Luncheon Forum:
Women in Economics

Friday, April 22, 12:00 – 1:15 pm | Miller Room (Saunders 515)

What can you do with a B.A. in Economics?
Five women tell us what they have done and plan to do.

Colleen Hanabusa
Colleen Hanabusa received her B.A in Economics and Sociology from UH-Mānoa in 1973, her M.A. in Sociology from UH-Mānoa in 1975 and her J.D. from UH Richardson School of Law in 1977. She is currently doing many things. She is practicing law, sits on the HART Board, sits on the Hawaii Gas Board, taught a course (House of Cards – the Federal Legislative Process) last semester at the UH Law School and is the Distinguished Visiting Scholar for the Daniel K. Inouye Institute. Colleen previously served as a member of Congress and as President of the Hawaii State Senate.

Pamela Krueger
Pamela Krueger received her B.A. in Economics from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities in 2008. She received her M.S. in Economics from the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 2014 with a specialization in econometrics and public health. She is currently a Health Economist and Research Assistant for Dr. Victoria Fan in the UH Office of Public Health Studies, as well as the Healthcare Services Evaluation Coordinator on a Healthy Hawaii Initiative project.

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Caryn Tottori
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Lily Hui
Lily Hui is a UH-Mānoa Economics and Chinese major who will be graduating in Spring 2016. She interns at a Chinese tourism firm and just returned from studying abroad in China.

Lunch provided to all participants -- Attendance by RSVP:
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BIOS FOR THE LUNCHEON FORUM SPEAKERS

Pamela Krueger
Pamela Krueger is a Health Economist and Research Assistant for Dr. Victoria Fan in the UH Office of Public Health Studies, as well as the Healthcare Services Evaluation Coordinator on a Healthy Hawaii Initiative project. In 2008, she graduated from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities with a B.A. in Economics. She received her M.A. in Economics from the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 2014 with a specialization in econometrics and public health. Prior to obtaining her M.A., she worked for four years in international development in Washington, D.C. and abroad in Azerbaijan and Moldova. She served as a Program Coordinator for the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) and as a Financial Analyst and Business Development Associate for Chemonics International.

Caryn Tottori
Caryn Tottori received a B.A. in Economics from UH-Mānoa in 1984 and her M.A. in Economics from UH-Mānoa in 1987. After graduation, she was a Rates and Statistics Specialist at a health maintenance organization. From 1990 to 1999, she worked for the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division for the Hawaii Department of Health as a Research Statistician, where she was responsible for developing a client data system to track utilization of services. At the Alcohol and Drug Abuse System, she was also the project manager for developing and maintaining a purchase of service information system. Since 1999, she has been a Research Statistician for the Office of Health Status Monitoring with the Hawaii Department of Health. Her current projects include preparing vital statistics reports, participating in collaborative efforts to analyze the burden of chronic diseases, participating in a project to create life tables to estimate life expectancy, and conducting computerized verifications of other agency data with births and deaths data.

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member of the Board of Trustees for St. Andrew's Priory and as a member of the Board of Councilors for the U.S.-Japan Council.

She tells us that, “Of course I am using my B.A. in Economics. It gave me the foundational understanding as a member of Congress and a member of the Hawaii State Senate to make decisions that affect economic policy. I have also participated on panels for the East-West Center and other organizations and my degree in economics is what is the basis of my understanding of diplomatic, security and trade policies. As I give speeches today, it is my training in Economics that I believe I utilize the most. What I do know is really a culmination of my legal career and my political career. My economics degree is what assists me in understanding and formulating my position on policies.”

Sun Young (Kelly) Park

Lily Hui
Lily Hui is still an undergraduate at UH-Mānoa, and plans to graduate this semester (Spring 2016). She is pursuing a double major in Economics and Chinese. Currently, she interns at a Chinese tourism firm and just returned from studying abroad in Shanghai, China, and the experience made her realize she really wants to be involved with China and Japan and pursue a career path that allows her to put my language skills to use.

Lily tells us that she “believes an economics major is very flexible and students learn skills that can be applied in any career. At my current job in the tourism industry, my economics degree is useful because I have a deeper understanding of consumer behavior, consumer choices and demand, international policies and exchange rates and how that affects behavior, international relations, and much more. Being more knowledgeable about consumers, the world, the market, international relations, human behavior, has helped me make better informed decisions, see the world differently, and approach situations with more understanding. These are only a few ways my economics degree has benefited my career. I have pursued other career paths, in education, public relations, marketing, and the knowledge I have obtained with my degree has always been useful. What I learned as an economics major has prepared me for any career path I choose and adds to my life everyday.”