

GEOGRAPHY OF HAWAI'I COURSE
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GE 204 Landscapes of Hawaii (3)

This course is designed to provide a basic introduction into the human and physical environments found in Hawaii. We will examine both past, present and future landscapes in Hawaii with a major emphasis on the interaction between the human and physical conditions. Topics will include; the unique nature of the ecosystems in Hawaii, their fragility and the implications for planning and social change here in Hawaii; spatial aspects of development, tourism and urbanization; and the environmental implications of development. *Offered annually.*

Course Overview

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Required Learning Materials

Beamer, Kamanamaikalani 2014. No Makou Ka Mana: Liberating the Nation. Honolulu: Kamehameha Pub.

MacDonald, G. & W. Kyselka. 1967. Anatomy of an Island: B.P.B.M. Special Pub. #55. Honolulu: Bishop Museum Press.(pdf) [in Google Group]

Selected Readings from: Thrum, George T. (R. Bordner, comp.). 1878-1934. George T. Thrum's Almanacs and Annuals: Being a Compilation of the Articles from the Hawaiian Annual from 1878 to 1933. (Available on Amazon.com as a series of e-books). While I have included the specific readings in Canvas, I recommend that you purchase the volumes as basic future reference material.

Recommended but not required:

Mak, 2008. Developing a Dream Destination. Honolulu: UH Press.

Ingersoll, Karin 2016. Waves of Knowing: A Seascape Epistemology. Durham: Duke Univ. Press.

GE 204: WAIKIKI VIRTUAL OR REAL FIELD WALK

You **must complete the** Waikiki Virtual Field Walk. FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS (there is a reason I want you to walk in that pattern), wander around, pause frequently and look around you. The goal of the assignment is to get you to look around carefully with a critical eye, looking for clues of spatial patterns and social images.

Directions: **START** at **McCully St and Kapiolani St.** intersection, at the McCully Shopping Center (*mauka* side of Kapiolani). Look around there, especially the residential area around the shopping center. Then walk down **McCully** across the bridge into Waikiki then turn left and continue down **Kalakaua Ave.** into Waikiki. Pay special attention to the Beachwalk redevelopment / Trump Tower area. Be sure and look into the lobbies of the hotels/apartment complexes as you go through this area. Go on down to **Kanekapolei St.**, then go *mauka* up to **Ala Wai Blvd.** Continue back down **Ala Wai Blvd.** paying attention to the buildings on your left and return back to **McCully St.**

Field Walk Questions: What to look for: A classic conflict in Hawaii is residence vs. tourism, and the ultimate place is Waikiki. You are intentionally being started in an older (1920+) residential area OUTSIDE of Waikiki and across the Ala Wai canal from tourist heaven. Look carefully around and down the side streets, notice the typical (for Oahu) small house/residence and low-rise apartment mix. Then cross the canal. What are the most visible differences? How do residence patterns differ INSIDE Waikiki compared to McCully? Is all of Waikiki for tourists? How does Waikiki differ from the areas outside? Why is Waikiki so satisfying to tourists? What symbols of “Hawaiian” do you see manifested in Waikiki? Detail—what icons/symbols? What do they mean to tourists?

COURSE MAP GE 204

MODULE 1 [GEOLOGY-GEOGRAPHY]: Introduction; Old Hawai'i / Palolo-Pukele Projects; plate tectonics
Ass: MacDonal d all [pdf][36 pg]; Thrum Vol. 1 [42 PG]; Vol. 2 [42 pg]; Vol. 3 [13 pg]; Vol. 4[48 pg]
[10 hrs reading; 6 hrs assignment]

Concepts: Google Earth-GIS; intro geology; plate tectonics-hot spot; Volcanology HI style; Volcanoes, rifts; secondary eruptions-Kaau Crater-Lae'ahi; isolation factors; age of islands; Darwinian survivor impacts; Island microenvironments; biotic regimes

MODULE 2 [HAWAIIAN LANDSCAPES]:

Ass: Read Thrum Vol. 5 [97 pg]; Beamer Intro-Ch. 2[66 pg]; [7 hrs reading]
Concepts:; Hawaiian geographical-social concepts; human impacts; Early Polynesian system-land use; Post-Pa'ao system-land use; pressures-conflicts; ritualized land changes; Hawaiian landscape 1700; agricultural systems-corvee

MODULE 3 [MONARCHY LANDSCAPES]:

Ass: Read Thrum Vol. 6 [37 pg]; Beamer Ch. 3-4[90 pg]; [4 hrs reading; 6 hrs assignment]

Concepts: Consumerism-Commodification; Ari'i-Europeans-Missionaries; Mahele-usufruct-land as commodity; post-Mahele loss-consolidation of land

MODULE 4 [TERRITORIAL-MILITARY LAND]:

Ass: Beamer Ch. 5-6 [80 pg]; Thrum Vol. 7 [15 pg] [3.5 hrs reading]

Concepts: 'Plantation Boys' period-Plantations; WMB mindset changes; replacement toponymy; Hawaiian out-migration; homesteading-DHHL, 'endangered Hawaiians'; mainland US-San Francisco impacts; Military dominance 1910-2020; WWII impacts

MODULE 5 [HAWAII TOURISM]:

Concepts: 20th- century cultural landscapes; plantations-tourism; 21st century cultural landscapes; Commodifying ethnicity in contemporary Hawaii Tourism changes-commodifying ethnicity in contemporary Hawaii; OHA-Federal-State; mainland financial dominance 1950+; Tourism phases HI; persistent tourism stereotypes; imaginary landscapes, imaginary people; bulk tourism 1966+; tourism enclaves 1975+; changing tourist perceptions; dominance of part-time resident model 1990+; Hawaiians and tourism

MODULE 6 [BIG ISLAND]:

Concepts: Volcanism-tourism; cultural landscapes 1400-2020; dryland field systems; climatic change-grazing mammals; ranching impacts; THE VOLCANO as icon; Hilo paradox; 'empty land' social impacts

MODULE 7 [MAUI-KAHO'OLAWÉ]

Concepts: Haleakala-rifts; dry forest-cloud mist; Lahaina Roads; Maui 1400-2020 cultural landscapes; ari'i politics 1600-1800; ranching impacts; plantation irrigation systems-water control; commodification of water; New Age Maui Tourism; Kaho'olawe as symbol(s);

MODULE 8 [MOLOKA'I-LANA'I]:

Ass: WAIKIKI FIELD WALK [3 hrs assignment]

Concepts: Landslips-Moloka'i sea cliffs; positioning vs dominant islands (Maui, O'ahu); dominant single owners; self-sufficiency in Hawai'i

MODULE 9 [O'AHU]:

Concepts: secondary eruptive sequences-landslips; Pearl Lochs; Honolulu Port Town 1800+; Primate City status 1850+; Military dominance 1900+; ethnic enclaves; Waikiki as cultural landscapes; American values vs Islands; resource depletion

MODULE 10 [KAUA'I-NI'HAU]:

Concepts: Erosion-secondary eruptive sequences; microenvironment extremes; pre-1820 relationship with eastern islands; Ni'ihau as private estate 1864+; tourism impacts-enclaves Poipu-Princeville-Kukui'ula; post-Robinson Ni'ihau?

MODULE 11 [DEVELOPMENT-CHANGE]:

Concepts: Single source economies; Growth Model commitment; 12 million visitor goal 2020; investors vs local owners; affordable housing-homeless; car dependency

Thrum's ANNUALS Required/Recommended Reading for GE 204

[*= must read]

Thrum's Readings Module 1 in Vol. 2: I HALA AND ARCHAEOLOGY

Traditional Hawaiian society as viewed in the late 19th century:

- ***1894**: Ancient Hawaiian Water Rights and Some of the Customs Pertaining to Them, by E.M. Nakuina 58
- ***1913**: Hawaiian Water Rights, by A. Perry 62
- ***1895**: The Bird Hunters of Ancient Hawaii, by N.B. Emerson 88—*Note environmental impacts*
- ***1887**: Hawaiian Poetical Names for Places, by C.M. Hyde 111
- ***1905**: On Hawaiian Duplicated Place Names, by T.G. Thrum(?) 120
- ***1922**: Wrestling with Place Names, by T.G. Thrum 124
- ***1925**: A Sea Island Land System, by J.M. Lydgate 126
- ***1925**: Hawaiian Land Terms, by T.G. Thrum(?) 130—*note complexity of terminology, compare to modern terms and usage—what do they tell you about the traditional Hawaiian view of the land?*
- ***1907**: Tales From the Temples; Heiaus of Oahu; Heiaus of Kauai; by T.G. Thrum(?) 155
- ***1926**: Leahi Heiau (Temple): Papa-ena-ena, by T.G. Thrum 173—*note the ritual complexity*
- Recommended, But Not Required ---**
- 1896**: Hawaiian Surf Riding, by T.G. Thrum(?) 92—*Compare to modern ESPN/big business surfing*
- 1928**: The Paehumus of Heiaus Non-Sacred, by T.G. Thrum 134

Thrum's Readings in Vol. 3: FOLKLORE

A selection of Hawaiian folklore, representative of the ethics and morality embedded of the pre-European contact period. Note how many of these are integrated into locations, places and place names:

- ***1892**: Battle of the Owls, a Hawaiian Legend, by Jos. M. Poepoe 37—*note how myth gives place identity on Oahu*
- ***1896**: Shark Stories, from Sheldon's Reminiscences 42—*why is there such a difference from the modern view of sharks when traditional Hawaiians lived and worked with sharks constantly?*
- ***1907**: Tradition of the Wizard Stones Ka-Pae-Mahu; On the Waikiki Sea-Beach Premises of Hon. A.S. Cleghorn, by Jas. H. Boyd 72—*these are the stones next to Duke Kahanamoku statue—what is their ritual value/importance today and why?*
- ***1916**: The Legend of Kanehunamoku: The Phantom Isle: Home of the Menehunes and Mu's, by T.G. Thrum(?) 99
- ***1923**: Shark Beliefs, by T.G. Thrum(?) 120—*again why the attitudes about sharks compared to today?*
- ***1923**: Legend of the Floating Island: A Kauai Version Narrated by Mrs. S. Polani, of Kapaa, by J.M. Lydgate 128—*how does this operate as a vision/dream?*
- Recommended, But Not Required ---**
- 1901**: Ku-ula, the Fish God of Hawaii, by Moke Manu, translated and condensed by M.K. Nakuina 46
- 1902**: Aiai, Son of Ku-ula; Being Part II of Ku-ula, the Fish God of Hawaii, translation completed by S.N. Emerson 50—*how do these operate as morality tales—what do they say about traditional Hawaiian society and its values?*
- 1913**: Punaaiakoae; An Ancient Tradition of Oahu, by T.G. Thrum(?) 91—*what moralities/values are taught in this story?*

1928: Wahiawa's Healing Stone, by T.G. Thrum(?) 138—*what social factors may have triggered this popularity?*

Thrum's Readings in Vol. 1: RETROSPECTIVES, TRIVIA AND MARITIME

- *1932: History in Honolulu Streets, by C.J. Lyons 124
- *1882: Bits of Unwritten History, by H.L. Sheldon 128
- *1889: Brief History of the Steam Coasting Service of the Hawaiian Islands, by T.G. Thrum(?) 187
- *1894: Old Time Hawaiian Coasting Service, by G.D. Gilman 209
- *1932: Early Coasting Reminiscences, by T.G. Thrum 234

Thrum's Readings in Vol. 4: HAWAII-NEI 1875-1897

Keep in mind that these articles were written during the events in discussion or by individuals who had been a part of them, so they reflect then-contemporary attitudes and biases. But they also are a 'view from the past' as seen by the participants, rather than a modern (or post-modern) view of the past.

- *1890: Early Visitors to the Hawaiian Islands, by W.D. Alexander 79—*look at this from a Hawaiian point of view*
- *1891: A Brief History of Land Titles in the Hawaiian Kingdom, by W.D. Alexander 100
- *1893: History of the Provisional Cession of the Hawaiian Islands and Their Restoration, by T.G. Thrum(?)123—*note how this event set the tone of the Monarchy and trust of Americans*
- *1893: Restoration Day: A Recollection, by G.D. Gilman 136
- *1897: Obsolete Street Names, by T.G. Thrum(?) 202
- **Recommended, But Not Required** ---
- 1889: Early Constitution of the Judiciary of the Hawaiian Islands, by A.F. Judd 77
- 1890: The Chinese Question in Hawaii, by T.G. Thrum(?) 88
- 1891: A List of All the Cabinet Ministers Who Have Held Office in the Hawaiian Kingdom, by W.D. Alexander 93
- 1891: Supreme Bench of the Hawaiian Islands, by T.G. Thrum(?) 97
- 1892: The Educational Work of the American Mission for the Hawaiian People, by C.M. Hyde 119—*look at this in terms of acculturation and support from ari'i*
- 1894: A Sketch of the Constitutional History of Hawaiian Kingdom, by W.D. Alexander 148
- 1894: Chinese Immigration to the Hawaiian Islands, by W.H. Wright 156—*compare to 1890 article on Chinese*
- 1894: Addenda: The Present Hawaiian Situation, by T.G. Thrum(?) 159—*compare to 1893 articles on British takeover*
- 1896: Brief Record of Rebellion, by T.G. Thrum(?) 176—*given how violent this was, why has it disappeared from modern discussion of Hawaii in your opinion?*
- 1896: Early History of the Present House of C. Brewer & Co., Limited, by J.F. Hunnewell ... 182 -*a good example of the development of the kama`aina power elite*
- 1896: History of Immigration to Hawaii, by W.D. Alexander 193—*note the views of different groups*
- 1897: Hawaiian Epidemics: An Historic Account of the Principal Epidemic Periods Known to Have Occurred in These Islands, by T.G. Thrum(?) 203

Thrum's Readings in Vol. 5: HAWAII-NEI: 1898-1910

- *1899: Honolulu in 1853, by W. Goodale and T.G. Thrum 42—*try to compare to the Honolulu you know*
- *1903: Kahoolave An Early Place of Banishment, by T.G. Thrum(?) 93—*compare this to contemporary views/attitudes of Kahoolawe—are they the same or have they changed?*
- *1904: Streets of Honolulu in the Early Forties, by G.D. Gilman 106—*as with the earlier article, compare to modern Honolulu*
- *1905: The Sandalwood Trade of Early Hawaii, by T.G. Thrum 118—*who were the guilty parties in this episode, why?*
- *1906: Extracts from an Ancient Log, by T.G. Thrum 144—*note the interesting social and geographical relationships and how Honolulu becomes dominant*
Early Sandalwood Trade: Hawaiian Version, by T.G. Thrum(?) 155—*compare to the 1905 article again for guilty parties*
- *1907: Land Customs of Early Settlers in Hawaii; As Shown in the Foreign Testimony Records of the Commissioner to Quiet Land Titles, 1846, by T.G. Thrum(?) 166—*can you see any of the tensions that led to the Mahele here?*
- *1908: An Early Ascent of Maunaloa, A. Menzies and British Museum 170—*one of the best early accounts of Hawaii at the initial stage of contact, 2nd part below*
- *1910: Ascent of Mount Hualalai, by A. Menzies and British Museum 199
Plantation Labor Trouble of 1909, by T.G. Thrum(?) 206—*the plantation labor issues from the viewpoint of the kama`aina elites*

--- Recommended, Not Required ---

- 1898: Japan's "Peaceful Invasion", by T.C. Hobson 28—*compare to earlier 'Chinese' articles and attitudes*
- 1901: Honolulu's Battle with Bubonic Plague, by T.G. Thrum(?) 77—*this was the infamous Chinatown Fire and justification at the time*
- 1907: Lahaina in Early Days, by G.D. Gilman 162—*compare this to the modern image of Lahaina/Maui*

Thrum's Readings in Vol. 6: HAWAII-NEI: 1911-1920

- *1913: The Affairs of the Wainiha Hui, by J.M. Lydgate 76—*how does this fit or contradict stereotypes of Hawaiian social interaction/decisions?*
- *1913: The King's Daughter's Home, by T.G. Thrum(?) 82—*where was this, what's there now?*
- *1914: In and Around Honolulu, by T.G. Thrum(?) 88—*note changes from earlier articles*
- *1915: The Vanishing Kuleana, by J.M. Lydgate 137—*Hawaiian land right issues*

--- Recommended, Not Required ---

- 1913: Hilo's Development and Outlook, by J.T. Stucker 67—*compare to contemporary views of Hilo*
- 1919: Hana of Historical Tradition and Romance, by T.G. Thrum(?) 192—*compare to modern views of Hana*

Thrum's Readings in Vol. 7: HAWAII-NEI: 1921-1935: Read the following:

- *1921: When Sailors Ruled the Town, by T.G. Thrum *A very interesting article on the sailor's riot of 1852 and the impact on the government.*

***1924:** Visit of HMS Blonde to Hawaii in 1825, by R. Bloxam *A letter by Rev. Bloxam in 1825, edited for the Annual. A very detailed account of Hawaii as seen in 1825.*

***1926:** Kauai Childhood Days, by T.G. Thrum *An account of life on Kauai in the mid-19th century as narrated in 1915 by Mrs. S. Polani to J.M. Lydgate and edited for the Annual.*

***1930:** Reminiscences of Gideon Laanui, by T.G. Thrum *Originally written in 1838 for Kumu Hawaii and edited for the Annual with translation by Mr. Thrum. A very important article in that Mr. Laanui was one of the courtiers for Kamehameha I, so this autobiographical account is a very rare reflection of the time by a participant to key affairs. Of great interest is the discussion about social interaction and etiquette in this period.*