

# November Newsletter



## The American Association of University Women at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

A Registered Independent Organization at UH Mānoa  
Sponsored by the Office of Civic and Community Engagement

**The American Association of University Women at UH Mānoa (AAUW-UHM) is and will continue to be active for the 2020-21 academic school year.**

The mission of our RIO is to promote the values of AAUW on UH campus and in the community; we are working towards equality in society by providing the tools necessary for women to gain economic security, to pursue their education, and advocate for women's rights.

To become a member, please email [aauw.uhmanoa@gmail.com](mailto:aauw.uhmanoa@gmail.com) expressing your interest. We will ask follow up questions at that time.

In order to have an active-status in our RIO, we ask that you attend at least one event every semester.

We have no membership fees. Our RIO is open to everyone!

### Connect With Us

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## Meet the AAUW-UH Team

Aloha mai! My name is Autumn Hesia, but I commonly go by Kahōkū. I am a lover of all things travel, food, and adventure. My favorite thing is visiting a new place, and learning about the rich cultures and foods each part of the world holds. In my free time, I like to do yoga and go surfing.

I am a proud Windward Community College alumni and transferred to UH Mānoa in the Fall of 2019 after completing my Associates Degree in Liberal Arts and Hawaiian Studies with a certificate in 'Ōlelo Hawai'i. Since transferring, I have become a part of the inaugural Ethnic Studies 4+1 Bachelors and Masters (BAM) Program in partnership with the College of Education. I am currently a senior majoring in Ethnic Studies and a first year Graduate student in the Educational Administration Higher Education program. I started as an AAUW at UH Mānoa intern in the Fall of 2019. This will be my second year working with AAUW at UH Mānoa, and I could not be more excited. My passions are centered around women's equity, education, and Indigenous women leadership.



Autumn-Raine Hesia

**Through AAUW, my hope is to continue to hold spaces for transparent conversations around the issues women are currently facing today.** As a student lead coordinator, I am really looking forward to seeing the women on our team grow and create events around the initiatives they are passionate about, which could help to promote more opportunities for our constituents and UH Mānoa. In this new virtual world we are all living in, I believe it is more important than ever to engage with one another and keep the movement of women's equity at the forefront.



Ronja Steinbach

Aloha! My name is Ronja Steinbach and I am currently a second-year student at UH Mānoa. I was born and raised in a bicultural German/American household in New Mexico but left for Hawai'i to pursue my academic interests. I am a marine biology major, botany minor, and am in the Honors and Marine Option Programs. I have a special interest in fungi and my goal is to become a marine mycologist. I am currently conducting research on marine *Malassezia* (a genus of fungus) in the Amend/Hynson Lab and look forward to continuing my work there.

I am very excited to continue my second year working as an AAUW intern. **I believe in the empowerment of all women and seek to create a society founded on equality and mutual respect.** Today more than ever, it is important to stand up for our beliefs and come together in a joined effort to make positive change. Attending university can be stressful though, so this semester one of my undertakings is to create fun, empowering, and informative monthly (virtual) movie nights. In September, we watched *Girl Rising*, in October we watched *On the Basis of Sex* (in commemoration of the late Ruth Bader Ginsberg) and will have another movie night in November. Title IX is also very relevant to women in higher education and there are several recent changes in these laws. Therefore, I will also be putting on a couple of information sessions throughout this academic year. I cannot wait to meet even more incredible people throughout this journey and hope to support those around me in every way I can!



Aloha! My name is Jaela Henderson, and I am a junior studying Ethnic Studies & Political Science at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. I was raised in Kūkanono, Kailua, and still love spending my free time hiking, trying new foods, and exploring on the east side. My research interests include transformative justice, models of communal care, and educational equity. Prior to working with AAUW, I have had the opportunity to assist in projects for disadvantaged communities through a public charter school, first-year programs, and community organizing.



Jaela Henderson

My most recent team project, Femicide Free Zone Makiki pilot, was my first experience working with a Wāhine-centered organization. I'm so excited to continue this work, at the university, with AAUW this semester! **As one of the AAUW Student Coordinators, I will be focusing on resourcing Native, Indigenous, Women of color in higher education, and holding space for our unique experience in higher ed.** My goal is to contribute to a restorative, enriching culture amongst our student community! My favorite book this semester is *We Keep Us Safe: Building Secure, Just, and Inclusive Communities* by Zach Norris.



Samantha Larson

Hi everyone, my name is Samantha Larson. I'm currently working on a Master's in Communication at UH Mānoa, where I also received my Bachelor's in Political Science in May of this year. I'm also a News and Features writer for Ka Leo, the student newspaper on campus, where I often write about national politics. I'm interested in pursuing a career in public relations, journalism, or some form of advocacy work in the future.

I'm excited to be working with AAUW at UH for the first time this semester, as I'm passionate about women's rights and equity. **I hope to use my graduate studies and experiences to enhance AAUW-UH's online and social media presences.** My favorite book at the moment is *Educated*, a memoir by Tara Westover.



Hello! My name is Susannah Lee Kandikatti and I am currently a post-baccalaureate student parent at UH Mānoa. I received my BA in Chemistry from UH Mānoa in 2009 and recently re-enrolled at UH to look into a career change. After graduating from college, I moved overseas to do humanitarian work in Switzerland, Mexico, China, and India. Becoming a mother brought me back to my home in Hawai'i. I am grateful for the opportunity to start afresh and get involved in advocating for women's equity through the AAUW UH Mānoa branch with a special focus on mothers and parents.



Susannah Lee Kandikatti

**As a parent, I believe that it is vital to first become educated so that we can then educate our children on topics of race, class, gender, etc.** I also believe that as a social justice advocate with my particular experience and skills, I have a role to play in creating a more equitable society for women, WOC, and BIPOC communities. In my free time I love to read, journal, play music, sing, and share a meal with my family and friends. As a fantasy enthusiast my all-time favorite book(s) is J.R.R Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy.



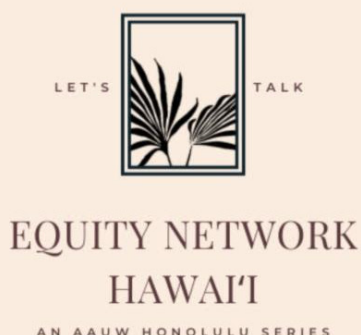
Soksamphoas Im

Aloha! My name is Soksamphoas Im; I'm currently a PhD candidate in Political Science, in my 5<sup>th</sup> year at UH Mānoa. I am also an alumna of AAUW's international doctoral fellowship program. I am originally from Cambodia, but I have lived and studied in various places including Rhode Island, Belgium, and the UK in the past 12 years before coming to Hawaii for the PhD program. I am a travel enthusiast—so far, I have travelled to 40 countries. **Given my fortunate educational and travel experience, I want to help support other women to have access to the same opportunity that I had especially in higher education.**

Thus, my focus area working with the AAUW UH Mānoa branch is to provide support to students, particularly women in both undergraduate and graduate programs on how to seek funding resource to afford their education. I am excited to share my knowledge and skill in preparing application for the scholarship and research grant/fellowship to the student who needs additional support in any way I can.

## Upcoming Events

### Professional Development Workshop Presented by AAUW Honolulu



**NOVEMBER 18  
5:30 PM - 7 PM**

**[RSVP HERE](#)**

### **Quit Networking! Grow Relationships through Netweaving in Hawai'i**

Join us for the first (virtual) workshop in our Equity Network Hawai'i series! We'll learn about the concept of Netweaving. Unlike networking, the goal of Netweaving is to foster reciprocal relationships in which you draw on your own contacts to help support others.

We'll be led in conversation by Ku'ulani Keohokalole, owner and principal consultant for People Strategies Hawai'i and one of Pacific Business News' recent "40 Under 40."

We'll engage in a few rounds of "Speed Netweaving," in which you'll get a chance to connect with other attendees and try out some of the concepts learned in the workshop.

**All attendees must register in advance using the RSVP form above. Those who RSVP will be sent a private Zoom link on the day of the event.**

# WAHINE FORWARD

A VIRTUAL CAREER  
CONFERENCE  
by UH ALUMNI &  
AAUW HONOLULU

NOVEMBER 16 AT 11:00 AM-  
NOVEMBER 20 AT 12:00 PM

[RSVP HERE](#)

Join the UH Office of Alumni Relations and AAUW Honolulu for Wahine Forward, a virtual career conference offering exclusive career-building knowledge, salary negotiation skills, and personal branding insights to engage, empower and inform the UH alumni wahine community. The conference will kick off with an introductory presentation from the AAUW Honolulu Work Smart Team. Virtual panels and interactive brown bag events will follow each day to dive deeper into negotiation skills, stories from entrepreneurial womxn and leaders and more.

## Antiracist Parenting 101

Starting the Journey to Becoming an Antiracist Parent



*In partnership with  
Student Parents at Mānoa*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10  
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM ON ZOOM

Stay tuned for more details!



Featuring  
speaker  
**Adrienne  
Esguerra** —  
educator, mother,  
and founder of  
After Schooling  
Better



Join us for our virtual  
November movie night!



***Hidden  
Figures***  
**Movie Night**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19  
6:00 - 8:00 PM  
ZOOM STREAMING

**\*Movie kits will be available  
for pickup for the first 20  
RSVPs**

[CLICK TO RSVP](#)



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Civic and Community Engagement

## Partner Perspectives



### Stephanie Sang UH Mānoa Peace Corps Representative



Stephanie with her 6th grade students at  
Journée des Écoles celebration, 2018



Stephanie and her Host Mother  
(Maman ny Esperant)

*The Peace Corps Mission is 1) To help the people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and women; 2) To help promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served; 3) To help promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans. To learn more about the Peace Corps, e-mail [peacecorps@hawaii.edu](mailto:peacecorps@hawaii.edu) or visit [peacecorps.gov](http://peacecorps.gov).*

Aloha! My name is Stephanie Sang and I am the Peace Corps representative at UH Mānoa. I also serve on the board of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Hawaii (RPCVHI) and seek to act as the bridge connecting past volunteers to prospective volunteers.

It's been an honor to partner with AAUW on events that speak to both of our missions. On our first jointly sponsored Movie Night, we watched *Girl Rising* –a film which follows nine extraordinary girls from around the world as they overcome societal barriers to their education and empowerment.

Watching the film and engaging in the chat with such smart and perceptive AAUW members reminded me of my own students during my service in the southeastern coast of Madagascar. From 2016-2018, I served as an Education volunteer to middle school and high school students. For me, the Peace Corps was a way to transition from merely theorizing or talking about “world peace” and finally get to work using acts of service to bring communities together. The Peace Corps requires intensive language, cultural, and technical training so that volunteers can work and live alongside community partners for a minimum of two years. As a first-generation Chinese-American, it wasn't a foreign concept to have to learn the Malagasy language and be curious of the culture in order to better participate in my new community.





Antemoro Showcase at the 2018 Girls Leading Our World Camp in Antananarivo, Madagascar

One of the most memorable moments of service was working with fellow volunteers to set up a Girls Leading Our World (GLOW) summer camp. That summer, girls from all over the country came to the capital to participate in leadership development, career and university readiness workshops, and to have fun meeting like-minded peers and mentors. Camp GLOW is a Peace Corps legacy that has been adapted and developed since 1995. While some camps stress thinking beyond traditional gender roles, other camps address issues like malaria and HIV/AIDS prevention or climate change. Over 60 countries have established similar programs to promote the empowerment of women.

In 1974, the Percy Amendment was passed requiring Peace Corps volunteers to actively integrate women into the economic, political and social development of their countries. On the ground, that meant more events like Camp GLOW and integrating gender equity into the work of our six sectors: Education, Youth Development, Health, Community Economic Development, Environment, and Agriculture.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the members of AAUW for being at the forefront of women's equality in leadership, pay, and education. We hope this partnership between Peace Corps and AAUW would only extend the organization's fight for gender equity.



**AmeriCorps**

Foley Pfalzgraf  
UH Mānoa AmeriCorps VISTA Recruiter

After graduating from my master's degree in 2015, I hoped to put my newfound expertise in environmental policy to good use. A bit idealistic and perhaps overconfident in my academic theories, luckily, I found AmeriCorps. **AmeriCorps VISTA, often referred to as the domestic Peace Corps, is focused on reducing poverty by building capacity at organizations and within communities across the US.** After spending time working with community based organizations, I quickly realized they were the real theorists and experts. From grant writing to strategic planning to responding to the Puna Lava Flow in 2018, my service, and the many mentors along the way, molded me into a better person, professional, and scholar.



While serving as a VISTA I was fortunate to be looped into the Youth Food Sovereignty Congress coordinated by MA'O Farms in 2018. After morning protocol and sessions, we headed to small groups led by MA'O staff. Following the lead of my partner by note-taking as he facilitated, we opened up conversation on what a more just food system in Hawai'i must look like. Before long the words were flowing, we raced to keep up as youth filled page after page. Later, when the youth read their collective statement, the room became heavy with their purpose. Their purpose still rises today, making waves over two years later. To me, VISTA's great strength as a program is this--the opportunity to be a small part of communities imagining a better, more just future together. Much like the continued work of AAUW, imagining a more equitable education system for all women.



Serving as the AmeriCorps VISTA recruiter for UH Mānoa in the Office of Civic and Community Engagement has enabled me to continue to link up service and scholarship--core values that AAUW shares. I am available to anyone who has questions about service, is worried about the living stipend, whether childcare is available, or curious about the work of a VISTA day in and day out. Working with university women every day, and being one myself, I'm conscious of the hard won benefits of gender equity in education that have also trickled out to AmeriCorps. This path was laid by many dedicated women who have come before us, and I'm sure, many who are still to come. Sharing a Zoom screen together with AAUW and Peace Corps for our monthly movie series has enabled rich discussions of this history as well as new conversations around working as a woman in a domestic or international context, how influential women have managed male expectations and occasionally derision, and the broader legacies of women such as Ruth Bader Ginsburg. We've traveled the world from our screens with *Girl Rising*, and will be focusing on STEM and racism this month with *Hidden Figures*--join us, and perhaps, we can again share together in visioning a more just society.



# Scholarship Spotlight



## Undergraduate Students Only

| Scholarship   | Details   |
|---|---|
| <b>Asia Pacific Fund (A Community Foundation)</b>           | <b>Deadline:</b> TBD<br><b>Eligibility:</b> Anyone from Asia-Pacific Region<br><b>Link:</b> <a href="https://asianpacificfund.org/what-we-do/scholarships/apply-for-scholarship/">https://asianpacificfund.org/what-we-do/scholarships/apply-for-scholarship/</a>   |
| <b>APIA Scholars<br/>(Asian Pacific Islander Americans)</b> | <b>Deadline:</b> January 14, 2021<br><b>Eligibility:</b> Anyone from Asia-Pacific Region<br><b>About:</b> General scholarship available for Asian Pacific Islanders. For more information and to see criteria and specific requirements, visit the website below.<br><b>Link:</b> <a href="https://apiascholars.org/scholarship/apias-scholarship/">https://apiascholars.org/scholarship/apias-scholarship/</a>   |
| <b>Kua'ana Tuition Waiver</b>                               | <b>Opens</b> January 8, 2021<br><b>Deadline:</b> May 1, 2021<br><b>Eligibility:</b> Native Hawaiian students only<br><b>About:</b> Scholarship provides need-based tuition waivers for undergraduate and classified graduate Native Hawaiian students at the University of Hawai'i Mānoa.<br><b>Link:</b> <a href="https://hawaii.edu/kuaana/kua'ana-tuition-waiver/">https://hawaii.edu/kuaana/kua'ana-tuition-waiver/</a>   |
| <b>Ke Ali'i Pauahi Foundation Scholarships</b>              | <b>Opens</b> December 21, 2020<br><b>Deadline:</b> January 29, 2021<br><b>Eligibility:</b> Students from Hawaii only<br><b>About:</b> The Pauahi Foundation administers scholarships that have been created by private donors. The Foundation awards scholarships supporting college level areas of study, as well as trade and vocational courses. Scholarships are available to the general public, including students who are not graduates of Kamehameha Schools. However, it is the policy of the Foundation to give preference to applicants of Hawaiian ancestry to the extent permitted by law.<br><b>Link:</b> <a href="https://www.pauahi.org/">https://www.pauahi.org/</a> |

### Nā Ho'okama ā Pauahi Scholarship

**Deadline:** January 15, 2021

**Eligibility:** Students from Hawaii only

**About:** Multiple scholarships available in one application, including the Na Ho'okama a Pauahi and Ho'okawowo scholarships. KS college scholarships are available to undergraduate and graduate students who demonstrate financial need and are committed to contributing to the lāhui.

**Link:** [https://www.ksbe.edu/apply/financial\\_aid/college\\_scholarships/](https://www.ksbe.edu/apply/financial_aid/college_scholarships/)

## Undergraduate and Graduate Students

| Scholarship                              | Details   |
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| Hawai'i Community Foundation             | <p><b>Opens</b> November 16, 2020</p> <p><b>Deadline:</b> February 1, 2021</p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> Students from Hawaii only</p> <p><b>About:</b> Our scholarships support students who are pursuing degrees from colleges and universities, as well as those obtaining career and technical education at a community college.</p> <p><b>Link:</b> <a href="https://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/students">https://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/students</a></p> |
| UH System Common Scholarship Application | <p><b>Deadline:</b> March 1, 2021</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Deadlines for specific scholarships may differ.</p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> All UH system students, American and International</p> <p><b>About:</b> Log In to see the full list of common scholarships listed.</p> <p><b>Link:</b> <a href="https://www.hawaii.edu/tuition/scholarships/how-to-apply/">https://www.hawaii.edu/tuition/scholarships/how-to-apply/</a></p>   |

## Graduate Students Only

| Graduate Scholarships   | Details   |
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| East-West Center Graduate Degree Fellowship (MA & PhD students) | <p><b>Deadline:</b> December 1, 2020</p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> American and International students from Asia-Pacific Region</p> <p><b>About:</b> The East-West Center Graduate Degree Fellowship (GDF) provides funding for up to 24 months for Master's or Doctoral degree study for graduate students from Asia, the Pacific, and the U.S. to participate in the educational, residential, and leadership development programs at the East-West Center while pursuing graduate study at the University of Hawai'i.</p> <p><b>Link:</b> <a href="http://www.eastwestcenter.org/gdf">http://www.eastwestcenter.org/gdf</a></p> |



**The Charlotte W Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (PhD students)**

**Deadline:** November 16, 2020

**Eligibility:** American and International Students

**About:** Designed to encourage original and significant study of religious and ethical values in fields across the humanities and social sciences, the 2021 Newcombe Fellowships are available to Ph.D. and Th.D. candidates who expect to complete their dissertation between April and August 2022.

**Award amount:** \$27,500

Questions may be directed to: [newcombe@woodrow.org](mailto:newcombe@woodrow.org)

**Link:** [https://woodrow.org/fellowships/newcombe/?utm\\_source=fellowship&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=newcombe](https://woodrow.org/fellowships/newcombe/?utm_source=fellowship&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newcombe)

**Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy (PhD students)**

**Deadline:** December 1, 2020

**Eligibility:** American and International students

Link: <https://www.horowitz-foundation.org/grant-info>

**Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship (PhD students)**

**Deadline:** December 17, 2020

**Eligibility:** US citizens and anyone with a legal permanent resident status

**Application Instruction:** [https://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/PGA\\_166320](https://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/PGA_166320)

**Apply:** [https://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/PGA\\_171962](https://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/PGA_171962)

**Soroptimist International Founder Region Doctoral Fellowship for Women (PhD students)**

**Deadline:** January 11, 2021

**Eligibility:** American and International students

Link: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1VPLzIn3zalyVB0fP2XA5\\_BXWATEKXTR7](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1VPLzIn3zalyVB0fP2XA5_BXWATEKXTR7)

Direct questions to: [connorsk@hawaii.edu](mailto:connorsk@hawaii.edu)

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If you have any questions or suggestions regarding this newsletter or any of our programs, please feel free to contact us at [aauw.uhmanoa@gmail.com](mailto:aauw.uhmanoa@gmail.com)