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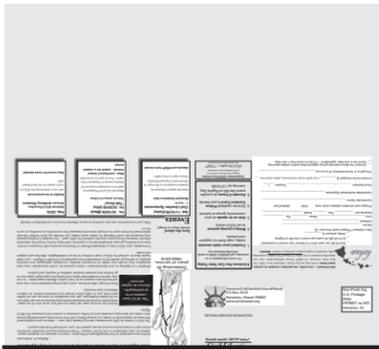
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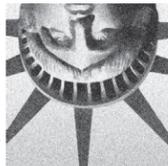
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Details inside! RSVP today!

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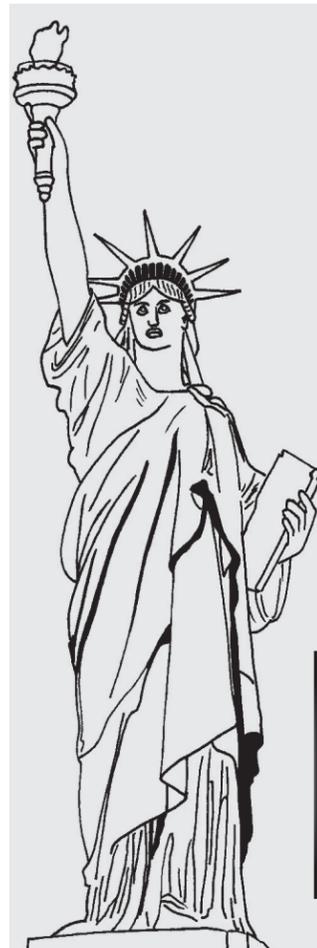


5 Actions You Can Take Today

For more information or to volunteer, call (808)522-5906 or email office@acluhawaii.org

1. **Contact your state senator** today, urge them to support civil unions.
2. **Bring a young person** to an ACLU event.
3. **Ask us to speak** at your community group or school.
4. Give an updated **Police Contact Card** to your friends.
5. **Donate 2 hours** at a public event like Bill of Rights Day, coming up 12/15/09.

September 2009: Give Aloha
Support the Hawai'i ACLU at any Foodland store statewide.
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Celebrating 45 years of service, 1965-2010



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<http://www.acluhawaii.org>

Restoring the Constitution During Tough Times

ACLU Supporters Key to Resiliency as 45th Anniversary Approaches

- Barbara A. Ankersmit

As the new president of the Hawaii Board of Directors, I want to express my deepest appreciation for your dedication to the ACLU mission. These tumultuous and uncertain economic times have rocked everyone and we are grateful for your continued financial support.

The ACLU marks its 45th anniversary serving Hawaii next year – what an accomplishment! We have an opportunity to share our unique history with the community, acknowledge those who make our advocacy possible and re-fortify ourselves to protect and preserve the Bill of Rights.

"The ACLU must continue to be an indefatigable, effective & vigilant advocate."

During the coming year, we hope you will join us at one of our state-wide public forums and special events (see below) so we can brief you on the latest challenges, get your feedback on how we can do better and invite you to take some simple but powerful actions to make a difference (see reverse).

Even through difficult times, every day brings feedback from new and old friends who expect us to hold public officials responsible - to not only restore fundamental rights lost during the past eight years but to go further and achieve broader realities of equality and justice.

Whether it is fighting to end discrimination, reform prisons for youth and adults, stop bad legislation that erodes the rights of immigrant families, homeless individuals and working people; or stirring an audience to understand the importance of the Bill of Rights – you have made clear to us that the ACLU must continue to be an indefatigable, effective and vigilant advocate.

Fortunately, your ACLU has a dedicated Board of Directors working with focused committees and working groups strengthened by a dynamic staff team led by long-time executive director Vanessa Chong (who recently marked her 25th year). Our budget is holding steady only because we work tirelessly to make every dollar you donate go even further. We are determined to thrive even in a tough economy because the community is counting on us to do so.

With your involvement, we can continue to be an effective force for civil liberties in Hawaii.

Save the dates!
(details subject to change)

Events

Sat. 11/14/09 (Oahu)
Civil Liberties Symposium
1 - 4 p.m.
Blaisdell Exhibition Hall

Keynote speech followed by breakout sessions on the topic of Government-Imposed Morality. Free & open to the public!

Details and RSVP form inside!

Fri. 10/16/09 (Maui)
Fri. 10/30/09 (Hilo)
"Talk Story"
Time & venue to follow

Meet the ACLU-HI President & staff for a conversation about civil liberties issues in Hawaii and the nation. Free & open to the public!
Maui and Hawai'i Island friends - watch for a mailed invite!

Feb. 2010:
National ACLU Executive Director Anthony Romero

Details to be announced
Join us in welcoming the ACLU's iconic leader for his first Hawai'i visit!

Stay tuned for more details!



2009 topic: Government-Imposed Morality



Annual Membership Meeting 2009 and

Hawai'i Civil Liberties Symposium

Saturday, November 14th, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Blaisdell Exhibition Hall

Scheduled events: (subject to change)

- **Keynote Speaker:** the Honorable **Ronald T.Y. Moon** Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Hawaii
- **Breakout Session A: "The Government in our Bedrooms"** Planned panelists will discuss trends toward Marriage Equality and the ongoing struggle to defend women's rights to reproductive freedom.
- **Breakout Session B: "Justice for Some People - But Not For All?"** Planned panelists on prison conditions, re-integration after incarceration as well as access to justice & discrimination issues faced by immigrant communities.
- **Breakout Session C: "Technology and Privacy"** Planned panelists on trends in DNA & privacy, the controversial patent of the "breast cancer gene" (BRCA), and the increasing use of biometrics - body and facial scanners - during travel.

**More info & evolving speaker line-ups: www.acluhawaii.org/symposium
Walk-ins welcome on the day of the event, but your RSVP will help us plan!**

Tentative Schedule:

- 12:30: Registration opens
- 1:00 - 1:10: Business Meeting
- 1:15 - 1:40 Keynote
- 1:50 - 4:00: Workshops
- 1:50 - 2:40: Session I (choose breakout A, B or C)
- 2:50 - 3:40: Session II (choose breakout A, B or C)
- 3:45 - 4:00: "Soapbox" Conviviality, Call to Action

RSVP by 11/7/09 via mail, phone, fax or email. PO Box 3410 Honolulu, HI 96801 • ph. (808) 522-5906 • fax (808) 522-5909 • office@acluhawaii.org. Be sure to include contact information so that we can reach you in case event details change!

____ of ACLU Member reservations for Conference (no charge)
____ of guest (non-member) reservations for Conference.(no charge)

Name _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Requests for disability accommodation: submit your request using the contact info above by 11/1/09. We will always try to accommodate requests. The Blaisdell Exhibition Hall is ADA-accessible. Self-parking: \$5 in Blaisdell lot. Street parking in surrounding area is metered. The Blaisdell Center is served by major bus lines. Contact TheBus for schedules and information.

Your 1st and 2nd choices for breakout sessions:

1st 2nd

- A: Gov't in Our Bedrooms
 B: Justice for Some - But Not for All?
 C: Technology & Privacy

'Ohana News

Local Board Leaders. Hawaii members elected for three-year term (and 1-year officer posts): **George Atkins, Sheryl Nicholson, Barbara A. Ankersmit** (President), **Roger W. Fonseca** (Secretary), **Jeffrey Hong** (National Board rep), **Pamela Lichty** (At-Large), and **Rev. A. Joris Watland** (Vice-President). Joined by current members **Ibrahim Aoude, Barbara L. Franklin** (Hawaii island; At-Large), **Gail Gnazzo** (Maui), **Pat Hammers** (Treasurer), **Marianita Lopez** (Affirmative Action), **Andrea Low, Esther Solomon** (Kauai) and **Moana Yost...Activists in Motion.** Volunteers talked up the Bill of Rights at the Health & Awareness Fair at Waipahu H.S., Coalition for a Drug Free Hawaii's Backyard Jam, Human Rights Day - State Capitol, First Friday, the Gay Pride Parade, Justice and Equality Day - State Capitol and Gay Pride Festival - McCoy Pavilion...**Davis Levin First Amendment Conference - Distinguished Lecture Series.** **Ben Wizner**, visiting national security lawyer, met with supporters statewide during his lecture circuit launched with a "Restore America" panel discussion at UH Law School. Mahalo to speakers **Sylvia Law, Avi Soifer, Mari Matsuda, Roger Fonseca, Richard Boldt...Mahalo to volunteers. Karen Lee, Anthony Chang, Jory Watland, Annelle Lee, Norman Bode, Lolly Poole, Beth Shand, Frank Lockwood, Pam Lichty, Jeanne Ohta, Esther Solomon, Joyce Nakahara, Nandini Battacharjee, Bart Dame, Juliet Begley, Erin Chisolm, Maureen Hora.**



Finally, we acknowledge the passing of dear friends who each uniquely and tirelessly supported civil liberties. We are deeply grateful for their generous bequests and memorial gifts to the local ACLU to further advocacy in the courts, legislature and public forum. **Dr. Bernice E. Coleman** was a feisty role model during her long tenure on the ACLU Board of Directors and Litigation Committee. She was a distinguished psychiatrist during a time when women began breaking barriers in male-dominated fields. As the only non-lawyer on the legal panel, her wry humor kept lawyers on their toes while

her extensive experience in psychiatry and neurology was invaluable in strategy discussions on medical privacy, involuntary commitment and mental health treatment of the incarcerated.

Nina Etkin's phenomenal mentoring capacity, as Anthropology Professor and Graduate Chair, inspired many students at UH-Manoa while her research work in biocultural medical anthropology was pioneering in scope and impact, significantly increasing our awareness of the role of food in health maintenance across many cultures.

Dr. Setsu Furuno was a life-long champion and effective advocate for children with disabilities. During a time when needy infants and youngsters below age five were often ignored or institutionalized, Setsu used her extraordinary talents as psychologist and knowledge of child and maternal health to close the large gap in developmental services that existed for many children and families in Hawaii.

Tom Gill was a long-time ACLU supporter (since at least 1972) who ramped up his activism during his 25-year tenure with the local affiliate. He devoted countless hours to the ACLU mission both on the Board and Legislative Committee (the latter as member, then as 10-year chair). His unyielding commitment to justice and equality inspired everyone who worked with him to do their best. ACLU's impact in Hawaii owes much

to Tom's leadership and integrity.

Ah Quon "AQ" McElrath and the Bill of Rights shared the same December 15 birthday. Local ACLU executive director Vanessa Chong credits her first community organizing success to the legendary know-how of AQ and Frank Chong. In 1981, Rev. Jerry Falwell, Moral Majority founder, was about to arrive in Hawaii, and ACLU wanted activists to turn out and oppose his agenda. With AQ and Frank's kokua, over 1000 peaceful protestors marched at the state capitol during his speech. Falwell called it the worst reception he'd received on his nationwide tour.

Richard Via's love of Broadway theatre (as actor and stage manager) and Japanese culture led to an East-West Center assignment and permanent Hawaii roots. His love of the arts and teaching talents were enormously helpful to the many educators, organizations and projects he touched and he used his local, national and international reputation to promote the arts as bridges between cultures of the Asia-Pacific region.

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the ACLU of Hawai'i have two separate organizations in order to do a broad range of work in protecting civil liberties. This newsletter collectively refers to the two organizations under the name "ACLU of Hawai'i," whose mission is to protect the civil liberties contained in the state and federal constitutions through litigation, legislative and public education programs statewide. The ACLU is funded primarily through private donations and offers its services at no cost to the public. The ACLU does not accept any government funds.