

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I
Center on Aging

Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research

HISTORY

The UH Center on Aging (COA) was established in 1988 under the Vice President for Academic Affairs. In addition to conducting interdisciplinary research and service, the COA offered the Undergraduate Certificate in Aging and the Advanced Certificate in Gerontology. More than 120 individuals earned certificates in aging/gerontology through 2007. In 2008, the COA



was transferred to the Office of the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research (OVCR), and this office has since supported a half-time director to continue the COA extramurally funded research program. The Barbara Cox Anthony Endowment for the Center on Aging, will be the catalyst for COA's growth in research, education, and service initiatives.



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AREAS OF INTEREST

The Center consists of several focused research areas that reflect the mission and vision of the Center on Aging:

- Health Services & Policy Research
- Social and Health Disparities
- Culture, Diversity and Community Engagement Research
- Workforce and Educational Models

Past Projects

- Growing Old in a New Age Telecourse
- Caregivers Resource Initiative Project
- Appropriate Care of Residents in Nursing Homes (ACORN)
- End-of-Life Care for Hawai'i's Ohana
- Paraprofessionals in Aging Project (PAP)
- Hawai'i Family Caregivers
- Senior Volunteers as Assets
- Hawai'i Community Living Program

Current Projects

- Honolulu's Age-Friendly City Initiative
- Tailored Care for Caregivers
- Intergenerational Programming
- Strengthening Adult Protective Services
- End-of-Life and Hospice Care
- Hawaii's Alzheimer's Disease Initiative



Christy Nishita
Interim Director



Zeyana Saad-Jube
Institutional Support



MISSION

Promote collaborative and interdisciplinary research within academic and community partners.

Develop innovative programs of interdisciplinary gerontological education and practice.

Provide state of the art information to policy makers, program managers, clinicians, and the general public.

BARBARA COX ANTHONY CHAIR IN AGING

Kathryn Braun and Noreen Mokuau



Kathryn Braun



Noreen Mokuau

A generous endowment supports the University's research, instruction, and service activities in gerontology. In 2008, the Barbara Cox Anthony Chair in Aging was established with a \$2M gift to the University of Hawai'i at Manoa (UHM). The Chair's responsibility is in leading the Center on Aging (COA) and fostering innovative and interdisciplinary work that enhances the lives of older adults and their families. The COA was established by the UHM Board of Regents in 1988 to address research, education and service in aging.

In 2015, two of UHM's gerontology scholars were selected as Co-Chairs for the Endowment - Dr. Kathryn L. Braun, Professor and Director of the

Office of Public Health Studies and Dr. Noreen Mokuau, Dean of the Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work. Under their leadership, the COA will shape research, education and service across multiple disciplines in the area of aging.

“Our vision for the Center on Aging is to be a catalyst of academic excellence in gerontology.”



GET INVOLVED

- Volunteer (education)
- Donations
- Participation in data collection in various ways
- Advocating to increase resources
- Support our cause