Disaster Resilience: Science to Action



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UH Mānoa in Brief



- Founded: 1907
- Land Grant, Sea Grant and Space Grant
- Located in Honolulu's beautiful Mānoa Valley island of Oʻahu
- Campus size: 320 acres

University of Hawai'i motto: Maluna a'e o nā lāhui a pau ke ola ke kanaka Above all nations is humanity

UH Mānoa in Brief



- 20,429 students
- Student faculty ratio 14:1
- Rich curriculum
 - 92 Bachelor programs
 - 84 Master programs
 - 51 Ph.D. programs
- Affordable Tuition
 - \$10,872 resident
 - \$32,904 non-resident

UH Mānoa in Brief

- Carnegie Very High Research Active
- \$355 m new research awards
- Land, Sea, Space Grant
- APRU member since 2013
- NSF Top 30 Public University
- Pioneering research in oceanography astronomy, health, cancer, social sciences









UH Manoa Schools and Colleges

- College of Social Sciences (Economics, Communications, Psychology ...)
- College of Natural Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Math ...)
- School of Ocean, Earth Science, & Technology
- Shidler College of Business
- College of Engineering
- College of Arts and Humanities
- College of Tropical Agriculture
- College of Languages, Linguistics, & Literature
- W.S. Richardson School of Law
- J.A. Burns School of Medicine
- School of Architecture
- School of Travel Industry Management
- School of Social Work
- College of Education
- School of Pacific & Asian Studies
- School of Nursing
- Hawai'inuiakea School of Hawaiian Knowledge



Hawai'i in Brief

- Of U.S. cities, Honolulu is safest (Forbes), lowest carbon emissions (Brookings Institute), 11th largest
- Islands formed by under sea volcanoes, still active
- Export crops are coffee, papaya, pineapple and macadamia nuts
- Everyone is minority



Hawai'i in Brief





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Hawai'i in Brief















Hawai'i's Natural Disasters

- Hurricanes
 - November 11, 1982: Iwa
 - September 11, 1992: Iniki
 - August 8, 2014: Iselle
- Tsunami
 - April 1, 1946: Aleutian Islands
- Kilauea Volcano



Sugar, J. Eruption of Kilauea Volcano, Hawaii. Getty Images

2004 Indian Ocean Earthquake & Tsunami

- 9.1 magnitude earthquake
- Tsunami detected in HNL by Pacific Tsunami Warning Center
- "Back in 2004, we didn't know where to send the warning in the Indian Ocean, we didn't have national contacts", says Dr. Richard Bailey





McDaniel Navy 2005







UHM and Tohoku U 2012



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Kwok Fai Cheung

- Professor Ocean Engineering
- Developed a tsunami forecast methodology
 - incorporated into the real-time forecast system operated by NOAA to predict wave heights around the Pacific during a tsunami event
- Developed a tsunami inundation model
- Worked with UNESCO to distribute NEOWAVE and provide training workshops to universities and government agencies around the world





Rhett Butler

- Professor of Geophysics and Planetology
- Studied whether or not a similar sized tsunami could hit Hawai'i
- Discovered that two earthquakes from the east Aleutian islands could impact Hawai'i severely
- Recommended the Hawai'i Tsunami Mapping Project to update the evacuation zone based on these two earthquakes in 2013





Seagrant Great Aleution Tsunami and New Extreme Tsunami Zones



Study eyes risk of big tsunami in Hawaii from mega-earthquake in Aleutians.

Pacific Disaster Center

- All-in-one platform for Asia and the Pacific
- Delivers near real-time hazards information to public and improve decision making
- Data visualization and models to first-responders





Disaster Alert Overview









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- Gather your emergency supplies now
- Compile your evacuation kit
- Create an evacuation plan for both a tsunami and a hurricane
- Know your property and take action
- Know your house and take action
- Strengthen your house
- Insurance
- Take advantage of potential discounts for your hurricane insurance premiums
- Finance creatively
- Seek the assistance of a qualified, licensed architect, structural engineer, or contractor





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