

The Programs We Offer...

Vision

We envision a university, community and a world where the prevention, management, and resolution of conflict is our shared enterprise.



Values & Principles

A center for innovation in peacemaking leadership and conflict resolution, the Spark M. Matsunaga Institute for Peace is dedicated to:

- Honoring the legacy of United States Senator Spark M. Matsunaga
- Building on Hawai'i's cultural heritage and island values (including aloha, mutual aid and respect, sense of community, caring for the land, and a reliance on each other), to promote cross-cultural communication and peacemaking leadership.

Education

Peace Studies Certificate:

A 15-credit program of study in peace and conflict resolution, with internship opportunities available for undergraduate and classified graduate students.

Peace and Conflict Resolution Major:

An individually designed major offered through Interdisciplinary Studies.

Graduate Certificate in Conflict Resolution:

Available to students seeking the certificate only or concurrently with a Masters or Ph.D. program.

Scholarships

Jacob Peace Memorial Award: For a student who demonstrates interest in Peacemaking Leadership, Peace Studies, Conflict Resolution, and Intercultural Understanding. Available to both Graduate and Undergraduate students.

Nobumoto Tanahashi Peace Scholarship

Award: For graduate students focusing on Peace Studies, Conflict Resolution, and/or Peacemaking Leadership.

Publications

The Institute publishes occasional papers and books on issues of peace, conflict resolution, and nonviolence. Copies are available upon request.

Research

The Institute supports scholars in theoretical and action research.

Service

Symposia and Lectures: Regular symposia present faculty and outside speakers from a variety of disciplines and with diverse opinions on peace issues. Visiting distinguished leaders have included Nobel laureate Jose Ramos-Horta and nonviolence scholar N. Radhakrishnan.

Community Outreach: Work with the community to plan programs of special relevance to Hawai'i. The Institute sponsors public forums, trainings, workshops, and recognition for local peacemakers.

Conflict Management: Services include: consulting, mediation, training, teaching, and facilitation for UH campuses and non-UH organizations.

Resource Center: Peace and conflict resolution publications and videos available for students, faculty, researchers, and the community.

Specialization

Program on Conflict Resolution: Makes significant contributions to early identification, research, prevention, and peaceful resolution of interpersonal, family, workplace, community, public, organizational, cross-cultural and international conflicts.



Our Mission

The Spark M. Matsunaga Institute for Peace at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa is a multi-disciplinary academic community of scholars, students, practitioners, and visitors who, through teaching, research, service and application, seek to:

- Educate and train professionals and future leaders in applied peacemaking and conflict resolution.
- Develop and apply innovations to the peaceful resolution of conflicts – locally, regionally, nationally, and globally.
- Address contemporary problems within Hawai'i, the Asia-Pacific region, the Continental United States, and the world.
- Use our strategic Pacific location to bring people together and renew the University's responsibility to provide a safe sanctuary for a civil and respectful exchange of perspectives and ideas.

***Ma luna a'e o nā lāhui a pau ke
ola o ke kanaka.***

Above all nations is humanity.

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