

# The Mānoa Monthly

Provided by UHM Graduate Student Organization

Aloha Fellow Graduate Students,

I hope you all are settling into this semester and focusing on what you need and want to accomplish this semester, academic year, and during the duration of your program. I wanted to reintroduce myself to you all, my name is Mark Willingham and I am a PhD student in the Sociology department and the current Vice President of GSO. I have luckily been a part of this wonderful GSO for many years as first the Sociology department representative, Treasurer, and now Vice President, and I have been fortunate enough to work with and learn from numerous outstanding graduate students during this journey. I hope to continue serving the Graduate student body with my role in GSO and continue conversations with UH leaderships about increased conditions for Graduate students. Please feel free to reach out to me ([gsovp@hawaii.edu](mailto:gsovp@hawaii.edu)) regarding any problems, needs, or resources you may have/need and I will work on addressing them or directing you in the right direction.

Please continue to stay safe, healthy, and try to find time to do what makes you happy.

With warm aloha,  
Mark Willingham, Vice President

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## General Assembly

November 18 - 6pm

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PW: GSO2021GA

## ***News and features***

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# Fall Semester

## Important Dates

<b>November 5</b>	Fall 2021 Graduates' Theses/Dissertations due to the Grad Division
<b>December 9</b>	Last day of Instruction
<b>December 13 -17</b>	Final Exams
<b>December 17</b>	Semester Ends
<b>December 18</b>	Tentative Commencement Date

## Fall Semester GSO General Assembly Meetings

November 18 | December 9

**GSO**

**COFFEE  
HOUR**

**WITH MĀNOA HERITAGE CENTER**

[Click here](#) to join us for a  
virtual tour and activity  
of the Mānoa Heritage  
Center on 11/09 at 3PM

## PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN OUR NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY!

The GSO is conducting a brief needs assessment of graduate students. Your responses will help the GSO determine areas of focus and events, as well as how to best advocate for the needs of graduate students.

Participate in our survey [here](#) by November 12th!

# grants & awards TRAVEL BASED AWARDS ARE BACK.

## guidelines

1. Any application that requests funding for travel must include a justification of travel in the normally required cover letter. Without this inclusion, your application will be unable to be reviewed.
2. As with travel based awards prior to Covid-19, please ensure applications include the conference acceptance letter and proof of conference registration.
3. As with pre-Covid-19 times, there will be a \$1000 award limit for domestic travel and a \$2000 award limit for international travel. To aid in applications, the \$2000 maximum for applications related to research materials remains in place. This is subject to change, but remains as such to best support graduate students during this time.
4. All travel based awards, if approved by the respective color groups, are subject to final approval by the President's office.
5. The approval of travel based awards is subject to change based on the ongoing Covid-19 situation.

[FAQs](#) | [Policies](#) | [Deadlines](#) | [Apply Today!](#)



# Merit Based Awards

The GSO's Merit-Based Awards recognize graduate students who excel in Diversity, Mentorship, Research, Service and Outreach, and Teaching.

## Call for Proposals

The GSO is re-opening the 2020-21 application portal for the Merit Based Award for *excellence in Research*. GSO will fund one (1) student in the amount of \$5,000.

[POLICIES & CRITERIA](#) | [APPLICATION PORTAL](#)

**FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 9, 2021**

## Volunteer as a Peer Reviewer!

The Graduate Student Organization is recruiting graduate student volunteers to serve as Peer Reviewers for the Merit Based Award in Research in the Fall 2021. The tentative review period is from November 23 to December 6, 2021, and the reviewer meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2021, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm via Zoom. All Peer Reviewers must be present at this meeting.

INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A PEER REVIEWER?

Fill out this [form](#) or contact the Merit Based Award Chair, Anh Phan, at [gsomerit@hawaii.edu](mailto:gsomerit@hawaii.edu)

CHECK OUT THE 2020-21 MBA REPORT [HERE](#)





JOIN THE GSO

# Executive Council!

**Immediate appointment:**

## EMPLOYMENT & COMPENSATION CHAIR

The Employment and Compensation Chair's main focus is to increase Graduate Assistant pay and benefits, and oversee the improvement of working conditions, through engagement, investigation, documentation and reporting to the Executive Council.

**Duties include, but are not limited to:**

- Acting as the liaison between the Academic Labor United (ALU), the leading graduate student labor organization on campus, and GSO
- Attending ALU meetings and reporting to the Executive Council.
- Attending monthly GSO meetings

Enjoy a small monthly stipend, professional development, and representing your fellow graduate students!

**Contact [GSO@hawaii.edu](mailto:GSO@hawaii.edu) to express your interest!**

# Results of the GSO Special Election

## WELCOME GABRIELLE, OUR NEW SECRETARY

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I'm excited to work with the GSO in order to help things run smoothly and support the graduate student community!

I hope to get to know as many people as I can and

make a difference on the Student Basic Needs committee and anywhere else I'm needed.

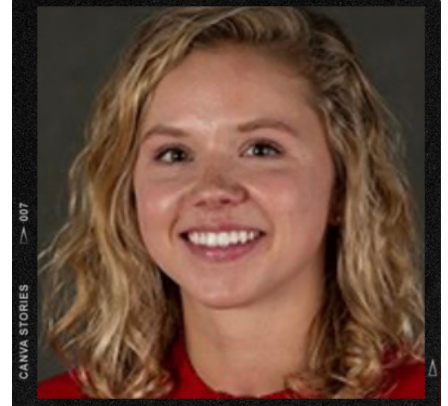
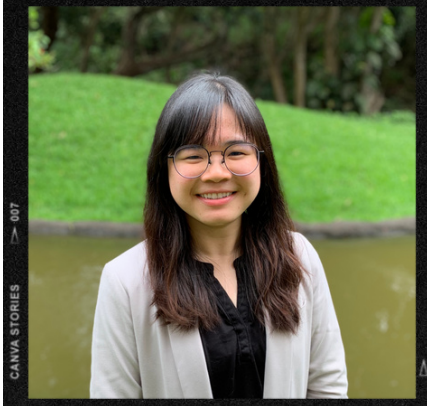


## 2021-22 GSO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ADDITIONS

**SARA SAASTAMOINEN**  
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

**BRITTNEY BONILLA**  
DIVERSITY

**SHANNON MCCLISH**  
SUSTAINABILITY



**ANH PHAN**  
MERIT BASED AWARDS

**ALENA SHALABY**  
ADVOCACY

**SYDNEY LOFQUIST**  
INFO & COMMS



## **The Brain and Behavior Lab is currently running an in-person study at Sakamaki 404.**

Each appointment will take around 20-30 minutes. All of the equipment used gets sanitized before and after each use including the chair, keyboard, table, etc. We have a HEPA air filter running at all times and vaccinated researchers. The currently available time slots can be found on Doodle, titled "\*IN PERSON\* Visual Search Task." It will be an easy click on the target computer-based study.

Your participation would be of great help. You may contact the researcher Faris Hasan at (fhasan@hawaii.edu) with any questions or concerns.



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## 2022 LEGISLATIVE GRAU FELLOWSHIP

# WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOU!

- One-year paid fellowship (\$60,000/yr)
- Open to students completing graduate degrees (e.g., MS, PhD, JD)
- Students with science, conservation, public policy, management, planning, and/or law of coastal resources encouraged to apply
- Applications due November 12, 2021

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Visit our website for more details:

<https://seagrantsystem.hawaii.edu/about/opportunities/>





# *Fall 2021*

## *Commencement Speaker Auditions*



**WHO:** All 2020 and 2021 graduation candidates with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA (as of August 2021) interested in addressing the graduation class.

**WHEN:** Friday, November 5, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Crawford 115 Auditorium

**HOW:** Sign up to audition at <https://forms.gle/FkNMFrBBJZENWdK67> by **Wednesday, November 3, 2021**. A copy of your speech must be submitted to [graduate@hawaii.edu](mailto:graduate@hawaii.edu) by **Thursday, November 5, 2021**. Further details provided with confirmation email. If you are unable to audition in person or for more information, please email [graduate@hawaii.edu](mailto:graduate@hawaii.edu).

# Join the knowledge democratization movement

and help communities live up to their sustainable and happier-future aspirations by helping us liberate critical knowledge locked behind steep paywalls, unshackle public universities' research agendas from service to profit-making ends, refocus them on urgent societal and environmental issues, and welcome traditional and indigenous knowledge into academic spaces to counter the dangerous hegemony of scientific reductionism.

Together, let's build high-impact knowledge commons and collaborative-learning vehicles that cultivate crucial knowledge resources and wisdom in service to a diverse, just and inclusive society and for the benefit of our entire bioregion.

Find your place in any of our transdisciplinary knowledge-innovation ventures; claim your role as a knowledge architect, designer, applied epistemologist, cultural mediator, content curator, editor, technology steward or advocate of epistemic pluralism and knowledge democratization.

## Happening this semester:

### Consilience Think Tank

Putting transdisciplinarity and social design to work to create a happier, socioecologically benign future of Hawai'i.

OCT 29 @1 p.m. | Discussion focus: "When 'normal' is upended: Cultivating communities' cognitive readiness for the VUCA world"

NOV 12 @1 p.m. | Discussion focus: "Identifying consequential frames, scales of analysis and sense-making metaphors in socioecological systems transition research"

DEC 3 @1 p.m. | Discussion focus: "Examining ontologically suspect ideas: Putting *regenerative tourism* under a microscope"

### Open-Door Editorial Meetings

Biweekly knowledge-sharing gatherings to crowdsource content for the production of our signature transdisciplinary bulletins: *Bounce Forward Guide*, *Climate Emergency and Environmental Justice Digest*, *Island Oikonomia*, *Ag-Hoc Insights*, *POlesis*, *Traveling Fugue*, *Low-Tech Inquirer*, and *The IWA Report*.

Biweekly, 1st and 3rd Monday @4 p.m. | More about our TD bulletins: [tdb.imua.cc](http://tdb.imua.cc)

### Lumière Nights

Screening enlightening gems of documentary cinematography that search for remedies to the lethal divide between humankind and nature

Next event: NOV 14 @6 p.m. | *Manufacturing Ignorance* (a 2021 film by Pascal Vasselin and Franck Cuveillier)

### NEW: Carpe Librum Club

Monthly discussions of insightful must-reads that show pathways to cultivating the new ethos of an ecological civilization and enabling paradigm shifts

NOV 20 @5 p.m. | The book in focus: *The Great Awakening: New Modes of Life Amidst Capitalist Ruins* (Eds. A. Grear & D. Bollier, 2020)

### Pueo Chats

Virtual confabulations of and for those who are awake, or who want to awaken, literally and figuratively

NOV 24 @8 p.m. | Energy and complexity blindness of the local, export-oriented comprador bourgeoisie

DEC 29 @8 p.m. | Inconvenient truths and convenient lies of green neoliberalism

### NEW: The Quants & Qualia Project

Bi-monthly surveys to identify, measure, and qualify root causes of our bioregion's precarious unsustainability and painful social and economic inequality

### The Imaginarium

Quarterly future-visioning and re-storying charrettes to expand the realm of possibility, enrich communities' social imaginaries, and elevate their aspirational horizons and agency

DEC 11 @10 a.m.-2 p.m. | Finding the door to "Another Now" and the moral courage to walk through it

### Research Intelligence Briefings

Monthly science-policy and science-society consultations on the most consequential issues related to Hawai'i's green transformation challenges and amplified via our Signal-based channel for exchanging and discussing pertinent open-access publications

NOV 16 @1 p.m. | Dimensions of science-policy dialogue on climate emergency: Epistemic responsibility and culpable ignorance

DEC 21 @1 p.m. | Administrative philosophy for public servants in the crisis-ridden 21st century

### NEW: Citizen-Science Hour

Co-production of a knowledge-translation podcast series addressing the many failures of awareness and unexamined sets of assumptions that govern (and limit) communities' attempts to make change

Contact us at [commons@hawaii.edu](mailto:commons@hawaii.edu) if you wish to contribute your creative energies to building this new component of Hawai'i's digital knowledge commons.

### NEW: Ānuenue.TV

Curating content for an online video channel informed by the thematic vectors of deep sustainability, community-resilience building, and positive social transformation. Ongoing prototyping effort, join at any time.

### Living Labs for Ecosocial Innovation and Digital Knowledge Commons Design

Systems-thinking and social-design-based ateliers aimed at finding just solutions to the most pressing societal and environmental issues. Ongoing, join at any time.

### The IWA Initiative

A *critical university studies* colloquium designed to enable reflexive organizational learning within Hawai'i's academia to facilitate transformation to a holistic, post-disciplinary, eco-design university whose collective intellectual capacity and behavior is adequate to meet the grand challenges of the 21st century

Winter series: First week of January 2022; exact dates to be confirmed.



As an epistemic community, a forum for ideas exchange, and a boundary-spanning organization with a presence across the entire institutional spectrum, IMUA Labs strives to identify deficits in critical knowledge and the presence of counterproductive epistemological beliefs in the regional knowledge system and to address them by creating high-engagement knowledge-intermediation vehicles and intellectual spaces that support Hawai'i's green transformation during its most challenging decade of socioecological and energy transition.

Ready for a virtual meet-and-greet? Visit the count-me-in web page [URL: [join.imua.cc](http://join.imua.cc)] to schedule a video chat or submit your questions, or send a subscribe-to-news-alerts request at [imualabs@hawaii.edu](mailto:imualabs@hawaii.edu). Because they are powered by volunteers, our programs and events repertoire may occasionally be affected by unforeseen schedule changes. We appreciate your understanding and patience in such situations.





THE JOURNEY TO BECOMING AN  
ANTIRACIST PARENT

# Where Do We Live?

PARENTING THROUGH  
EXPLORING OUR 'ĀINA

Date: Saturday, December 4, 2021

Time: 9:00 am - 11:30 am HST

Location: UH Mānoa Campus

[RSVP here\\*](#)

\*All attendees must register beforehand using the Google form



'Āina's influence cannot remain in the realm of theory, but must also be experienced through the senses. Join us as we explore 'āina with our 'ohana while in community with others!

- The whole family is welcome
- Lunch bentos will be provided
- Wear comfortable clothes and walking shoes

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NEW COURSE  
Spring 2022

# Introduction to Medicare



A partnership between the Thompson School of Social Work and Public Health and the Executive Office on Aging - Hawaii State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)



Are you a future health educator, social worker, or patient navigator?



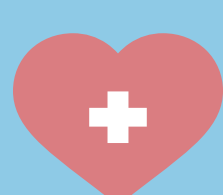
Do you want to make change for our kūpuna who rely on Medicare related services?



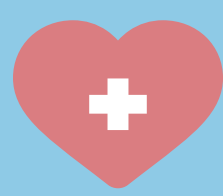
Do you want to gain hands-on knowledge about health insurance systems?

## The Lineup

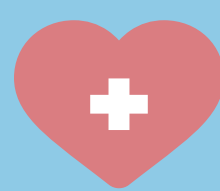
SW 680 Intro to Medicare 3 credits | Friday's 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM



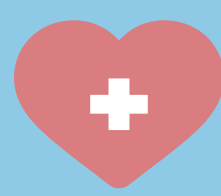
Complete the 4-week nationwide Medicare Course Training (30 hours)



Receive valuable class session reinforcement working with real case scenarios (15 hours)



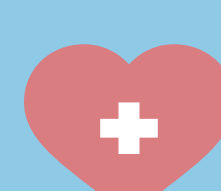
Supplement your hands-on learning experience by designing and implementing a 50-hour service learning project



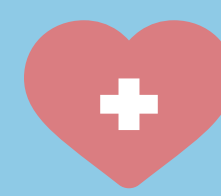
Work with real community programs assisting Medicare beneficiaries



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY



Earn a \$500.00 scholarship supported by the DOH Executive Office of Aging upon successful completion of the course



Engage in a fun and meaningful course with a friendly teaching team!

**APPLICATION:** <http://go.hawaii.edu/PWo>

NOTE: Priority review deadline November 8, 2021

Instructor: Dr. Victoria Fan



Questions? Contact Sharie Nagatani ([medicare@hawaii.edu](mailto:medicare@hawaii.edu))