

8TH ANNUAL HAWAII CONFERENCE ON LANGUAGE ACCESS

FRIDAY—AUGUST 14, 2015



MANOA GRAND BALLROOM — JAPANESE CULTURAL CENTER
2454 SOUTH BERETANIA STREET HONOLULU, HI 96826



8:30 AM TO 4:45 PM

LANGUAGE ACCESS, SOCIAL JUSTICE & HAWAII'S COFA RESIDENTS



This year's conference will explore the challenges to achieving language access and social justice for Hawaii's residents from the Compact of Free Association (COFA) nations: *(the Federated States of Micronesia (Pohnpei, Yap, Chuuk, and Kosrae); the Republic of the Marshall Islands; and the Republic of Palau)* - with a special focus on: **Health Care, Homelessness, and Education.**

PARKING: at Manoa Grand Ballroom (2454 South Beretania Street) for up to 195 cars at \$5; or overflow parking at Varsity Theatre for \$6 in advance (7am—5pm only - grace until 5:30p.m— keep receipt.) Street parking also available nearby.

Registration starts at 7:30am. Program begins promptly at 8:30am.

ACCESSIBILITY ASSISTANCE: American Sign Language interpreters and wheelchair accessibility will be provided. If you require additional assistance, auxiliary aids, interpreter and/or other services to participate in this conference please contact the Office of Language Access (OLA) at 586-8730 as soon as possible.

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AGENDA

8:00 – 8:30

REGISTRATION

8:30 – 9:00

Welcome & Introductions; Primer on Language Access Law

- 'Oli: Monte McComber - Director of Education, Native Hawaiian Hospitality Association
- Welcome: Helena Manzano - OLA Executive Director
- Opening Address: First Lady Dawn Amano-Ige
- Opening Remarks: COFA Consular Offices
- Primer on Hawaii's Language Access Law: OLA Legal Analyst

9:00 – 10:00

Geopolitical and Cultural Background of COFA Nations and People

- Daniel R. Foley - Associate Judge, Hawaii Intermediate Court of Appeals; Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the Republic of Palau
- Sheldon Riklon, MD - Family Physician; Chair, Micronesian Health Advisory Coalition

10:00 – 10:15

BREAK

10:15 – 11:15

Panel: Challenges to Providing Health Care to COFA Residents

- Joakim Peter - Doctoral Candidate, UH Manoa; COFA Community Advocacy Network
- Neal Palafox, MD/MPH - Professor, Dept. of Family Medicine & Community Health, JABSOM
- Megan Inada Hagiwara, MPH - Doctoral Candidate, UH Manoa
- Barbara Tom, RN/PHN - Chair, Nations of Micronesia Committee
- Moderator: Christina Perez - Consultant, Office of Minority Health, U.S. DHHS

11:15 – 12:15

Panel: Homelessness and COFA residents

- Rev. David Gierlach - Founding Member, FACE; Rector, St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church
- Mark Chandler - Director, Community Planning & Development, U.S. HUD
- Jun Yang - Executive Director, Office of Housing, City & County of Honolulu
- Tina Takashy - Advocate/Consultant, Devint Micronesia
- Moderator: Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland

12:15 – 1:00

LUNCH (Cultural presentation - Chuukese Stick Dance—Adult Friends for Youth Group)

1:00 – 1:15

Special Addresses from Hawaii Congressional Delegates

- U.S. Representative Tulsi Gabbard (VIDEO Address)
- Riley Fujisaki for U.S. Representative Mark Takai
- Charles Freedman for U.S. Senator Brian Schatz
- U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono

1:15 – 2:15

Panel: Education for COFA residents - Across the Lifespan

- Suzanne Mulcahy - Asst. Superintendent, DOE Office of Curriculum
- Mary Santa Maria, MS/MPH - Public Health Educator, DOH; Health Care Interpreter Trainer
- Tina Tauvasosi-Posiulai, PhD - Specialist, Office of Multicultural Student Services, UH Manoa
- Tamera Heine, Community Outreach Coordinator/RMI Consulate; Marshallese Education Day
- Moderator: Dina Yoshimi, Director, Hawaii Language Roadmap Initiative, UH Manoa

2:15 – 2:30

BREAK

2:30 – 3:30

Panel: Service Providers and Effective Outreach to COFA Residents

- Darlene Kutara - Community Relations Officer, U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services
- Glory Gervacio Saure - Director, U.S. EEOC Honolulu Office
- Joanne Loeak - Paralegal/Outreach Advocate, Hawaii Immigrant Justice Center at LASH
- Kalista Marbou - Program Coordinator, Parents and Children Together
- Moderator: Dominic Inocelda - Susannah Wesley Community Center; OLA Advisory Council

3:30 – 4:30

Panel: Message from Hawaii's COFA Community Leaders

- Josie Howard - Executive Director, We Are Oceania
- Innocenta Sound-Kikku - Program Manager, KKV Comprehensive Family Services
- Xavier Fethal - Oahu Leader, Kemathau Organization of Hawaii
- Tulpe Day - Assistant, Immigration Information Office, County of Hawaii
- Moderator: Joakim Peter

4:30 – 4:45

Q&A and Closing