



# AUTHENTIC HAWAII

November 30 - December 5, 2015

Featuring **Professor Timothy M. Heckman**,  
The inaugural Dr. A. Hermann Pfund Professor, Director of the Center for Astrophysical Sciences



Dear Alumni and Friends:

We invite you to join **Professor Timothy Heckman** and fellow Johns Hopkins alumni and friends to experience a most amazing exploration of Hawaii's Big Island with an exclusive stay at a private Victorian mansion located on Reed's Island in historic Hilo.

The grand Victorian home, known as *Hilo House*, is located in the area where native Hawaiian royals used to reside. Built in 1916 by British banker, Thomas Guard, who favored the Victorian plantation style with Greek revival pillars, large lanai (front porch) and spacious rooms; *Hilo House* is a stunning example of the Big Island's colonial architecture. The property has been placed on the National Registry of Historic Places and Hollywood director George Lucas stayed here when shooting *Indiana Jones* in the jungle outside Hilo.

Descend in time to historic Hilo and explore its museums, magical waterfalls, authentic shops, galleries and restaurants. This charming coastal city by the bay is known for its friendliness and diversity of residents.

**For a well-rounded experience, we will journey to the summit of Mauna Kea (at 14,000 ft.) and partake in a specially arranged tour of the Subaru Observatory, as well as visiting academic institutions and organizations working to advance scientific understanding and preserve the rich heritage of the area.**

Charlotte Xu Dewar is the owner of this exquisite property and China Advocates (our tour operator for this program). As seasonal residents of the Big Island for the past 10 years, Charlotte and her late husband Howard discovered many outstanding sites and activities in their community and around the island. This unique tour is a special opportunity to explore the wonderful sites scouted by Charlotte and Howard and experience authentic island-life from a resident's perspective.

Please join us on this insider's exploration of the Big Island. Since space is limited, be sure to get your reservation in today! This enchanting setting will create memories for a lifetime, you will not want to miss them.

Best regards,



Marguerite Jones A&S '74, Bus '88  
Travel Program Director  
Johns Hopkins University



Waipio Valley



Torch Ginger, Hawaiian Tropical Botanical Gardens



Sea Turtle

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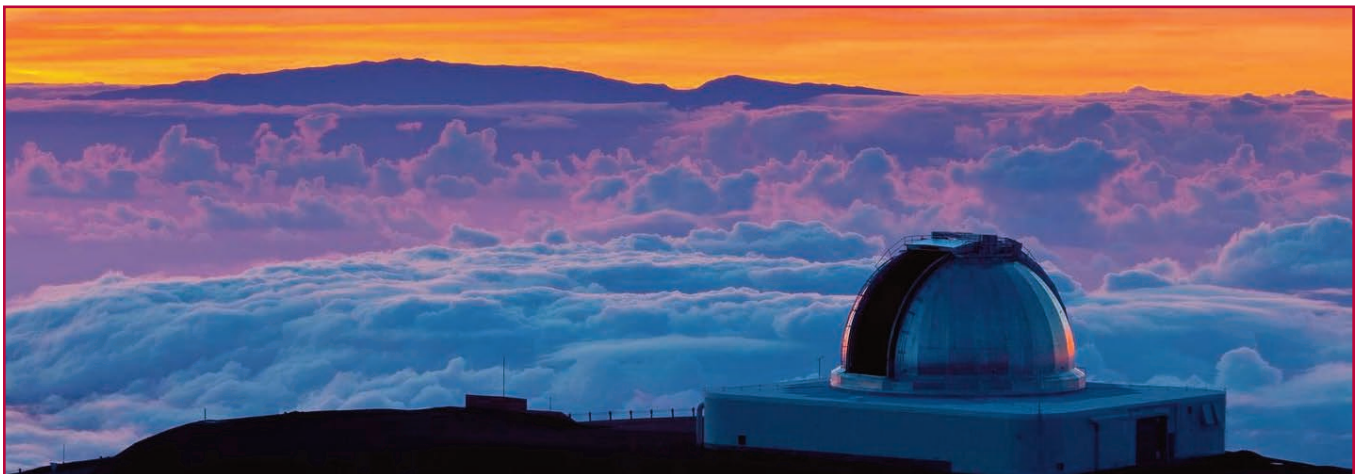
**Timothy M. Heckman**, the inaugural Dr. A. Hermann Pfund Professor, is the director of the Center for Astrophysical Sciences and the incoming Chair of the Department of Physics & Astronomy. In this role he is responsible for promoting and supporting research in astrophysics, for nurturing large-scale projects and providing them with an organizational structure, for providing a forum and a focus for strategic planning, for fostering cooperation between the different elements of the local astrophysics and space science communities, and for providing a structured career path for the non-tenure-track research staff. The center comprises nearly 80 PhD-level faculty and research staff and 40 graduate students and receives \$10 million annually in NASA grants and contracts.

Heckman's research has focused on the evolution of galaxies and supermassive black holes. He has authored or co-authored more than 600 scholarly publications, which have been cited over 28,000 times. He has given nearly 100 invited talks at national and international conferences and symposia. He has been elected to the American Academy of Arts & Sciences and has been named the Sackler Distinguished Lecturer.

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

*Experience the Delights of a Well-Crafted Itinerary*

- Travel with JHU **Professor Timothy Heckman**, who will provide the educational program in Hawaii.
- Enjoy daily breakfasts served on the **lanai** where you can view wild birds amidst the lush gardens.
- Visit the black sand beach in **Waipio Valley**, recently named one of the 10 most beautiful beaches in the world by *Conde Naste Traveler*.
- See the amazing lava glowing against the dark night sky at **Volcanoes National Park**.
- View the sunset from above the clouds at the **Summit of Mauna Kea**, learn about the advanced astronomical research taking place on the mountain, and go on a behind-the-scenes tour of the Subaru Observatory, which will be home to a major new instrument under construction by Johns Hopkins scientists and engineers.
- Marvel at the thousands of tropical plants species thriving at the **Tropical Botanical Gardens**.
- Enjoy two **Hawaiian dinner banquets** at Hilo House, prepared by a local chef with produce grown in his personal garden.
- Visit the University of Hawaii at Hilo's **Imiloa Astronomy Center and Planetarium** for an insightful interpretation of the astronomy being conducted on the summit of Mauna Kea.
- Stroll through the stalls of the lively **Hilo Farmer's Market** where you can chat with local merchants and sample the delicious plethora of fruits and vegetable grown near-by.
- Tour a small locally owned **coffee and chocolate farm** and sample the delicious products.
- Enjoy a special private performance by award-winning husband and wife team of Manu Josiah and Leilehua Yuen of **traditional Hawaiian music and dance**.





## AUTHENTIC HAWAII ITINERARY

November 30 • **Arrival Day - Hilo**

Arrive at Hilo Airport on the Big Island of Hawaii. You will be met by one of your guides and transferred to beautiful Reed's Island, to *Hilo House*, the private home of Charlotte Xu and her late husband Howard Dewar. You will spend five nights at this exclusive historic mansion surrounded by tropical rainforests, waterfalls, rivers carved by volcanoes, and beautiful gardens. The property has significant meaning to Hilo and local communities, and has been placed on the National Registry for Historic Places. The epitome of exclusivity and comfort, this will be your home away from home for the next six days.

In the late afternoon, walk the peaceful Liliuokalani Gardens named after Hawaii's last reigning monarch, Queen Liliuokalani. Located on Hilo's Banyan Drive, this authentic, 30-acre Japanese garden was dedicated in 1917 as a tribute to Hawaii's first Japanese immigrants who worked in the Hawaii Island sugar cane

fields. This beautifully landscaped park features arching red bridges over fishponds, rock gardens, pagodas, Japanese stone lanterns and a teahouse. Views of Hilo Bay and Moku Ola (Coconut Island) enhance the beautiful landscape.

In the evening, you may relax at *Hilo House* or enjoy fine dining with your fellow housemates at the elegant Hilo Bay Café. With stunning bay-front views, as land merges into sea, the chef prepares fine contemporary American bistro, as well as Hawaiian and Japanese cuisines. (no meals included on this day).

December 1 • **Akaka Falls, Richardson Beach & Mauna Kea Summit Observatory**

We serve gourmet breakfast daily at *Hilo House* on the open Lanai where you sit and relax in the morning sun and breeze with the birds and tropical plants in our gardens. Our chef prepares fresh tropical fruit, local grass-fed meat, smoked fish, organic eggs, coffee and tea. Muffins and bread are baked fresh daily for your enjoyment.

After breakfast at *Hilo House*, tour Akaka Falls State Park, 14 miles north along the northeastern Hamakua Coast. Visit two gorgeous waterfalls on one short hike. The pleasant 0.4 mile uphill hike will take you through a lush rainforest filled with wild orchids, bamboo groves and draping ferns.

Follow the paved footpath to the 100 feet Kahuna Falls. Continue to follow the loop around the bend, you'll discover towering Akaka Falls dropping 442 feet into a stream-eroded gorge. Beautiful Akaka Falls is perhaps Hawaii Island's most famous waterfall. Easily accessible, this hike takes less than an hour.

Visit Hakalau Beach with an old mill and beautiful beach park. An impressive metal bridge was built here in 1940's connecting the main loop on the Big Island. If surf is good, you will see local surfers tumbling in the high surf.

Return to Hilo for lunch at Café Pesto in downtown Hilo with a colorful menu of locally grown organic greens, freshly caught fish and



Liliuokalani Gardens

delicious pasta and pizza. Afterwards tour Richardson Beach on the Four Miles Drive with rocky seawalls and parks where locals swim, dive, surf, and fish.

Mid-afternoon, depart for a tour of the Mauna Kea Summit Observatories. The observatories are an independent collection of astronomical research facilities located on the summit of Mauna Kea at almost 14,000 ft. The location is ideal for astronomical viewing because of its dark skies, towering position above most of the water vapor in the atmosphere, clean air, good weather and an almost equatorial location. It is an optimal location for submillimeter, infrared and optical observations. Go on a special behind the scenes tour of the Subaru Observatory, which will be home to a major new instrument under construction by Johns Hopkins scientists and engineers. (b & l, boxed dinner for the summit tour)

*Because of the high altitude, please consult your physician to make sure you are fit for this tour.*

#### December 2 • Imiloa Astronomy Center & Hilo's Historic Downtown

In the morning, visit the world- famous Imiloa Astronomy Center, a public science center dedicated to the mission of sharing and interpreting the astronomy conducted on the summit of Mauna Kea, home of 13 of the largest and most advanced telescopes in the world. Imiloa presents the astronomy done atop Mauna Kea within the framework of native Hawaiian traditions of navigation and exploration. Tour the facilities and learn about the on-going scientific and cultural research within the context of the community. Watch a show at the world's first 3D digital dome in the Planetarium and stroll through the landscape gardens featuring native and Polynesian- introduced plant life.

Visit the College of Hawaiian Language, for an introduction to their Hawaiian Cultural and Language Preservation program. The program is being tested as a template to restore



Halema'uma'u Vent, Volcanoes National Park

and preserve indigenous language.

Lunch is at a local restaurant.

In the afternoon, tour Hilo's historic downtown, Hawaii Island's biggest small town featuring century-old wooden storefronts (many of which are on the National Register of Historic Places) housing a variety of sophisticated galleries, shops, restaurants and cultural sites. Start your walk on Kamehameha Avenue facing beautiful Hilo Bay and discover a variety of local shops, restaurants and attractions including the modern aloha wear at Sig Zane Design; Lava Flow photography gallery; the neo-classical Palace Theatre built in 1925. You'll also find a variety of art galleries featuring paintings, woodwork, glasswork and jewelry from artists with a unique island point of view. The Pacific Tsunami Museum chronicles the cataclysmic natural disasters of 1946 and 1960 forcing Hilo to rebuild further inland using parkland as a buffer. The Lyman Mission House & Museum features a historic house built in 1839 by American Christian missionaries.

In the evening, enjoy a home cooked dinner at Hilo House featuring our local Hawaii chef and fresh market to table delicacies. (b,d)

*You may enjoy a Hawaiian lomi lomi massage at the local spa, five minutes from Hilo House, before dinner. Advanced reservation required.*

December 3 • **Hawaii Volcanoes National Park**  
Hawaii Volcanoes National Park encompasses two active volcanoes: Kilauea, one of the world's most active volcanoes; and Mauna Loa, the world's most massive volcano. The park gives scientists insight into the birth of the Hawaiian Island and ongoing studies into the processes of volcanism. Experience the dramatic volcanic landscapes and rare flora and fauna found here. In recognition of its outstanding natural values, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park was designated as an International Biosphere Reserve in 1980 and a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1987. The best and closest place to observe a volcanic eruption is from Jaggar Museum overlook, and other vantage points at the summit of Kilauea

that provide views of Halema'uma'u Crater. During daylight, the robust plume of volcanic gas is a constant and dramatic reminder of the molten rock churning in a lava lake beneath the crater floor. After sunset, Halema'uma'u continues to thrill visitors with a vivid glow that illuminates the clouds and the plume as it billows into the night sky.

An optional 4 mile hike of Kilauea Iki trail through the crater and lush plants is invigorating and provides an intimate experience of the volcanic terrain and ecology. A box lunch with fruit and sandwiches is provided. After exploring the park, settle in for a sunset dinner. Then, emerge to watch the volcano glow at night near the crater. (b,l,d)

#### December 4 • **Hilo Farmer's Market, Waipio Valley, Tropical Botanical Garden**

This morning tour the bustling Hilo Farmers Market (available Wednesdays & Saturdays). Drive to Waipio Valley (45-minute ride), a dramatic landscape surrounded by 2,000 ft cliffs. This is the childhood home of King Kamehameha I, and an important center for political and religious life in Hawaii. Waipio Valley was once the home of thousands of Native Hawaiians. Today, there are fewer than 100 residents living amongst the waterfalls, taro fields and rivers permeating the valley. Hawaii Island's tallest waterfall, Hiilawe Falls, cascades down 1,300 feet in the back of Waipio. Enjoy a picnic lunch on the white sand beach.

In the afternoon, tour the famous "Garden in a Valley on the Ocean," which sits on the lush Hamakua Coast's Scenic Drive. The Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden is a museum of living plants that attracts photographers, gardeners, botanists, scientists, and nature lovers from around the world. The Garden's collection of tropical plants is international in scope. More than 2,000 species, representing more than 125 families and 750 genera, are found in this one-of-a-kind garden. The 40-acre valley is a natural greenhouse, with fertile volcanic soil, and



Waipio Valley Beach

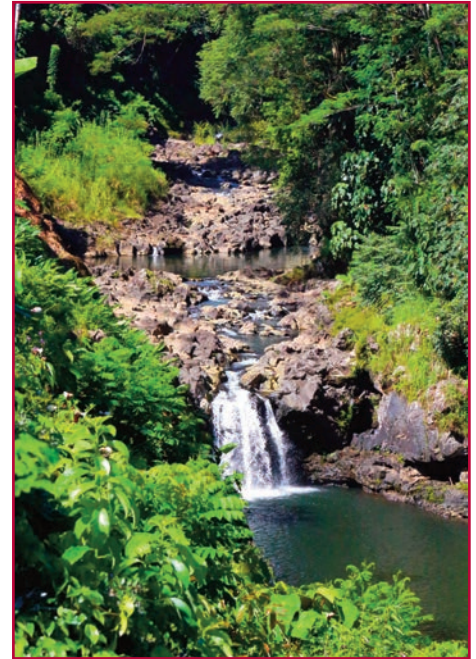
natural protection from tradewinds. Throughout this garden valley, nature trails meander through a true tropical rainforest, crossing bubbling streams, passing several beautiful waterfalls and exciting ocean vistas along the rugged Pacific coast.

In the evening, enjoy a special farewell at Hilo House, where a delectable Hawaiian banquet accompanied by Hawaiian cultural experts and musicians will make for the perfect end of your authentic Hawaiian experience. (b,l,d)

#### December 5 • **Depart Hilo**

After breakfast, one of your guides will transfer you to the Hilo Airport for your departure. (b) (Check-out time at *Hilo House* is 10:30 am).

## HILO HOUSE: GROUNDS AND COMMON AREAS



The Private Waterfall at Hilo House



The Lanai (front porch)





# HILO HOUSE: ACCOMMODATIONS



## PRIVATE SUITES

The two private suites in the mansion have king and queen beds, respectively. Both suites offer gorgeous waterfall views, sitting areas, desks, and private ensuite bathrooms.



## DELUXE ROOMS

The three deluxe rooms in the mansion have queen beds, a sitting area, a desk, and private bathrooms.



## ALOHA ROOMS\*

The two aloha rooms in the mansion have queen and twin beds, respectively with a shared bathroom, and day beds for additional seating. These rooms are perfect for a family or friends traveling together.

\*Note: Aloha Rooms are located on the garden level.



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	Room Categories:	Private Suite	Deluxe Room	Aloha Room
<b>Main Tour, Land Only, Per Person, Double Occupancy</b>		<b>\$3,390</b>	<b>\$3,090</b>	<b>\$2,790</b>
Single Supplement		\$1,390	\$990	\$890

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**Not Included:** • Domestic U.S. airfare • Portage • Meals not included in the tour • Excess baggage charges • Travel insurance • Wine, Liquor, and other items of a personal nature

**Tour Reservation Form**

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Enclosed is a deposit for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$700 per person) to hold \_\_\_\_\_ place(s).

Please make checks payable to *China Advocates*. Final payment is due September 1, 2015 (Reservations will be accepted after this date if available and accompanied by full payment.)

Name/s \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

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**Accommodations:**  Single  I need assistance in securing a roommate  Double  
(If a roommate cannot be secured for me, I agree to pay the single supplement fee(s).)

**Rooming Request:** 1st Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

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