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To serve as an advocate, advisor and partner of the University of Hawaii in the National Capital region on matters relating to the University and its alumni.

Core Values

Service: Serving the University and its alumni with high standards, commitment and leadership.

Heritage: Maintain and strengthen our islands' cultural values of diversity and equality.

Fellowship: Create a unity of purpose among members and a caring for each other that reflect our desire for 'Ohana.

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UHAA National Capital Region Chapter Leadership Intern Program

Each year the National Capital Region Chapter (NCRC) of the University of Hawaii Alumni Association (UHAA) co-sponsors a Leadership Intern Program with the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Arts and Sciences. The students come to Washington DC where they take internships through The Washington Center or Pacific Asia Departments of the Smithsonian Institution. These internships are funded by the UHAA NCRC, the Sarah and Francis Sogi Smithsonian/Hawaii Fellow Scholarship Program and the Hiram L. Fong Endowment in Arts and Sciences. The internships allow selected students to earn up to 12 academic credits and receive tuition waivers. Included in the internship package are round-trip airfare from Hawaii to Washington, DC, housing with other interns that is close to public transportation, and a monthly stipend for living expenses.

Eligible students must meet the following requirements:

- UH Manoa Arts and Sciences undergraduate with at least junior standing.
- Resident of Hawaii
- U.S. Citizenship

For the Sogi scholarship, the student must have taken at least one Ethnic Studies course at UH Manoa.

Students wishing to apply must:

- Complete the scholarship application form
- Provide two letters of recommendation from professors/instructors
- Write a 1,000-word essay describing their internship interests
- Provide a copy of their current transcript of university-level academic work

The Sogi Scholarship Foundation was established in 1995 as part of the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Program. The scholarship was established in 2001 and according to Frank Sogi "... the internship was an opportunity to give students from the University of Hawaii a chance to study and gain experience at the prestigious institute."

The Hiriam L. Fong Endowment in Arts and Sciences is named after the late U.S. Senator Fong, the country's first Asian American Senator. Senator Fong established the endowment in 1997 in the Colleges of Arts and Sciences to benefit students in the liberal arts.

In addition to their work during their 3 month (September through mid-December) stay in Washington, the interns work at assigned agencies learning about different aspects of how the federal government operates. They take field trips, participate in seminars, meet government leaders, and interact with other interns from all over the country. During their off times, interns are hosted by NCRC members for holiday meals and tours of the city. The interns have also supported NCRC activities by attending group meetings, golf tournaments, and social gatherings.

Since the inception of the program in 1998, there have been 24 recipients of these internships. Each of them brought their own qualities and uniqueness to the program and each left their marks on the people with whom they have worked.

Financial support:

The UHAA NCRC Intern Program is financed through annual memberships to the UHAA and the NCRC, through private and corporate donations and from fundraising activities. The NCRC sponsors an annual golf tournament where funds are earned by the sale of UH and Hawaii memorabilia, donation of door and game prizes, and corporate sponsorships of teams and specific tournament 'holes.' In addition to financial help, non-financial help is provided by members of the NCRC and their families and friends who provide invaluable hands-on work. Additional support also comes from local businesses that provide free or at cost services to support the UHAA NCRC and the Intern Program.

Elizabeth Lawrence

Participation year: 1999
Sponsor: NCRC

Lisa Lum

Participation year: 1999
Sponsor: NCRC



Ikaika Hussey

Participation year: 1998
Sponsor: NCRC

Listing of Participants in the Leadership Intern Program



Ronald Tanaka

Participation year: 2002
Sponsor: Fong
Program: National Museum of American History

Ronald Tanaka worked at the American History Museum's Medical History Division. He wrote pharmaceutical company histories for upcoming exhibits, helped with a video series that documented the work of artificial organ inventors, and assisted curator with their various research projects.



Nanette Ikeda

Participation year: 2001
Sponsor: Sogi
Program: Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Program (APAP)

Nanette Ikeda worked at the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Program where she created and distributed publicity for events and traveling exhibits, attended meetings, and assisted in office correspondence.



Leilani Takeuchi

Participation year: 2001
Sponsor: NCRC
Program: National Museum of American History

Leilani Takeuchi interned as a Popular Culture Research Intern at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History (NMAH).

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<http://uhaa-ncrc.org/interns/InternProgram.htm>



Carmen U. Delos Reyes

Participation year: 2008
Sponsor: NCRC/FONG
Program: National Museum of American History

Carmen Delos Reyes was a curatorial intern at the National Museum of American History. She interned under Paul

Johnston, curator in the Maritime Division and her main project involved researching information about ships and creating web descriptions of these ships.



Whitney Hoehn

Participation year: 2008
Sponsor: NCRC/FONG
Program: National Museum of Natural History

Whitney Hoehn served her internship

doing guided research with Botany curator, Dr. Elizabeth Zimmer at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History (NMNH). She worked on a project that examined the evolutionary relationships within a group of Hawaiian plants (a genus called *Remya*).



Faith McCauley

Participation Year: 2008
Sponsor: SOGI
Program: Smithsonian Institute, Asian Pacific American Program

Faith McCauley interned at the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Program researching the multifarious topics influencing Asian America.



Luella Ramos

Participation year: 2003
Sponsor: NCRC
Program: DC Public Health

Luella Ramos interned at the DC Public Health office where she worked with Project WISH (Women into Staying Healthy) which assists low-income women

of all racial backgrounds to obtain breast cancer screenings, mammograms, and to gain awareness of breast cancer.



Kimberly Durand

Participation year: 2002
Sponsor: NCRC
Program: General Services Administration

Kimberly Durand interned with the Washington Center in the Office of Electronic Government at the General Services Administration. A computer science major, Durand benefited

from working in an office that develops IT strategy and policy for use throughout the federal government.



Dawn Holland

Participation year: 2002
Sponsor: Sogi
Program: Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Program (APAP)

Dawn Holland worked at the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Program, rubbing shoulders with congressmen, stuffing envelopes, organizing a press conference, and

attending congressional hearings.



Ku'ulani Miyashiro

Participation year: 2004
Sponsor: Sogi
Program: Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Program (APAP)

Ku'ulani Miyashiro worked at the Asian Pacific American Program at the Smithsonian Institution, researching material on the

Japanese American Internment and overall experiences during World War II.

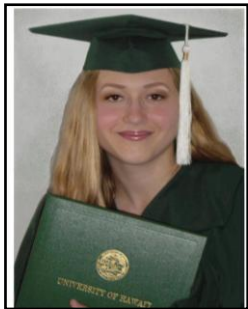


Jodie Louise Hoopai Atkinson

Participation year: 2003
Sponsor: Sogi
Program: Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Program (APAP)

Jodie Atkinson worked with the Asian Pacific American Program at the Smithsonian Institute

as the Sogi Fellow. Atkinson's time with the program was spent working on the Korean American Centennial programs, assisting the Smithsonian staff with various fundraising tasks and interacting with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Trustees.



Melissa Desica

Participation year: 2003
Sponsor: NCRC
Program: Air & Space Smithsonian Magazine

Melissa Desica interned as an assistant editor at *The Air & Space Smithsonian Magazine*. She helped with writing and editing articles,

fact checking and research, interviews, captioning, and reviews at the magazine.



Vaneza Lyn Agustin

Participation year: 2007
Sponsor: SOGI
Program: Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Program (APAP)

Vaneza Lyn Agustin interned with the Smithsonian's Asian Pacific American

Program (APAP) and where she had the opportunity to help do research on promoting and launching a new project dealing with Southeast Asian Americans called "Homespun: Made in America."



Kamana Seymour

Participation Year: 2007
Sponsor: NCRC/FONG
Program: National Museum of American History

Kamana Seymour was an intern at the National Museum of American History and was assigned to do research on a part of the

CIGNA (Insurance Company of North America) collection of volunteer firefighting equipment and artifacts.



Kyle Kikuchi

Participation year: 2006
Sponsor: Sogi
Program: Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Program (APAP)

Kyle Kikuchi interned at the Smithsonian Institute's (SI) Asian Pacific American (APA) Program where he maintained gift records for the Vietnamese Heritage Project and did research for a potential exhibit telling the story of Indian Americans and their

near monopoly on the motel industry.



Sarah Myhre

Participation year: 2006
Sponsor: NCRC/Fong
Program: National Museum of American History

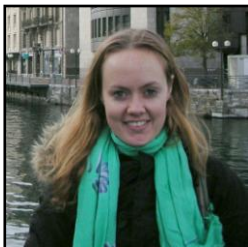
Sarah Keleka Myhre interned with the Department of Military History and Diplomacy in the Smithsonian's American History Museum under Cedric Yeh. Her first major and on-going project began with the de-installation and securing of the military exhibits in the path of the museum's upcoming construction.



Barron Oda

Participation year: 2006
Sponsor: NCRC/Fong
Program: National Museum of American History

Barron Oda was an intern at the National Museum of American History. He was assigned the job of cataloging a "Teaching Collection" of 600 items which had to be researched, tracing the origins of some items that were previously tagged with numbers, approximate date of manufacture and purpose, and photographs and descriptions of each item.



Elizabeth J. West

Participation year: 2006
Sponsor: NCRC/Fong
Program: World Sindhi Institute (WSI)

Elizabeth West interned at the World Sindhi Institute (WSI), a non-profit organization that works for human rights issues in Pakistan. She wrote press releases, controlled communications with Congress, worked on event logistics, and conducted research on the exploitation of natural resources in Sindhi.



Kirsten Uilani Chong

Participation year: 2005
Sponsor: Sogi
Program: Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Program (APAP)

Kirsten Uilani Chong interned at the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Program. While in Washington, she connected with the Native American community and gained valuable insight into their movement and even chanted at one of their prayer vigils.



Jennifer Funtanilla

Participation year: 2004
Sponsor: NCRC
Program: National Museum of American History

Jennifer Funtanilla was assigned to the Smithsonian National Museum of American History and its Asian Pacific American Initiatives Committee where her responsibility was to come up with a possible Filipino-American public program that could one day be implemented at the museum.



Lily Wai Leung

Participation year: 2004
Sponsor: NCRC
Program: Veterans Affairs Medical Center

Lily Wai Leung worked at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in the recreational therapy department. One of her projects was to design and help the veterans execute a mural using her skills as an artist.