

Honolulu 2011: Conference Report

2011 CONFERENCE: REGISTRATION

Preregistered	Number	Percentage
AAS Members (inc. 110 retired; 451 students)	2,852	65%
Non-Members (inc. 355 students)	1,558	35%
Complimentary	5	
Total Pre-Registered	4,415	94%
On-Site Registration		
AAS Members (inc. 13 retired; 24 students)	127	
Non-members (inc. 38 students)	150	
Total On-site Registration	277	6%
Exhibitors	310	
Grand Total	5,002	

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE: 2001–2011

Year	Location	Paid / Total Registrations	AAS Members Attending
2011	Honolulu	4692 / 5002*	2979
2010	Philadelphia	3034 / 3325	2278
2009	Chicago	2668 / 2951	2125
2008	Atlanta	2223 / 2517	1822
2007	Boston	2826 / 3151	2171
2006	San Francisco	2733 / 3049	2068
2005	Chicago	2549 / 2830	1982
2004	San Diego	2409 / 2729	1951
2003	New York	3178 / 3526	2559
2002	Washington, DC	2955 / 3241	2445
2001	Chicago, IL	2823 / 3120	2396

*Registration total includes exhibitors.

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION: 2001–2011

Year	Organized Panel Sessions		Individual Paper Panels	
	Panels	Participants	Sessions	Participants
2011	626	3478*	128	*
2010	282	1477	12	53
2009	249	1294	12	59
2008	223	1173	15	77
2007	228	1229	12	76
2006	240	1211	14	85
2005	213	1229	13	80
2004	219	1150	11	61
2003	215	1123	11	59
2002	228	1213	15	78
2001	220	1121	18	90

*Total includes both organized and individual paper panels.

There is no doubt the 2011 Conference was the largest and most highly-attended conference in AAS history. Noted below are some of the "firsts" that took place.

Welcome Reception

The AAS held a welcome reception on Wednesday evening prior to the start of panels on Thursday morning. We were happy to see over 1,000 attendees join in the celebration on the Hilton Hawaiian Village's Great Lawn, just steps from Waikiki beach and the Pacific Ocean. For more information and photos from this reception, please refer to the AAS Conference section of our website.

Exhibition Hall

The 2011 Conference brought a total of 133 exhibiting companies to Honolulu. While this number is identical to last years total, there were more exhibitor personnel in attendance. In addition to many past exhibitors returning after a lengthy absence from the exhibit floor, there were twenty-six first-time exhibitors. We hope to continue to build a relationship with these new exhibitors in an effort to bring a more diverse offering to conference attendees in the future.

Film Screenings

While the AAS has held film screenings for the last several years, this was the first year we teamed with the Asia Educational Media Service (AEMS), who did a wonderful job viewing over 95 films submitted during the Call for Films and narrowing the selection down to 29 films. Additionally, for the first time we were able to show the film screening in a movie theatre, thanks to facilities available in Hawaii Convention Center. The film screenings were a tremendous success seating 30–60 people for each screening. Many of the films were also followed by a question and answer session. For more information on the films screened during the conference, please visit the AEMS website at www.aems.illinois.edu/aas/

Performances

This year we had many local Hawaiian artists and groups contact the association in regards to performing during the conference. A big THANK YOU to dedicated AAS member **Edward (Ned) J. Schultz**, Dean of the School of Pacific and Asian Studies, University of Hawaii at Manoa for arranging all of the performances that took place during the conference. The performances added a wonderful tone and welcome break for panel attendees. For the first time, we added a performance (The Royal Hawaiian Band) during the member reception and while we had a slight drizzle of rain in the beginning, the performance went on to the enjoyment of all in attendance.

Photographer

Due to the momentous occasion of the 70th anniversary and the joint collaboration with ICAS, for the first time we had an official photographer, Wim Vreeburg, onsite capturing every moment of this historic conference. Please visit the AAS website or Wim's website at <http://www.vreeburgavservices.nl/www.vreeburgavservices.nl/ICAS.html> to view many candid shots of performances, presentations and your fellow AAS Members and conference attendees.