

Title: Climate Change and migration in the Pacific Region

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Abstract: The “age of migration” will overlap with Climate Change and environmental degradation. How will this affect migration in the Pacific Region and Hawai’i in particular? This presentation will discuss how migration and environmental change affect each other, what this will mean for Hawai’i, and possible responses by local institutions.