

SYNERGY: Together We Act

26th Annual Pacific Rim International Conference on Disabilities



The International Pacific Rim Conference (Pac Rim) on Disabilities has been widely recognized over the past 25 years as one of the most "diverse gatherings" in the world. The event encourages and respects voices from "diverse" perspectives across numerous areas, including: voices from persons representing all disability areas; experiences of family members and supporters across all disability areas; responsiveness to diverse cultural and language differences; evidence of researchers and academics studying disability; stories of persons providing powerful lessons; examples of program providers, natural supports and allies of persons with disabilities and; action plans to meet human and social needs in a globalized world.

Each year the conference hews to its traditional areas which have bred much of the interdisciplinary research and educational advances of the last three decades. But each year, new topics are introduced to foment discussion and change. The intent is to harness the tremendous synergy as generated by the intermingling of these diverse perspectives, thus, creating a powerful program which impacts each individual participant in his or her own unique way.

For more information, please visit:

www.pacrim.hawaii.edu

April 12 & 13, 2010: Hawai'i Convention Center, Honolulu, Hawai'i



Foundation

This program area or theme refers to those topical areas in which the Center on Disability Studies traditionally has been or is currently engaged in through projects or activities under interdisciplinary training, research, advocacy or service.

Topics at a Glance (For a larger framework of the topics, please visit www.pacrim.hawaii.edu)



Autism Spectrum addresses the self-determination, acceptance and support of people with autism as individuals and members of the community. Also vital to the discussion is research, educational and self-directed approaches to social, communication, sensory, occupational needs and self-advocacy. **Culturally Responsive Response to Intervention (RTI)** presents current research and evaluation of successful implementation examples of RTI at the classroom, school, or district level.

Disability Studies and Disability Culture addresses current developments and national and global approaches as well as historical and contemporary perspectives in Disability Studies programs. **Employment** showcases successful workforce development initiatives, solutions, innovation and collaborative sustainable partnership efforts with industry, government and local organizations and small businesses. **Hidden Disabilities** takes a multicultural and diverse lens to the subject with presentations that embrace different cultural perspectives and interpretations about beliefs, body image, and identity. **Independent Living** covers presentations that embrace multicultural approaches, Pacific Islander experiences, cross-cultural comparisons, and action plans. **Living Healthy and Aging Well** is a mantra that is key in promoting independence and dignity. **The Pacific** discusses health, welfare and education in the

Pacific Island Nation States and Territories.

Teach to Reach All Learners encompasses evidence-based instructional practices, collaborative practices and culturally responsive teaching.

Technologies for the Future explores how to bridge the pervasive digital divide; what are those best practices in using information and communication technologies so as to promote social and community inclusion. **Transition to Postsecondary**

Education features presentations of current research and evaluation



findings, promising practices, training programs, strategies and supports that assist individuals with intellectual disabilities to access and participate in postsecondary education. **Youth Advocacy** offers youth leadership models of experiences, successes and best practices including youth action plans around economic justice, political and social inclusion, meaningful employment and access to a quality education. **Video Self-Modeling** presents emerging theories, new research findings, and technologies. Best practices and challenges are also covered.

Over twenty workshops geared for deeper learning including Professional Development trainings, seminars on Aging and Wellness, Women's Health, Putting technology to work and much more! Please visit our website for updated workshops, keynotes and noted speakers

Exploration

This program area of the conference encompasses those topic areas not presently addressed through research or advocacy initiatives at the Center on Disability Studies yet prevail as salient issues important to our diverse communities. What connect the following topic areas are the conceptual and practical aspects of human development and human security—threats to the well being of people, communities, nations and inclusive development.



Disability Rights focuses on the rights of persons with disabilities; **Environmental Toxins** explores the effects of environmental toxins on children's health and intellectual capacities; on adult health; public policy, service and education initiatives to reduce exposure to heavy metals and chemicals. **War and Disability** illuminates the effects of war and conflict on people who previously had a disability and the increase of disability during times of war and violent conflict. **Gender and Ethnicity** continues to investigate the issues relating to girls and women with disabilities and indigenous/native people with disabilities, groups that face added discrimination in the political, economic, health and educational spheres **Sustainable Futures** highlights the urban sustainability challenges for the person with disabilities; urban collaborative emergency planning; urban transport system initiatives; accessible urban design and social inclusion; and new green jobs and skills training.

Innovation

As we enter the new millennium, the world is faced with massive challenges as well as opportunities to solve them. This programmatic area is interested in dynamic, creative ideas and sustainable solutions which can be adopted in a society or community, resulting in positive social changes.

Upturn in a Downturn Economy takes a look at visionary social entrepreneurship initiatives; replicable microfinance projects; leadership models, in addition to, innovative and trendsetting technologies that alleviate the inequalities of persons with disabilities. And lastly, peace-building practices that reduce violence and other harmful actions.



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Exhibitor Invitation

The Pacific Rim International Conference Team invites your company or organization to participate as an exhibitor. Benefits **include recognition in registration packets, complimentary registration, continental breakfast on Monday and Tuesday served in the Hall, local entertainment and raffle prizes in Exhibit Hall, interaction with over 1000 participants, and a featured listing in our 150 page program.** Please contact ccrocke@hawaii.edu for more info or visit our Web site.

Advertiser Invitation

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On April 12th and 13th, 2010, The Pacific Rim International Conference on Disabilities will host another large gathering in Honolulu, Hawai'i. Please consider advertising in our professionally bound conference program book which will be packed with information on over 220 presentations, workshops and keynote speakers. Promote your organization to a wide audience. Visit www.pacrim.hawaii.edu for more information.

AT A GLANCE: PRE-CONFERENCE AND POST-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

PacificRim InternationalForum

The 3rd Annual Forum will be held on April 10 & 11, 2010 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Keynote speakers include Michael Stein, Executive Director of the Harvard Law School Project on Disability. The forum will feature two tracks: **an intensive training on the Convention** and a **Focus on poverty, and the Rights to education and employment**. Please email Dr. Robert Stodden stodden@hawaii.edu or Charmaine Crockett at cccrocke@hawaii.edu for more information or if you would like to participate in the discussion.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

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A REALITY**

Pacific Rim International Conference Seminars and Workshops

MAKING COOPERATIVE TEACHING WORK

Participants will describe how to measure the effectiveness of Cooperative Teaching on students' achievement. Monday, April 12, 2010. 8am – 4pm. For more information email: Bauwens@hawaii.edu or nstodden@hawaii.edu.

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Capacity Building Institute (CBI) *Transition to Postsecondary Education for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities and Autism*

April 14, 2010

Hilton Hawaiian Village

The purpose of this CBI is to increase the knowledge and skills of those interested in improving postsecondary access and participation for individuals with ID and autism. For further information contact: Kathryn Yamamoto at: kky@hawaii.edu).

Hawai'i Youth Leadership Academy

This year, the Hawaii Youth Leadership Academy (**April 11th at the Hilton Hawaiian Village**) will focus on Disability History & Civil Rights. Youth will learn how to take an active role in educating others, by learning about the roots of this movement, and how individual participation affects it today. For youth with disabilities 13-30 only, on a first come first serve basis. See the "My Voice, My Choice" Web site for an application, at:

<http://www.cds.hawaii.edu/myvoice/leadershipacademy>

Post Pacific Rim Workshop at the Honolulu Academy of Arts

Gordon Sasaki Workshop

**April 14-16 9am-1pm
3-Day Workshop: \$120**

Alternative teaching strategies for the classroom, using multi-sensory, inclusive formats, and universal design for learning that addresses the needs of all students.

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