

Special Libraries Association

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SLA-HPC seeking new officers

We are pleased to present biographies of the candidates for the Board for next year. Our sincere thanks to all of our nominees for their willingness to serve the Hawaiian Pacific Special Libraries community.

If you are a member and did not receive a ballot via e-mail, please contact nominations committee chair Amy Saxton. The deadline for voting is Jan. 4, 2008.

The candidate for Vice President/President-Elect is Diane Kunichika.

The candidate for Secretary

is Luree Ohigashi Oasay.

The candidates for Treasurer are Estee Tanaka and Sheila Tressler.

Vice President/ President-Elect

Diane Kunichika

I was born, educated and have worked my entire life in Honolulu. I received my undergraduate degree a long time ago from UH with a bachelor's in psychology. I've spent my entire career in private industry working first for NCR and then

for Louis Vuitton Hawai'i. In 2005 my entire department's responsibilities were shifted to New York City and I took the opportunity to go back and get a MLIS degree from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa where I graduated just this August.

I found my previous career in computers came in handy and really enjoyed my two years in graduate school. The service orientation of librarianship and my experience as a technical coordinator in the retail industry are a perfect

match. My coursework in various LIS courses and student work in both the UHM libraries (Hamilton and Sinclair) affirmed the good choice I have made in my choosing this "third" career.

I especially enjoyed being on the board of the SLA-ASIST Student Chapter during my last semester in grad school. Together we organized tours to the Hawai'i Medical Library, a corporate medical library, and the UH Press, a lo-

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Panel discusses environment

An intimate crowd of librarians and library students gathered for a panel on environmental issues sponsored by the SLA Hawaiian-Pacific Chapter.

Pat Tummons, founder of the Environment Hawaii newsletter, Stuart Scott, educator and leader of the Climate Corps, and Gail Grabowsky, director of environmental studies at Chaminade University, discussed topics on global warming and more Sunday, Oct. 28.

Tummons offered suggestions on conducting research on climate change on the Internet, where quality information can get lost in the sheer quantity of resources available.

"The Internet remains an imperfect tool," said Tummons.



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Pat Tummons, Gail Grabowsky and Stuart Scott discussed environmental issues at an SLA-sponsored panel Oct. 28.

Grabowsky spoke about how to teach global warming. She described a course she is designing at Chaminade that would challenge students to think about what global warming is, how it occurs, and what we can do about it.

Scott showed an excerpt from the popular documentary, "An Inconvenient Truth." Librarians have a "twofold environmental opportunity," he said, both a personal and a professional involvement in sustainability.

SLA Annual Meeting and Dinner

Friday, Jan. 11
UHM Institute for Astronomy
Waioli Tea Room

- Presentation by Liz Bryson and Annual Business Meeting, 5 - 7 p.m., Institute for Astronomy
- Buffet dinner, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., Waioli Tea Room

RSVP by Jan. 2

For more information, visit <http://www.sla.org/chapter/chip/>



President's Message

By Catherine Thomas Bye, UH Law Library

The board worked really hard this past year to provide a wide variety of professional development opportunities which started with a fascinating tour of the Law Library Microform Consortium at Windward Community College in Kane'ohe in February. This was followed by an afternoon tour and introduction to legal materials at the UH Law Library in May. I was pleased to see such a great turnout for that event. After a short summer hiatus we again held our ever-popular annual mentoring mixer in September at Lois Kiehl Cain's fabulous condo (thanks again, Lois!). We rounded the year out by having a fascinating environmental colloquium panel in October and heard from environmental experts, Pat Tummons, Gail Grabowsky and Stuart Scott.

I have enjoyed getting to know so many of you better over the last two years and have had a lot of fun planning our programs and networking with you. I would like to thank this year's board members, Lois Kiehl Cain, Diane Frake, Carol Hasegawa, Luree Ohigashi Oasay, Sunny Pai, Kathleen Robertson, Lori Ann Saeki, Amy Saxton, Mabel Trafford and Jan Zastrow for their hard work, diligence and great ideas for such an awesome year.

The Hawaiian-Pacific Chapter of the Special Libraries Association will be holding its annual business meeting on Friday, Jan. 11, 2008. We'll be doing things a bit differently this year by having a presentation and holding the business meeting at one location (UH's Institute for Astronomy) before heading off to another location (Waioli Tea Room) for dinner. Check out the details on our Web site under the "Upcoming Events" section. At the end of the business meeting I will be passing the gavel to incoming president Diane Frake who has some great ideas for programs for the coming year. Stay tuned and take advantage of some great panel discussions that are now being planned.

I would like to thank those who agreed to run for SLA-HPC office for this upcoming term. They are, Diane Kunichika for vice president/president-elect, Luree Ohigashi Oasay for Secretary, and for Treasurer are Estee Tanaka and Sheila Tressler. Check out the candidates' biographies in this issue. Also, watch for an e-mail that will be sent inviting you to vote. Although we have our slate set up for this year's elections, I want to encourage you to throw your hat in the ring when the call for nominees comes up next year. Working on the SLA-HPC executive board has been such a treat and honor and is a great way to expand those professional horizons.

Remember to keep checking our Web site at <http://www.sla.org/chapter/chip/> for updated information throughout the year.

Mahalo nui loa for a great couple of years! We look forward to see all of you at our annual meeting and throughout 2008!

SLA Hawaiian Pacific Chapter Executive Board

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cal book and journal publisher. We also organized brown bags on such subjects as “Leading Libraries in Transition” and “Visual Literacy.”

Immediately after graduation I was able to secure a one-year contract job at Tripler Army Medical Center Library here in Honolulu. I’m really enjoying my job here working with the library and medical staff. It’s very challenging since I don’t have a medical background but the mentoring I’m receiving from my supervisor, Mabel Trafford, and the great support from the rest of staff really makes this a great job.

Besides membership in SLA, I’m also a member of the Hawai‘i Library Association, American Library Association and the Hawai‘i unit of the Medical Library Association. I’m also still involved with the SLA-ASIST Student Chapter as its first alumni member.

The local SLA chapter had put on some great activities while I was a student, includ-

ing a mentoring session every Fall semester. As an official member I’m looking forward to participating and helping to create activities for the library students as well as other librarians. I’m also looking forward to my career as a librarian and especially looking forward to my first professional conference.

Secretary

Luree Ohigashi Oasay

Luree H. Ohigashi Oasay has served as both the Technical Services Librarian and Web site Administrator at the Health Sciences Library of the John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa, since October 2004. Prior to being with the UH medical school library, she worked as both a library assistant and eventually, librarian, in many faceted positions in the technical services department, including the archives, for a combined nine years at the Hawai‘i Medical Library.

She is not a new face to the SLA-HPC board, having served as a director this past year.

Treasurer

Estee Tanaka

Estee Tanaka graduated from the LIS program in December 2005. She is currently the corporate librarian for the Engineering Library of Hawaiian Electric Company. She is a solo librarian and very interested in sharing best practices with others. She just recently took this position and has only been with Hawaiian Electric for a little over three months. Previously, she worked at Ruth’s Chris Steak House for nine years, doing just about everything from reconciling daily sales, maintaining a petty cash account and corporate credit card to managing the sales (and cash handling) of gift cards annually.

Sheila Tressler

Sheila Tressler was born

and raised in the Susquehanna Valley of central Pennsylvania. Before becoming a librarian, Sheila pursued careers in banking and retail sales. She received her master’s in library science from Clarion University of Pennsylvania in May 2003. Sheila’s undergraduate degree, from the same institution, is the bachelor’s of science in Speech Communication & Theatre. Since August 2004, Sheila has served as Damien Memorial School’s librarian. She has also performed cataloging at the East-West Center at the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa, and she is currently employed as a part-time circulation librarian at Hawai‘i Pacific University’s Meader Library. Sheila’s interests include reading, music, popular culture, crafts and travel. She recently returned from attending the American Association of School Librarians Conference in Reno, Nev., and Internet Librarian in Monterey, Calif.