

# GSO NEWSLETTER

## MESSAGE FROM THE GSO PRESIDENT

Season's Greeting fellow Grads!

Fall semester is almost done! Here are some things you should be aware of.

- 1) Three colleges are talking about merging: College of Arts and Humanities; College of Languages, Linguistics, & Literature; and School of Pacific and Asian Studies.
- 2) Administration is looking for a new Dean of the Institute for Astronomy.
- 3) The redesign teams continue to move forward to transition from a Chancellor model to a Provost model.

GSO has representatives working in all three areas. Please let us know if you want more information at [gso@hawaii.edu](mailto:gso@hawaii.edu) ! Also, in the Spring Semester we hope to reorganize the color groups used for our Grants & Awards Program, as well as have more graduate student community-building events.

Thank you to all the reps for all your hard work! Thank you to the chairs and the other officers with whom I serve! Let us finish the semester strong!

In Service, Advocacy, and Support,

Daniel Flores



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# UPCOMING EVENTS & DEADLINES



## Therapy Dogs!

**Friday 12/13,  
12 PM to 1:30 PM**

**Hemenway Hall  
Courtyard**

**2021 Knauss Fellowship:** Are you a graduate student with an interest in ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources, and in the national policy decisions affecting those resources? If so, consider applying for the Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship, a one year paid fellowship where highly qualified graduate students are matched with hosts in the legislative and executive branches of the U.S. government. Knauss fellows receive a \$47,500 stipend for the length of their fellowship (12 months).

Friday Feb. 21, 2020 5pm: applications due

For more information please visit <http://seagrants.noaa.gov/Knauss> or contact Hawai'i Sea Grant Program Leader, Maya Walton (waltonm@hawaii.edu, 808-956-6992).

## January GSO Deadlines and Meetings:

**1/2:** Grants & Awards Application Due

**1/9:** Letter of Recommendation Due

**1/13:** Executive Council Meeting, 6 PM  
at Hemenway Hall 212

**1/16:** General Assembly Meeting, 6 PM  
at Campus Center 309/310

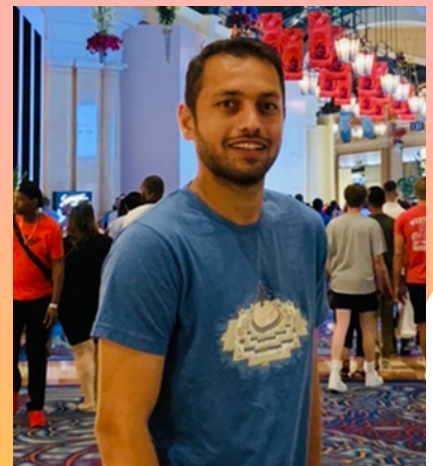
# A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS!

Aloha mai kākou, my name is Alana Wilson and I am the new Events Chair. I am a Kanaka Ōiwi (Native Hawaiian) studying Native Hawaiian and Indigenous Health (Master of Public Health). I believe in the power of diversity, inclusion and equity; which I would like to further implement by creating events on campus that are correlated to these topics of interest and more. I look forward to further serving the graduate community. Mahalo for your support.




**Events Committee Chair**  
**Alana Wilson**

Aloha mai kākou, I am Rajeev Kumar Mishra, basically from Nepal. I am a DVM from India and pursuing my master's in Animal Science at UHM. As the secretary of GSO I am always eager to help you with all questions about GSO and its events. Please feel free to contact me for any issue related to GSO and its functioning.



**Secretary**  
**Rajeev Kumar Mishra**

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER GRANTS & AWARDS RECIPIENTS!



Emily Ricker	American Studies
Eriko Oga	American Studies
Phoebe France	Anthropology
Julia Douglas	Botany
Lauren Nerfa	Botany
Megan Lantz	Cell and Molecular Biology
Jin Dong	East Asian Languages and Literatures
Rebecca deGraffenried	Earth & Planetary Science
Nicole Schlaack	Educational Psychology
Shekh Md Mahmudul Islam	Electrical Engineering
Jinwen Xu	Geography
Minyoung Chung	Library and Information Science
Katherine Lang	Library and Information Science
Lance Ferrer	Mathematics
Solange Saxby	Nutrition
Kevin Rickman	Philosophy
Kalyn Holmes	Psychology
Christine Tai	Psychology
Monet Meyer	Psychology
Taylor Stacy	Psychology
Tommie Laba	Psychology
Olivia Uchima	Public Health
Sarah Kamakawiwo'ole	Public Health
Kristen Urada	Second Language Studies
Bethany Schwartz	Second Language Studies
Keqing Zhang	Sociology
Yusraa Tadj	Urban and Regional Planning
Van Wishingrad	Zoology
Randi Rollins	Zoology

## GET INVOLVED!



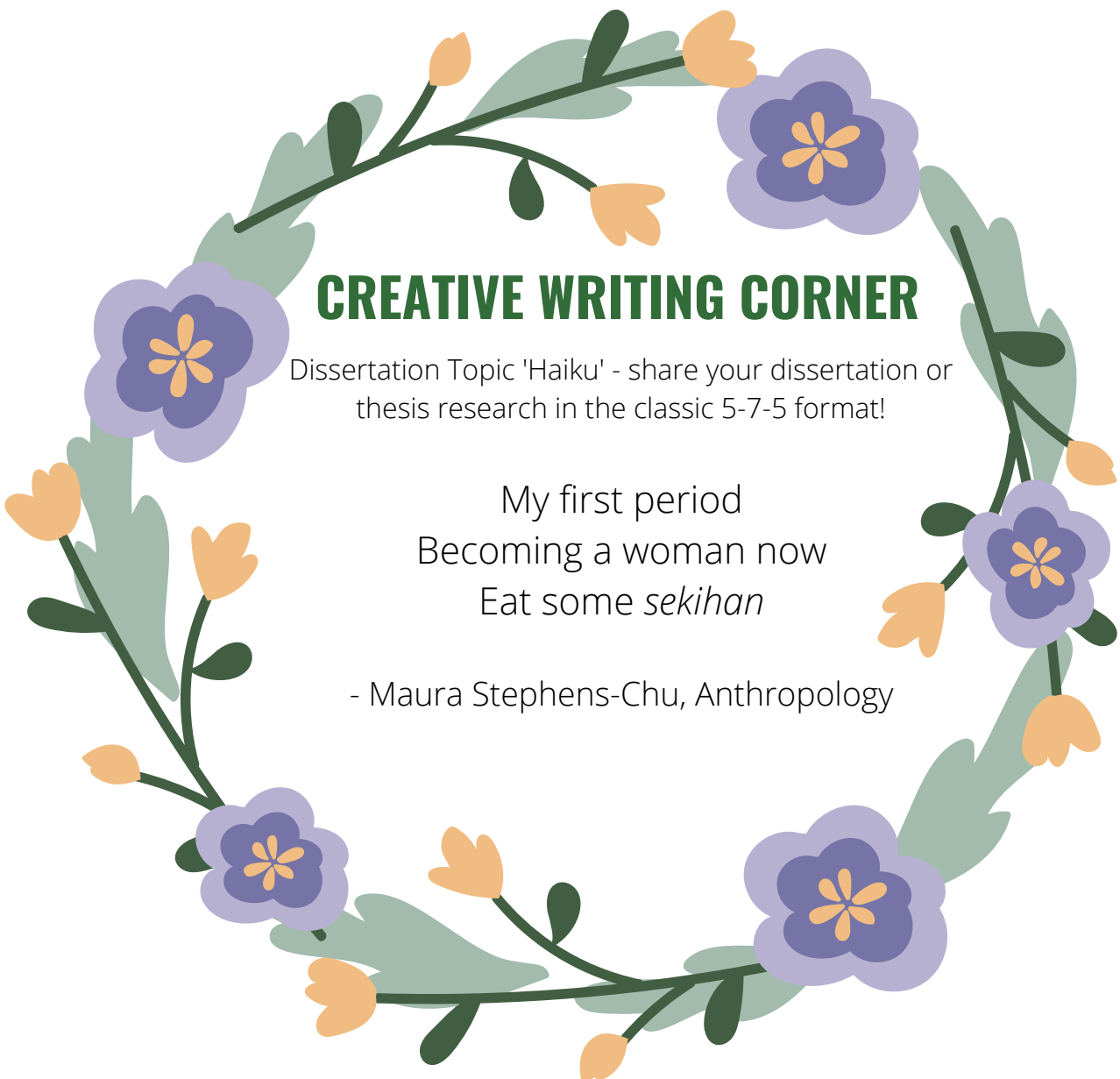
Do you want to promote an event for graduate students? Share a scholarship opportunity? Submit a poem about your research (see below)? Contact the GSO Information & Communications Chair at [gsoinfo@hawaii.edu](mailto:gsoinfo@hawaii.edu)

## CREATIVE WRITING CORNER

Dissertation Topic 'Haiku' - share your dissertation or thesis research in the classic 5-7-5 format!

My first period  
Becoming a woman now  
Eat some *sekihan*

- Maura Stephens-Chu, Anthropology





# RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ALOHA ‘ĀINA FUND

*Enacted by the GSO Executive Council and General Assembly:*

**WHEREAS**, the Graduate Student Organization (GSO) of the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (UHM) is the elected body representing approximately 4,742 full-time classified graduate students; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Associate Student of the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, with support from the University of Hawai‘i Office of Sustainability (UHOS) and Native Hawaiian Student Services (NHSS), surveyed 1654 students and found 73% were in favor of establishing a student fee for a sustainability fund; and,

**WHEREAS**, the sustainability fund can aid the university in achieving targets laid out in the Executive Sustainability Policy (2015) pertaining to operations, curriculum, research and scholarship, community engagement, and cultural connections and its legislative mandate to become net-zero, in respect to energy, by 2035; and,

**WHEREAS**, 15 of 18 of UH’s peer and benchmark schools already have student fees for sustainability, but UH would be the first indigenous serving institution to steward such a fee; and,

**WHEREAS**, UHM has a goal of being a Hawaiian Place of Learning; and,

**WHEREAS**, the fund monies will provide grants to UHM constituents to carry out works of sustainability related to the aforementioned goals; and, **WHEREAS**, the below outlines tentative plans based on the progression of the fund’s implementation as well as other varying factors (e.g. input from the fee committee, BOR, NHSS, etc.); and,

**WHEREAS**, a student committee will select works that include projects, programs, research, and scholarships to receive fund monies; and,

**WHEREAS**, the student committee will be within NHSS to ensure that works are, indeed, aligned with aloha ‘āina, which goes beyond “green” initiatives to encompass a race, class, and gender maoli origin of sustainability; and,

**WHEREAS**, the student committee would comprise of five (5) students: one (1) appointed by ASUH, one (1) appointed by GSO, one (1) appointed by the Office of Sustainability, one (1) appointed by NHSS, and one (1) appointed by the dean of Hawai‘inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge; and,

**WHEREAS**, all members of the student committee will serve for one (1) academic year, with the opportunity to be reappointed at the end of the term; and,

**WHEREAS**, the fund monies will only be allocated to faculty-led initiatives that directly benefit students in the form of student focused campus improvement, student activities, or student employment; and,

**WHEREAS**, the administration of the fund provides sufficient resources and coordination to ensure that students are thoroughly aware of their opportunity to apply for fund monies; and,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Graduate Student Organization (GSO) of the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa is the elected body representing approximately 4,742 full-time classified graduate students; supports the establishment of a sustainability student fee and fund at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.

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