

BYU-Hawaii Research Trip/CCLA Training with BYU-H University Archives

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Purposes:

1. To do research on the early rhetoric surrounding the proposal and eventual establishment of the Church College of Hawaii.
 - a. This portion of the trip was funded by a research grant from the Creative Works committee (\$2000.00)
2. Training with University Archivist Matt Kester
 - a. This portion of the trip was funded by CCLA (\$645.40 airline ticket)
 - b. Make sure that the Integrated Digital Special Collections (INDI) was accessible from BYU-Hawaii
 - c. Train Matt Kester on the use of INDI
 - d. Discuss the EAD redesign project and review the new finding aid presentation model

Results

1. I spent several days in the University Archives reviewing the following collections and gathered a lot of good information for the House of Learning presentation that I will give in March 2008:
 - a. The Presidential Papers of the first two presidents of the Church College of Hawaii
 - b. A compilation of devotional addresses and other talks discussing the establishment of the Church College of Hawaii
 - c. Numerous Oral Histories related to the establishment of the Church College of Hawaii
2. The CCLA purpose of the trip did not go quite as planned. Due to the late dates of the CCLA meetings this year, Matt Kester and I literally passed each other in the airport in Honolulu. He was on the way back to BYU-H and I was returning home to Springville. I did, however, met with Matt's administrative assistant Patricia Leung Choi and two of his students.
 - a. The following activities occurred while I was in the University Archives at BYU-Hawaii:
 - i. I verified that INDI was accessible from BYU-Hawaii and set Matt Kester up as a user

- ii. I demonstrated INDI to Matt's administrative assistant
- iii. I reviewed the new finding presentation with two of Matt's students and got feedback from them

The trip was very productive both for my personal research and for CCLA. I will now be able to walk Matt Kester through the use of INDI during a teleconference phone call and we got some good feedback on the finding aid presentation that can be incorporated into our ongoing effort to improve the usefulness of finding aids to patrons