PacAIR’s Tenth Annual Conference on November 3, 2017

The 10th Annual PacAIR Conference was held at the East-West Center’s Keoni Ballroom on November 3, 2017. There were 57 attendees for the full-day event, representing 20 institutions across the region. This year’s conference theme was “Pathways to the Future.” The program led off with a panel discussion on academic momentum, featuring Dr. Serge Herzog from University of Nevada-Reno, Dr. John Norman of the Carnegie Foundation, and Stephen Schatz, Director of Hawai‘i P-20 Partnerships for Education. This opening session was followed by a featured presentation by Dr. John Norman on improving pathways to improve student outcomes.

Information Builders sponsored the luncheon from Earl’s gourmet sandwiches and provided an overview of their WebFOCUS software. After lunch, Dr. Herzog presented on the effect of summer enrollment on college success for fall-entry freshmen. Although we were saddened by the cancellation of Dr. Cliff Adelman due to a medical emergency, we are pleased to report that he is progressing in his recovery. Thanks to all who helped make the conference a success!
**East-West Center Venue and Plenary Panel on Academic Momentum Garner Highest Ratings in 2017 PacAIR Conference Evaluation**

A total of 26 attendees responded to the evaluation questionnaire and highest marks went to the venue (East-West Center) and the plenary panel on Academic Momentum featuring Dr. Serge Herzog (University of Nevada-Reno), Dr. Jon Norman (Carnegie Foundation), and Stephen Schatz (Hawai‘i P-20 Partnerships for Education).

*All questions were rated on a 1 to 5 scale with 1 being Poor and 5 being Outstanding.*

**Venue and Plenary Panel get top ranking at 2017 PacAIR Conference**

Mahalo to all those who completed the PacAIR conference evaluation questionnaire following the Annual Conference in 2017. Your input helps the Board with directions for future PacAIR events.
Celebrating the Stanley Presidency

Greetings PacAIR Members! It is with great affection and heartfelt appreciation that we would like to thank John Stanley for his many years of service to PacAIR. Stanley served as president of PacAIR from 2014 to 2018 and under his presidency, PacAIR has grown in membership, hosted outstanding academic conferences and provided workshops from nationally renowned experts in institutional research.

John has served as an institutional researcher in the University of Hawai‘i System for over ten years. He has provided data support at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Honolulu Community College, and the University of Hawai‘i - West O‘ahu, where he currently holds the position of Director of Institutional Research.

John helped to grow PacAIR as a professional organization. He strengthened the Association’s conference offerings by recruiting nationally recognized experts in the field of institutional research, including: Serge Herzog, UN Reno; Chris Cullander, UC San Francisco; Henry Hernandez, WSCUC; Steven Porter, NCSU; John Norman, Carnegie Foundation. The PacAIR Board thanks John Stanley for these groundbreaking achievements and wishes him the best in his future endeavors. We are sure much more is to come!

Who’s on the Move!

- Brendan Hennessey is Director of Institutional Research at the University of Arizona at Portales
- Shawn Flood is Research Associate at New Mexico Highlands University
- Leighton Vila is Title III Coordinator at Windward Community College
- Amanda Fluharty is Institutional Analyst at Kaua‘i Community College
- Princess Soares is Academic Support Scheduler/Data Analyst at UH West O‘ahu
- Kara Plamann Wagoner is Institutional Policy Analyst at Kapi‘olani Community College
- Tao Feng is Institutional Analyst at Leeward Community College
11th Annual Hawai‘i-Pacific Evaluators Association Conference

The 11th Annual Hawai‘i-Pacific Evaluators Association Conference and Pre-conference workshops were held September 21 and 22, 2017 at Ko‘olau Ballrooms in Kaneohe, Hawai‘i.

Michael Quinn Patton’s workshop on Developmental Evaluation showed how innovation and adaptation to the processes of asking evaluative questions, applying evaluation logic, and gathering and reporting evaluative data informs and supports the development of innovative projects, programs, initiatives, products, organizations, and systems change efforts.

Dr. Patton’s workshop on Principles-focused Evaluation provided evidence about program Effectiveness, involving the systematic gathering and careful analysis of data on how observed outcomes can be attributed to a program’s interventions.

John Barile’s workshop on Quasi-experimental Designs provided an overview of quasi-experimental techniques, provided examples of when each technique is most appropriate, and provided a tutorial on how to conduct propensity score matching for the purposes of program evaluation.

Finally, Anna Smith Pruitt and Joy Agner conducted a workshop on Social Action Evaluation Using Photography, showing the ability to convey complex notions in a succinct form.

The conference itself, on Friday, September 22, featured Michael Quinn Patton as the keynote speaker along with demonstrations, round tables, paper presentations, symposiums, and a poster session. Moreover, the continental breakfast, buffet lunch, and ice-cream social activities at the conference provided time for networking and re-connecting with fellow evaluators in the Pacific region.

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https://www.wscuc.org/educational-programs

Assessment 101: Meaningful Assessment for Student Learning
Whether you are new to assessment or if you want to strengthen your foundational knowledge, Assessment 101 provides a practical introduction to the basics of student learning assessment that is applicable to undergraduate and graduate programs and general education. The workshop will provide an overview of the typical assessment cycle and places emphases on 1) Describing what students are expected to learn, 2) Identifying where and how students learn, 3) Investigating how well students achieve learning outcomes, and 4) Developing appropriate actions based on student learning achievement.

The Learning Institution: Aligning and Integrating Practices to Support Quality
This new workshop explores traditional activities in higher education – student learning, co-curricular experiences, strategic planning, and resource allocation – and provides practices and examples for how they can be effectively integrated to enhance student achievement and improve your institution. Our facilitators will go into depth on what it means to be a learning institution and describe ways to strengthen teaching and learning and develop and use evidence for improvement, and will connect practices within a learning institution to the accreditation process.

UPCOMING EVENTS
- PacAIR Networking Mixer; late April; more info coming soon!
- Hawai‘i DXP Data Summit; May 18, 2018; Salvation Army Kroc Center
- AIR Annual Forum; Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel; Orlando FL; May 28 to June 1, 2018
- HPEA Annual Conference; October 4 & 5, 2018; Ko‘olau Ballrooms
- PacAIR Annual Conference; early November 2018; Data & Location TBD