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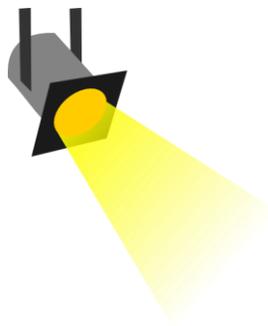
CPC welcomes two new faculty members to its *ohana*



Aloha kakou everyone! My name is Matt. My Father was in the military, so as a child I never lived anywhere for more than 4 years. Because I have been in Hawaii for 10 years, I identify as a kama'aina resident of Hawaii. I have degrees in American Studies (B.A., University of Southern California) and Second Language Studies (M.A., University of Hawaii at Manoa). I have taught English both long-term and short-term in Japan, Spain, and in Hawaii. I like teaching pronunciation, speaking, and listening because I find it very rewarding when I can help students communicate better with their local friends and host families. In addition to teaching, I do biomedical research on malaria, a disease common to many tropical countries, with the Department of Tropical Medicine at the John A. Burns School of Medicine. I'm a very busy person, but I try to balance work and school with some play as well. I enjoy working out at the gym, drinking and eating out with friends, golf, trying to salsa dance, and playing the piano. Please, study hard and enjoy English at CPC! Let's have fun together!



Aloha, my name is David and I'm originally from New York. I have years of experience living and teaching in Japan, China, California, and Hawaii. My favorite skills to teach are conversation and writing. In my free time I enjoy surfing, biking, and eating delicious food.



Teacher Spotlight



Why I became a teacher by Jay Pacpaco (Academic Coordinator and Instructor)

Once upon a time...like 27 years ago, I was born in a small town called Pugos-Sinait, Ilocos Sur in the Philippines. My mom gave birth to me on January 31st, 1988 while my dad was probably hanging out at a beach in Hawaii. After spending the first year of my life in the Philippines, my mom and I moved to Hawaii to live with my dad. I enjoyed a good four years of being an only child until my sister Jessica was born.

Growing up in Hawaii will always be the best experience of my life. I remember going to the beach with my dad almost every weekend. We would go to beaches in Makaha, Nanakuli, and Waianae and stay there fishing and swimming all day, even though till this day I still can't swim. I also grew up with a lot of family here in Hawaii. All my aunts and uncles from my dad's side lives here in Hawaii, so I always had a ton of cousins to go bike riding with, go roller skating with, and go to buy fried saimin from the manapua truck with.

However, my childhood was not always a good experience. Both my parents were immigrants to Hawaii and they both could not speak English very well. Like my parents, English is not my first language. While I was going to school and learning English, my parents were learning English with me. They would try their best to help me with my homework even when they could not understand it themselves. Sometimes I would be embarrassed that my parents couldn't speak English and my parents would become frustrated when they couldn't understand a letter from my teacher or when I asked for help with my homework. My embarrassment and my parents' frustration made me realize how important it was for me to learn English and to speak "good" English. At home my parents still speak to me in Ilocano, but I always reply in English.

After I graduated high school from Kapolei High School, I went on to get my bachelor's degree from Hawaii Pacific University. While I was studying at HPU, I had the chance to study abroad for the summer in Seoul, South Korea. I fell in love with Korean culture, food, and the city life of Seoul that I thought about how I could return to Korea and maybe live there to study or to work. After doing some research, I found a way! I could go to Korea and teach English!!! One problem...I didn't know anything about teaching English. So, after I got my bachelor's in International Relations from HPU, I decided to return to HPU and pursue a master's degree in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). At HPU I learned so much about English teaching and I consider myself very lucky that I decided to go back to school to learn about teaching English instead of going straight to Seoul. I don't think I would have been a good teacher in Korea if I hadn't learned about language learning and language learners. As a kid, I was embarrassed because my parents couldn't speak English and now I realize how wrong I was to feel that way. Learning another language isn't easy for anyone and you should never have to feel embarrassed because you can't speak the language. Like my parents who always tried their best, anyone who tries their best should have nothing to be embarrassed about.

From my experiences growing up in Hawaii, having language learning parents, and studying about English language teaching, I really felt that becoming an English teacher would be the best career for me. It is! Now, I am enjoying and having fun with teaching English every day. I have met so many great students all with their own reasons for studying English. And, I am learning something new from my students every day, especially on how I can become a better teacher. Re-

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what's going on at CPC this month?

Activities

- Hiking Hawaii Cafe with Taylor
- Diamond Head Hike and KCC farmer's market with David
- Eat the Street with Matt
- Picnic and Yoga with Melodi

Academic Workshops

- Open conversation with Dan
- Pronunciation with Raina
- Slang and Idioms with Melodi
- Business English with Dan

English phrase of the month

"I'm not following you"

Meaning: Say this when you don't understand instructions or directions

Example:

A: You need to turn left, go straight, make another right, and turn left again

B: Sorry, but I'm not following you.

Pidgin phrase of the month



"Ho"

Meaning: Wow

Example:

1. Ho, this loco moco is ono.
2. Ho, he so da kine with his money.