Celebrating Connections: 60 Years of Pacific Studies

4-6 November 2010
Campus Center Ballroom
University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

The year 2010 marks the 60th anniversary of Pacific Studies at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (UHM). There are now more than a dozen Pacific Studies centers or programs in Oceania, the United States, Australia, New Zealand, and Japan, as well as several countries in Europe. This conference provides an opportunity to reflect on accomplishments, challenges, and future directions in this dynamic field of study. Celebrating Connections will feature presentations by distinguished alumni of UHM’s Center for Pacific Islands Studies, and will pay particular attention to issues in undergraduate teaching and learning in Pacific Studies as well as the importance of our relationships with Pacific communities. Papers are invited that address relevant themes, including

- history, organization, and development of the field
- conceptual, epistemological, political, ethical, or cultural issues
- curriculum development and pedagogy
- the role and practice of language teaching
- intersections with related fields, such as indigenous, ethnic, and Asian studies
- connections with Pacific Islander communities
- creativity and new media in Pacific Studies
- future directions for Pacific Studies
- alumni experiences: what do you do with a degree in Pacific Studies?

If you are interested in presenting a paper, please submit a one-page abstract along with short bio by 1 July 2010. Send your materials by email attachment or mail to

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