

Community Building Institute

January 3–4, 2019

Shared Communities

Introduction

The theme of “Shared Communities” is at the core of Hawai‘i’s long history, from the traditional days of Native Hawaiians caring for the land with the concept of mālama ‘āina, to the multi-ethnic society we have today in Hawai‘i. Native Hawaiians revered the ‘āina (land) as their elder ancestor; therefore all communities were tasked with a kuleana (responsibility) of ensuring the resources would sustain the people then and in the future.

The East-West Center also is premised on a vision of “shared community” in the form of collaborative living and learning as a means for building a peaceful, prosperous and just Asia Pacific community. This concept views learning as a collaborative process to which each person contributes knowledge, experience, and perspective to benefit all participants. It recognizes the importance of establishing a basis for the comfortable exchange of ideas by building an environment of openness, trust, and responsibility—of shared community.

Through the Community Building Institute, we hope that participants have a greater understanding and awareness of “shared communities” as these relate to academic study, daily living, and their community here in Hawaii, at the East-West Center, and in the Asia Pacific region.

For this CBI, participants will be attending sessions and interacting through activities designed to learn about other participants, the EWC, and their new home, Hawai‘i. Prior to the beginning of the academic semester at the University of Hawai‘i, the spring 2019 CBI is a two-day institute to prepare for life in Hawai‘i and engagement at the EWC. CBI is a collaborative effort, with participants, volunteers, and the EWC staff all contributing to make this a unique and inspiring experience.

Attendance at CBI Presentations and Activities

CBI is a requirement for all new and renewing East-West Center participants. All activities in the schedule are mandatory aside from the Wednesday night hospitality. Any exceptions must be cleared with either Ann Hartman (Dean of the Education Program) or your program coordinator.

Goals

The goals for this spring 2019 CBI pertain to four common words: unity, community, leadership and duty. These words, with their Hawaiian meanings, are listed below:

Lōkahi (unity, agreement, accord, unison, harmony)

- Share cultural experiences and identify commonalities in countries and regions of Asia and the Pacific, as well as, identify interests and concerns unique to each country or region.
- Learn about the different disciplines and talents of participants and how to pool different experiences, knowledge, and skills of a group toward a common action.
- Identify concerns and strategies related to development and community building.

Kaiāulu (Community, neighborhood, village)

- Learn about the cultures represented by participants in the Community Building Institute.
- Provide activities to share understandings of cultural values and how those apply to shared, community living in Hawaii and at EWC.
- Understand the work of the EWC and its role in Asia Pacific community building.

Laulima (Cooperation, joint action; lit. many hands.)

- Identify concepts related to creative collaboration in Asia and the Pacific.
- Explore collaboration and harmony within East-West Center Communities.
- Establish new friends and colleagues in the East-West Center community

Kuleana (Responsibility/ Duty)

- Inspire participants to explore their responsibilities within our shared Asia Pacific region.
- Explain responsibilities of your East-West Center program and within your East-West Center community.
- Identify opportunities for one's own contributions to the EWC and Honolulu community

Schedule: Spring 2019 CBI

Wednesday, January 2

- 4:00–6:30pm **Welcome from EWCPA/hospitality (Hale Hālāwai)**
Packet pick-up, and informal hospitality and snacks with current students

Thursday, January 3

- 8:30 am **Breakfast and Check-in (Burns Hall, Second Floor Lobby)**
Presentation of Lei by Friends of the East-West Center. Coffee, tea and pastries will be served. Packet pick-up as needed. Turn in emergency and risk waiver forms, and receive mailbox and key information.
- 9:00 **Welcome and Overview (Burns Hall, Room 2063)**
Introductions to EWC Education Program Staff - Ann Hartman, Dean
- 9:30 **Meet with Coordinators: Program Information and Administrative Details**
Kuhio Vogeler, Program Coordinator
- 10:30–12:00 **Group rotations**
- ID photos, fob key sign-out, Assignment 1 – room 2121 with Robert Moore
 - Burns Hall & Gallery (include PAAC) - Ann Hartman and Kuhio Vogeler
 - Hale Mānoa and Hale Hālāwai – Housing Staff and EWCPA representatives
- 12:10 pm **Lunch and Group Project Part 1 (Hale Hālāwai)**
Group activity overview, presentation and background about Ka'ala Farm
- 1:30–1:45 **Group photo (Friendship Circle/Hale Hālāwai), then return to Burns Hall**
- 2:00–4:30 **Maintaining a Healthy, Positive, Safe community: Campus Partner Presentations (Burns Hall, Room 2063)**
- 2:00-2:15 – Overview of EWC/EP values, living/learning and safety expectations, and introduction of campus partners– Ann Hartman
 - 2:15-3:00 – Title IX presentation
 - 3:00-3:45 – Emergency Protocol and Response
 - 3:45-4:30 – Counseling Services presentation
- 5:00–6:30 **Group Project Part 2 (Hale Hālāwai)**
Complete and send group project plans

Friday, January 4

- 7:30 am **Board bus for field trip to Ka'ala Farm (in front of Burns Hall)**
Wear casual clothes (may get dirty), and comfortable footwear. Bring a water bottle or water cup. Recommended to have sunscreen, insect repellent, and a hat.
- 9:00–1:00 pm **Group Project Part 3: Culture and Community Visit at Ka'ala Farm**
- 2:30 **Arrive back at EWC**
- 4:00–5:00 **Group Project Part 4: Prepare Presentations (Hale Hālāwai)**
- 5:00 **EWCPA Info Presentation (Hale Hālāwai)**
EWCPA mission, participation, and events – Andrew Long, EWCPA Board
- 5:15 **Welcome remarks, EWC Pres. Richard Vuylsteke (Hale Hālāwai)**
- 5:30 **Group Project Presentations (Hale Hālāwai)**
- 6:00 **Closing Remarks and CBI Evaluations (Hale Hālāwai)**
Ann Hartman and Kuhio Vogeler
- 6:30 **Final Dinner and Pau! (Hale Hālāwai)**