Okinawa/Ryukyu resources at the University of Hawaiʻi at Mānoa Library

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Why are Okinawan resources in Hawai‘i?

- How did University of Hawai‘i obtain so many Okinawa materials?
- What are included the Okinawa Collection?
- What is future of the Okinawa Collection?
History of Okinawa materials at UH

1920 The Board of Regents established the Japanese Department at the University of Hawai‘i (UH)

1930 The Oriental Institute was established at UH

1962 The East-West Center, which was federally funded, temporarily housed the Oriental Institute’s foreign language materials

1970 The Asia Collection (resources related to countries in Asia) was transferred to the UH Library
Birth of the Okinawa Collection at UHM

Dr. Shunzō Sakamaki (1906 - 1973)

1906  Born in Olaa on the Island of Hawai‘i
1936  Dr. Sakamaki started teaching at UH
1955  Dr. Sakamaki served as dean of Summer School
1961  Learns the passing of a British journalist Frank Hawley

Image: University photo by Masao Miyamoto
Okinawa Collections at UH

- Sakamaki/Hawley Collection
- Hawaii Karate Collection
- Images of Okinawa after World War II (254 slides)
- Regular Okinawa Resources
  - Primary sources (i.e., Okinawa kenshi / 沖縄県史)
  - Secondary sources (i.e., Okinawa bunka kenkyu / 沖縄文化研究)
  - Audio/Video resources
Frank Hawley (1906 - 1961)

British journalist (independent researcher)

Interested in collecting rare books, especially the ones related to the Ryukyus

Dr. Sakamaki purchased Hawley’s collection
Collaborative Project:
University of the Ryukyus and UHM Library

**Goals**

- To archive rare and fragile materials
- To make the Collection accessible to the world

**Results**

Creation of the Sakamaki/Hawley digital collection

http://manwe.lib.u-ryukyu.ac.jp/d-archive/s/list?col=116
Digital Archives at the University of the Ryukyus Library

使琉球録／Report of a mission to Ryuku

解説（Description）

日本語

[2016年1月18日更新]
中山花木図 (Chūzan kabokuzu)／Drawings of flowers and trees in Chūzan
BIDOM (Bibliographic Information Database of Okinawa Materials)
http://manwe.lib.u-ryukyu.ac.jp/bidoms/
Hawaii Karate Museum Collection

Images from the Hawaii Karate Museum exhibit in 2008 (Hamilton Library)
Karate related books, journals were collected by a local collector.

700+ Items were donated to the UHM Library.

Out of copyrighted materials were scanned, and made accessible from the UHM Library’s eVols (=open access, digital institutional repository).

Downloads/Views by Month
(01/01/2017 - 08/31/2017)

Total: 230 downloads

Top 3 Countries (access):
1. Germany
2. United States
3. Spain
Future of the Okinawa Collection & Okinawa Studies

- Collection Development
- Collaboration
  - Collaborative acquisitions
  - Projects with researchers, with other institutions
- Connection to Other Okinawa Resource Centers (libraries, museums, WUB, etc.)
Okinawan resources in Hawai‘i continue to grow for researchers in Hawai‘i & all over the world