

Preface

This volume of *Social Process in Hawaii* presents a sample of the wide range of topics and approaches to the study of social control in Hawaii undertaken by past and present faculty and students of the Department of Sociology. In their "Introduction" the guest editors discuss the origins of the concept of social control and its changing scope and meaning through time. The first five chapters of the volume deal with current problems in Hawaii while the last three concern 19th century Hawaii. Chapter 6 is a transition between the two sets.

In "Risk Assessment and Rearrest on Probation" Keith Nagai and Gene Kassebaum investigate the degree to which the Wisconsin Model predicted the future arrests of probationers in Hawaii. Then they find the extent to which the often found differences based upon gender, ethnicity and caseload size disappeared when the risk scores were taken into account.

David Heaukulani's "Critical Mass: Observations on Prison Overcrowding in Hawaii" analyses the actual contributions to Hawaii's prison overcrowding made by a variety of the popularly attributed reasons, e.g., more severe statutes, longer minimum sentences.

Deanna B. K. Chang, in "A Domestic Violence Shelter: A Symbolic Bureaucracy," looks at what happened organizationally within a small program for abused women when that program was incorporated into a larger organization.

"Patient Consent: Issues in the Legal Regulation of a Client-Professional Relationship" presents Eldon Wegner's investigation of the asymmetrical character of the doctor-patient relationship in mastectomy-cancer consultations and the contradictory dimensions of social control in that dyadic relationship.

Albert B. Robillard's "A Social Semiotics of Nursing" argues that the shortage of nurses is the consequence of the manner in which modern capitalist society controls the social reality of nursing by controlling the definition of the profession. The Hawaii case is a manifestation of the global perspective.

Jeffrey J. Kamakahi's "Hospitals and Social Control During Hawaii's Kingdom Era" is an interesting transition to the articles dealing strictly with 19th century Hawaii. Making use of data on hospitals in Hawaii during the period of the kingdom, he develops a general model for simultaneously examining the social controls within such institutions and the social controls of these institutions from outside.

