

# Promoting Diverse Abilities Across the Lifespan



## Director's Corner



Photo of Dr. Takahashi

*Kiriko Takahashi, Ph.D.*  
*Center on Disability Studies Director*

Welcome to the CDS Newsletter for May 2021. In this issue, you'll learn more about events happening this month as well as our ongoing activities. In particular, you will find results from our 36th Annual Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability and Diversity held on March 1 - 2, 2021. The conference was held completely online due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but we had nearly 400 participants across the globe participate. Next year's Pacific Rim Conference is Feb 28 - Mar 1, 2022 HST.



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# Breadth Beyond Borders: Center on Disability Studies International Partnerships



Through individualized planning and collaborative action, CDS' international partnerships are transformational relationships between senior faculty members across borders. Strategically, our faculty members have advanced institutional goals in areas of inclusion, academics, employment, and assistive technology. This has been accomplished through recent visiting scholar programs, contributions to international grants and empirical research, participation at the Pac Rim Conferences, and much more.



## Central China Normal University

Department of Special Education

### SYNERGY GOALS

School-to-Work Transition, Inclusion, Postsecondary Education and Disability

### COLLABORATING SCHOLARS

Dr. Tianxi Xu  
*Professor of Special Education*

Dr. Robert A. Stodden  
*UHM Collaborator*



## North Kazakhstan State University

Linguistics

### SYNERGY GOALS

Postsecondary Education, Disability Issues as a Part of Diversity in Civic Education

### COLLABORATING SCHOLARS

Dr. Yevgeniy Tetyukhin  
*Professor of Linguistics*

Dr. Robert A. Stodden  
*UHM Collaborator*



## Sichuan University and The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Institute for Disaster Management and Reconstruction, Department of Disaster Health Sciences

### SYNERGY GOALS

Disability and Disaster Risk Reduction, Health, Education

### COLLABORATING SCHOLARS

Dr. Joseph Kimuli Balikuddembe  
*Post Doctoral*

Dr. Robert A. Stodden  
*UHM Collaborator*



## University of Tokyo

Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology

### SYNERGY GOALS

Assistive Technology, Grants Development, International Conference, Transition of Students with Disabilities into Higher Education and Career

### COLLABORATING SCHOLARS

Dr. Takeo Kundo  
*Associate Professor*

Dr. Kiriko Takahashi  
Dr. Robert A. Stodden  
*UHM Collaborators*

# New Additions to the Center on Disability Studies 'Ohana



## Spring 2021 Reporting

Since December 2020, CDS welcomed **23** new positions or **22%** increase of CDS positions. As of May 2021, there are a total of **126** positions at CDS.

In addition, CDS bid farewell to one retirement, one graduate, and six separated from employment.

# +23 Positions

*Increase of CDS positions since Dec 2020*

# +22%

*Increase of CDS positions since Dec 2020*

## Featured New Hires



Photo of Ginger

### GINGER KNOWLES

Family Support Specialist, Hawai'i & Pacific Deaf-Blind Project



HPDBP logo

Ginger has 20+ years of experience working with youth in early childhood education and special education. She graduated from Chaminade University of Honolulu with a degree in Early Childhood Education and a dual licensure degree in Special Education & Elementary Education-Mild to Moderate K-12.

She resides on the west side of the island of O'ahu with her children and mother. When she is not keeping busy as a caregiver to her youngest son who has mild to moderate unilateral hearing loss, autism, and trisomy 12p; you can find her volunteering in the community, shopping, or cooking healthy meals. Ginger is excited to be part of the CDS and looks forward to getting to know everyone!



Ho'oku'i logo

### MORGAN KĀLA'E PARKER

*Staff*  
Ho'oku'i IV



CDS logo

### NARITA MEANA

*Survey Interviewer*  
NCI Survey Project



Jobs Now logo



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### TRIP REMS

*Staff*  
Jobs Now Partnership & Community Service Center

# Summer 2021 Disability Studies Course: July 6 - Aug 13, 2021

## DIS 687 Seminar on Disability Issues Topic: Representations of Disability in Film

This intensive summer course provides a walk through film history through the lens of disability. By viewing and responding to films about disability, students are invited to both interrogate their own assumptions about disability and deepen their understanding of the ways in which the "grammar" of film helps shape depictions of disability.

The popular seminar invites students to develop an understanding of the ways these cinematic constructions dialog with culture, at times reinforcing cultural scripts about disability and at other times, helping us imagine new ones.

**INSTRUCTOR** Raphael Raphael, [raphael@hawaii.edu](mailto:raphael@hawaii.edu)  
Asynchronous Course - CRN: 92191 register at <https://bit.ly/3bWvra6>



Photo of Raphael

Dr. Raphael is a film and disability researcher and also serves as independent researcher for the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences, Oscars Oral History Project, supporting their efforts of documenting the neglected contributions of underrepresented artists and craftspeople to the industry.

## Interdisciplinary Graduate Certificate in Disability and Diversity Studies

Sponsored by the Center on Disability Studies, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, this 15 credit graduate-level (master's, doctoral, and post-doctoral) online-program offers students an interdisciplinary approach to disability and diversity issues. The program attracts students across disciplines and across the globe.

For more information on applying to the program or courses, contact the Training and Instruction Coordinator Dr. Thomas Conway at [tconway@hawaii.edu](mailto:tconway@hawaii.edu).

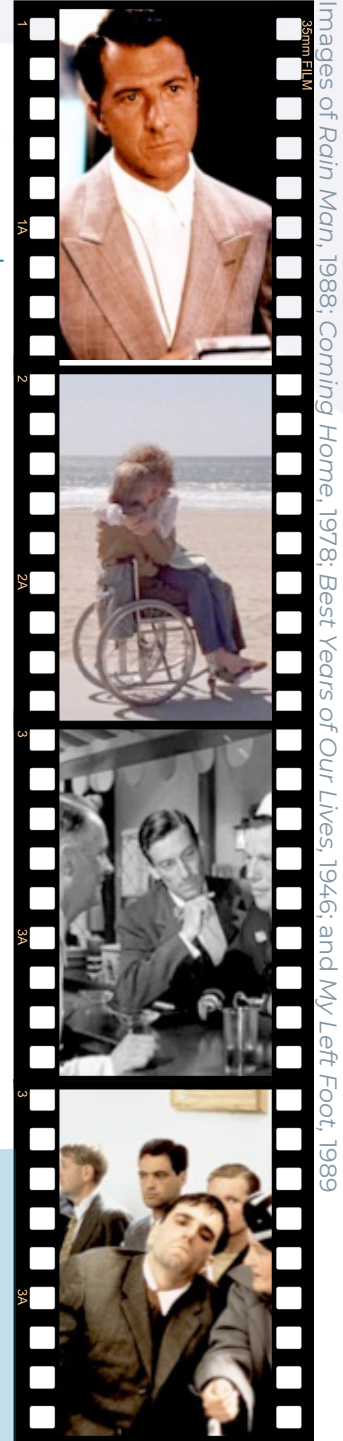


Photo of laptop and online study website

# Call for Proposals Special Issue: Disability and Film and Media



DUE: July 31, 2021 at [rdsjournal.org](http://rdsjournal.org)

*Film and Media can play a profound role in the ways in which cultures both reflect and develop their understandings of identity. The ways in which disability is imagined on the screen can have real impact on efforts for inclusion in a variety of domains in the real world. In the wake of the success in recent years of social justice movements like Black Lives Matter and #MeToo, there is increasing international attention to disability rights and activism. There is also increasing concern about equity on screen, both in terms of the presence of characters as well as opportunities for performers.*

This special issue will be devoted to considering **Disability and Film and Media**. Guest editors will be renowned media scholar Beth Haller (Towson University) and noted film scholar, historian and activist Lawrence Carter-Long (Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund DREDF). Questions may be addressed to [rdsj@hawaii.edu](mailto:rdsj@hawaii.edu).

For this conversation about representation of disability in film and media, work from both academics and non-academics will be welcomed. Topics may include:

- Representation in TV, film, or other media forms
- Disability, film, media and equity
- Portrayal of characters with disabilities by nondisabled actors
- Intersectional and/or cross-cultural analysis
- Historical contributions
- Regional profiles
- Statement by artists (including film and media makers and actors)
- Reception studies
- Alternative disability aesthetics
- Disability and Oscars (and other awards)
- Disabled star profiles
- Disability and genre
- Disability and news
- Disability and social media
- Disability and Children's media



Photo of Beth

**Dr. Beth Haller**  
Towson University  
Guest Editor



Photo of Lawrence

**Lawrence  
Carter-Long**  
DREDF  
Guest Editor

# Save the Date #PacRim2022

Feb 28 - March 1, 2022



37th Annual Pacific Rim International Conference on  
Disability and Diversity

# SAVE THE DATE

Monday, February 28, 2022  
Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Stay tuned for the Summer 2021 Call for Proposal Release



[prinfo@hawaii.edu](mailto:prinfo@hawaii.edu)

<https://pacrim.coe.hawaii.edu>

# CELEBRATING CDS

## Oral History Project

The Center on Disability Studies (CDS), College of Education, has initiated a long term Oral History Project, capturing the voices of those essential to the formation of CDS and documenting the ongoing impact of the Center. All of this will be placed in the context of the larger inter/national history of disability activism and advocacy.

In addition to reflecting the unique history of CDS, the project also seeks, where relevant, to distill lessons from the experience of participants that may be useful in building capacity of others at CDS. For example, the recent Funding Masterclass with Robert Stodden provides capacity-building lessons on funding and grant development <https://tinyurl.com/cds-rainmaker>.

In addition to interviews gathered in the project, the collection will eventually also be part of a physical campus exhibition celebrating the history and ongoing work of CDS.

Photo of desktop computer with CDS Oral History Project Spotify website



# Disability and Diversity Calendar: Calls, Awards, Trainings, Conferences

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## Call for Participation, Presentations, Publications, etc.

- June 4 **#AUCD2021 Conference** - seeking conference proposal reviewers <http://bit.ly/061CDS>
- June 11 **#AUCD2021 | Learning Together: Connecting Research and Lived Experience** - accepting concurrent and poster presentations proposals <http://bit.ly/062CDS>
- June 13 **D-30 Disability Impact List** - seeking nominations to honor people with disabilities globally making a difference in their community <http://bit.ly/063CDS>
- June 14 **National Advisory Committee on Individuals with Disabilities and Disasters** - seeking members to provide recommendations to HHS <http://bit.ly/064CDS>
- June 15 **Research in Social Science and Disability: Disability in the Time of Pandemic** - accepting abstracts to contribute to the 2022 chapter publication <http://bit.ly/065CDS>
- June 20 **SDS Student Representatives Board of Directors: Society for Disability Studies** -seeking nominations to serve the 2021-2022 term <https://disstudies.org>  
**SDS Board of Directors: Society for Disability Studies** - seeking nominations to serve for three years <https://disstudies.org>
- June 25 **IOD Institute on Disability Calendar: Call for Artists** - accepting artwork for the 2022 calendar <http://bit.ly/066CDS>
- June 30 **VSA Arts Connect All** - nine RFPs available for proposals the provide accessible, arts-based education experiences/transition to students with disabilities, or educators <http://bit.ly/067CDS>
- July 14 **World Disability and Rehabilitation Conference** - accepting proposals highlighting the theme 'It Takes a Village' Accessing Disability Services Across the Globe <http://bit.ly/068CDS>
- July 15 **Western History Disability Studies and Disabled Scholar Award** - accepting applications to receive assistance to present <http://bit.ly/069CDS>
- July 16 **'Ohana Engagement Conference Presenter Proposal** - accepting Hawaiian cultural-based proposals to present <http://bit.ly/075CDS>
- July 30 **You're On! 2021 Artist Spotlight** - seeking submissions from artists of any age who are on the autism spectrum, sensory or low-incidence disability <http://bit.ly/076CDS>
- July 31 **AUCD Multicultural Council Chair and Secretary** - seeking members to join the Executive Committee <http://bit.ly/070CDS>
- Aug. 31 **Rethinking the Species Divide: Disability and Animality in Literature and Culture** - accepting submission to the *Journal of Literary and Cultural Disability Studies* <http://bit.ly/071CDS>
- Sept. 13 **Early intervention in Developmental Disabilities** - accepting submissions to publish in the *Research In Developmental Disabilities Journal* <http://bit.ly/072CDS>
- Sept. 14 **Seen@Work: Research Paper Summaries** - submit research to publish <http://bit.ly/073CDS>  
**Seen@Work: Study Proposals: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion** - seeking research proposals <http://bit.ly/074CDS>

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## Call for Participation, Presentations, Proposals, etc. (cont.)

- Sept. 15 **Disability as Diversity | *The Journal of Teaching Disability Studies*** - accepting proposals to publish <http://bit.ly/077CDS>
- Sept. 30 **Racial and Social Justice** - accepting papers to publish in the *PNAS Proceedings of the National Academy of Science of the USA* <http://bit.ly/078CDS>
- Oct. 31 **Physical Activity, Exercise and Fitness** - accepting submissions to publish in the *Journal of Intellectual Disability Research Special Issue* <http://bit.ly/079CDS>
- Oct. 31 **Enhancing Research Practice in Developmental Disabilities** - accepting submission to publish in the *Research In Developmental Disabilities Journal* <http://bit.ly/080CDS>
- Nov. 1 **Spirituality and Disability Symposium** - accepting papers to present on April 8-9, 2022 <http://bit.ly/081CDS>
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## Awards, Fellowships, Internships, Mentorships, Scholarships, etc.

- June 4 **AEA Minority Serving Institution (MSI) Fellowship** - seeking applications to participate in the MSI Faculty Initiative program <http://bit.ly/082CDS>
- June 15 **East-West Center Student Affiliate program** - seeking UHM graduate students with an interest in the Asia Pacific region <http://bit.ly/083CDS>
- June **2021 Disability Research Mentorship Program for Black Graduate Students** - seeking applications to participate in a mentorship program. Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis until positions are filled <http://bit.ly/084CDS>
- July 1 **Fellowship in Disability and Health Policy** - seeking applicants to participate in the Lurie Institute Postdoctoral program <http://bit.ly/085CDS>
- July 1 **Heumann-Armstrong Award** - seeking to award \$1,000 to six students (6th grade to higher education) willing to be interviewed on their experience with ableism in education <http://bit.ly/086CDS>
- Aug. 1 **Native American & Indigenous Studies (NAIS) Writing & Mentoring** - seeking applicants to participate NAIS mentoring program <http://bit.ly/087CDS>
- Sept. 17 **2021 Henry Viscardi Achievement Awards** - accepting nominations that recognize exemplary leaders with disabilities <http://bit.ly/088CDS>
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## Certifications, Training, etc.

- June 4 - July 23 **Kupu Hou Academy: Designing for Project-Based Learning** - various training dates focused on PASPIRE, PBL/SEL, Student Wellbeing, etc. DOE PDE3 credits available. <http://bit.ly/089CDS>
- June 14 - July 31 **Reel Camps for Girls** - various training dates focused on themes: Environmental Justice; LGBTQ+ Rights; Reproductive Justice; and Youth Mental Wellness <http://bit.ly/090CDS>
- June 17-18 **10th Annual Design Thinking Hawai'i Bootcamp** - design thinking training for teachers and students (\$0) and everyone else (\$265) <http://bit.ly/091CDS>

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## Conferences, Webinars, etc.

- June 2-30 **NADP-UK International Conference** - offered virtually over the 5 weeks of June by the National Association of Disability Practitioners <http://bit.ly/112CDS>
- June 3 **Re-Storying the Ramayana: A Role-Playing Game** - interactive virtual reimagining of the South Asian epic as a queer/crip ecofeminist sci-fi tale <http://bit.ly/092CDS>
- June 7-10 or 27-30 **Teaching to Increase Diversity and Equity in STEM (TIDES)** - online conference by the Association of American Colleges and Universities <http://bit.ly/093CDS>
- June 7-11 **NCORE 2021: Start the Conversation** - online conference by the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education <http://bit.ly/095CDS>
- June 8 **ADA National Network 30th Anniversary Series: Spotlight on the ADA Participatory Action Research Consortium** - webinar <http://bit.ly/094CDS>
- June 8-11 **Edu Data Summit: Intersection of Big Data, Predictive Analytics, Learning Analytics, and Education** - virtual conference <http://bit.ly/096CDS>
- June 9 **Reimagining a child welfare system that works for parents with disabilities and their families** - online conference by the National Research Center for Parents <http://bit.ly/103CDS>
- June 9-10 **State of the Science: National Research Center for Parents with Disabilities** - online conference will address disability and parenting <http://bit.ly/099CDS>
- June 9-11 **10th Hawai'i STEM/STEAM and Education Conference** - in-person conference by the Hawai'i University International <http://bit.ly/097CDS>
- June 9-11 **5th International Conference on Universal Design** - online conference by the Aalto University <http://bit.ly/098CDS>
- June 10 **Early Identification of Autism: Training on the RITA-T (Rapid Interactive Screening Test for Autism in Toddlers)** - registration \$75 + kit \$85 <http://bit.ly/104CDS>
- June 14-18 **APSE Annual Conference 'Illuminate: Lighting the Path Forward for Employment First' conference** - <http://bit.ly/106CDS>
- June 16 **State of the Science: Reflections from Advisory Board Members** - online conference by the National Research Center for Parents <http://bit.ly/099CDS>
- June 18 **Hawai'i Fatherhood Conference** - online conference that aims to strengthen families by providing resources, skills, support and advocacy <http://bit.ly/107CDS>
- June 18-19 **Sibling Leadership Network National Conference Program** - 'Strength Through Connection' will examine siblings of people with disabilities <http://bit.ly/108CDS>
- June 22 **Supporting Teachers' Use of Assistive Technology in Early Childhood: Lessons Learned in a Post-Pandemic World** - webinar sponsored by the AUCD Early Childhood SIG <http://bit.ly/115CDS>
- June 22-23 **145th AAIDD Annual Meeting** - conference 'Addressing Workforce Challenges: Promising Trends in Policy, Practice, and Research' <http://bit.ly/113CDS>

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## Conferences, Webinars, etc. (cont.)

- June 23 **Opportunities with the National COVID Cohort Collaborative** - discussion on U.S data and opportunities for collaborative research within AUCD <http://bit.ly/116CDS>
- June 24 **ALICE - Our Friends, Neighbors and 'Ohana** - Aloha United Way hosts Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) program <http://bit.ly/117CDS>
- June 24-25 **Disability, Media, and What's Next: A Conversation on for Disabled Media Makers** - virtual conversation on disability, the media, and what's next <https://bit.ly/3uJMeE3>
- June 29 **Think College: Lessons Learned from a Decade of Data** - webinar on a decade of TPSIDs data collection and evaluation <https://bit.ly/34GDRhZ>
- June 29 **Long Haulers: Post-Acute Covid-19 Syndrome: the Aftermath of Cognitive Disability** - webinar 12 - 1:30 PM EST <https://bit.ly/3uLFPbF>
- Tuesday's **AUCD Tuesday with Liz** - a weekly video series highlighting current issues in disability policy. Hosted by Liz Weintraub <http://bit.ly/117CDS>
- July 10-12 **Disability Studies Conference 2021** - 'Disability Studies, Disability Justice: Challenging Ableism' Auckland, New Zealand <https://bit.ly/2SW4IUQ>
- July 12-15 **Disability:IN Conference** - 'Are You In?' corporate disability inclusion event <https://bit.ly/2SPGc7M>
- July 17 **AHEAD Summer Webinar Series Part 2: Working with Students on COVID Accommodations** - 3 - 5pm ET <https://bit.ly/3fMXWK2>
- July 21 **2021 Autism CARES Grantee Meeting: Committing to Health Equity Across the Lifespan** - webinar 2 - 5pm ET <https://bit.ly/2TxBFa9>
- July 22-23 **TechSummit 2021** - virtual conference with a focus on technology as it relates to developmental disabilities <http://bit.ly/114CDS>
- July 19-23 **AHEAD 2021 Equity & Excellence Conference** - in-person or virtual professional development and networking event <https://bit.ly/2SUgn6z>
- July 29 **ALICE in the COVID-19 Era** - Aloha United Way hosts Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) program <http://bit.ly/117CDS>
- Aug. 26 **ALICE Innovation and Legislation** - Aloha United Way hosts Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) program <http://bit.ly/117CDS>
- Nov 15-17 **#AUCD2021 Conference** - online conference 'Learning Together: Connecting Research and Lived Experience' <https://bit.ly/3g35nvi>

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REQUEST**

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Submit a request at <http://go.hawaii.edu/JBJ>

To be considered for the monthly publication, requests are due on the third Friday of the month. A confirmation email will be sent.