



June 9, 2022

**Pre-Arrival Information
for 2022 EWC/EWCA International Conference**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Registered Participants
FROM: Jaymen Laupola, Senior Program Officer
SUBJECT: Pre-Arrival Conference Information

Aloha! We are pleased you will be joining us to participate in the EWC/EWCA International Conference, “A Hawai’i Reconnection” from June 30 to July 1, 2022. This memo provides updated information on the Conference. Additional information may be found on the East-West Center (EWC) conference website: www.eastwestcenter.org/hawaii2022

CONFERENCE VENUES

DAY 1 – June 30, 2022
[Hawai’i Convention Center](#) (HCC)
1801 Kalakaua Avenue
Honolulu, Hawai’i 96815

DAY 2 – July 1, 2022
East West Center
[Hawaii Imin International Conference Center](#) (aka Jefferson Hall)
1777 East-West Road
Honolulu, Hawai’i 96848

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION

The following is the schedule for the Conference Registration and Information Desk:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
June 30, 2022	Hawai’i Convention Center – 4th Level (outside Ballroom C)	8:00am-4:30pm
July 1, 2022	East-West Center Hawaii Imin International Conference Center (aka Jefferson Hall, outside on lanai)	8:00am-4:30pm

Upon registering, you will be asked to show your ID and vaccination card, therefore, we request that you arrive at least ½-hour before the program begins. You will receive a conference packet and name badge. Please be sure to wear your name badge at all times throughout the conference period. It will be your entry pass to all conference events and tours.

The complete conference schedule is listed at the end of this memo.

COVID-19 SAFETY POLICY

Please have your proof of COVID vaccination ready when checking in at the conference. A photo of your vaccination proof is also acceptable. Participants MUST provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination. COVID-19 testing in lieu of vaccination is not an option.

Due to the current increase in COVID-19 cases, participants are responsible for bringing a N95, KN95, or KF94 mask and wearing it throughout the entire conference. Masks are REQUIRED and MUST be worn during ALL conference activities (sessions, transportation, etc.).

In the case that a participant tests positive for COVID-19 during the in-person conference, it will be the responsibility of the participant to cover any expenses incurred and follow all COVID-19 protocols.

Please view our full COVID-19 safety policy [here](#) on the conference website.

Please download and read our COVID-19 liability waiver on the conference website.

[EAST-WEST CENTER COVID-19 ASSUMPTION OF RISK, LIABILITY WAIVER, AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS FOR PARTICIPATION IN EWC ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS](#)

DAY 2 MORNING TOURS

Please read the description of the tours and decide on the tour you would like to join. You will be asked upon check-in at the registration desk which tour you prefer. You'll receive a tour ticket that will give you access to that particular tour. Be sure to bring your ticket with you on July 1st. Tours are based on a first come, first served basis and are limited in space but we will try our best to accommodate you.

For more detailed information on all tours, please visit our website at:

<https://www.eastwestcenter.org/alumni/2022-ewcewca-international-conference-in-hawaii/conference-program>

HEALTH INSURANCE

All participants attending the EWC/EWCA International Conference are responsible for providing their own health insurance while on the program. Please check with your insurance provider if you have questions. Due to the continued pandemic risks, we advise that you confirm COVID-19 related coverage with your insurance provider.

MEDICAL CARE

In Waikīkī, the closest medical facilities are Straub Medical Center - Doctors on Call clinics which are located at:

Sheraton Waikiki (Lobbies)
2255 Kalakaua Avenue
Manor Wing #1
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96815
Telephone: 1-808-971-6000
Office Hours: Sunday-Saturday, 10:00am – 8:00pm

Hilton Hawaiian Village
2005 Kalia Road
Rainbow Bazaar, 2nd floor
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96815
Telephone: 1-808-973-5250
Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00am – 4:00pm

The above facilities are for non-urgent care. For emergency medical care, please phone 911.

COVID TESTING SITES

Nomi Health Covid-19 Testing Site

Ala Moana Level 2 Parking Garage (Mauka of Longs Drugs)
1450 Ala Moana Blvd.
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814
Telephone: 1-808-207-5459
Monday-Saturday, 8:00am – 5:00pm
Distance from Hawai'i Convention Center: 0.7 miles

Testing is free. Please bring a valid ID or passport for identification. Result times are as follows: PCR- 24/48 hours, max 72 hours; Rapid antigen: 30 mins-1 hour. Please make an appointment by visiting the website: <https://www.alamoanacenter.com/en/events/nomi-health-covid-19-testing-site-37295.html>. Pre-registration is appreciated but walk-ins are accepted. The testing location is in the parking garage across from Ala Moana Longs Drugs on the 2nd level.

COVID-19 PCR & Antigen Testing Service in Waikiki

Waikiki Shopping Plaza
2250 Kalakaua Ave, Suite 410 (4th level inside of Waikiki Shopping Plaza)
Honolulu, Hawai'i 98615
Telephone: 1-808-218-6124
Monday-Sunday (8:00am – 5:00pm)
Distance from Hawai'i Convention Center: 0.9 miles; from East-West Center: 2.5 miles

This site will not take patients who are ill or have a fever. Please register on their website: <https://lealeatours.com/pcr/>. Walk-ins are accepted based upon availability. PCR tests cost USD195 plus tax for saliva collection test with results within 12 hours, USD150 plus tax for nasal swab test with

results within 12 hours, and USD250 plus tax for results within 1-2 hours. Rapid antigen tests cost USD75 plus tax with results within 30 minutes to 2 hours.

VISAS AND PASSPORTS

Participants are responsible for obtaining any required visas prior to departure for the U.S. Please ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months beyond the end date of your visit and that you have sufficient pages in your passport for visa stamps. Please apply for your visa as soon as possible with your letter of invitation*. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some U.S. embassies and consulates are experiencing significant delays in providing in-person appointments for visas.

- You can check the estimated wait times for embassies and consulates here: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/wait-times.html>.
- Information on visas to the U.S. can be found at: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas.html>.
- You can find your country's U.S. embassy or consulate's webpage here: <https://www.usembassy.gov/>

***Note: Letter of invitation is available only upon request to the Office of Alumni Engagement at: AlumniConference@EastWestCenter.org.**

For participants who qualify for the visa waiver program, please be sure to have a valid biometric passport and you must register on-line through the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA). ESTA applications may be submitted at any time prior to travel, though it is recommended travelers apply when they begin preparing travel plans. For more information on ESTA, please visit: <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta>.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL TO THE U.S.

Visitors to the U.S. will need to show proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19. For the latest updates on U.S. health requirements for travel, please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/international-travel/index.html>

***Note:** Viral tests include antigen tests or nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT). The test used must be authorized for use by the relevant national authority for the detection of SARS-CoV-2 in the country where the test is administered. For more information please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/testing-international-air-travelers.html#general>

Please note health requirements regarding COVID-19 are subject to change. Please consult the links above and official U.S. Government resources when researching entry requirements. Additionally, we strongly recommend you receive your COVID-19 vaccine booster shot as soon as possible before traveling to the U.S.

TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (TSA) REQUIREMENTS

For the latest information for TSA requirements, please visit their website at:
<http://www.tsa.gov/index.shtm>.

AIRPORT TRANSFER OPTIONS

Shuttle Services:

1. **SpeediShuttle** – (<https://www.speedishuttle.com/>, telephone: 1-808-242-7777)

Rates start at USD17.60 for one-way transfers from the airport to Waikiki area. SpeediShuttle monitors incoming flights and will update your flight arrival time if needed.

Travelers arriving to Hawai'i on domestic flights (originating from a location in the U.S.) should remain in the baggage claim area where you will be met by a SpeediShuttle greeter in a Polynesian red with natural fern aloha attire holding a SPEEDISHUTTLE sign. **Do not exit to the street.**

International arrivals will need to exit Customs to the street and wait by the information counter. You will be met and assisted by one of SpeediShuttle's greeters in a Polynesian red with natural fern aloha attire, who will then escort you to your pickup area where the driver will load your luggage into one of our vehicles.

SpeediShuttle is a shared shuttle service so there may be other stops on the way to your destination to drop off other passengers.

2. **Roberts Hawaii Airport Express** – (<https://www.robertshawaii.com/airport-shuttle/>, telephone: 1-808-539-9400)

Roberts Hawaii Airport Express monitors your arrival by tracking your flight number. If your flight is delayed or cancelled, or you catch another flight, please let them know.

You can change your reservation within 48 hours of your transfer. Your confirmation email will include instructions on how to change your reservation. Please note that when changing any part of your reservation, rates are subject to change

Roberts Hawaii Airport Express is a shared shuttle service so there may be other stops on the way to your destination to drop off other passengers.

Taxi Service: Taxi Service is available on the center median fronting the terminal baggage claim areas. See the taxi dispatchers who wear yellow shirts with black lettering, and the wording "TAXI DISPATCHER," for service.

One way taxi fare from the airport to Waikiki is approximately USD35-USD45 not including tip. One way taxi fare from the airport to EWC is approximately USD40-USD50 not including tip.

Rideshares: Rideshares like Uber and Lyft are also available at the airport. Please make sure you meet your driver at the designated rideshare pick-up areas. Rideshares are not allowed to pick up outside these areas. Cost will be about USD30 one-way not including tip.

ACCOMMODATIONS

If you are staying at the East-West Center guest facilities and need information, contact our housing facilities at 1-808-944-7960 or at housing@eastwestcenter.org. If you are staying at Lincoln Hall and are arriving between **8:00pm and 8:00am**, please remember to tell your driver to first stop at Hale Manoa, the 12-story dormitory on East-West Road to obtain your key to enter the side-door at Lincoln Hall and to enter your room.

For information on other accommodation options, please visit our website at:

<https://www.eastwestcenter.org/alumni/2022-ewcewca-international-conference-in-hawaii/lodging-accommodations>

Please note that for most hotels and the housing facility at the EWC, 72 hours advance notice of any cancellation or changes in your travel plans are required or a penalty charge of one night's room rent will be assessed to you. Please notify the hotel or EWC housing facility of any changes as soon as possible.

ON-CAMPUS DINING

For participants who are staying on-campus at EWC residence halls, please ask the front desk for information on delivery service for various restaurants around Honolulu and for the Neighborhood Restaurant Guide, which includes the on-campus dining schedule. Please note during the summer months, many food vendors on-campus are closed on weekends and holidays and/or have limited hours of operation.

EWC's Participant Information webpage: ewcparticipantinfo.org

TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN LODGING AND CONFERENCE VENUES

On June 30, Day 1, the conference will take place at the Hawaii Convention Center. On July 1, Day 2, the conference will take place on the EWC campus. Bus transportation will be provided between main lodging venues and the conference venues per the schedule below. Participants lodging at other locations will be responsible for their own transportation to and from the conference venues.

Thursday, June 30, 2022

7:30am – Pick-up at EWC in front of the Hawaii Imin International Conference Center (Jefferson Hall, 1777 East-West Road) going to Hawaii Convention Center (1801 Kalakaua Avenue).

7:45am – Pick-up at Ala Moana Hotel (410 Atkinson Drive) going to Hawaii Convention Center (1801 Kalakaua Avenue).

7:45pm – Pick-up at Hawaii Convention Center, first stop Ala Moana Hotel, last stop at EWC

Friday, July 1, 2022

Participants staying at the EWC Housing Facilities are within walking distance of the Hawaii Imin International Conference Center. For participants staying at the Ala Moana Hotel, please contact

Program Officer Jaymen Laupola (laupolaj@eastwestcenter.org) for taxi vouchers to travel to and from the Hawaii Imin International Conference Center.

EWC Volunteers will be on-site to assist participants with boarding the bus. Please note that for Day 1, the Hawaii Convention Center is a 2-min walk away from the Ala Moana Hotel.

PARKING FOR GUESTS LODGING AT EAST-WEST CENTER HOUSING

If you are staying at the East-West Center guest facilities and require a parking pass, prior to your arrival, you must submit your request to our EWC Housing Office at:

Email: housing@eastwestcenter.org

Telephone: 1-808-944-7805

Fax: 1-808-944-7790

- 1) Please indicate the exact days you will require parking.
- 2) Cost is USD5 per day (with in and out privileges). Upon approval, you may pick up and pay for the pass at the University of Hawai'i (UH) Parking Office on the first working day that you arrive.
- 3) Parking will most likely be assigned to the parking structure on the lower campus near the tennis courts, which is about a 10-15 minute walk to EWC guest facilities.
- 4) Since the UH Parking Office is not open on the weekend, no passes will be provided if you arrive on a weekend. Usually there is no charge for parking on Sundays.

PARKING ON DAY 1 (JUNE 30) AT HAWAI'I CONVENTION CENTER

Parking at that Hawai'i Convention Center (HCC) costs USD12 per day cash only (with no in and out privileges). Listed below are three ways to pay for your parking:

1. Parking Booth located on the right at the entrance to HCC's meeting rooms.
2. Parking Pay Station located on the left at the entrance to HCC's meeting rooms. This station "machine" only accepts USD5 and USD1.
3. Pay upon exiting the parking garage. This would be the best option.

If you encounter problems in the parking garage, a courtesy house phone is located on the wall near the parking booth.

PARKING ON DAY 2 (JULY 1) at HAWAII IMIN INTL. CONFERENCE CENTER

Limited parking will be available for our conference participants on Day 2 (July 1st) at:

~The grass area between Hawaii Imin Center and Lincoln Hall (USD10cash only) - to be collected by EWC staff volunteer)

Additional parking available on University of Hawai'i campus:

USD3/half hour at visitors parking (Pay-to-Park green pay station) – accept credit cards (Discover, MasterCard, and Visa). No refunds are issued for these machines

USD5 (cash only) at lower campus (near tennis courts) or parking structure next to Hawaiian Studies University of Hawaii at Manoa Parking Webpage: <https://manoa.hawaii.edu/commuter/visitors/>

BUS PASS

A 4-day bus pass may be purchased at any ABC store in Waikiki at a cost of USD35. The pass must be used for 4 consecutive days of bus rides and gives you unlimited use to travel by bus anywhere on Oahu. The closest ABC stores are either in Waikiki or Ala Moana Shopping Center. If you do not purchase a pass, the bus fare is USD2.75/per ride. You must have exact change or you can purchase a reusable and refillable [HOLO card](#). HOLO cards are available at 200 stores across Oahu including ABC stores and 7-Eleven convenience stores.

TheBus Contact Information:
Information Number: 1-808-848-5555
Website: www.thebus.org

GRATUITIES (TIPPING)

Gratuities or tipping for services such as for service received in a restaurant or to a taxi driver are common in the United States. The standard amount of a tip is usually 15%-20% of the service provided. In Hawai'i, tipping is not automatic, therefore you should always receive change for a bill that you have paid unless you gave the exact amount or unless you specified that the waitress or taxi driver should keep the change.

CONFERENCE ATTIRE

The basic attire for the conference including the Opening Ceremony, Welcome Reception, and Closing Reception is Smart/Casual, which can include aloha attire. Women can wear dresses, blouses, skirts, covered shoes, sandals, trouser suits, blouse/trouser combinations, or their own cultural attire. Men can wear sport shirts, aloha shirts, and slacks with covered shoes or their own cultural attire. It is NOT appropriate to wear shorts, t-shirts or slippers/flip flops. Due to the warm weather, business suit with tie and lounge suit are NOT recommended.

WEATHER

Average Honolulu temperatures are approximately 29 degrees Celsius or 85 degrees Fahrenheit during the day and about 27 degrees Celsius or 80 degrees Fahrenheit in the evening. Because the conference rooms are air conditioned, you may want to pack a sweater or light jacket. Also, it is always useful to pack a small umbrella.

For current weather report, please visit: <http://www.hawaiiweathertoday.com/oahu.php>

EAST-WEST CENTER CONTACTS

If you have any questions regarding your participation, please feel free to contact the following individuals:

Jaymen Laupola, Senior Program Officer
Phone: 1-808-944-7332
Email: LaupolaJ@EastWestCenter.org

Daralyn Yee, Alumni Assistant
Phone: 1-808-944-7506

Email: alumniconference@eastwestcenter.org

Conference Schedule

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

All sessions on Day 1, June 30th will be held at the Hawai'i Convention Center (HCC)

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Opening Ceremony

Welcome Remarks and Roll Call of EWCA Chapter Delegates

Annalisa Burgos (Jefferson Fellow 2019), News Anchor and Reporter, Hawaii News Now

9:35 AM

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Kurt Campbell (East-West Seminars 1999, 2000, 2010) U.S. Deputy Assistant to the President, Coordinator for Indo-Pacific Affairs on the National Security Council (Washington DC, USA), (*invited*)

Moderator: **Nirmal Ghosh** (East-West Seminars 2016), U.S. Bureau Chief, *The Straits Times* (Washington DC, USA)

10:10 AM

Keynote Speaker

Acting Under Secretary of State Liz Allen, Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, U.S. Department of State (Washington DC, USA)

Moderator: **Steve Herman** (East-West Seminars 2012, 2014), Chief National Correspondent, Voice of America (Washington DC, USA)

10:40 AM – 10:55 AM

Morning Break

10:55 AM

Plenary Program

Asia Matters for America: How and How Much? Facts, Polls, and Perspectives

Dr. Satu Limaye (Research Program 2005, East-West Seminars 2005), East-West Center Vice President and Director, East-West Center in Washington (Washington DC, USA)

11:15 AM

Plenary Speaker

Major General Chris McPhillips, Director, Strategic Planning and Policy at U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (Camp Smith, Hawai'i, USA)

11:30 AM

Plenary Panel

Senior Correspondents in the US-Indo-Pacific

Robert Delaney, North America Bureau Chief, *South China Morning Post* (Washington DC, USA)

Nirmal Ghosh (East-West Seminars 2016), U.S. Bureau Chief, *The Straits Times* (Washington DC, USA)

Ann Hsieh, Deputy Editor-in-Chief, *The Storm Media* (Taipei, Taiwan)

Jungmin Lee (East-West Seminars 2015), Washington DC Correspondent, Korean Broadcasting System (Washington DC, USA)

Khuldune Shahid (India-Pakistan Journalists Workshop 2020-2021), Pakistan Correspondent, *The Diplomat* (Lahore, Pakistan)

Arfa Khanum Sherwani (Journalism Program 2018), Senior Editor, *The Wire* (New Delhi, India)

Additional senior correspondents from the region (invited).

Moderator: **Dr. Satu Limaye**, (Research Program 2005, East-West Seminars 2005), East-West Center Vice President and Director, East-West Center in Washington (Washington DC, USA)

12:30 PM – 1:55 PM

Alumni Awards Presentation Luncheon

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

EWC Strategic Priorities + Alumni Actions Breakout Sessions

The purpose of this session is to catalyze alumni's intergenerational expertise and experience around the five strategic priorities of the newly released phase one of the EWC Strategic Plan, which will be provided to attendees before the session:

- Equip and Develop Leaders**
- Partner with the Pacific Islands**
- Foster Environmental Solutions**
- Support Good Governance**
- Convene Impactful Dialogues**

3:30 PM – 3:45 PM

Afternoon Break

3:45 PM – 4:30 PM

Cultural Workshops and EWC Strategic Priorities + Alumni Actions Share Back

Choose one of three workshops offered or join for the share back of EWC Strategic Priorities + Alumni Action Breakout Sessions. Workshops are limited in space and will be on a first come, first served basis. Please make sure you arrive on time to the workshop you select. Workshops will not be repeated unless time allows.

Workshop 1: Hula Lesson

Workshop 2: Lei Wili (lei making)

Workshop 3: Origami Folding

EWC Strategic Priorities + Alumni Actions Share Back

4:45 PM – 5:30 PM

East-West Center Association (EWCA) Executive Board and Alumni Membership Meeting

All participants are invited to attend

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Alumni Reception

Welcome Remarks by EWC President Suzanne Vares-Lum
Hula and musical performance by the Royal Hawaiian Band

FRIDAY, JULY 1

All sessions on Day 2, July 1st will be held at the East-West Center (EWC) Campus

8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Morning Tours

Departs at 8:00 AM

Makai Tour - Livable Hawai'i Kai Hui takes you to the iconic Ka Iwi Coast to hear the hard-earned success story of community-driven protection, co-led by EWC alumnus and long-time staff Phil Estermann.

Departs at 9:00 AM

Mauka Tour - Ka Papa Lo'i 'o Kānewai taro patch experience with Alapaki Luke, EWC alumnus and Associate Professor and Kumu Hawaiian Studies at University of Hawai'i then tour the "Pacific Gathering" exhibition with EWC Arts Program staff.

Departs at 9:00 AM

Māhele Revisited Tour – Participatory reenactment of Oni vs Meek Trial at King Kamehameha V Judiciary History Center and discussion with judge presiding that day.

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Box Lunch

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Plenary Panel Session

Vulnerable Deltas in Southeast Asia: Climate Change, Water, Waste, and Socio-Economic Transformation

with EWC Research Program's Early Career Fellows, **Dr. Micah Fisher, Dr. Kevin Woods, Dr. Phanwin Yokying, and Dr. Ming Li Yong**

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

EWC Showcase and Talk Story

Find and strengthen connection points and collaborations between alumni and staff by visiting interactive and informative program 'pods'. Collect stamps at pods by completing a fun task to fill your stamp card and enter your name in a prize drawing.

Communication and External Relations

Research Program

Leadership Program

**Pacific Island Development Program
Education Program
EWC Washington DC Office
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

**4:00 PM – 5:30 PM
Farewell Reception**

Free Evening

Participants are free to enjoy the rest of the evening for dinner with friends.

SATURDAY, JULY 2

Participants Depart

Optional Post Conference Tours

Heirloom Sugar Cane Tour & Rum Tasting on Hawaiian Agricultural Lands

Saturday, July 2 or Sunday, July 3 between 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, \$25/person

Sign up at <https://www.kohanarum.com/tours-tasting> and enter “East-West Center” in comments section of form.

Community Workday at Ka Papa Lo’i ‘o Kānewai

Saturday, July 2 at 9:00 AM - Help cultivate the lo’i using traditional Hawaiian farming methods alongside community members and practitioners, ku’i ‘ai, ku’i ka imu. Free, no sign up required. Wear clothes that can get dirty and meet at the Hawai’iniuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge (2645 Dole Street, Honolulu, HI 96822, UH-Manoa campus). More information: <https://manoa.hawaii.edu/hshk/ka-papa-loi-o-kanewai/getinvolved/>.

Snorkel and Scuba Dive on Private Chartered Boat Just for EWC Friends

Sunday, July 3rd, \$100/person. Meet at Kewalo Basin Harbor at 10:45 AM, return by 3:00 PM. Payment required on 1st Day of the conference at Registration Desk.