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## *Congratulations to Recipients of the 2012 APA Hawaii Chapter Student Scholarship Award!*

*Peter Flachsbart, Ph.D., AICP  
Associate Professor*

*D.U.R.P - University of Hawai'i at Mānoa*

### **Jacqueline Kozak Thiel**

Jacqueline Kozak Thiel is a Masters candidate in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at UH. Her area of concentration is in community and environmental planning, focusing specifically on collaboration and citizen participation in integrated sustainability planning. She recently completed a one year fellowship with the East West Center and a summer exchange in New Zealand and Fiji as part of Hawai'i Conservation



Alliance's Pacific Exchange for Emerging Professionals Program. She has been working in the environmental field in Hawaii for over 9 years beginning with an Americorps internship at Haleakalā and Kalaupapa National Parks in 2003. She arrived on Maui one week after graduating from Rochester Institute of Technology in New York with a Bachelors of Science in Applied Arts and Sciences with concentrations in environmental science, social work, and philosophy. She worked with the Kaua'i community for over four years doing outreach for the Kaua'i Invasive Species Committee and now serves as the statewide Communications Coordinator for the interagency Hawai'i Invasive Species Council with the Pacific Cooperative Studies Unit

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of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i. She lives in Palolo Valley with her husband Mark and loves spending time in the up and coming Kaka'ako neighborhood where she participated in a student practicum with Hawai'i Community Development Authority this past Spring.

## Jiwnath Ghimire



Jiwnath Ghimire is third year PhD student under Prof Karl E. Kim in Department of Urban and Regional Planning (DURP) at University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM). His areas of interest are risk perception and climate change adaptation in small and medium size cities of Asia. He is conducting his dissertation research in Vietnam. He completed his Master Degree in Urban and Regional Planning (MURP) from

DURP, UHM in 2009 and continued for his PhD. He also holds Graduate Certificate in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance from UHM. He completed first Masters Degree in Rural Development from Tribhuvan University in Nepal in 2004 before he came to Hawai'i for MURP.

He was awarded Asian Development Bank Government of Japan Scholarship through East West Center from 2007 to 2009 to complete his MURP Degree. He is recipient of East West Center Association (EWCA) Alumni Scholarship (August 2011 to August 2012), Ashok Kumar Malhotra Sewa Award (August 2011) from East West Center, Eleanor and Hermann Haus Fellowship Award (August 2011) from East West Center,

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Distinguished Service Award-2009 (May 2009) from East West Center, and Asia-Pacific Homeland Security Summit Fellowship-2009 (November 2009).

He has been working as Graduate Research Assistant in Kaua'i for the Important Agricultural Lands Study since January 2010 under Prof Karl E. Kim. Before he came to Hawai'i, he worked as Program Officer in an NGO focused on good governance and anti-corruption in Nepal. He served as Co-Chair of East-West Center Environmental Sustainability Task Force during 2009-2010. He is currently serving as Secretary of Society of Nepalese in Hawai'i (SNEHA) for 2012-2013.