

## Class Notes

Compiled by Alumni Editor Mona Chock (MEd '77, BS '74 Mānoa). UH's 10 campuses are Mānoa, Hilo, West O'ahu, Hawai'i, Honolulu, Kapi'olani, Kaua'i, Leeward, Maui and Windward.

## 1940s

**Henry Kaoru Kawasaki** (BS '44 Mānoa) is a Honolulu dentist specializing in general dentistry. He and his wife Aiko Kayashima Kawasaki have four grown children, Pamela Vennen, Ben Kawasaki, Deborah Hobbs and Marcy Morita.

## 1950s

**Barbara Ann Hall** (BA '58 Mānoa) is retired and living in Cameron Park, Calif. She has two grown children, **Stacy Hall Dunn** (who attended UH in 1988) and Kelly Hall.

**Garrett Miyamoto** (BA '57 Mānoa) is self-employed and semi-retired, living in Honolulu with his wife and two daughters. He is a member of the UHAA Army ROTC Alumni Board of Directors.

**Mitsuo Miyatake** (BEEd '57 Mānoa) is retired from teaching and counseling. His wife **Tokimi M. Miyatake** (BEEd '57 Mānoa) also retired from elementary school teaching.

**Daniel Isotoshi Takamatsu** (BS '57 Mānoa) serves on the board of managers for the Kalihi Branch YMCA and Farrington Alumni and Community Foundation and is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

## 1960s

**Linda M. Delene** (MBA '68, BA '74 Mānoa) is vice provost for academic planning and assessment at Western Michigan University. Delene joined the WMU faculty in 1977 and has been a professor of marketing and director of the Service Quality Institute since 1990. She received the WMU Alumni Association's Teaching Excellence Award and a Distinguished Faculty Award from the Michigan Association of Governing Boards.

**Ed Gayagas** (BEEd '62 Mānoa) is retired from the military and lives in 'Aiea with his wife. He is the immediate past president of UHAA Army ROTC Alumni Board of Directors.

**Les L. Gremett** (BA '64 Mānoa) is product support manager for S. G. I. in Mountainview, Calif. He is a former president and board members of the UHAA San Francisco Bay Area chapter. He and his wife Josephine Hefner Gremett have two grown sons.

**Darwin Hamamoto** (BS '66 Mānoa) is president of the Hawai'i Government Employees Association. He is a civil engineer for the City and County of Honolulu's Department of Design and Construction.

**George Held** (MA '62 Mānoa) published his fifth collection of poems, *Beyond Renewal*

(Cedar Hill Publications). An associate professor of English at Queens College since 1967, he is a former Fulbright lecturer in Czechoslovakia and winner of the 1999 Talent House Press Poetry Chapbook Award. He is an executive board member of the South Fork Natural History Society and co-editor of *The Ledge*, a poetry magazine.

**Jeanne W. Hiroshige** (BS '66 Mānoa) has been appointed human resources manager at Hawaiian Host, responsible for personnel administration and risk management. She has worked at Sports Shinko (Hawai'i), Queen Kapi'olani Hotel, Ocean Resort Hotel Waikiki and Diamond Head Beach Hotel and held positions in state government.

**Ralph Iwamoto Jr.** (BS '65 Mānoa) received the UHM College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources 2001

Outstanding Alumnus Award. A native of Moloka'i, he has worked with the U. S. Department of Agriculture for the past 30 years, serving at Hilo, Honolulu and John F. Kennedy International Airports and in Guam, Jamaica, Mexico, Costa Rica and Nicaragua. In 1993 he was named the first regional director for the Asia and Pacific Region, responsible for plant and animal health issues in Japan, China, Korea, Australia, New Zealand and Taiwan. He is now associate director of the APHIS International Services Branch.

**Patricia Young Lee** (JD '65 Mānoa) was appointed to the UH Board of Regents. A partner with the law firm Goodwill Anderson Quinn and Stifel, Lee was a UHM assistant professor of French before attending law school. She is a member of the Hawai'i Bar Association and Honorary Consul of France in Honolulu.

**Ashok K. Malhotra** (PhD '69 Mānoa), a 2000 East-West Center Distinguished

Alumnus, received the 2001 State University of New York Distinguished Teaching Professorship Award. He has taught philosophy at SUNY Oneonta since 1967. He developed the college's study abroad programs in India and helped found the Indo-International School. He is raising funds for new school construction and earthquake relief in India.

**Alfred Puuloa Maneki** (BA '64 Mānoa) is a mathematician with the U.S. Department of Defense in Elkridge, Md. He is a member of UHAA National Capitol Region chapter.



**Floyd Warren McCoy** (MS '65, BS '62 Mānoa) is a UHM graduate faculty member in geology and geosciences and the graduate certificate program in maritime archaeology and history. He is also a faculty member at Windward CC. His new book *Volcanic Hazards and Disasters in Human Antiquity* includes papers from around the world.

**Ronald K. Migita** (BBA '66 Mānoa) was elected president of the Aloha Council Boy Scouts of America at its annual meeting. He is a lifetime resident of Hawai'i and vice chair and chief executive officer of City Bank.

**Peter Espejo Patacsil** (BS '60 Mānoa) is associate professor of mathematics at the University of Guam in Mangilao. Patacsil is a member of the Research Advisory Board, American Biographical Institute. He received the Ancient Order of the Chamorro in 1978 from the governor of Guam and in 1998 he received the California State Numismatic Association's First Place Literary Award. He is married to Julia Elizabeth Leon-Guerrero Patacsil. They have two grown children, Peter and Catherine.

**Aziz Husain Poonwala** (MBA '66 Mānoa) is chief executive at Axfam Technologies in Pakistan. He serves as director of Saritow Spinning Mills, Ishtag Textile Mills and the Pak Cabled Limited and Nyamat Multipurpose Credit Society.

**Carol Pregill** (BS '68 Mānoa) is executive director of Retail Merchant Association, dedicated to advancement and success of the retail industry in Hawai'i. She was previously president of Hawai'i Fashion Association, deputy executive director of Hawai'i Publishers Association and program coordinator of Hawai'i Food Industry Association.

**R. C. Saxena** (MS '66 Mānoa) retired as principal scientist and coordinator of Finland-UNEP Neem Awareness Project at the International Center of Insect Physiology and Ecology. Saxena retired to Haryana, India, after working overseas for the past 25 years in the Philippines and Kenya.

**Carol Sumii (Abe) Sullivan** (MEd '67, BEEd '66 Mānoa) is state parent facilitator and Parent Empowerment Initiative program coordinator with the Hawai'i Department of Education. She is married to **Michael Patrick Sullivan** (BA '68 Mānoa) and has been active in community affairs as KKI president, Pi Lambda Theta treasurer, Kailua Christian Women's Club telephone chair, Hawai'i Kai United Church of Christ Council secretary and alternate to the Pi Lambda Theta Biennial Convention.

**Roy K. H. Wong** (BA '67, MD '63 Mānoa) is chief of gastroenterology at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., and a professor of medicine and director of

## Profiles

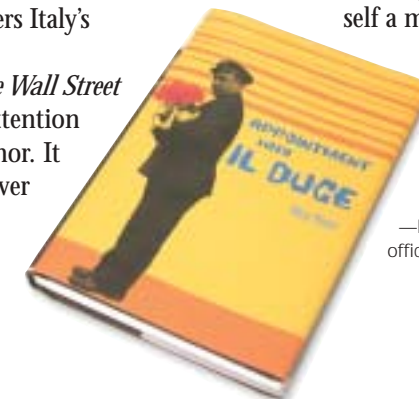
Hozy Rossi  
The labor of writing

Photo: Marc Charnow

Writing a novel is like running a marathon, says author Joe "Hozy" Rossi (BA '87 Mānoa), who makes his award-winning debut with *Appointment with Il Duce*. "It's slow. You need to be focused on what you're doing at the present time and not be thinking you have 25 more miles to go, otherwise you'll get depressed."

Rossi spent three years laboring on the 255-page book, which has been well received. Set in the 1920s, *Appointment with Il Duce* is a light comic biography of young Beppe Arpino, a boy who is mentored by the town's priest and introduced to the cello and dentistry. Ultimately Beppe chooses dentistry over music. In a series of bizarre twists and turns he finds love while examining a patient's teeth and later encounters Italy's Benito Mussolini, thus the title.

Reviews by the *Baltimore Sun*, *The Wall Street Journal* and the *New York Times* call attention to the book's originality and light humor. It was named a Barnes and Noble Discover Great New Writers selection. *Village Voice* selected the book as one of the top 10 must-reads for summer 2001.



Rossi found writing a lonely, solitary experience. As with running, self-discipline was tested, the end never seemed near and sacrifices were made. And, some days he just didn't feel like getting up. There were full days when all he wrote was one sentence, other days, one page. "You never know when it's going to be a good day or a bad day," he adds.

The Hawai'i transplant, who moved to San Francisco in 1992, credits a UH professor for shaping him as a writer. At Mānoa, Rossi started as a business major, planning to be an accountant. It wasn't until he took a poetry workshop class from Professor of English John Unterecker that he realized his love for writing.

"It changed everything," Rossi says about Unterecker's influence. "There's something about language that he really loved. When he talked about poetry, he just made it exciting." Rossi took three classes from Unterecker. He found the professor to be very approachable, as were other instructors in the department.

"At that age, when someone encourages you at what you're interested in, it's profound," recalls the 36-year-old writer. Rossi chose English over business. Unterecker became his mentor and friend.

UH degree in hand, Rossi accepted a position as a producer/writer for KHET, Hawai'i Public Television. He later worked for the university's Center for Oral History before moving to San Francisco and working for various computer magazines. He obtained a master's degree from Washington University in St. Louis in 1997, writing short stories about his experiences in Hawai'i and San Francisco.

Then a friend suggested setting a story in the past in an unfamiliar setting. The idea for *Il Duce* originated in an interview Rossi had conducted for the Center for Oral History. Public school teacher Virginia McBride began talking about her father by saying, "Some people wanted him to go into music rather than dentistry." The unexpected comment struck a chord with Rossi. "From that sentence I tried to write a book to explain why someone would choose dentistry over music."

Elements of the book are autobiographical. Rossi is named after an uncle who is a dentist. His dad's family is Italian and he spent time traveling in Italy. Rossi is himself a musician.

He is now a news producer for a nature Web site called eNature.com. But like a runner back in training, he is already pacing himself, writing his second book. 📖

—by Jenny Tom (BA '96 Mānoa), a UH public information officer and master's degree candidate in communication.

**A professor's encouragement had a profound influence**

the Division of Digestive Diseases at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md. Wong, a colonel in the U.S. Army, is looking for other members of the first JABSOM graduating class. E-mail wong9@aol.com.

## 1970s

**Richard B. Baldauf Jr.** (PhD '75, MEd '70 Mānoa) is associate professor and director of the Language Center, University of Sydney. He is also executive editor of *Current Issues in Language Planning*.

**Jeanne Barrett** (1971 Mānoa) has been promoted to human resources manager at AIG Hawai'i, serving both AIG Hawai'i and Hawai'i Insurance Consultants.

**Cathy Blackburn** (BFA '78 Mānoa) is chief museum designer at the Frye Art Museum in Seattle. She acknowledges the design foundation she received at Mānoa from faculty members Ken Kingry, Jean Whiig and Bob Turnbull. Blackburn and her husband **Steve Blackburn** (BS '79 Mānoa) live with their three boys in the Seattle area.

**Patricia Lanoie Blanchette** (MD, MPH '79, BA '74 Mānoa) is president of the John A. Burns School of Medicine Alumni Association. She is a UH professor of medicine and heads the geriatric medical program.

**Francis V. Carlos** (BA '78 Mānoa) is director of procurement and subcontracts for United Space Alliance in Houston, Tex. The ROTC alumnus earned his MBA at Central Michigan University.

**Christopher L. Cook** (BA '72 Mānoa) is media manager for Pulitzer Newspapers Kaua'i World.com, the Web site of *The Garden Island* newspaper in Lihue.

**Stu Glauberman** (MA '78 Mānoa) has been named staff vice president of corporate communications at Aloha Airlines. He previously served as vice president of the travel and tourism division at McNeil Wilson Communications and worked at the *Honolulu Advertiser* and *Star-Bulletin* newspapers.

**Angie Golis-Yamamoto** (BA '79 Mānoa) is director of development at the UH's Cancer Research Center, in charge of securing major gifts for cancer research. She has also been a fundraiser for Damien Memorial High School, Academy of the Pacific and the American Heart Association.

**William F. Haning III** (MD '75 Mānoa) has been named associate dean for postgraduate medical education at the John A. Burns School of Medicine. He is an associate professor of psychiatry at the school.

**David R. Hargis** (MS '71, BS '69 Mānoa) received his PhD in hydrology and water resources from the University of Arizona in

1979 and is president and CEO of Hargis and Associates, consultants in hydrogeology and environmental engineering with offices in San Diego, Phoenix, Tucson and Dallas. A nationally recognized expert in groundwater contamination, he resides in La Jolla, Calif.

**Eric Hee** (BS '78 Mānoa) is vice president of Engineers Surveyors Hawai'i.

**Kevin M. Iwamoto** (BBA '77 Mānoa) was elected president of the National Business Travel Association. He is global airline/car travel supplier manager for Hewlett-Packard. He previously held positions at several major airlines including Northwest/KLM, Hawaiian Air and Pan Am. Most recently he was senior travel account manager for the Walt Disney Company.

**Kathleen T. (Yokote) Kano** (BA '79 Mānoa) is senior vice president of commercial lines-client services for Atlas Insurance Agency in Honolulu. The Wailuku native has 22 years experience in the insurance industry. She and her husband Reed Kano have two children, Davin and Kalen.

**Patricia Ann Kuentz** (BS '72 Mānoa) is responsible for three medical clinics as regional clinic manager for Health Partners in Minnesota. Kuentz is a member of the UH Nursing Alumni Association.

**Gary A. Kugler** (MPH '76 Mānoa) works with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Medical Assistance, Managed Care Section, as information systems manager. He and his wife Eileen Kugler have two sons, Jason and Jeffrey.

**Robert Wong Leung** (BA '71, BBA '70 Mānoa), former TIM International, Inc. president, is chief instructor with the Vocational Training Council, Hospitality Industry Training and Development Centre in Hong Kong. She supervises both the Pokfulam and Kowloon schools.

**Teresa Haunani Makuakane-Drechsel** (BA '75 Mānoa) directs the post-high school counseling program for Kamehameha Schools in Honolulu. She is married to Emanuel Johannes Drechsel.

**Floyd Matsuda** ('77 BA Hilo) has been named vice president and chief technology officer by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. He brings more than 20 years of information technology experience from GM, IBM and First Insurance of Hawai'i to the independent, nonprofit organization.

**Gerald Morihara** (MBA '70, BBA '65 Mānoa) is chief administrative officer of Kamehameha Schools, overseeing information technology, human resources, facilities management and planning and records management. Formerly in the Air Force and the Air Force Reserve, Morihara began his career in

education as a UH management analyst and served as dean of the UHM College of Continuing Education.

**Melvin S. M. Ozeki** (BA '73 Hilo) is editor and publisher of *Ohana* magazine. He resides in Las Vegas with wife Emily Bernice Ozeki.

**Richard James Sciaroni** (MA '74 Mānoa) is a partner with Long and Levitt in San Francisco, Calif. He is married to Jacqueline Claire Finley. They have two grown children, Thomas and Christine.

**Wesley R. Segawa** (BS '75 Mānoa) was named 2001 Engineer of the Year by the Hawai'i Society of Professional Engineers, Big Island Chapter, for his achievements and contributions to the profession and the community. He chairs the Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawai'i and the Pūkaia District of the Aloha Council Boy Scouts of America. His business, Wesley R. Segawa and Associates is in its 20th year of business.

**Beppie Shapiro** (PhD '79, MEd '75, MA '68 Mānoa) is a UHM associate professor with the College of Education Center on Disability Studies.

**Hong-Keun Sohn** (PhD '70, MS '69, MBA '67 Mānoa) is professor of economics at Konyang University, Nonsan, Chungnam-Do in South Korea. His latest book is entitled *All Things Korean* (in English). The publication is based on the past four years of column articles he has written for *The Korea Times*, an English daily in Seoul. The book offers analysis and policy suggestions related to the Korean economy, culture and education since the 1996 economic crisis.

**Jeanette (Chikamoto) Takamura** (MSW '72, BA '69 Mānoa) was appointed to the Edward R. Roybal Endowed Chair in Gerontology and Public Service at California State University, Los Angeles. As former U.S. assistant secretary for aging, Takamura oversaw the largest funding increases since 1972 for Older Americans Act programs and services. She is a member of the national board of the Older Women's League and Center for Strategic and International Studies Global Aging Commission.

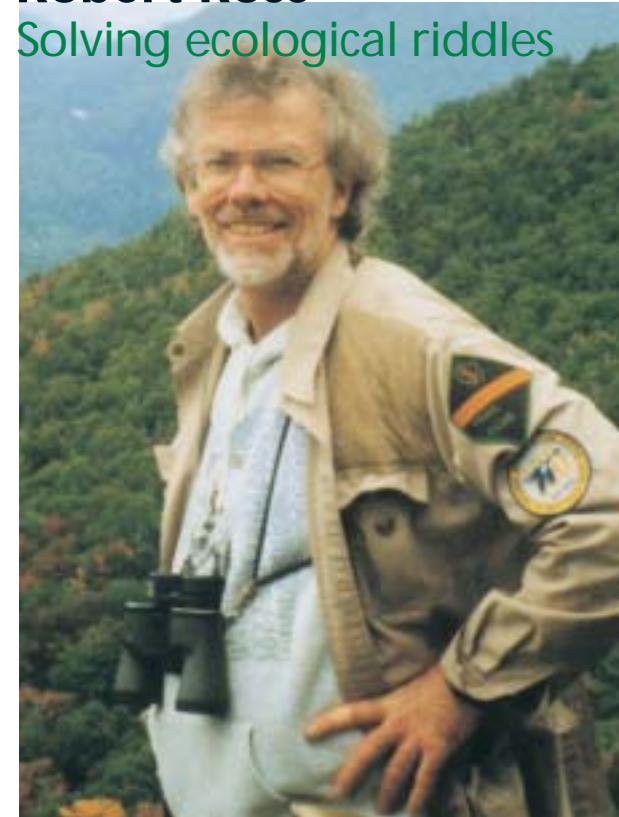
**Wendy M. Takeshita** (BS '76, Mānoa) is president of The Queen's Health Care Centers and a member of the UH Nursing Alumni Association.

**Paul See Fan Tse** (MBA '78, BBA '76 Mānoa) is director of Keck Seng Investments, Hong Kong. He is married to **Pauline Kwai Wah Chung Tse** (BBA '77 Mānoa).

**Trisha Lynn (Kono) Tubbs** (1967-70 Mānoa) is director of SoftResources in Seattle. She received a bachelor's degree from Bucknell University and a master's from Drexell University. Tubbs is active in Leadership Tomorrow, the Maltby Community Club, the American Marketing Association and the Children's Hospital/Magazine Guild. She lives in Seattle with husband John Tubbs.

## Profiles

### Robert Ross Solving ecological riddles



From a very young age, Robert Ross (PhD '83 Mānoa) knew exactly what he wanted to do when he grew up. "There was never any question in my mind what my career interests were from an early age, even 12 or 13," he says. "I grew up in a rural setting, did not get involved in sports and related with keen interest to my outside environment, especially birds."

With binoculars in hand, Ross would venture outside his home in Greenville, Pa., and list the various bird species he'd spot in the woodlands and fields nearby. His bible was an advanced biology book, a gift from his father in the seventh grade. "I read and fully absorbed this book," Ross says. "By the time I took my first biology class in 10th grade, the teacher couldn't ask a question but what I had my hand up with the answer, to the point that I believe I became an annoyance."

Ross, now an accomplished ecologist for the U.S. Geological Survey in Pennsylvania, has done technical research on species many people have never heard of, such as the saddleback wrasse fish and the hemlock

woolly adelgid insect. Nonetheless, his studies on birds and fish have led to major breakthroughs in the ecology community, aiding efforts to conserve the nation's natural resources.

His proudest research accomplishment was determining how saddleback wrasse fish change their gender during the course of their normal life cycle from female to male. He found that sex change is influenced by the wrasses' social environment and their assessment of their size relative to the majority of fish of their kind in their home range.

Such questions keep Ross on his toes. "I'm interested in the natural resource problems identified by agencies such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service and state environmental agencies. It provides an opportunity to match my expertise and research interest with the appropriate problem and conceptualize approaches or methods to solve the problem, while at the same time advancing our knowledge of scientific principles through publication of the results of the studies."

Ross has spent eight years studying the double-crested cormorant, trying to determine the bird's diet and ecological role in the Great Lakes. The species has experienced a population explosion, creating competition with fish harvesters. He also studies the impact of the tree-killing hemlock woolly adelgid on water and land animals in the northeastern United States.

The ecologist owes his growth as a scientist in part to UH. "The University of Hawai'i provided me with a supportive environment in which to acquire, polish and practice my skills as a career scientist," Ross says.

"Challenging programs, outstanding professors who are leaders in their own fields and opportunities to teach in my graduate field were instrumental in my professional development." Ross was an assistant professor of zoology at UH in 1983.

He is considering a return to teaching. "I would love to come back to UH someday, given the appropriate circumstances and opportunity. I will undoubtedly return to enjoy the beauty of Hawai'i, if not to work there again."

Ross offers this advice to current UH students: "If you have a real love of your field and your career aspirations, don't worry about the job market. You will get where you want to go even if it's not with the exact time frame you had in mind." ☺

—by Kiele Akana-Gooch, a UH Mānoa journalism major and University Relations student writer

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**Artie Wilson** (BA '74 Mānoa) is a partner at Prudential Locations and president of the UH Letterwinner's Club, an alumni organization for former UH Mānoa athletes. He and his wife Lissa Wilson have three daughters.

**Ronald G. Wilson** (MPH '73 Mānoa) is moving from Geneva to the U.S. after more than 35 years abroad working in international health, including 10 years on UH projects in Thailand and Micronesia.

**Creighton T. C. Wong** (BBA '76 Mānoa) has been named regional supervisor for the Los Angeles office of Dopkins and Company, certified public accountants and consultants. Wong coordinates and reviews field examinations with national lenders.

**Patrick K. M. Young** (BS '76 Mānoa) is president of the Leong Doo Society of Hawai'i and serves on the board of the Zhongshan Association of Hawai'i. He is former president of the Buck Toy Society. Young is employed at the state Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

**Joseph (Sai Bun) Yung** (BBA '76 Mānoa) works at the Regal Hotels International in Hong Kong.

## 1980s

**Sharon Benoit** (MPH '84 Mānoa) is president of PharmaResearch Corporation in Research Triangle Park, N.C. The firm develops treatments for life threatening illnesses including malaria, HIV disease and hepatitis—a pursuit in keeping with her academic focus on international health.

**Gerald A. Brase** (AA '86 Windward, AS '84, Honolulu) is working at Edwards AFB in California as a fire department battalion chief. He supports aerospace test projects including the space shuttle, F-22 and next generation advanced tactical fighters.

**Liana L. Bratland** (BBA '88 Mānoa) is chief of military personnel division of 556 Personnel Services Branch and lives in Kailua. She is an officer on the UHAA Army ROTC Alumni board.

**Christine L. Carter** (MPH '82, PhD '79, MS '75 Mānoa) lives in Rockville, Md., where she works as a population geneticist for Celera Genomics.

**Peter Kun Frary** (MA '86 Mānoa) is an associate professor of music at Leeward CC, where he teaches classical guitar, guitar ensemble and music theory. He also plays solo classical guitar recitals throughout the state and performs with his wife Se Il Pak Frary as the Frary Classical Guitar Duo.

**Janet L. Gerard-Anderson** (BA '80 Mānoa) is public affairs specialist for the national Federal Emergency Management Agency in San Francisco. She and her husband Lawrence E. Anderson have three grown children, Joseph, Jon and James.

**Sheree H. Higashi** (BA '85 Mānoa) moved to Seattle in 2000 to work in human resources for a Fortune 500 company in Seattle. She survived her first winter and her first big earthquake and hopes to pass on the Aloha spirit.

**Thomas Hilgers** (PhD '80, MA '77 Mānoa), UHM professor of English, received a 2000-

2001 Fulbright scholar grant to work in Thailand offering teaching with writing faculty workshops at eight universities, including Chiang Mai and Prince of Songkla. He has taught at Mānoa since 1993 and directs the Mānoa Writing Program.

**David Y. Ige** (MBA '85, BS '79 Mānoa) is vice president of engineering at NetEnterprise, the leading provider of data center, hosting and network integration services in Hawai'i and in the Pacific. A senior member of the executive team, Ige brings more than 20 years of experience in managing technology and telecommunications operations. Ige is also a Hawai'i state senator.



**Robert Kamemoto** (MBA '82 Mānoa) is senior vice president and division manager of Central Pacific Bank with responsibility for the corporate banking division. He joined the bank as a loan trainee in 1980 and was promoted to vice president in 1988 and division manager in 1999.



**Debbie Kelsey** (BEEd '83 Mānoa) is the student activities coordinator, choral director and yearbook adviser at the UH Laboratory School in Honolulu. She is also music director at the University Avenue Baptist Church and a member of Ka Waiola O Na Pu Kanileo chorus and the Hawai'i Opera Theatre. Husband **Chris Kelsey** received a BA in English from UH in August 2001. Their son Quinn will graduate this spring with a BA in music. Daughter Blythe is working on a performance degree in music at an East Coast college.

**David Kozuki** (BBA '89 Mānoa) is senior strategic alliances manager of Sylanro Systems in the San Francisco Bay Area.

**Milly Edith Krause** (BA '84 Mānoa) is a first grade teacher with Chickasaw Elementary School in Orlando, Fla. She is married to Donald A. Krause and they have two grown sons. She is a member of the Joint UHAA/EWCA Florida chapter.

**Melinda Susan Maltby** (BA '85 Mānoa) is a library assistant with the Hawai'i State Library system. Her mother **Joyce Maltby** (MFA '85 Mānoa) and her sister **Rebecca Maltby** (BA '86 Mānoa) also received UHM degrees.

**Thomas Howard Nash** (MA '83 Mānoa) is associate professor of English at Fu Jen Catholic University in Hsinchuang, Taipei Hsien, Taiwan.

**Yumiko Okamoto** (PhD '89 Mānoa) is an associate professor at Nagoya University in Japan.

**Michael F. Nauyokas** (JD '89 Mānoa) received the Kapi'olani CC 2001 Award for Excellence in Teaching. He has taught in Kapi'olani's Legal Education Department for more than a decade. An expert in employment and labor law, Nauyokas is an active attorney, mediator and arbitrator and publishes regularly

in journals such as the *University of Hawai'i Law Review* and the *Hawai'i Bar Journal*. His peers have honored him with Martindale-Hubbell's "AV" rating, the highest possible.

**Trudy Senda** (JD '83 Mānoa) was appointed district court judge for the fifth judicial circuit (Kaua'i).

**Lorraine Pualani Shin** (BBA '83 Mānoa) has been appointed Hawai'i state director for Rural Development by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. A native Hawaiian from Hilo, Shin is president and owner of the Polynesian Management Corporation and the Polynesian Ho'o Ponopono Corporation property management firms, which specialize in commercial and residential properties. She is past president of the East Coalition for the Homeless and a former commissioner for the Hawai'i County Board of Ethics.

**Andrea Analani (Ambrose) Shipley** (BBA '89 Mānoa) is technology support group manager at United Parcel Service in Sacramento, Calif. She and her husband **Robert M. Shipley IV** (BBA '88 Mānoa) celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary in Vancouver with their two children Andrew and Stephanie before relocating to California.

**Samuel Shomaker** (MD '86 Mānoa) is vice dean for academic affairs at the John A. Burns School of Medicine. Prior to this appointment he was senior associate dean at the University of Utah School of Medicine.

**Richard Kazuhiko Takahashi** (MBA '82 Mānoa) is benefits manager at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in California. He is married to Hitomi Maeda Takahashi.

**Mark Troy** (PhD '83 Mānoa) has released his first electronic book, a private eye novel *Piliikia is My Business*, published by LTD Books. Troy and his wife are on the staff of Texas A & M University. One of his stories "The Montessor Hit," published in *Murderous Intent Mystery* magazine in 1999, won the Edgar Allan Poe Sesquicentennial Homage Award from the Short Mystery Fiction Society. Visit his Web site at [www.tamu.edu/marshome/staff\\_pages/murder.html](http://www.tamu.edu/marshome/staff_pages/murder.html).

**Toni Yamada Wall** (BBA '84 Mānoa) is founder and chief technology officer of Yozons, a Seattle-based e-signature service provider.

**Carmen Aquino Young** (MPH '80, BS '79 Mānoa) is a nursing instructor at Kapi'olani CC specializing in gerontology.

## 1990s

**Kathryne Auerback** (BA '96 Mānoa) is a consultant with Orion Marketing Group in Madison, Wis., where she moved to pursue an MA in English literature. She has two boys,

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## Profiles

### Denby Dung The power of music



Opera singer Placido Domingo once said, "the high note is not the only thing." Winning the Miss Hawai'i crown last June was a high note for Denby Dung, but it is definitely not the only thing. The 24-year-old UH Mānoa graduate exuded poise during her victory walk as Miss Hawai'i 2001, but she also knows what it's like to be a late bloomer. She experienced low notes as an overweight child and teenager. Music was instrumental in lifting her up.

"Music helped me through a difficult period of my life when I couldn't express how I was feeling," says Dung, reflecting on her awkward childhood. "Recent studies show how music increases self-esteem, which it did for me." The confidence she gained by belonging to the school band and excelling in music gave her the courage to do things she had never dreamed of doing, like joining her high school track team and entering beauty pageants.

Dung began serious study of music under the guidance of UH Professor Henry Miyamura while still a senior at Roosevelt High School. Miyamura confides that Dung had a slow start. "I thought of her as a very quiet student, almost passive," he recalls. He encouraged Dung to continue her music studies at UH Mānoa, and he enjoyed watching her blossom into an accomplished clarinetist and saxophonist.

Another UH music professor helped Dung develop her pageant platform, which she calls "The Music Effect." Because Dung is an excellent role model for young people, she can be a strong advocate for music education in our schools, says Assistant Professor of Music Education Arthur Harvey.

"As Miss Hawai'i, I'm concentrating on getting music curriculum into our schools. I want to make people aware of how important it is," Dung says. Additional first-hand experience helped fuel her passion about her cause. After graduating with a UHM bachelor of education in secondary music in 2000, Dung spent many frustrating months searching for a job. She learned that music is considered an elective at most schools, an expendable extra in the curriculum.

Perseverance finally paid off; she secured two jobs. She was hired as full-time musician with the Royal Hawaiian Band and a part-time music teacher and choral director at Trinity Christian School in Kailua. UH prepared her well for her dual role, she says. "Professor Miyamura taught me that I had to be a good performer in order to be a good teacher. My performing helps me to be a better teacher and teaching helps me to be a better performer."

"Denby's a fine example of a person with good character, musical competence and interest in people," says Harvey. "She realizes music is not an end in itself, but a means to an end, and she is keeping that balance with her work."

Dung can cite studies documenting that music raises SAT scores and aids in personal development. Still, she realizes it is a challenge to convince everyone of the importance of music, and she's prepared for an uphill battle. "I'm learning a lot about government and exactly

how you get funding for things like music education," she says. Given her record of success, count on some more high notes ahead. ☺

—by Stacy Yuen Hernandez, a Honolulu freelance journalist

one in 2nd grade and one in 10th, and recently bought a home in Madison.

**Allen Awaya** (EdD '95, BEd '72 Mānoa) is a program analyst at US CINCPAC at Camp Smith after nearly 20 years of teaching English and social studies at Waipahu, Campbell and Kahuku high schools and teaching at UH 1993–2001.

**Peter K. Bryant-Greenwood** (MD '97 Mānoa) has finished a residency in anatomic pathology and is doing a fellowship in cytology and molecular pathology at the National Institutes of Health.

**Edward M. Dela Cruz** (AS '96 Kapi'olani, AA '94 Honolulu) is a network specialist in the Northern Marianas College Information Systems Department. He is certified by Microsoft, CompTIA Network and Cisco.

**Taletha M. Derrington** (MA '97 Mānoa) is one of only 30 fellows in Zero to Three's Leaders of the 21st Century program, a leadership development initiative aimed at improving the lives of very young children. Derrington, a project coordinator for Strategies for Effective and Efficient Keiki Find, will focus on improving communication between early intervention programs and primary care physicians.

**Michelle Debra Giron Dizon-Sibal** (1995 Mānoa, AA '95 Honolulu) teaches English at Simon A. Sanchez High School on Guam. She is pursuing a master's degree in educational leadership with the University of Portland.

**Alvin Giron Dizon** (BEd '95 Mānoa, AA '93 Honolulu) was voted an outstanding teacher during the Week of the Classroom Teacher at Benavente Middle School on Guam. He has taught at Farrington High School and at Guam Community College.

**Stacy Kawasaki Djou** (JD '97 Mānoa) is an associate with Cades Schutte Fleming and Wright law offices in Honolulu.

**Ariana Eichelberger** (MEd '97 Mānoa) is a junior specialist grants manager at the UHM College of Education.

**Joyce Gepitulan** (BS '96 Mānoa) is quality control supervisor and product development assistant at Hawaiian Host, responsible for improving the candy maker's products and monitoring the effectiveness of its quality control program.

**Grant Gurtiza** (BS '95 Mānoa) is network manager for Island Insurance Company. He is responsible for network and data center operations. He previously served for four years with KPMC as technical associate.



**Elmer Guzman** (AS '90 Kapi'olani) works as a sous chef for Sam Choy's restaurants. He worked for chef Alan Wong on the Big Island before receiving one of 10 national apprenticeships at the Greenbrier in West Virginia. He also worked as sous chef in Emeril's New Orleans restaurant, where he combined Cajun and Asia/Pacific Rim cooking to create "Casian."

**John K. Kingsley** (BA '98 Mānoa) received the French government's Diplome for his participation as a tank officer in the Liberation of France (1944-45). He was accompanied by his wife **Diane A. Scoville-Kingsley** (BA '95 Mānoa) for the presentation, made at the Hawai'i state capitol. He also received the Central Intelligence Agency unit commendation for service with Air America in Southeast Asia during the Cold War (1965-68).

**Terri Kondo** (JD '93 Mānoa) is a law associate with Watanabe Ing and Kawashima in Honolulu.

**Cecilia Chiu Yin Lau** (MBA '93, BBA '90 Mānoa) is director of sales and marketing at the Parkhill Hotel in Vancouver, British Columbia. She and husband Vincent Yu Bun Chiu have a child named Vittorio.

**Vincent Glen Learned** (BBA '99 Mānoa) is a property and casualty associate with Marsh U.S.A. He is a former UH presidential scholar.

**Christine Noelani Maii** (MBA '97 Mānoa) is marketing and project manager for Akimeka, a Honolulu software company. Maii is president of the Japan America Institute of Management Science and a member of the Pacific-American Foundation, Japan Exchange and Teaching Alumni Association and Japan-America Society of Hawai'i.

**Donald N. Memer Jr.** (1990–91 Mānoa), a teacher at Hilo High School, was awarded a fellowship from the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation of Washington, D.C., to further his study of American history.

**Alfred Juan Mina** (BA '96, BS '95 Hilo) is a veterinarian with the Pet Hospital-Hilo.

**Pamela Morimoto** (MD '96, BA '91 Mānoa) has completed three years of residen-

cy in general surgery at Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle and a one year microsurgery fellowship and one year burn fellowship, both in Texas.

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**Helene Gay Parker** (JD '95 Mānoa), formerly a prosecutor with the Office of the Attorney General in Texas, is now managing partner of Parker and Associates. She practices family law, specializing in interstate and international child support litigation, and estate planning. She is also a certified mediator.

**Jeff Michael Rebudal** (BA '90 Mānoa) is assistant professor of dance at Connecticut College who has performed and choreographed widely. His New York-based contemporary dance company, Rebudal Dance Group, premiered works in September that explored gender issues and drew on his Filipino heritage.

**Morag Rice** (BA '95 Hilo) received the 2000–01 Outstanding Student in Elementary Education Award from UH Hilo.

## Profiles

### James H. Roberts From football to financier



A poster boy for the prototype student-athlete, Jim Roberts has demonstrated the international value a UH education brings to the table. But who would have thought this education major would end up in the high-stakes world of international finance? Growing up in Oklahoma, Roberts gave little thought to attending the University of Hawai'i. His athletic ability drew the university's attention however, and the UH football coaching staff recruited him vigorously. For a young man interested in seeing what lay beyond the Sooner State, college in the Pacific set the stage for a life journey that has taken him around the world.

A senior international finance officer for a European multi-national corporation, Roberts started his circuitous career path as a freshman football recruit in 1964. After lettering four years as a Rainbow running back, Roberts received his bachelor's degree in physical education in 1968 and was honored as the Outstanding Student in the College of Education that year. Along the way he also garnered NCAA Academic All-American honors, which

qualified him for a graduate student scholarship. Dabbling in Honolulu commerce as an undergraduate had piqued Roberts' interest in business, so he enrolled in UH Mānoa's MBA program. Outside of the classroom, he supplemented his income by serving as a graduate assistant football coach under the late Dave Holmes.

After receiving his MBA in finance, Roberts journeyed to Sydney, Australia, to work for Citibank. Three years later he returned to Honolulu for a position with C. Brewer, eventually becoming that company's youngest-ever treasurer. Impressed with his performance, C. Brewer's parent company, IU International Corp., made him an offer he couldn't refuse. Roberts and his wife **Julie Johnston** (MEd '70, Mānoa) headed east to Philadelphia, where he became vice president for planning and operations analysis. When IU International was acquired in a 1988 takeover, Roberts took a year off to attend Villanova University, where he did post-graduate work in advanced accounting and taxation. He completed the certified public accountant examination, receiving both national and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania honors for his exam results.

Roberts joined Vivendi Universal in Philadelphia, a multi-billion-dollar Paris-based environmental and communications group. The family, now including daughter Jess, was eventually enticed to cross the Atlantic to work in France. Now fluent in French, Roberts has moved back and forth between the London and Paris offices since 1990. He currently resides in London, where he serves as chief financial officer for United Kingdom operations in Vivendi's Dalkia Group.

Robert's success comes as no surprise to those familiar with his formidable Midwestern work ethic and good-natured personality. Although halfway around the world, he maintains his UH ties, checking UH football scores on the Web, keeping his alumni association membership current and corresponding with lifelong alumni friends still on the island (and beyond) via the Internet. "My UH education, the MBA in particular, gave me a solid basis upon which to build my career. I am convinced my decision to attend UH was the right one for me," he says.

—by Greg Johnson (BA '71 Mānoa), research administrator for the Institute for Manufacturing and Sustainment Technologies at Pennsylvania State University

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**Glenn Gregory Rimando** (BA '96 Mānoa) is fitness manager at 24 Hour Fitness Center in Milliani. He is married to Josephine Pascual Calma Rimando.

**Patti Ann Riva** (MSW '94 Mānoa) is the evening/weekend manager for Valencia Community College in Winter Park, Fla.

**Rey Rubianes** (BBA '94 Mānoa) is vice president of corporate banking at City Bank in Honolulu. After graduation, he joined the Bank of Hawai'i as a credit analyst, and then moved to Seattle where he was the youngest assistant vice president for U.S. Bank before returning to Hawai'i in 2000.

**Melissa Shimabukuro** (MS '99, BS '94 Mānoa) is an environmental specialist in the Geosciences Division of URS Corporation in Honolulu. She provides expertise in pollution control, water resources development and hazardous waste and wastewater management. URS is a national environmental consulting company with expertise in surface and air transportation design.

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**Blyne Hiromi Suzuki** (BA '98 Mānoa) is an associate member of American Institute of Architects and computer assisted design technician with Yamasato Fujiwara Higa and Associates in Honolulu.

**Chenshan Tian** (PhD '99, MA '94, MA '91 Mānoa) coordinates external programs for the UHM Center for Chinese Studies. He received the Caucus for a *New Political Science* Christian Bay Award for the best paper presented at a caucus panel at the 2000 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. The winning paper is customarily published in the journal *New Political Science*.

**Shuqiang Zhang** (PhD '90, MA '85 Mānoa) is an associate professor in the UHM College of Education, Department of Educational Psychology. He lives in Honolulu with his wife Feng Ye.

## 2000s

**Jessica Donohoe** (BS '00 Mānoa) is a visual merchandiser for Ala Moana Center's Ann Taylor store. She sets the stage for merchandise promotion, which includes doing window displays and clothing arrangements.

**Christopher Duncan** (JD '00 Mānoa) is a student at the Georgetown University Law Center's program in international and comparative law.

**Gerald Dung** (MA '00 Mānoa) is an accounting clerk at Advanced Bookkeeping and Tax Service in Honolulu. He is married to Tomoko Watanabe Dung.

**Regan M. Iwao** (JD '00 Mānoa) is an associate with Goodwill Anderson Quinn and Stifel, concentrating in litigation.

**Lori Kaiser** (JD '00, BBA '82 Mānoa) has joined Goodwill Anderson Quinn and Stifel as

an associate concentrating in corporate law and technology.

**Kristine Kinaka** (JD '00 Mānoa) is a law associate with Watanabe Ing and Kawashima in Honolulu.

**Kamilla Ma'i'i** (AA '01 Kapi'olani) was honored as the Hawai'i centennial scholar by the American Association of Community Colleges and Phi Theta Kappa. The mother of three children is Honolulu service unit manager for the Girl Scout Council of Hawai'i and leader of a troop of Girl Scout cadets.

**Johanna Martin** (BA '00 Hilo) received the UH Hilo 2000–01 Outstanding Student in Secondary Education Award.

**Maria Nela Mendoza-Lemes** (MD '00 Mānoa) is a family practice resident at St. Luke's Medical Center in Milwaukee, Wis. She is married to Michael A. Lemes.

**Elaine Mills** (2000–01 Mānoa, BA '00 West O'ahu) is vice president of the UHWO Alumni Association. She did her practicum at the Salvation Army Leeward Corps writing a grant for a Hawaiian language and multicultural program for preschoolers. Later she became the director for the funded program. She works part-time with the Department of Education as a home/hospital instructor specializing in at-risk youth.

**Jean Osumi** (BA '00 West O'ahu, MA '87, BA '51 Mānoa) has joined the UHWO Alumni Association board of directors. She met her husband Mark Hansen while working at Kewalo Basin Marine Mammal Laboratory. They have twin daughters Jordan and Laura. Osumi is working on a master's degree in counseling and guidance at UH Mānoa.

**Cheryl Ramos** (PhD '01 Hilo, MA '83 Mānoa, BA '81 Hilo), an instructor of psychology at UH Hilo, received the first PhD to be awarded at an UH Hilo commencement exercise. As a community psychologist, she will address community issues and organizations. Her specialty is organizational dynamics and management consultation.

**Will Shimabukuro** (AA '00 Kaua'i) was named the state's 2000 Concierge of the Year by the Hawai'i Hotel Association.

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**Helen Zeldes** (JD '00 Mānoa) has joined the board of Hawai'i Women Lawyers. She serves as law clerk to Judge Dan Foley.

## Carrying on at the Pentagon

**Col. Rory Cahoon** (BA '75 Mānoa) was in the Air Force section of the Pentagon, watching a TV report of the attack on the World Trade Center, recognizing that it was a carefully calculated attack, when he heard the loud boom as another hijacked plane crashed into the west side of the massive building. He and his colleagues evacuated unhurt. Cahoon, who has been on active duty since 1976, was soon back at work in offices still reeking with smoke. As chief of integration for the Air Force's \$26 billion operations and maintenance budget, he helped craft a request for emergency supplemental funding aimed at homeland defense and a range of actions to prevent terrorist actions.



**“While we coped with even longer duty days (tough work schedules are the norm in Pentagon budget offices), we marveled at the tremendous efforts made outside these walls and in New York City. Seeing the American flag unveiled over the southwest side of the Pentagon brought confidence in our country and its people,”** he reflects.

**“I was lucky to grow up in Hawai'i and be an American, enjoying freedom even during the political turmoil of the 1960s and 1970s. The terrorist attack came as a reminder that freedom is not free; it will demand sacrifices wherever freedom-loving people live. The counterattack that began 7 October starts a long-term commitment in this fight.**

**“I wish my fellow alumni and islanders the best as we face new challenges and use our collective judgment to make the right political, economic, military and moral choices to impede threats to our freedom.”**