

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 the UHM 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 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!

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Upcoming Events

All AAUW-UHM events are sponsored by UH Mānoa's Office of Civic and Community Engagement.



Wāhine Webinar

Wednesday, February 10, 2021 | 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM HST

AAUW-UHM will host a virtual workshop with Puanani Burgess of Building the Beloved Community and Katrina Abes, First-Year Experience coordinator at UH West O'ahu, centering their stories and experiences as indigenous community leaders.

Registration required via [Google Forms](#) ←

Overcoming Imposter Syndrome

Thursday, February 18, 2021 | 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM HST

The UH Mānoa graduate division will host a Graduate Student Professional Development Series, including a session focused on dealing with feelings of imposter syndrome.

Registration required via [Eventbrite](#) ←

Picture a Scientist Movie Night & Title IX Informational Session

Thursday, February 18, 2021 | 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM HST

AAUW-UHM presents another virtual movie screening, featuring the 2020 film Picture a Scientist, which showcases both the accomplishments and challenges of women in science. After the film, UH Mānoa Title IX Case Manager Paul Bresnahan will share his knowledge of Title IX and its implications in the university setting.

Registration required via [Google Forms](#) ← With optional free movie kits for pick-up

Antiracist Parenting 201: Continuing the Journey to Becoming an Antiracist Parent

Wednesday, February 24, 2021 | 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM HST

The second webinar in AAUW-UHM and Student Parents at Mānoa's collaborative Antiracist Parenting series will highlight ways for parents and caregivers to continue the work of antiracist parenting. M.A. Adrienne Hidalgo Esguerra will return to lead the webinar.

Registration required via [Google Forms](#) ←

If you missed the Antiracist Parenting 101 webinar, a recording of the event is available to view on [AAUW-UHM's website](#). ←



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February 10th , 2021
4:00pm-6:00pm

WAHINE WEBINAR

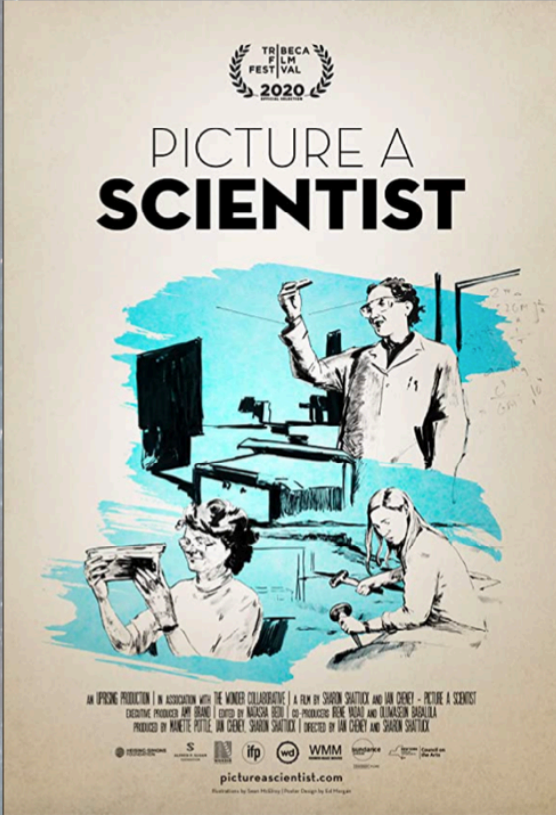
Virtual workshop led
by Puanani Burgess
& Katrina Abes

Join the American Association of University
Women - UHM Branch in a workshop for, and by,
Native and Indigenous women in higher education,
as they share their stories of community
leadership.



[Register via Google Forms](#) 

Upcoming Events



Picture a Scientist

Movie Night

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH,
6:00 - 8:00 PM
ZOOM STREAMING
*FREE movie kits for pick-up

Title IX Informational Session

following the movie screening
with guest presenter
Paul Bresnahan
(UH Mānoa Title IX Case Manager)

[Register via Google Forms](#) 

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Antiracist Parenting 201

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Adrienne Hidalgo Esguerra MA is back to lead us in unpacking our own racial perceptions.

Community engagement among parents and caregivers will be a central part of this workshop.

Let's join together in doing this important work!

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[Register via Google Forms](#) ↖

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With Valentine's Day coming up this month, we at AAUW-UHM wanted to hold space and show our support for equality in all forms of love—because love is love.

"It can take courage to live with pride in our LGBTQ+ community. Sometimes people might try to make us feel like we don't have the right to be ourselves. At UH Mānoa you have protections as a member of the LGBTQ+ community. I just want to say thank you for your courage to be your best self every day."

Message from Camaron Miyamoto
LGBTQ+ Center Director



LGBTQ+ Resources & Support at UH Mānoa

UH Mānoa's LGBTQ+ Center is not open for in-person support due to COVID-19, but staff are still available via email, telephone and Zoom. Their hours are Monday through Friday, from 9 AM to 5 PM. More information can be found on the [LGBTQ+ Center website](#).

Email: lgbtq@hawaii.edu
Phone: 808-956-9250



The LGBTQ+ Center at UH Mānoa also offers virtual **Safe Zone Training** sessions, with the goal of making the university a safer and more inclusive place for LGBTQ+ students. To register for a Spring 2021 Safe Zone Training via Zoom, submit [this Google Form](#).



For more on AAUW's LGBTQ+ advocacy, read: [AAUW - Where We Stand: LGBTQ Rights](#)

AAUW and LGBTQ+ Advocacy

AAUW's advocacy for gender equity recognizes the need to combat discrimination on the basis of gender identity or sexual orientation. Civil rights violations occur when LGBTQ+ individuals face harassment or are denied equal treatment in the workplace, at school, or in public accommodations. AAUW has supported The Equality Act, which would create nationally-recognized anti-discrimination policies for the LGBTQ+ community.



Black History Month: Recognizing Remarkable Black Women

February is Black History Month, and we're highlighting the stories of 6 incredible Black women whose accomplishments continually inspire us.

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Dr. Mae Jemison
Engineer & Astronaut

Hidden Figures highlights the important contributions of Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan, and Mary Jackson to the U.S. Space Program through their work as “human computers.” The release of the movie showcased only three of many incredible, but ‘hidden’ stories of brilliant African American women. Dr. Mae Jemison is one of them.

Dr. Mae Jemison was born in 1956 in Decatur, Alabama. Following high school, she attended Stanford University where she obtained her B.S. in chemical engineering in 1977 and participated in several extracurricular activities. She went on to Cornell University Medical College and got her M.D. in 1981. During her time in graduate school and afterward, she was a social activist, working in refugee camps and as a Peace Corps medical officer, among other things.

In 1985, Dr. Jemison changed career paths to pursue her childhood dream and applied for NASA's astronaut training program. She became the first African American woman to be admitted into the program in 1987, and then to go to space, on September 12, 1992, aboard the *Endeavor*. She has been awarded many honors and there is a school named after her in Detroit, Michigan. She is an inspiration to us all. In her words: “Don’t let anyone rob you of your imagination, your creativity, or your curiosity. It’s your place in the world; it’s your life. Go on and do all you can with it, and make it the life you want to live.”



Teresia Teaiwa
Educator & Writer

Born in Honolulu, Hawai‘i, of I-Kiribati and African American descent, Teresia Teaiwa is remembered across the Pacific for her revolutionary approach to academia. Raised in Fiji, Teawia earned her BA from Victoria College in Washington D.C., and an MA in History from the University of Hawai‘i. In 2001, she earned her PhD in History of Consciousness from the University of California, Santa Cruz, with her dissertation *Militarism, Tourism and the Native: Articulations in Oceania*. Dr. Teaiwa’s creative work not only shaped Pacific scholarship, but is foundational for efforts to decolonize education. She spent five years as a history and politics lecturer at the University of the South Pacific, in Suva, Fiji, before moving to the Victoria University of Wellington, in New Zealand, to teach Pacific Studies. Dr. Teaiwa remains one of Oceania’s most notable scholars, authors, and poets. Additionally, she was a known feminist, and a coeditor for the *International Feminist Journal of Politics*. Her research on gender and militarism was awarded the Marsden Fast Start Research grant in 2007, publishing *What Makes Fiji Women Soldiers? Context, Context, Context* in 2015. Dr. Teaiwa’s countless contributions to academia will continue to sustain Black and Pacific scholarship in Oceania.



Alice Augusta
Ball
Researcher & Teacher

Alice Augusta Ball was born on July 24, 1882 in Seattle, Washington. She was the first Black American to graduate from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, and the first woman to graduate with an M.S. in Chemistry from UHM in 1915. She was also the first Black American female researcher and instructor in the UHM Chemistry department. Her first experience with Hawai'i was in 1903, when her family moved to the islands for Alice's grandfather, who had arthritis, but moved back after only one year due to her grandfather's death. It would be a number of years before she came back to the islands to pursue graduate studies and research. Her time as a researcher, although short-lived, profoundly impacted the medical community. Alice developed what became the "Ball method", an injectable treatment for leprosy patients using the already effective chaulmoogra oil. Despite her untimely death on December 31, 1916 at the young age of 24, her legacy has not been forgotten. It took almost 90 years for Alice to be given credit for her work, due to the inequitable and racist conditions of academia during the time she lived, as it was not uncommon for male superiors and colleagues to take credit for the work of women and "subordinates." Her contributions are now rightly recognized as her own. On February 29, 2000, UHM mounted a plaque on the lone chaulmoogra tree on campus, and then-acting Lieutenant Governor, Mazie Hirono, declared February 29th, "Alice Ball Day." Alice was also posthumously awarded the prestigious Regents Medal of Distinction in 2007 and an endowed scholarship at UHM was formed in her honor in 2017. We can look to Alice Ball's legacy as hope for future generations as we collectively engage in upholding the dignity of each human being as our driving force.



Dr. Johnetta
Betsch Cole
*Anthropologist &
Educator*

Dr. Johnetta Betsch Cole, born on October 19, 1936 in Florida, is an American anthropologist, educator, museum director, and college president. Dr. Cole was the first female African American president of Spelman College (a historically Black college) serving from 1987-1997 and was also the president of Bennett College from 2002 to 2007. She was the director of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of African Art from 2009-2017. Dr. Cole earned her BA from Oberlin College and an MA and a PhD from Northwestern University.

Dr. Cole's most notable achievements include being the co-founder of one of the US's first Black studies programs at Washington State University and at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Her lifelong service in education and promoting African American cultural history have led her to be a recipient of more than 50 honorary degrees and numerous accolades. Dr. Cole is an author of numerous books including *All American Women: Lines That Divide, Ties That Bind* (ed.) 1986; *Anthropology for the Nineties* (ed.) 1988; *Conversations: Straight Talk with America's Sister President* (1994); *Dream the Boldest Dream and Other Lessons of Life* (2001); and *Gender Talk – the Struggle for Women's Equality in African American's Communities* (2003). She recently spoke at ceremony in the U.S. Capitol's Emancipation Hall to mark the 400th anniversary of the first-recorded forced arrival of enslaved African people. "Owning our history allows us to break free from its shadow, empowering every American of goodwill to have the courage to challenge everyday expressions of bigotry and hatred," she said.



**Vice President
Kamala Harris**
Attorney & Politician

Kamala Devi Harris was born to Jamaican and Indian immigrant parents on October 20, 1964, in Oakland, California. At the young age of 13, Kamala and her younger sister Maya led their first demonstration in front of their apartment building. The demonstration later resulted in a policy change, allowing children to play on the lawn. This was the first of many of Kamala's advocacy efforts. She attended Harvard University and was a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, one of the first established Black Greek Letter Organizations specifically for women. She passed the bar exam in 1990 and started her career as an assistant district attorney. In 2009, Harris became the first Black woman district attorney in California. She set off as a trailblazer, becoming the first woman attorney general in California, and the first ever Indian-American senator. Through her work in the political arena, Harris has focused on issues centered around prison reform, decriminalizing sex workers, and creating an online policy where criminal justice material can be made more accessible. Amongst her many achievements, Kamala Devi Harris made history on January 20th, 2021, as she was inaugurated as the first woman, the first Black, and first Indian vice president. Madame Vice President, Kamala Devi Harris, is an inspiration to all.

By AAUW-UHM Student Coordinator
Autumn-Raine Heslia



Stacey Abrams
*Politician & Voting
Rights Activist*

Stacey Yvonne Abrams was born on December 9, 1973, and raised in Mississippi as one of 6 children. Her parents were both United Methodist ministers. Abrams attended Spelman College as an undergraduate, and went on to earn a Master of Public Affairs from the University of Texas, and her Juris Doctor from Yale Law School. Beyond her career as an attorney, Abrams became a prominent figure in Georgia politics; she was the first Black person to lead the Georgia House of Representatives, and the first woman to lead a party in the Georgia General Assembly. Abrams started the New Georgia Project, which worked to register hundreds of thousands of voters, especially in minority communities. She ran for governor of Georgia in 2018, making her the first Black woman nominated for governor by a major party. Her campaign for governor was endorsed by former President Barack Obama. Although Abrams lost the gubernatorial race, her Republican opponent, Brian Kemp, was widely accused of suppressing minority votes. In 2018, Abrams founded Fair Fight Action, a nonprofit organization devoted to combating voter suppression. In 2019, Abrams delivered a response to the State of the Union address, making her the first Black woman to do so. Many speculated that Abrams would become the Vice President in 2020. Abrams' leadership and activism in fighting voter suppression was recognized nationally when President Joe Biden won the state of Georgia in the 2020 presidential election, and two Democratic candidates won the special Georgia senate elections over the Republican incumbents. And that's not all—Abrams is also the author of many romance novels, published under the pseudonym "Selena Montgomery." She was still a law student at Yale when she wrote her first novel.

By AAUW-UHM Intern Samantha Larson

Scholarship Spotlight

Scholarship resources and upcoming opportunities for 2021

The Hawai'i Community Foundation

Find grant & scholarship opportunities for Hawai'i students.

Fastweb

A popular general search tool for scholarships and financial aid options.



Resource
Links for
Scholarship
Searches



Federal Student Aid

Tips for finding and applying to U.S. Department of Education scholarships.



Scholarship	Information
Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship	Deadline: March 2021; October 2021 Eligibility: Undergraduate Student; Must be a U.S. citizen About: Provides up to \$5,000 for U.S. undergraduate students with financial need (limited to Pell grant recipients) to study or intern abroad. Students can receive up to an additional \$3,000 to study one of 15 critical languages. https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/program/critical-need-languages/
UH Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program	Deadline: 1st of each month Eligibility: All classified undergraduate students About: UH Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program – Each year, UROP awards approximately \$500,000 in funding to students working on faculty-mentored creative work or research projects or presenting at conferences. Students have used funding to conduct field research abroad, purchase critical supplies, earn stipends and more. https://manoa.hawaii.edu/undergrad/urop/student-funding/presentation/about/
The Fulbright UK Summer Institute	Deadline: End of February 2021 Eligibility: Must be a U.S. citizen; undergraduate About: Three- or four-week programs for US undergraduate students. Participants can explore the culture, heritage and history of the UK while experiencing higher education at a UK university. http://www.fulbright.org.uk/going-to-the-uk/uk-summer-institutes



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