Notes from the Field

Conference Announcement:

37th Annual Pacific Rim Conference on Disability & Diversity

To Be Held Virtually February 28 & March 1, 2022 HST

Pac Rim Team 2022,

Center on Disability Studies, University of Hawaiʻi at Mānoa

Abstract

An overview of the 37th Annual Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability and Diversity hosted by the Center on Disability Studies, College of Education, University of Hawaiʻi at Mānoa. The event takes place (virtually this year) February 28th & March 1st, 2022 HST (with a Pre-conference Celebration Day February 26, 2022 HST).

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For 37 Years, The Center on Disability Studies (CDS) at University of Hawaiʻi at Mānoa has hosted the Pacific Rim Conference, inviting people from around the world to Hawaii for the premier gathering on disability. This year, due to the pandemic, CDS (lead by Interim Director Dr. Kiriko Takahashi) will host the annual conference virtually. This year’s theme *Mobilize for Action!* invites attendees from around the world to come together as a global community and share strategies for affecting positive change for those with disabilities.

**Events**

* There are over **100 live events** from presenters from over 14 countries and most US states, including paper and poster presentations.
* Additionally, there will be several **Capacity Building Institutes, free to attendees.**These are pre-event workshops February 26 HST, free for registrants (a fee applies to others). Most are 90 minutes to 2-hours long. From an International Forum on regional and international concerns, to dialogues on housing, storytelling, promotion, and legislation, the sessions offer strategies to expand your knowledge and skill sets.
* In Partnership with the Paul K. Longmore Institute on Disability, the conference also features a line up of films from **Superfest**, the world’s oldest disability film festival.

**Speakers**  
This year’s speakers include a woman whose life has embodied this year’s theme (*Mobilize for Action!*),the disability rights activist **Judy Heumann**; she will serve as opening keynote speaker. Heumann is joined by noted poet and climate change activist from the Marshall Islands **Kathy Jetn̄il-Kijiner**, who will serve as closing keynote speaker.

Other nationally and internationally renowned speakers at the event will include President Biden’s recent Department of State appointment, Special Advisor on International Disability Rights **Sara Minkara**. Also appearing will be the distinguished community performance artist and a disability culture activist **Petra Kuppers**, who will be debuting work from her latest work, the open access Eco Soma. This year’s conference will also feature renowned disability scholar and activist **Dr. Kara Ayers**.

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