

Map Your Practice Workshop Report

On September 17, 2016, I attended and participated in a workshop, *Map Your Practice*, at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. UHM's College of Education and the Hawai'i Art Education Association (HAEA) sponsored this workshop. Dr. Lisa Hochtritt, Associate Professor of Art and Visual Cultural Education at the University of Arizona facilitated the four-hour session.

I found the workshop activities to be both innovative and educational. I learned about reflective and creative mapping strategies that I could utilize in the classroom as an arts educator and discovered that I could also apply them to my practice as a professional visual artist.

As a result of this workshop, I am planning on developing a lesson incorporating aspects of it for my ART 101: Introduction to the Visual Arts – Writing Intensive course in Spring 2017. I would also be interested and willing to share my experience with my colleagues at UHMC in a workshop or two – as the process is quite involved – first interviewing and mapping a partner's practice, and secondly creating and sharing a hands-on artwork based on that partner's interpretation.

One of the best aspects of attending the workshop was connecting with other art educators from around the state and reconnecting with familiar faces from the past. In fact, one participant was a former student of mine, who is now studying at the College of Education, working on her teaching degree.



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