

# Political Geography Specialty Group



## 2024 PGSG PRECONFERENCE

*Updated 4/11/24*

**University of Hawai'i  
at Mānoa**

Campus Center Complex  
2465 Campus Rd

Monday, April 15, 2024

### Overview

**All times are in Hawai'i-Aleutian Standard Time (GMT-10)**

- 8:40–9:00 Check-In/Registration [*Note: breakfast/coffee is on your own; see options on next page*]  
9:00–9:10 Oli/Opening Comments/Welcome [Room 309 & 310]  
**9:15–10:45 Sessions I & II**  
10:45–11:00 Break  
**11:00–12:00 Sessions III & IV**  
12:00–1:30 Lunch Break (on own, Campus Center)  
**1:30–2:45 Plenary** [Room 309 & 310]  
2:45–3:00 Break  
**3:00–4:30 Sessions V & VI**  
4:30–4:45 Break  
**4:45–5:45 Sessions VII & VIII**  
5:45–5:55 Closing Comments [Room 309 & 310]  
6:00–9:00 (Optional) PGSG Dinner, 2424 Maile Way, Saunders Hall, Honolulu, HI 96822\*

\*Catered dinner. Register by March 15 (see next page) to join.

### ADDITIONAL EVENTS

- **Sunday, 4/14, 2pm:** DeTour, Registered participants only

- **Tuesday, 4/16, 1:20-2:40pm:** [Brunn Early Career Lecture](#) (Md Azmeary Ferdoush), 306A (Pālolo), 3rd Floor, Convention Center
- **Wednesday, 4/17, 12:10 PM – 1:10 PM:** [PGSG Business Meeting](#), 318A, 3rd Floor, Convention Center

## Registration, Cost, Contact Information, & Directions

### REGISTRATION

Register by March 15 using the form here: <https://forms.gle/24ikNh4iD1MHDGZ29>.

Timely registration is essential if you plan to participate in the optional PGSG catered dinner following the main program. If you do not register, we will not have adequate food for you.

### COST

There is a **\$35** fee *for tenure-track faculty only*. There are two payment options:

- **Electronic (preferred)—on site or in advance**

To keep a paper trail/avoid cash, please submit your registration fee to Meredith DeBoom via Venmo or Zelle. **Venmo:** the account is @MereDeBoom. It should be the first search result. To confirm, the last four numbers of the cell phone are 1659. Under “What’s it for?” please write “PGSG.” **Zelle:** Meredith’s account is associated with the number 1-712-461-1659.

- **Cash—on site:** Please bring **exact change**.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

**Organizers** (contact with any questions)

- Meredith DeBoom, PGSG President (University of South Carolina): [deboom@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:deboom@mailbox.sc.edu)
- Kate Coddington, PGSG Vice President (University at Albany, SUNY): [kcoddington@albany.edu](mailto:kcoddington@albany.edu)

### Local Host

- Reece Jones (University of Hawai‘i - Mānoa): [reecej@hawaii.edu](mailto:reecej@hawaii.edu)

**Conference wifi access:** If you have Eduroam, you may use your home institution’s credentials to access the internet. An additional non-Eduroam option will be announced.

**Coffee and refreshments:** We will not be providing light breakfast this year due to catering restrictions. Starbucks located in the campus center, second floor. Additional on-campus options are detailed here: <https://manoa.hawaii.edu/studentlife/dining/>.

**Lunch:** Lunch is on your own. For convenience, we recommend eating at a restaurant in the Campus Center Food Court or next door at Hemenway Hall (options: <https://manoa.hawaii.edu/studentlife/dining/>).

## DIRECTIONS

The preconference will be held on the third floor of the [Campus Center](#) (2465 Campus Road, Honolulu, HI 96822) at the University of Hawai'i–Mānoa. The preconference will conclude with an optional dinner at the Department of Geography & the Environment (2424 Maile Way, Saunders Hall 445, Honolulu, HI 96822). The UH Mānoa website (<https://map.hawaii.edu/manoa/>) has an excellent interactive campus map. It includes locations of lactation rooms (located under 'campus amenities' in right menu) and other amenities/accommodations. Key locations are shown on the maps below and on the next page.



**\*\*Parking is very limited on campus. Please plan to take a ride-share or bus.**

### *Public Transportation*

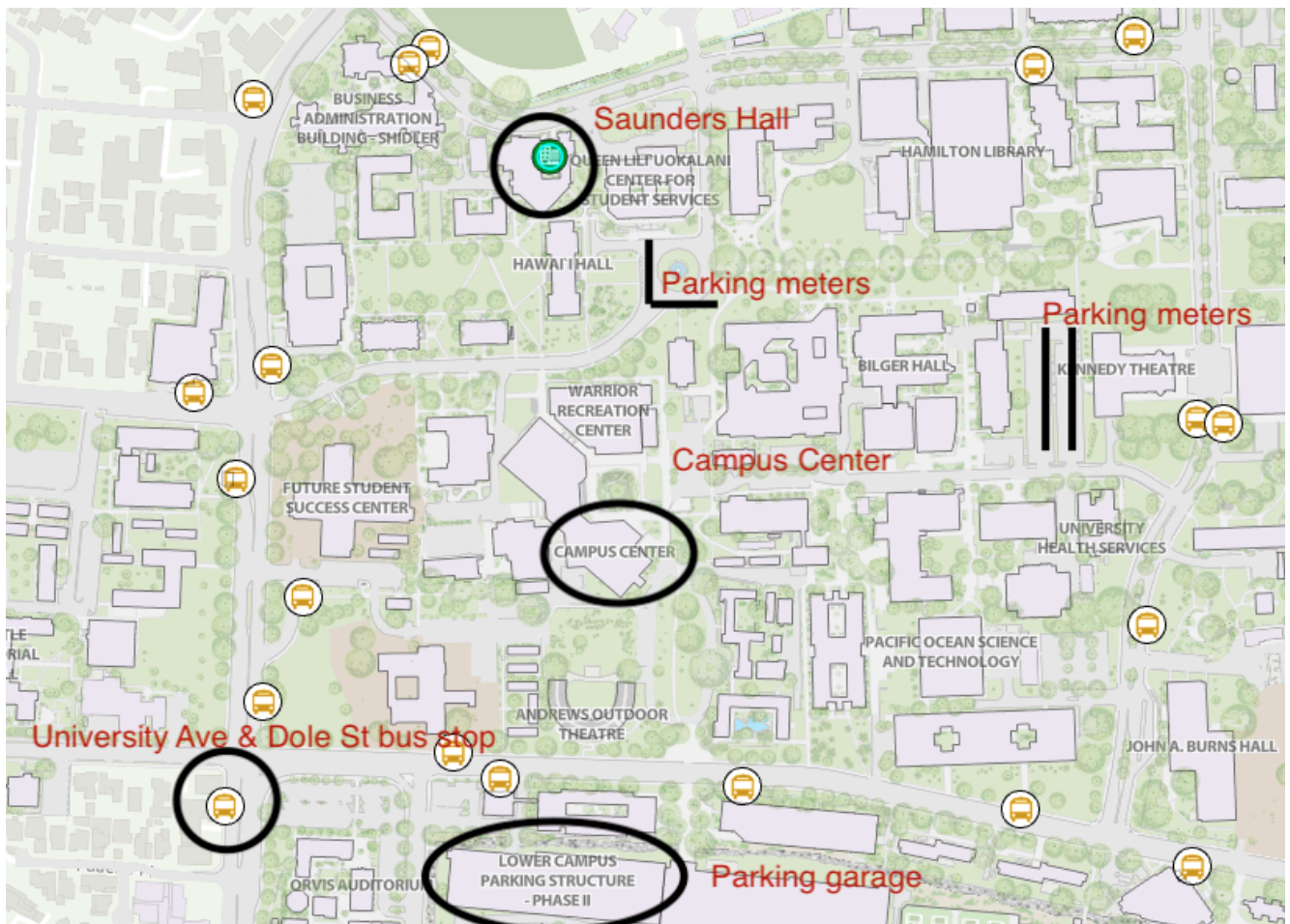
[The Bus](#) offers public transport between the Honolulu airport and the Mānoa campus, or between hotels in Waikiki and the Hawai'i campus. You can plan your route at <https://www.thebus.org/PlanYourTrip.asp>. Bus Route 4 or A from the conference hotel (Hilton Hawaiian Village) to the Campus Center takes about 30 minutes, including walking times.

### *Driving Directions*

From Waikiki: Head north-west on Ala Wai Boulevard (parallel to Kalakaua Avenue) to McCully Street. Turn right onto McCully Street heading north. Turn right onto Kapiolani Boulevard and head east for approximately 0.5 miles to University Avenue. Turn left onto University Avenue heading north. Continue heading north past King Street for approximately 1 mile where you will arrive at the intersection of Dole Street and University Avenue. Parking information can be found here: <https://manoa.hawaii.edu/commuter/visitors/>.

### *Walking*

The walk between Saunders Hall and the Campus Center is about five minutes.



### SESSION THEMES AT A GLANCE

Room	307	308
9:00 - 9:10	<b>Opening Remarks (309 &amp; 310 combined)</b>	
9:15 - 10:45	<b>I =</b> Regionalism, geopolitics, culture	<b>II =</b> Refugees, sovereignty, temporariness
11:00 - 12:00	<b>III =</b> Electoral & education	<b>IV =</b> Power & conflict
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch Break (on own, Campus Center)	
1:30 - 2:45	<b>PLENARY (309 &amp; 310 combined)</b>	
3:00 - 4:30	<b>V =</b> Urban, local, neighborhoods	<b>VI =</b> Territory, borders, places
4:45 - 5:45	<b>VII =</b> Resources, extraction, development	<b>VIII =</b> Ruins, relics, relations
5:45 - 5:55	<b>Closing Remarks (309 &amp; 310 combined)</b>	
6:00 - 9:00	Dinner (Department of Geography & the Environment)	

#### NOTES:

- Paper presenters should limit their presentations to 15 minutes. A total of 15-30 additional minutes will be provided for discussion, either broken into short segments after individual papers, or collectively assessing the papers after they conclude (at chair's discretion).
- Please have presentation slides available on flashdrive or be prepared to present from a laptop.
- Abstracts for each paper are available on the [Political Geography Preconference website](#).

**9:15-10:45 Session I: Regions, geopolitics, culture**

*Chair: Benjamin Forest, McGill University*

**From Rural Development to Island Development: The Connective Aesthetics of 通 Tong in China's Domestic Cun Cun Tong (CCT) and Transnational Belt and Road Initiative (BRI),** Kaiqing Su (Political Science Department, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa)

**Comprehensive and Comparative Analysis of Sea-based Regionalism,** Shintaro Hamanaka (IDE-JETRO)

**Scaling the stack: region and state in digital platform infrastructure,** Dylan Brady (Department of Geography, National University of Singapore)

**Driving Digital Geopolitics: Digital Economies in the 21st Century,** Tom Narins (Department of Geography and Planning, University at Albany)

**9:15-10:45 Session II: Refugees, sovereignty, temporariness**

*Chair: Lisa Ann Richey, Copenhagen Business School*

**U.S. Island Imperialism and the Compacts of Free Association: More Associated than Free** Meagan Harden (University of Hawai'i at Mānoa)

**When Bodies Become Borders,** Constance MacIntosh (Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University, Canada/ Visiting Scholar, William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa)

**Recognizing Misrecognition of Humanitarian Bureaucracy in the Rohingya Refugee Camp in Bangladesh,** Morsaline Mojid (Department of Sociology, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa)

**Ghost Citizens: The Making of Stateless Persons,** Jamie Liew (Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa and Fulbright Visiting Scholar, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, College of Social Sciences)

**11:00-12:00 Session III: Electoral & education**

*Chair: Sasha Davis, Keene State College*

**“Shifty” Constituencies: Assessing Electoral Constituency Boundary Changes in the 2023 Canadian Redistricting Process,** Benjamin Forest (Department of Geography, McGill University)

**Field Experiences in Electoral Geography,** Rebecca Theobald (Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, University of Colorado - Colorado Springs)

**Making space for geography: Teaching against the territorial trap in political science and international relations,** Jamey Essex (Department of Political Science, University of Windsor)

**11:00-12:00 Session IV: Power & conflict**

*Chair: Md Azmeary Ferdoush, University of Eastern Finland*

**Placing peace**, Adam Moore (Department of Geography, University of California, Los Angeles)

**Adapting to Power: Under a U.S. Military Base's Shadow in a Small Turkish Village**, Mehmet Eroglu (Department of Geography, Environment, and Spatial Sciences, Michigan State University)

**Rebel Governance and in the Wake of Disasters**, Tobias Ide (Murdoch University Perth/ Hiroshima University)

**1:30-2:45 Plenary: Hawaiian Political Geographies**

*Chair: Reece Jones, (Department of Geography and Environment, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa)*

**Panelists:**

**Kahiokalamekawena'ula Elkington**, PhD Student (Department of Geography and Environment, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa)

**Aurora Kagawa-Viviani**, Assistant Professor, (Department of Geography and Environment, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa)

**Kawēlauokealoha Wright**, Assistant Professor (Kamakakūokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa)

**3:00-4:30 Session V: Urban, local, neighborhoods**

*Chair: Tobias Ide, Murdoch University*

**States of Compulsion: Reassessing 'State-led' Neighborhood Change in Hong Kong**, Kylie Yuet Ning Poon (Department of Geography, University of California, Los Angeles)

**Urban Village as Commoning and De-Commoning: A Study of Nantou Village Redevelopment in Shenzhen, China**, Jia Ling (Department of Building and Real Estate, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University)

**Housing, Working, and Networking with Neighborhoods: Constructing Autonomy and Reconstructing Community by DIY Activists**, Kyoko Tominaga (College of Social Sciences, Ritsumeikan University)

**Heirloom "Agu" pigs in Okinawa as companion breeds negotiating pressures**, Benjamin Schrager (Utsunomiya University, School of Agriculture) and Sayaka Sakuma (Center for Promotion of Social Co-creation, Utsunomiya University)



**3:00-4:30      Session VI: Territory, borders, places**

*Chair: Rebecca Theobald, University of Colorado - Colorado Springs*

**Chronopolitics and categories: When temporary becomes permanent**, Md Azmeary Ferdoush  
(Karelian Institute, University of Eastern Finland)

**Ethno-Nationalism's Impact on the Settlement of Interstate Territorial Disputes**, Alec Murphy  
(Department of Geography, University of Oregon)

**A networked analysis of informal bordering in the EU border regime**, John Nightingale  
(Geography and Environment, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa)

**The intersection of Indigenous sovereignty and U.S.-Mexico border security**, Kenneth Madsen  
(Department of Geography, The Ohio State University at Newark)

**4:45-5:45      Session VII: Resources, extraction, development**

*Chair: Kenneth Madsen, The Ohio State University at Newark*

**Eco-socio-political framework: Analyzing farmer-grazier conflict in Central Nigeria**, Cletus Famous Nwankwo (Department of Geography, University of Leicester; Department of Geography, University of Nigeria)

**Pursuing a tenuous triple bottom-line: irrigation as adaptation for dairy farmers in Los Lagos, Chile's changing climate**, Cassidy A. Tawse-Garcia (Department of Geography & Environmental Studies, University of New Mexico)

**Green transition's necropolitics. Inequalities, climate extractivism, and carbon classes**, Philippe Le Billon (Department of Geography, University of British Columbia)

**4:45-5:45      Session VIII: Ruins, relics, relations**

*Chair: Adam Moore, University of California, Los Angeles*

**Relational Politics & Settler Obligation to Give Back on Indigenous Lands / With Indigenous Peoples**, Brian Noble, (Visiting Scholar, Anthropology, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa)

**Abandon Spaceports**, Chase Womack (Department of Geography, Environment, And Sustainability, University of North Carolina at Greensboro)

**Leaking lethality: Surviving 'friendly states' in the Pacific**, Sasha Davis (Keene State College)