

The Mānoa Monthly

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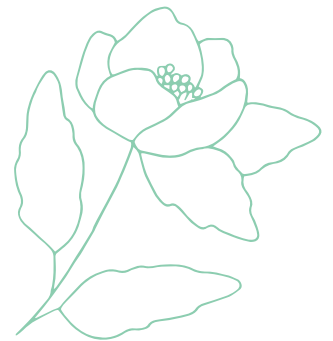
We are fast approaching the end of a semester like no other semester we have seen in the past. It has caused us all to change and adapt as we go, and tested us in many ways. I hope everyone continues focusing on their tasks, degree paths, work, and all other aspects of your lives while doing whatever you can for self-care and taking care of yourself. I know many of us are struggling with missing family and friends and if you are like me, debating on traveling for the holidays. Just know GSO is here if you need to reach out and can assist with locating resources whenever possible and providing you a path in the right direction when it comes to university policies or issues. Stay safe, take care of yourselves, and congratulate yourself for finishing this challenging semester. Congratulations to those students graduating!

- Mark Willingham, GSO Treasurer

UPCOMING MEETINGS



General Assembly
[Click for Zoom Link](#)
(December 10th, 6PM)
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Executive Council Meeting
(December 3rd, Zoom, 6PM)



Post-Pandemic Reorganization Planning Update:

- Thank you for joining us last month in consultation with Provost Bruno and the UH administration!
- Phase 2 of the Mānoa Administrative Reorganization Proposal has been published (click [here](#) for full version)
- GSO will provide formal feedback by January 4th, 2021 (join December General Assembly for discussion)
- For the latest summaries and information, please visit our [webpage](#)

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News and features

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Important Dates

December 10: Last day of instruction

December 11-12: Study Days

December 14-18: Final Examinations

December 19: Commencement; semester ends

December 25: Holiday - Christmas Day

December 31: Spring admission application deadline for post-baccalaureate unclassified students

December 2: Paint & Sip (4pm, Zoom, [Registration](#))

December 3: EC Meeting (6pm, Zoom)

December 3: Grants & Awards Letter of Recommendation Due

December 10: General Assembly (6pm, Zoom, PW: GSOga20)

Zoom Link: <https://hawaii.zoom.us/j/uhmgso>

Upcoming GSO Events

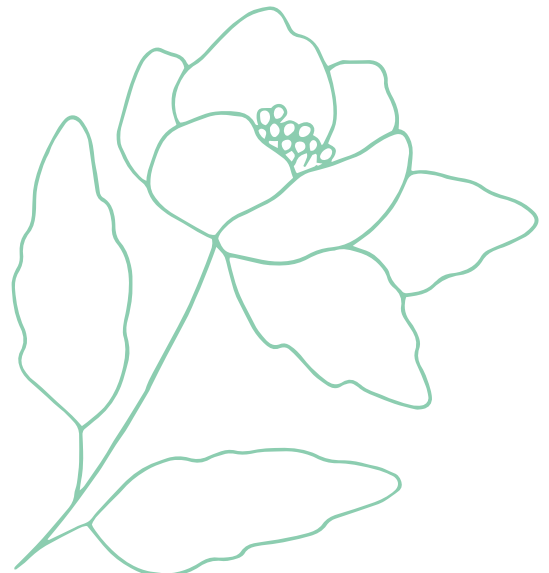
Upcoming Events

December 2-4: Native Hawaiian & Indigenous Peoples Student Research Symposium (9am-12:30pm, Zoom, Registration)

Dec 4: Talk Story with Malama Project (12pm, Zoom, ID: 849-8780-9325, PW: Malama)

Dec 5: I'm Lot Lane (a solo effort), Theatre & Dance (7:30-9pm, Online, [purchase tickets](#))

Looking for more? Check out the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa for a calendar with *all* University events: [click here!](#)



END-OF-YEAR REFLECTIONS

GSO Accomplishments & Updates

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Graduate Student Organization's kuleana is to serve, advocate for, and support graduate students at UH Mānoa; to foster community engagement; to facilitate positive change; and to encourage a Hawaiian place of learning. It is important for us to take a moment to reflect on where we have been this semester and where we want to go!

Representation

We have represented graduate student interests on councils and committees across campus: Campus Climate Committee, Board of Regents, Academic Labor United, the NOAA Housing Project, Mānoa Staff Senate, UH Student Caucus, Graduate Council, Mānoa Faculty Senate, Provost's Council, Student Conduct Appellate Board, Academic Grievance Committee & more!

Graduate Employee Sick Leave

Currently, the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa does not provide any official sick leave policy to its GAs, TAs, and RAs. GSO conducted research based on peer institutions' graduate employee sick leave programs and published a statement of support for Academic Labor United's demands for sick leave & collective bargaining rights for graduate employees. We are working with administrators to create a sick leave policy, which we aim to implement next year!

Workshops & Events

GSO hosted coffee hours, game nights, microaggressions trainings, self-compassion hours, and professional development webinars. We are always looking for more ideas to help you network and grow - email GSOevent@hawaii.edu with ideas for next semester!

Grants & Awards

GSO awarded over \$1600 to three graduate students in grants and awards this semester!
For more information or to apply please visit our [website](#)!

Other

GSO continues to consult with administrators regarding the Post Pandemic Reorganization (Want to join our Post Pandemic Reorganization committee? Email GSOadvoc@hawaii.edu)

Published a resolution in support of declaring UHM a Sanctuary System for International Students (more info [here](#))

If you have questions, comments, or hope to get involved, please contact gso@hawaii.edu

General Assembly



HOW TO ZOOM

Keep your microphone muted if you are not speaking

Check-in via Google Form (found in Zoom chat & Agenda)

EC/Program Reps vote by clicking "Participants" then selecting aye (green), nay (red), or abstain (coffee cup)

To ask a question, "raise your hand" by clicking "Participants" then selecting the hand button. When the meeting facilitator calls on you, please state your name and department before speaking.



CONGRATULATIONS

While this year has presented many unusual circumstances and challenges, the graduate student community has accomplished many great personal, professional, and academic feats. We would like to celebrate those students who are graduating this Fall! Although the ceremony may look a little different, we recognize your years of hard work, growth, and discovery. Cheers!





HCF Scholarships

HOW TO APPLY:

<https://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/students>

STEP 1

START your HCF application on Monday, November 16, 2020.

Login to HCF's Scholarship Manager at hcf.scholarships.ngwebsolutions.com to create your online account. You will need:

2021-2022 Student Aid Report (SAR): Your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be submitted and processed in order to obtain your 2021-2022 SAR. You can now submit your FAFSA as early as October 1, 2020, using your 2019 income tax information. For more information go to fafsa.gov or email FAFSA@hawaii.edu.

Grade Transcript: Obtain your most recent transcript, either from your school's registrar's office or online portal. All transcripts must comply with HCF's transcript requirements.

STEP 2

SUBMIT your HCF application online by Monday, February 1, 2021 at 4 p.m. HST, with all supporting materials.

For more information

Visit www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/students for details and FAQs regarding our application and award process.

Need help?

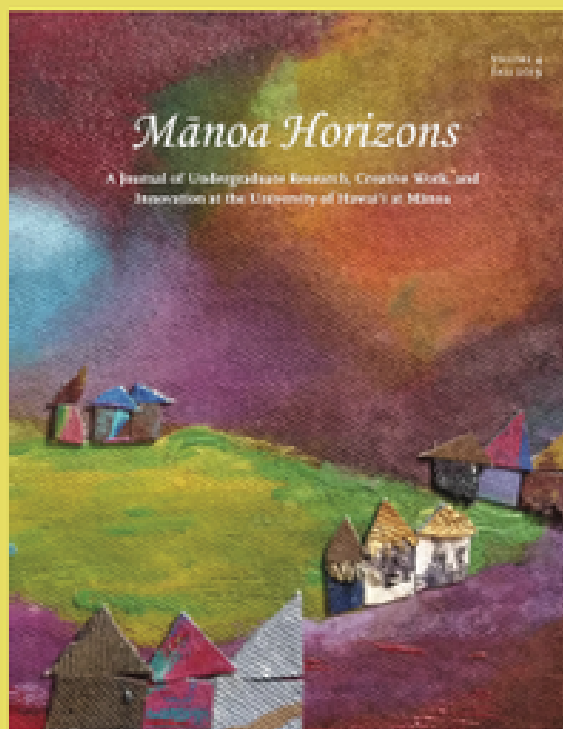
Email HCF's Scholarship Department at scholarships@hcf-hawaii.org.

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Undergraduate Journal

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Horizons is an annual journal of undergraduate research, creative work and innovation at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. The work we publish represents the very best of what students create on our campus each year.

All submissions undergo a 'peer' review process, similar to that of a traditional academic journal. This year we are inviting advanced graduate students to join our Editorial Board, working alongside the faculty that currently make up the Board.

This is a great opportunity for emerging scholars to gain experience in the review process and to build their CVs through scholarly engagement. Members of the Editorial Board are expected to review 2 submissions in each of our submission cycles, in January and May.

Those selected to join the Board will receive detailed training on our review process and expectations. Service will begin in January 2021 and can be renewed annually.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED...

Submit your CV and a cover letter detailing your interest in the role, any editorial and teaching experience, and your academic area of expertise to horizons@hawaii.edu by *December 18th*.

Email any questions to horizonsehawaii.edu and visit our website to see previous issues: kahualike.manoa.hawaii.edu/horizons/



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IHS TOY DONATIONS

*Lift up the children in need
during this Holiday Season!*

November 28th - December 12th, 2020

We are raising money to give toy donations for the children who are currently living at Institute for Human Services (IHS) women and family shelter on 'Oahu. Your donation will go directly to children in need.

Fundraiser will be open to payment on
Venmo: @UHMSSW-GSO OR
Paypal: sswgso@hawaii.edu.
Please select: send money to a friend!

*For more information, please email
sswgso@hawaii.edu*





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TUESDAY 4-5PM
THURSDAY 9-10AM
FRIDAY 4-5PM**

Sign Up Form:

<https://forms.gle/kD7HYatgARLdEhFZ9>

***We apologize if any events are postponed due to
emergency. Thank you for your understanding.**