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Art Auditorium

University of Hawai'i at Manoa

Program

- ◆ Welcome by Serafin “Jun” Colmenares, Ph.D.
Executive Director, Office of Language Access
- ◆ Introduction of Panelists by Bill Hoshijo, Executive
Director , Hawaii Civil Rights Commission
- ◆ Speakers’ Presentations
- ◆ Open Discussion by Speakers
- ◆ Questions from the Audience
- ◆ Closing Remarks by Dominic Inocelda, Chairman,
Language Access Advisory Council
- ◆ Refreshments

Moderator

Bill Hoshijo

Executive Director, Hawaii Civil Rights Commission (HCRC)

Mr. Hoshijo has a long time interest in and commitment to civil rights, with a strong interest in language issues. In 1995, he was one of the organizers of the Council on Language Planning and Policy, composed of language rights advocates, representatives of state and county agencies, teachers and experts with expertise in applied linguistics and English as a Second Language (ESL), Hawaiian language immersion advocates, interpreters, translators, immigrant and refugee service providers, and community organizations brought together by a commitment to recognition of language rights and development of language resources. In 1995, he was appointed to serve as an HCRC Commissioner and in January 1997 was appointed Executive Director. Mr. Hoshijo earned a law degree at the University of California, Davis - King Hall.

Panelists

Senator Fred Hemmings

Minority Leader, Hawaii State Senate

Senator Hemmings is best known for being a world class surfer and expert waterman. In the '70s, Sen. Hemmings shifted into the field of sports business and founded his own company, Sports Enterprises. He then caught the world's attention to the sport of surfing by capturing the interests of television networks and founding the Triple Crown of Surfing contest. Since then, Sen. Hemmings has personally promoted Hawai'i as one of the world's greatest sports venues with special emphasis on water sports. In addition, Sen. Hemmings currently sits on the Board of Directors for the Denver Broncos and serves as an NFL consultant in Hawai'i. Years later, he shifted his focus towards politics and was elected to the House of Representatives. In 2000, Sen. Hemmings was elected to the State Senate where he now serves as the Senate Minority Leader.

Professor Mari Matsuda

Professor of Law, William S. Richardson School of Law

Professor Matsuda is the author of several books and articles on civil rights issues, including "Voices of America," a language rights article in the Yale Law Journal, which was in the top ten most-cited law review articles for its year of publication. Professor Matsuda recently moved back home to Hawaii after 15 years of teaching at Georgetown University. She is a graduate of the William S. Richardson School of Law.

Ms. Jennifer Rose

Gender Equity Specialist, Office of Gender Equity

Ms. Rose is responsible for providing training and advocacy for students, staff and faculty with respect to sexual harassment, sexual assault and stalking on campus. Ms. Rose was formerly a Director at the Domestic Violence Clearinghouse and Legal Hotline in Hawai'i where she worked for the last 10 years as the Legal Services Director and developed community and capacity building projects for immigrant and underserved populations in addressing violence against women issues. She founded one of the country's few culturally-based intervention efforts supporting the leadership of Pilipino survivors of intimate partner abuse and creating community ownership of intimate partner abuse. She received her J.D. from UCLA.

Ms. Pat McManaman

Chief Executive Officer, Na Loio

Ms. McManaman is the Chief Executive Officer for Na Loio – Immigrant Rights and Public Interest Legal Center, a position she has held since 1997. Licensed to practice law in Hawai'i since 1979, she has held a variety of public interest legal positions including in the Office of the Public Defender, Office of Consumer Protection, and the Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i. She also serves as a per diem judge in the District Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawai'i. A strong advocate for immigrant health care and language access, Ms. McManaman has received numerous awards for her work including the Rhoda Lewis Award for Public Service, Hawaii Women Lawyers President's Award, Ho'okele Leadership Award, presented by the Hawaii Community Foundation and Gerbode Foundation and the Kalo Award, presented by the Hawaii Public Health Association. She received her law degree from Lewis University.