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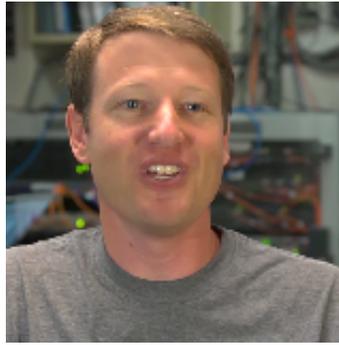
Audio alternative for National Park brochures in works for visually impaired

UH Mānoa researchers are developing new technologies to provide dynamic experiences for visually impaired visitors of national parks, like our local Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. The team is led by Brett Oppegaard in the School of Communications within the College of Social Sciences. (Image: "Rainbow and eruption of Halema`uma`u vent at Kilauea" by *Brocken Inaglory*).



Research team discovers intact 'ghost ship' off the coast of Oahu

UH Mānoa and NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries announced the discovery of an intact "ghost ship" in 2,000 feet of water nearly 20 miles off the coast of O'ahu. Sitting upright, its solitary mast still standing and the ship's wheel still in place, the hulk of the former cable ship *Dickenson*, later the *USS Kailua*, was found on the seabed last year on a maritime heritage submersible mission.



VIDEO: Exploring the Mariana Trench

The very deepest reaches of the sea are one of the planet's last true frontiers. UH Mānoa's Jeff Drazen describes the November 2014 Mariana Trench expedition aboard the Schmidt Ocean Institute's R/V *Falkor*. A key goal of this cruise was to learn more about what animals are found in the trench, and what factors might control these animals' locations and concentrations. [Learn more.](#)



Marketing professor named one of world's most influential by Thomson Reuters

For the last 10 years, Stephen Vargo, Shidler College Distinguished Professor of Marketing, has been challenging the conceptual foundations of business and economics by proposing that the essence of human exchange is best characterized in terms of service-for-service.

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