

FRAUHM Noon Meeting
Tuesday, March 12, 2019
Campus Center Room 203E



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"Climate Changes Everything
The University's Role in Inter-Disciplinary Education"

Climate change is a complex issue that encompasses an understanding of physical and life sciences, a historical perspective on climate throughout the ages, and an appreciation of its social, financial, and political consequences. Dr. Coffman will discuss the multi-dimensional approach required to teach this complicated topic.

Makena Coffman, BA from Stanford and MA and PhD in Economics from UH, is a very busy woman. In addition to her duties as Professor and Chair of her department, she also serves as Research Fellow at UH Economic Research Organization, Chair of the City and County of Honolulu Climate Change Commission (formed in Jan, 2018), and Director for the UH Institute for Sustainability and Resilience (launched in Sept., 2018).

Her Climate Change Commission presented Mayor Caldwell its recommendations on sea level rise guidance and climate change. They persuaded the mayor to issue a formal directive to all city departments and agencies to take action to minimize the risks from and adapt to the impacts of climate change and sea level rise.

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Our room door opens at 11:30, giving us up to an hour to talk story and enjoy lunch--buy or bring your own--with colleagues before the meeting begins, often with official notices followed by the introduction of the speaker.

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