



Meda Chesney-Lind was keynote speaker at an event hosted by the U.S. Coast Guard (14th District, Hawai'i). The event, in recognition of Women's History Month, celebrated the theme of Women of Character, Courage and Commitment and was attended by women from our community who are leaders in industry, private practice, government and military. The event was held on Thursday, April 24, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Diamond Head Lighthouse

When Captain James Cook sailed the Hawaiian Archipelago in 1778, he saw no man-made aids to navigation. In today's Hawaii hundreds of modern aids, such as lighthouses, buoys, and radio beacons are in operation to assist mariners.

One of the more senior of these Hawaiian aids is the automated Diamond Head Lighthouse (DHL), located atop a steep cliff on the south side of Oahu. One of the best-known beacons in the Pacific, it has guided mariners to Honolulu for more than a hundred years now.

Built on the side of the extinct Diamond Head volcano, the original lighthouse structure was erected in 1899 and is surpassed in longevity in Hawaii only by Aloha Tower Light, built in 1870, and Barbers Point Lighthouse, built in 1888.

The original ironwork of the watchroom and lantern at Diamond Head are still in use. The present tower, built in 1917, was constructed of reinforced concrete and stands 55 feet high. The original lighting equipment consisted of a 3rd order Fresnel lens and a special multiple-wick kerosene oil lamp, imported from France in 1899. These pieces of equipment were standard throughout the world for lights of this size and importance.

The first step in modernization at DHL was to replace the fixed or steady light with the present day flashing light. DHL has been progressively improved and is carefully inspected and maintained as a modern, automated aid to navigation. The commercially powered light is backed up by a battery powered light equipped to switch on in case of power outage. An electronic sensing device also monitors the main light and activates the backup light in case of any type of failure.

A photoelectric cell alarm control system was formerly installed which caused a bell to ring in the base of the tower and also in the nearby dwelling when the light failed. This system was removed during the war years.

Built 147 feet above sea level, DHL can be seen as far away as 18 miles and has an intensity of 60,000 candlepower. The light shows a red sector to warn vessels away from the reefs off Waikiki Beach. The large dwelling at DHL was occupied by the superintendent of the 19th Lighthouse District prior to the merger of the Lighthouse Service with the Coast Guard in 1939.

Operating under the U. S. Department of Commerce, the 19th District included the Hawaiian Islands, Midway Island, Guam, and American Samoa. From 1939 to 1944, this dwelling served as the 14th Coast Guard District Radio Station. In 1944, the radio station was moved to Wailupe training Station. The large building at the light station was renovated and has been the residence of the 14th CG District Commander since that time. DHL was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980,

Lighthouses are often thought of as towers of mystique, isolated at the foot of storm-tossed waves beating upon the rocky shore. Though the days of the traditional lighthouse keepers are gone, Diamond Head Light continues standing its watch, guiding mariners safely past the rocky shore.

Celebrating Women of Character, Courage, and Commitment



*Thursday, April 24, 2014
Diamond Head Lighthouse*

**WELCOME
RECEPTION**

PROGRAM

*Lieutenant Craig Dente, USCG
Master of Ceremonies*

WELCOME REMARKS

*Rear Admiral Cari B. Thomas
Commander
Fourteenth Coast Guard District*

SPEAKERS

*Ms. Lori Lum ~ Character
Chair of the Board of Directors
Girl Scouts of Hawaii*



*Dr. Saira Yamin ~ Courage
Associate Professor
Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies*



*Ms. Kathy Perkins ~ Commitment
President
Organization of Women Leaders*

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

*Dr. Meda Chesney-Lind
Chair Women's Studies Department
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa*

*Ms. Kathy Perkins
President
Organization of Women Leaders*



Kathy Perkins is the current President of the Organization of Women Leaders.

OWL was founded in 1985 as an organization that shares information and offers support among professional women in the community.

Perkins is also a past president of the Junior League of Honolulu and has served on the board of several non profit organizations. Kathy recently retired from St. Andrew's Priory School as the Director of Institutional Advancement and Alumnae Relations, a position she held for four years. Prior to that position, she spent 24 years in various executive and management positions at Bank of Hawaii and Central Pacific Bank and four years as Vice President of Membership at the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii.

A graduate of the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Perkins double majored in Marketing and Fashion Merchandising. She is also a graduate of the Bank Administration Institute - Graduate School of Banking from the University of Madison-Wisconsin.

Saira Yamin, Ph.D.
Associate Professor
Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies



Dr. Saira Yamin is Associate Professor at the Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies in Honolulu, HI. Her areas of expertise include Conflict Analysis and Resolution, South Asia, and Women, Peace and Security. Previously, Dr. Yamin has taught at the School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason University, VA, and at the Department of Defense and Strategic Studies, Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad. She has also given guest lectures at the American University in Washington D.C., University of Karachi and University of Peshawar in Pakistan.

Dr. Yamin has made appearances as a security analyst on Al-Jazeera, BBC, Canada TV, Pakistan Television and Voice of America. Her media experience includes French and English news reading for Radio Pakistan and as a DJ on FM 100, a popular radio station in Islamabad. She has worked extensively in the development sector in South Asia working with international and local non-governmental organizations on women and children's rights. She has also worked as a consultant for Women in Security, Conflict Management and Peace (WISCOMP), New Delhi, in various initiatives to build regional peace in South Asia.

Dr. Yamin has written on a range of issues related to peace and conflict in different world regions. Her work has been published by the United States Institute of Peace, Oxford University Press, *Christian Science Monitor*, *New York Times*, *International Herald Tribune*, *Nation*, *Politico*, *The Friday Times* (Lahore), *Daily Times* (Lahore), *The News International* (Islamabad), and *Journal for the Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies* (New Delhi), among others. Dr. Yamin received her B.A. in Political Science and English Literature from the University of the Punjab, Pakistan. She earned both her M.Sc. and Ph.D. in Conflict Analysis and Resolution from George Mason University, VA.

Rear Admiral Cari B. Thomas
Commander
Fourteenth Coast Guard District



Rear Admiral Thomas assumed duties as Commander, Fourteenth Coast Guard District in May 2013. The area of responsibility spans over 12.2 million square miles and includes the Hawaiian Islands, Guam, American Samoa and activities in Saipan, Singapore and Japan. This encompasses a region nearly three times the size of the continental United States.

Prior to reporting District Fourteen, Rear Admiral Thomas was the Assistant Commandant of Response Policy, where she oversaw the development of Coast Guard response doctrine and policy guidance. As part of these duties, she led or participated in U.S. delegations negotiating treaties for Arctic search and rescue and oil spill responses as well as overseeing a number of other international agreements that encompassed fisheries enforcement in the Western and Southern Pacific, oil spill responses in the Caribbean and Arctic and counterdrug operations in the Caribbean and Eastern Pacific.

A 1984 graduate of the U. S. Coast Guard Academy, Rear Admiral Thomas served on cutters VIGOROUS, VALIANT, and commanded MANITOU. Additionally, other operational assignments included Group-Air Station Atlantic City and Commander, Sector Miami, Response Operations. Highlights of these assignments included Operation Wagonwheel, T/S MEGA BORG fire and oil spill, Operations Able Vigil and Uphold Democracy, and numerous hurricane responses and national security special events; she earned certification as a Type II Incident Commander in 2006. Rear Admiral Thomas also served in the Personnel Command, as a Program Reviewer at Headquarters, the Executive Assistant to the Atlantic Area Commander and the Atlantic Area Resource Director. As a Captain, she was the Commanding Officer, Training Center Cape May, the only enlisted accession source. She served as the DHS Chief of Staff to Principal Federal Official (PFO), Northeast Region and as the pre-designated Deputy PFO, Florida. Rear Admiral Thomas is a member of Capstone 2010-02, and Joint Maritime Component Commander Course 2011-01.

Rear Admiral Thomas graduated with distinction from the Naval War College with a Masters of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies, and has completed Harvard's National Preparedness Leadership Initiative. She also holds a Master of Science in Educational Leadership from Troy State University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the Coast Guard Academy. She is currently the Chair, Board of Directors of the Sea Services Leadership Association and has served on other non-profit boards as a member.

Dr. Meda Chesney-Lind
Professor and Chair
Women's Studies University of Hawaii at Manoa



Meda Chesney-Lind, Ph.D. is Professor and Chair of Women's Studies at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Nationally recognized for her work on women and crime, the author of eight books, she has just finished **Fighting for Girls** co-edited with Nikki Jones which won an award from the National Council on Crime and Delinquency for "focusing America's attention on the complex problems of the criminal and juvenile justice systems." She has also just completed an international edited collection entitled **Feminist Theories of Crime**.

In 2012, the Western Society of Criminology named an award in Chesney-Lind's honor to recognize scholarship in the area of gender and crime. She received the Bruce Smith, Sr. Award "for outstanding contributions to Criminal Justice" from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in April, 2001. She was named a fellow of the American Society of Criminology in 1996 and has also received the Herbert Block Award for service to the society and the profession from the American Society of Criminology. She has also received the Donald Cressey Award from the National Council on Crime and Delinquency for "outstanding contributions to the field of criminology," the Founders award of the Western Society of Criminology for "significant improvement of the quality of justice," and the University of Hawaii Board of Regent's Medal for "Excellence in Research."

Finally, Chesney-Lind has recently joined a group studying trends in youth gangs organized by the National Institute of Justice, and she was among the scholars working with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Girls Study Group. In Hawaii, she has worked with the Family Court, First Circuit advising them on the recently formed Girls Court as well as helping improve the situation of girls in detention with the recent JDAI initiative. She has also been active in the Community Alliance on prisons assisting Hawaii in exploring new policy directions in corrections that are data driven and evidence based.

Ms. Lori Lum
Chair of the Board of Directors
Girl Scouts of Hawaii



Lori Lum is Director of Government Relations & Public Affairs at Watanabe Inc. LLP, providing strategic counseling and government affairs services for clients on public policy issues involving county councils, the State Legislature and congress.

Ms. Lum is a former hospitality industry executive and engages in extensive community relations work. She is currently Chair of the Board of Directors of the Girl Scouts of Hawaii and also serves on the boards of Child and Family Service, Hawaii's largest nonprofit human service organization and R.E.A.C.H. Out Hawaii, which provides afterschool programs for public middle and intermediate school students.

From 2000 to 2006, she chaired the Board of the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA), an agency created by the 1976 Hawaii State Legislature to plan for and revitalize urban areas in the State which lawmakers found to be in need of timely redevelopment. Ms. Lum also served on the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International, Aloha Festivals and Visitor Aloha Society of Hawaii.

Ms. Lum is an honors graduate of the University of Hawaii.