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Annual Report on the
Operations of the Hawai‘i Research Center for Futures Studies

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INTRODUCTION

2007 was another highly successful year for the Hawai‘i Research Center for Futures Studies. Its cooperative work expanded with other University units--most notably with the School of Travel Industry Management--and with local public and community groups--especially its innovative "FoundFutures: Chinatown" Project that involved designing and "discovering" "artifacts from the futures". The Center's work, already well underway for various units of the governments of the United States, South Korea, and Singapore, also expanded. A presentation for The International Parliamentarians' Association for Information Technology, convened in the Finnish Parliament, Helsinki, Finland, provoked wide interest and discussion.

BACKGROUND OF THE CENTER

The HRCFS was established by the Hawai‘i State Legislature in 1971 to collect and disseminate information about futures studies and to conduct futures research for public and private groups within the State, the region, and throughout the world (Chapter 304A-3253).

Locally, the HRCFS is administered by the Department of Political Science of the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa. The HRCFS thus works closely with the Alternative Futures Graduate Option in the Department. The Alternative Futures Option, created in
1977, has produced scores of women and men who have gone on to become successful professional futures consultants in many fields, locally, nationally, and worldwide.

One component of the Alternative Futures Option is a paid internship that many students experience with the Institute for Alternative Futures (IAF), in Alexandria, Virginia (one of the oldest and most respected futures consulting firms in the world), with the HRCFS itself, or with some other futures consulting firm. In 2007, students interned in the IAF and in the Long Now Foundation in California.

The HRCFS also cooperates with the Program in Public Administration, the School of Architecture, the School of Travel Industry Management (TIM), and other University units as well as the Asia-Pacific Leadership Program of the East-West Center on funded applied futures-oriented projects in Hawai‘i and throughout the Asia-Pacific region. The Center is currently developing a “futures of tourism” research capability with TIM.

Nationally, the HRCFS is a major futures resource. The HRCFS was responsible, with IAF, for the concept and development of “judicial foresight”—incorporating futures studies into judicial administrative decision-making. This began with work done by the HRCFS with the Hawai‘i State Judiciary from the 1970s onward. Subsequently, the HRCFS has engaged in judicial foresight activities indirectly with all, and directly with ten, other U.S. state judiciaries, as well as with the U.S. federal judiciary, many national and state bar associations, and with several foreign judiciaries and law-related entities, primarily in the Asia-Pacific. In 2007, the Center consulted with or ran workshops for the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, the National Center for State Courts (Williamsburg, Virginia), the Justice Policy Group of the Judiciary of Singapore, the Senior Management Team of the Hawaii State Judiciary, and the Annual Convention of the Hawaii State Bar Association. The State Justice Institute, a U.S. federal agency for state judiciaries, made the category “Futures and the Courts” one of its major funding categories specifically because of work done with and through the HRCFS and the IAF. The HRCFS has also consulted with many other governmental units, universities, businesses, religious organizations, and nonprofit entities throughout North America.

Globally, the World Futures Studies Federation (WFSF), the premier world organization of groups and individuals conducting futures research at a professional level, chose the Center to house the WFSF Secretariat during the 1980s and early 90s, and awarded the HRCFS its highest honor for excellence in futures research in 1994. The Center continues to work closely with the WFSF.

The Center has been an Affiliate Campus of the International Space University (ISU) of Strasbourg, France since 1996. As such, UH faculty and students participate in the Masters in Space Studies (MSS) program at the main campus in Strasbourg and the nine-week Space Session Program (SSP) that is held in different locations around the world (most recently, the University of West Australia, Adelaide; the University of Bremen, Germany; Federico Santa Maria Technical University, Valparaiso, Chile; and Suranaree University of Technology, Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand, and Beihang University, Beijing, China. The SSP for Summer 2008 will be in Naples, Italy.
Similarly, selected ISU MSS students come to the Manoa campus for their Internship Program. HRCFS and ISU also cooperate in various research, training and outreach projects. They currently are engaged in jointly writing a multidisciplinary, multicultural textbook on space studies.

**FUNDED RESEARCH AND TRAINING PROJECTS DURING 2007:**

"FoundFutures: Chinatown", Grant from the Hawaii Arts Alliance

Robot Ethics Charter Committee of the Korean Government

Design Management Institute workshop

The Long Now Foundation

Executive Development Institute for Tourism Workshop

Report on "The futures of families in countries experiencing declining fertility" for the Korean Commission on Women and Children, Government of Korea

Developing a joint Research Center for Tourism Futures, with TIM and HRCFS

Futures workshops for the Asia-Pacific Leadership Program, East-West Center

From October 2004 through September 2006, Jae-Cheol Kim, Director of Planning and Management, Ministry of Culture and Tourism, of the Republic of Korea, and Director of the Planning Division of The Korean National University of Arts researched and developed the concept of "Korea as a Dream Society" in the Hawaii Research Center for Futures Studies on a grant from his Ministry to the Hawaii Research Center or Futures Studies

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Recent Books and Monographs by Jim Dator**

*Democracy and Futures*. Edited by Mika Mannermaa, Jim Dator and Paula Tiihonen, Helsinki: Parliament of Finland, 2006


**Recent publications in books and journals by Jim Dator**


**Workshops, Presentations, Consultations 2006-2007:**

"Bringing Futures into Higher Education in Singapore," December 10 & 11, 2007


"Future Parents" for the *Hanahau`oli Board of Trustees Retreat*, Tamarind Room, Ohelo Building, Kapiolani Community College, September 8, 2007

"Five futures for space executives" (lecture and workshop). *Space Odyssey Institute*, Beihang University, Beijing, China, July 14, 2007


"Surfing Tourism Tsunamis", "Five Futures Exercise" and "Preferred Futures Visioning" workshop for "*Tourism Education Summit Programme--Building the Capacity to Lead,*" Modul Hotel, Vienna, Austria, April 26, 2007

"On governing the end of the world (as we know it)", For *a roundtable discussion on "How Will the World and Hawaii Survive the Convergence of Peak Oil, Global Climate Change, and Fiscal Breakdowns?"* Friedman Room, Saunders Hall, UHM, April 13, 2007

"Political Economic Futures For Asia" for the 2nd World’s Best Airports Forum "*An Invitation to The Future: The Airport Industry in 2030 Comemorating the 6th anniversary of Incheon International Airport*, Korea, March 29, 2007

"What Asia won't be like in 2030," for *NonWestern Cultures Week*, Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska, March 24, 2007

"Alternative Futures and Mediation: Challenges Full Speed Ahead!" Sponsored by the *Mediation Center of the Pacific*, The Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution and the Program on Conflict Resolution. Supreme Court Conference Room, Honolulu, March 5, 2007

"Halfway There! Experiencing alternative futures and envisioning preferred futures for higher education in Hawaii", For the *Excellence in Education Conference*, Honolulu Community College, March 2, 2007

"Alternative futures for youth tourism in Southeast Asia" for *the ASEAN Tourism Conference*, Suntec City Convention Centre, Singapore, January 31, 2007


"Ubiquitous, Dream, Transformational, and Other Futures," for the Ubiquitous Media Contents Conference. Seoul, Korea, KKT Communications Building, November 8, 2006

"The Future of Tourism of Hawaii," Working Toward Smart Choices for Preferred Futures, School of Travel and Industry Management. East West Center, Honolulu October 24, 2006

"Till the ductile anchor hold: Towards space settlements in the 21st Century", for the Next Generation Exploration Conference, NASA Ames, California, August 16, 2006

"Looking beyond the horizon: Creating preferred futures for your bar association," for the National Conference of Bar Association Presidents, Sheraton Waikiki, August 4, 2006


"Religion and war in the 21st Century," for Tenri University 80th Anniversary Celebration, Furosato Kaikan, Tenri City, Japan, March 27, 2006

Publications and Presentations by Affiliates of the Center

Yoshihisa Amae
"Taiwan Adrift?: Cross Strait Relations at its Crossroads," Journal of Futures Studies, Vol. 6, No. 4, May 2002, 27-44,

David Brier
Review of In the Name of the Poor: Contesting Political Space for Poverty Reduction Ed. By Neil Webster and Lars Engberg-Pedersen. in Futures 36 (10), (2004) 1133-1136.

**Stuart Candy**

Writer, "The Sceptical Futuryst" weblog, [www.futuryst.com](http://www.futuryst.com), Since April 2006  
Contributor, HRCFS weblog, [www.futures.hawaii.edu](http://www.futures.hawaii.edu), Since June 2006

**Videos:**

'Aloha Tonight Investigates…', Short film produced by HRCFS for *Showdown in Chinatown*, Honolulu April 07 (director: Stuart Candy), [http://youtube.com/watch?v=vWxNP6aev8Q](http://youtube.com/watch?v=vWxNP6aev8Q)  
'Neural Rights Management', short film produced by HRCFS for *Showdown in Chinatown*, Honolulu March 07 (director: Jake Dunagan), [http://youtube.com/watch?v=xNf2AByp5Mg](http://youtube.com/watch?v=xNf2AByp5Mg)

**Presentations and Workshops:**

"Learning Spaces in 2020: A Hybrid Strategic Scenario Method Backcasting Workshop", convened by *XperidoX Futures Consulting and the Danish Technological Institute* for the Institute for Prospective Technological Studies (European Commission), held at L'Institut Demos, Paris, February, 12-13, 2007  
"FoundFutures", presented at *European Graduate School*, Saas-Fee, Switzerland, June 7, 2007  
(with Jake Dunagan) "FoundFutures: Chinatown",  
-- Distributed street installation of "artifacts from the future" representing alternative futures for Chinatown, October 5-23, 2007  
(with Jake Dunagan and Jim Dator) Asia Pacific Leadership Program -- Futures Module  
- Part 1 "Introduction to futures" workshop, Imin Conference Hall, East-West Center, August 27, 2007  
- Part 2 "Researching, building, and communicating scenarios", Imin Conference Hall, East-West Center, October 15, 2007  
Guest presenter, POLS 171, Introduction to Political Futures, (Instructor: Jim Dator), on "Limits to Growth", UH-Manoa, October 9, 2007  
Guest presenter, POLS 341, Politics of The Media (Instructor: Ashley Lukens), on "The mental environment and postcards from the future", UH-Manoa, May 25, 2007  
(with Jake Dunagan) Presentation on Alternative Futures to *Girl Scout Council of Hawaii* Board of Directors, Honolulu, February 28, 2007  
Tutii Chilton
"The Affects of the Foreign Flower" (on a new governance system for Palau).
Presented at The Pacific Islands Political Studies Association Conference, Port Vila, Vanuatu, December 2007.

Jake Dunagan

Publications:


Presentations and Workshops:

"Dream Merchants: Neuroscience and Intellectual Property", Finland Futures Research Center, 9th International Conference, *FFRC & FFA: Culture as Innovation*, Turku, Finland, June 8, 2007

"FoundFutures: Chinatown" -- Grant from the *Hawaii Arts Alliance*
-- Distributed street installation of "artifacts from the future" representing alternative futures for Chinatown, October 5-23, 2007

(with Stuart Candy and Jim Dator) *Asia Pacific Leadership Program* -- Futures Module
- Part 1 "Introduction to futures" workshop, Imin Conference Hall, East-West Center, 27 August 07
- Part 2 "Researching, building, and communicating scenarios", Imin Conference Hall, East-West Center, 15 October 07
(with Stuart Candy) "Postcards from the Futures" May 15-19, 2007. (Postcards representing four alternative futures for Hawaii were mailed to 125 elected officials, community activists, educators, artists, and residents. An electronic discussion forum was created to field responses to the postcards.)
(with Stuart Candy) Presentation on Alternative Futures to *Girl Scout Council of*
Hawaii Board of Directors, Honolulu, February 28, 2007


Blogger for Hawaii Research Center for Futures Studies.
http://www.futures.hawaii.edu/

Liza Lockard
"Design Considerations for Long-term Habitation in Space: the Role of Human Cognition and Aesthetics" presented at 2005 ISU Space symposium, Strasbourg, France
"Habitation in Space: The Relationship between Aesthetics and Dwelling", presented at 2006 AIAA Space symposium

Takuya Murata


Vincent K. Pollard


[with You-jeong Lee], "Korea [Republic of Korea]," Asian American History and Culture: An Encyclopedia, Huping Ling and Allan W. Austin (eds.), (M. E. Sharpe, 2005)


Yongseok Seo


Co-author with Jim Dator and Dick Pratt, Fairness, Globalization and Public Institutions (University of Hawaii Press, 2006).

"Waves of Globalization in East Asia: A Historical Perspective," co-authored with Shunichi Takekawa. Chapter 16

"East Asian response to the globalization of culture: Perceptual change"

"A brief history of Cambodia"

"A brief history of Vietnam"


"From the 38th Parallel to a Border: Exploring Alternative Futures of Korea" in The Journal of Futures Studies, Vol. 6, No. 4, May 2002, 1-26

Stacey Solomone


Teaching Assistant, Space and Society Department, Summer Session Program, International Space University, Beihang University, Beijing, China, Summer 2007
Shunichi Takekawa


Conference Papers


“Chinese Media Reform and Democratization: Comparison with the Japanese Case.” The Twelfth Annual Graduate Conference on East Asia at Columbia University (New York, February 8, 2003).

Futures Salons and Seminars with Visiting Futurists

Discussion with Jonathan Peck, President, Institute for Alternative Futures, Alexandria, Virginia, April 2, 2007


"Futures in Finland," presented by Mika Mannermaa, Finnish Futures Research Center, Turku, Finland, May 1, 2007.

Discussion with Prof. Lee Sung-Rul, who is creating a science and technology university in Pyongyang, May 22, 2007.


Salon with Maya van Leemput, AgenceFutures, October 26, 2007.
**Published or Broadcast Media interviews or citations, 2007**


*KITV* Channel 6 interview re Obama and his blogs, February 9, 2007


Interview with Christine Thomas of the *Honolulu Advertiser* about "What I'm Reading". Published in *Honolulu Advertiser*, p. D4, July 1, 2007

Interview with Lucy Jokiel, editor of *Island Scene* magazine, June 12, 2007

Interview with Trenna Shapiro about 2050 Task Force, published in the *Honolulu Advertiser* Sunday, June 17, 2007


Jeela Ongley, "Room for a View: Projects influence how we see Waikiki," *Malamlama*, May 2007, pp. 16-18


Mary Vorsino, "Chinatown Pranks, with a Purpose" *Honolulu Advertiser*, October 15, 2007, p. A1, A2