

GSO NEWSLETTER

Upcoming GSO Deadlines and Meetings:

3/5: G&A March Letters of
Recommendation Due

3/12: General Assembly Meeting,
Campus Center 309/310, 6-8 PM

3/22: Merit Based Awards
Applications Due

3/23: Executive Council Meeting,
Hemenway 212, 6-8 PM

3/26: G&A April Applications Due

3/29: Merit Based Awards Letters
of Recommendation Due

4/2: G&A April Letters of
Recommendation Due

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Congratulations to Our January and February Grants & Awards Recipients!!

Joy Agner, Psychology

Valentina Alvarez, Zoology

Uyanga Batzogs, Social Welfare

Taylor Bogan, Theatre

Emily Conklin, Zoology

Lesley Davidson, Natural Resources and
Environmental Management

Jin Dong, East Asian Languages & Literature

Alealani Dudoit, Zoology

Michelle Harangody, Geography

Daniel Holden, Second Language Studies

Thomas Iwanicki, Zoology

Lucie Knor, Oceanography

Louie Mar Gangcuangco, Tropical Medicine

Victor Gregor Limon, Urban & Regional
Planning

Angelica Melone, Natural Resources and
Environmental Management

Thu Ha Nguyen, Second Language Studies

Michael Omori, Computer Science

Grace Peralta, Communicology

Joanne Qina'au, Psychology

Nicole Schlaack, Educational Psychology

Keith Scott, Sociology

Tang Shuai, Second Language Studies

Ruth Taketa, Cellular and Molecular Biology

Beth Tillinghast, Learning Design and Technology

Victoria Timmerman, Educational Psychology

Seth Travis, Oceanography

Sarah Tucker, Marine Biology

Soo Yoon, Mathematics

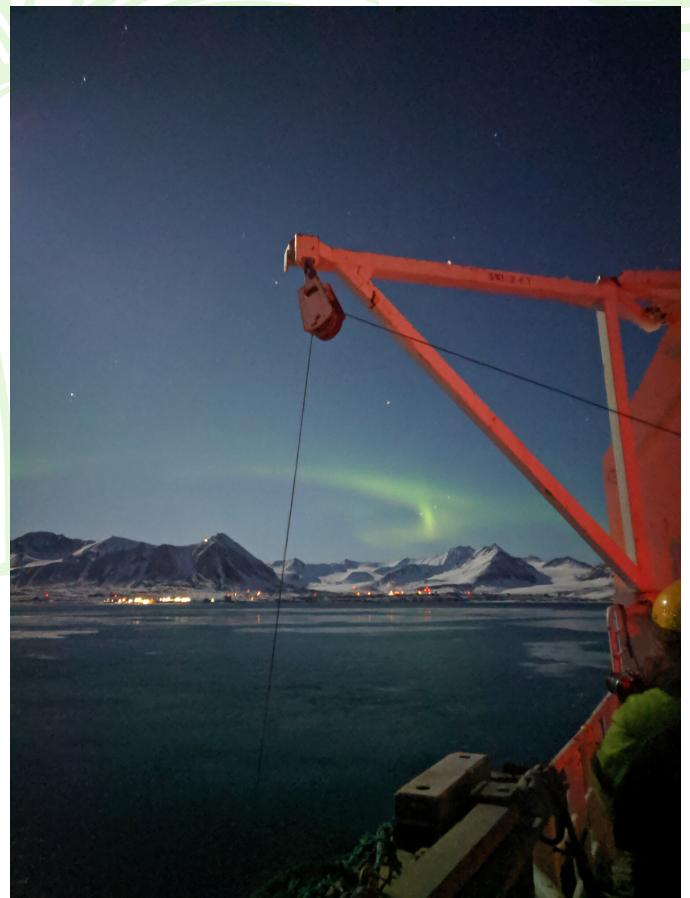
Yiwei Zhao, Business Administration

Julie Zill, Marine Biology

G&A Spotlight

Tom Iwanicki, Zoology

Tom Iwanicki, a PhD candidate in the Zoology graduate program, took part in the Polar Night cruise aboard the Research Vessel Helmer Hanssen. He sampled whole zooplankton communities in fjords around Svalbard, Norway. He is studying the evolution of genes responsible for light production (bioluminescence) and light detection (vision) in marine animals. The deep, dark ocean is a difficult environment to study. During the polar night the sun is never above the horizon so the near-surface water is a great analog to study how animals adapt to life in the dark.



The R/V Helmer Hanssen's starboard crane with a zooplankton net sampling off the shores of Ny-Ålesund, Svalbard (78°55'45"N 11°57'34"E) in Kongsfjorden with aurora borealis overhead.

GSO Events in March

Therapy Dogs and Merit Based Awards Q&A Coffee Hour

March 6th, 12-1:30 PM
Hemenway (Bale) Courtyard

Three events in one! Come and enjoy a mid-day coffee break with cute therapy dogs and ask questions about the GSO Merit Based Awards application!

Be Green! BYO coffee mug encouraged!

Spring Break Writing Jam

March 16th-19th, 10 AM to 2 PM
Campus Center Courtyard (MTR),
Starbucks Patio (W)

Tired of typing away in your windowless office? Get some fresh air with GSO as you work on your thesis chapter, term paper, or conference presentation.

Need a recharge? No problem! Coffee, snacks, and power outlets will be provided!

2020 Merit Based Awards

In order to promote outstanding graduate student work at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, the Graduate Student Organization (GSO) announces the annual Merit Based Awards to recognize graduate student excellence in Diversity, Mentorship, Research, Service and Outreach, and Teaching. These awards fund up to two (2) students in each category for a total of ten (10) awards, each in the amount of \$5,000.

Please see the GSO website (gso.hawaii.edu) for the Call for Proposals, Program Policies, and Application Review Criteria.

The application submission form opened on February 9th and will close on March 22nd. Letters of recommendation are due by March 29th.

Winners will be announced in April. If you are interested in serving as a peer reviewer, please contact Emilee Turner at gsomerit@hawaii.edu

2020-2021 Elections

Coming Soon!

**President
Treasurer**

**Vice President
Secretary**

GSO is currently forming an Elections Committee and is looking for volunteers! The Elections Committee makes sure the elections run smoothly, occur on time, and follow the GSO Constitution's rules. The Chair (1 person needed) will be compensated at \$80/month, and Committee members will be compensated at \$50/month (at least 2 people needed).

Contact gso@hawaii.edu by Friday, March 6th if you want to be on the Elections Committee!!

2020 Master Of Fine Arts (MFA) Exhibition Opening Events

Location: The Art Gallery, Art Building

MFA Candidates:

- Cody Anderson: Portrait of a Moving Target
- Rebecca Maria Goldschmidt: Pag+mul+mula+an
- Kat Kazlauskas: Within/Without
- Mary Taehee Kim: Yeoubi
- Carson Pellanda: Ethos of Surface

Opening Events, Sunday, March 8:

1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Gallery walk-through with the artists

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Reception

Gallery hours + admission: March 8th - April 9th

- Mon. – Fri. 10:00 – 4:00 p.m.,
Sunday 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- By appointment Spring Recess, Mar. 16 – 20
- Closed Saturdays; Prince Kūhiō Day, Mar. 26

Free admission. Donations are appreciated.

Additionally, Rebecca Maria Goldschmidt's show, Pag+mul+mula+an, is also hosting artist talks, plant material demos, a film screening, a guided meditation, and Philippine plant medicine workshops.

Details can be found at

<https://www.rrrebecca.com/pagmulmulaan/>

Join the GSO Executive Council!

Position Open Now:

Employment & Compensation Committee 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

Position Opening in April/May:

Diversity Committee Chair

The Diversity Chair will provide support for Native Hawaiian concerns and initiatives along with concerns and initiatives concerning other under-represented voices on our campus which include but are not limited to: women, the LGBTQ+ community, other indigenous peoples, minority groups, and undocumented students. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Serving as the GSO representative on various committees (Mānoa Commission on Inclusion and Diversity, Campus Climate Committee)
- Building coalition with diversity-minded groups on campus (La Raza Unida, Black Student Association, Ethnic Studies Student Association, Oceania Rising, Micronesian Connections, etc.)
- Attending monthly GSO and committee meetings

**Contact gso@hawaii.edu to apply
or find out more!**

Upcoming External Opportunities

Peter J. Rappa Sustainable Coastal Development Fellowship:

Hawaii's communities are engaging their natural, social, and built environments in efforts to better manage issues that affect their livability, sustainability and resilience. The Rappa Fellows will further their knowledge and understanding of sustainable coastal communities through research, extension, and community-based education in topics of coastal smart growth and community planning and their integration with hazard mitigation and climate change adaptation as well as cultural and traditional knowledge of Hawai'i.

Application Deadline: March 13

For more information please contact Hawai'i Sea Grant Program Leader, Maya Walton (waltonm@hawaii.edu, 808-956-6992).

AAUW Honolulu Career and Leadership Development Grant:

Are you a working woman seeking to enhance and improve your career? Are you a graduate student or early career academic looking to share your research with colleagues at conferences? If the high cost of conferences, meetings, seminars and certifications are holding you back from advancing in your industry, apply for an AAUW Honolulu Career and Leadership Development Grant!

Application Deadline: March 15

For details and submission, please visit <https://honolulu-hi.aauw.net/2018/05/14/career-and-leadership-development-grant/>

University of Hawai'i Sustainable Development and Aloha+ Challenge

Aloha, you are invited to participate in the first ever Statewide Sustainable Development Voluntary Local Review in the World!

In partnership with the United Nations Association and the Hawai'i Green Growth Aloha+ Challenge, the University of Hawai'i Student Caucus is launching a campus wide competition to present and evaluate the most pressing sustainability issues, exciting local solutions, and visionary implementation.

First, each UH campus student government will submit [this response form](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/) (see QR code below) to aggregate examples of the Local 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/>) **by March 6th.**

Next, campus teams will assemble to create a short video (~5min) highlighting the unique stories to be shared with the other campuses for review by April 1st.

Finally, the videos will be screened on each campus Earth Day Celebration on April 22nd with the winning school announcement!

Participants must be 18+ and UH Students.

Please email gsosust@hawaii.edu with any questions. Mahalo!

