an increasingly technological and global society. Through our graduates and our research, we provide people and discoveries to transform lives and to support vibrant, knowledge-based economies. We are inspired by the principles of sustainability and resilience, flavored by our unique island environment.

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (CSS):
The International and Special Programs (IASP) at UH Mānoa’s College of Social Science (CSS) Dean’s Office supports international activities and initiatives for the entire College, striving towards creating a global experience for its students, faculty and staff, with a regional research and practice focus on Oceania and the Asia-Pacific. The unit works collaboratively with academic departments and support units throughout the College in areas of international recruiting, advising and retention of students from anywhere in the world. We believe in fostering a global community of learners, educators, practitioners and researchers.

COLLEGE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES (CTAHR):
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.
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