CSS 2020 AND BEYOND

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OUR 12 DEPARTMENTS

- Anthropology
- Communications/Journalism
- Economics
- Ethnic Studies
- Geography & Environment
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Administration
- Public Policy Center/Matsunaga Institute for Peace
- Sociology
- Urban and Regional Planning
- Women’s Studies
Guiding Policies.
Developing Solutions.

- **Policy and Economy**: UHERO; Public Policy Center; Matsunaga Institute
- **Health**: TASI-PHIDC; Brain & Behavior Lab; Cognitive Behavior Therapy
- **Climate Change & Sustainability**: NDPTC; Water Resources Research; Hawai‘i Coral Reef Initiative; Hazards, Climate & Environment; Sustainability & Resilience
- **Community & Society**: Oral History; Hui ‘āina Momona; Evaluation & Needs Assessment
ENVISIONING OUR FUTURE
School of Communication and Information Science


- Complementary Strengths: School of Communications + Department of Communicology + Library & Information Science + Matsunaga Institute
- New Opportunities for Programmatic Expansion: Social informatics, data sciences, esports, strategic communications (PR), media arts, conflict resolution, peace
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- Synergy and Relevance:
  - Alternative to stopping out BA in Journalism - Developing a new applied media program building on journalism
  - Alternative to stopping out the BA and MA in Communicology (COMG) – engage in discussion over time to shape these degrees
  - Alternative to eliminating Matsunaga Institute for Peace – relocate to the School including Grad Cert in Conflict Resolution and IS BA in Peace
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- Outstanding issues:
  - Will the reorganization include some faculty from ICS?
  - How will governance happen within the school, balancing academic integrity, community and synergies?
  - What will the ultimate name of the school become?
  - Resources are required for academic advising, graduate assistantships, and fiscal/administration
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From Journalism to the CBS Newsroom

- Tyne Phillips, news associate,

  *CBS Evening News with Norah O’Donnell*

“It’s exciting to play a role in a global network news broadcast . . . I realize how lucky I am to play a part in documenting major key events in history.”
UHERO 2.0

Economic and Policy Research for the Public Good

- Broaden the mission of UHERO to provide data-driven applied social sciences research for the benefit of the people and lands of Hawai‘i
- Eliminate the Public Policy Center and merge the faculty into UHERO
- Engage community leaders in philanthropy
- Table Initiative to build a School of Public Policy
“Not only COVID-19, but climate protests, struggles for more inclusive politics, human rights and waning public trust, have put a magnifying glass to the social and economic injustices plaguing societies. Such crises are an enormous governance challenge for all nations . . . We need governance models and structures that work for the common good, with an intergenerational perspective.”

- Secretary-General António Guterres, United Nations, 9/25/20
Sociology and proposed merger with Human Development and Family Studies


- MBT identified powerful synergies, especially around youth, Asia and Southeast Asia, aging and family studies
- Center on the Family fits ideally within SSRI
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- Conversations seem to be MIXED
- HDFS, COF and FCS programs are welcomed into the College in some form after more study and evaluation
- Sociology faculty believe that more information is needed to determine if a merger would be beneficial to both Sociology and Human Development
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- How would the HDFS continue to advance the land-grant mission of the University in a move to CSS?
- How would extension services be incorporated into CSS?
- How would the academic identity of Sociology be upheld? Might PSY be included in discussions? Would HDFS as stand-alone unit be preferred?
- Would adequate lecturers and GAs be included in the faculty transfer?
- Would adequate staffing and financial support move to assure success?
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Connecting students with their passions

- Byron Shorter, Sociology Alumnus

“My sociology professor selected me to be one of the first ... leader(s) in the newly formed Sociology Freshman Seminar classes. The experience helped me in my decision to study the Asian Pacific region, (and) helped me in my future career in the Defense Department where I headed up programs (in Pacific Rim) countries.”
**Departments of Ethnic Studies and Women’s Studies**


- **Positive Growth Trajectories:**
  - Women’s Studies (WS) – highest student semester hours to faculty ratios at UHM; newly launched fully online BA degree completion program
  - Ethnic Studies (ES) – BA/MA pathway with Education; launching fully online certificate
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- Developing Partnership Opportunities with Interdisciplinary Studies (IS):
  - New fully online IS BA in the Social Sciences of Oceans (5 week)
  - Explore opportunities in Public Policy, Data Sciences, Criminal Justice
- Expanding Horizons with Outreach College: Deliver and promote BA degree completion and certificate programs online
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• Renaming WS: Rename WS to Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies to better reflect its areas of teaching and research
2+2 Articulation Agreements with UHCCs

*Increasing Accessibility . . . Aloha Pathways*

- Developing articulation agreements to clarify program transfer
- Piloting guided STAR pathway ‘pinning’ program
- CSS Recruitment and Aloha Pathways team is increasing engagement opportunities with UHCCs to support undergraduate transfers
- Advisors give customized pre-transfer advising for UHCC students exploring a transfer to CSS
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Increasing Accessibility.

From Japan to Hawai‘i and Back

- Saki Miyazaki
  AA Kapi‘olani CC, BA CSS,
  MA, est PHD Hitotsubashi University

“The Aloha Pathway makes transferring easy. I would tell everyone to come to the College of Social Sciences. It is a life-changing experience!”
Importance of Direct Admissions to MA Degrees

*Increasing Accessibility.*

- Three CSS programs advised to stop-out direct admissions. However:
  - Responding to student- and community-needs:
    - CSS – originated BAM programs with focus on expanding offerings
    - CSS – exploring online initiatives for terminal MA degrees
    - CSS – designing professional MA curriculum
  - Supporting Opportunities:
    - Key funders, like East-West Center and military provide scholarships for MA students
  - Students generally paying tuition for MA degrees
Questions?
WHERE INSPIRATION LEADS TO CHANGE