

Kaiāulu Ko‘olau

Community of the Ko‘olau

FRESH FACES

Meet Malia Lau Kong, the new history instructor! Malia was hired as an instructor this Fall. She studied at both UH Hilo and Manoa, completing her master's degree in December 2003.



Photo by Theresa Worden

Why did you choose to study history? I had a great history teacher in high school. I found the subject really interesting. I also enjoyed reading historical fiction and thought I might like to write one.

Perhaps we can read a title by you in the future! What do you think is the best thing about WCC? The people - everyone is so friendly, helpful, and welcoming! And it's a beautiful campus.

What is one thing you love about teaching? I love when students are excited to learn the material, when they're trying and realize it can be fun. I also love helping students realize that the past does have relevance for us today. The issues people had in the

past don't change. It's about how people dealt with problems in the past and trying to relate it to today. I love when the student's light-bulb goes off; when they realize something today is rooted in a historical context. It gives the issue so much more meaning.

What is a little known fact about you? I really like to sew and make my own clothes, though you won't see me wearing them at school. I'm interested in fashion design and love to sew for Halloween. I own two sewing machines and a serger.

Where can we find you on Oahu? Starbucks with a white chocolate mocha iced drink.

Have you participated in any recent professional development activities that you've enjoyed? I loved the WAC institute (*Writing Across the Curriculum at KCC*). It was extremely relevant, helpful, fun, and it makes you write which I really enjoyed. It really helps you improve your teaching and course planning.

Anything else you'd like to share? Every Thursday in the Honolulu Advertiser I read an article by Victor Davis Hanson, historian at Stanford. I really enjoy his opinions on current affairs although I don't always agree with him. I invite you to read him too.

DID YOU KNOW?

There will be a digital fine art exhibition at Gallery 'Iolani!

Come to the artist's reception on Friday **October 26** from 4-7pm to see a computer graphics demonstration by Stefan Meinl. Toni Martin, gallery director, writes 'digital imaging combines creativity with technology.' Featured artists are: Peter Chamberlain, Gaye Chan, Ellen Chapman, Bobby Crockett, Joan Dubanoski, Jim Egan, Chris Gargiulo, Scott Groeniger, Jan Hathaway, Diana Jeon, Kloe Kang, Stefan Meinl, Violet Murakami, Arthur Nelander, Kirsten Rae Simonsen, Phil Uhl, Jay Wilson and Shige Yamada.

The exhibition is from October 26-November 16. The gallery is open on Tues-Fri and Sun from 1-5 pm

DOINGS of the DOI

Interim Dean of Instruction Elizabeth Ashley writes:

- 1) DOI is advertising for a full-time tenure track Math position with emphasis on Remedial/ Developmental. Know anyone who qualifies and wishes to join our WCC ohana?
- 2) Can you believe Spring is almost Sprung? The spring 2008 schedule of classes is almost complete. It will go forward to Bonnie for publishing on Oct. 26, and will be ready for distribution by Nov. 2, give or take a few days.
- 3) John Morton will be at WCC on **Oct. 17th** for an Achieving the Dream forum. This is a John Morton supported initiative for all the CCs.



HALLOWEEN



Halloween is just around the corner. If you'd like to enter the 2007 WCC Halloween Office/Room Decorating Contest, please send an e-mail to wcc_holiday@yahoo.com by **Oct. 24** indicating your intention to participate.



Please send one digital photo as voting will take place electronically. The prize? a perpetual trophy donated by Chancellor Meixell. Questions? Send an e-mail to wcc_holiday@yahoo.com



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Forum to Discuss the Accreditation Progress Report

An ACCJC accreditation team will be visiting the campus on November 13 to talk to us about the progress we have made on meeting the recommendations we were given in response to our Self Study. It is important that everyone on campus be familiar with the Progress Report submitted to the ACCJC that details the progress we have made. This report is on the Home Page of the College Website. To make sure everyone is clear on the details a forum will be held on **Wednesday, November 7, at 3:00 in Akoakoa 105** to answer questions concerning the report and the visit. We do not have details about the visit yet, but an open forum with the faculty and staff is usually requested by the visitors so it is important that all segments of the College are aware of the issues. When we know more about the visit we will let you know. Happy reading. -Paul Field, Accreditation Liaison Officer

EVENTS

Common Book Event:
10/23, 4pm, Akoakoa
105 Genetic Engineering,
Industrial Agriculture,
and Food Security by
Hector Valenzuela

Theater Student
Showcase! **11/2 at
7:30pm,
11/3 at 2pm and
7:30pm** at Paliku
Theatre, \$5.00

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CSI Hawaii classes will continue at Windward in the Spring 2008. Current students have asked for more CJ classes. The spring schedule will offer the following from Chaminade during the day: None of the classes have pre-requisites and a student could take one class or several, depending on the individual needs.

CJ 151, Introduction to Criminal Justice

CJ 201, Foundations in Criminology

CJ 220, Criminal Investigation

In addition, FS 180, Introduction to Forensic Science, will be offered again during the evening.

Thanks to the many faculty and staff who have helped to welcome the Fall Chaminade instructors on our campus. Judge Sandra Simms is here in the mornings on M-W-F, and Dr. Lee Goff arrives on his Harley every Monday afternoon.

Introduction to Interior Design will be offered at Windward on Thursday evenings in the Spring 2008 as Windward opens its doors to this Bachelor of Fine Arts program from Chaminade.

For more information, go to <http://www.wcc.hawaii.edu/universitypartners>

Students register by calling Chaminade AUP at 254-1256. Mahalo.

INSPIRATION

*Poem on the Treasury
of the Clear-Seeing Eye*

Unmoored
in midnight water,
no waves, no wind,
the empty boat
is flooded with
moonlight.

-Dogen

Submitted by Bryan Shon

If you have questions or comments about the bulletin or would like to submit an event, program update, or personal experience for November's issue, please contact Sarah Hadmack at minnis@hawaii.edu or 236-9140 by Nov. 8th.