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**Introductory Information**

**Collection Name:** Patricia F. Saiki Papers

**Accessions:**
- HCPC 1998: 01 1998 Sep 19  Political Science Department, University of Hawaii at Manoa: 1 audiotape; 22 videotapes
- HCPC 2005: 04 2005 Sep 19  Patricia F. Saiki: 50 videotapes
- HCPC 2007: 05 2007 Dec 5  Patricia F. Saiki: 5 record center boxes of papers
- HCPC 2008: 02 2008 Mar 14  Patricia F. Saiki: 10-page publication; poster
- HCPC 2008: 06 2008 Aug 6  Cheryl Sakai, PBS Hawaii: 1 CD with 13 HCPC images

**Dates:** 1970-2006 (bulk 1980s and 1990s)

**Size of Collection:** 18.5 linear feet (35 document cases, one flat box)

**Creator of Collection:** Patricia F. Saiki; Political Science Department, University of Hawaii at Manoa; Cheryl Sakai, PBS Hawaii

**Abstract:**

Patricia “Pat” Saiki was a major figure in Hawaii and national Republican politics. She was a state representative (1968-1974), a state senator (1974-1983) and a Hawaii representative in the U.S. Congress (1987-1991). President George H.W. Bush appointed her Administrator, Small Business Administration (1991-1993). She held numerous positions in state and national civic organizations, was chair of the National Women’s Business Council (1991-1992), was a teaching fellow at Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government (Spring 1993), and has served as member of the Board of Governors of the East-West Center (2003-present).

The Patricia F. Saiki Papers consist of a few items from her service in the state legislature, but most are from her terms in the U.S. Congress and the Small Business Administration. She donated a large collection of newspaper clippings about her activities and interests dating from 1968 through 1990, including many during her successful and unsuccessful campaigns for public office.

There are also a few memorabilia items, a small collection of photographs from throughout her career and several dozen videotapes largely concerning her election campaigns.
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Provenance: See Accessions information on previous page.

Preferred Citation: University of Hawaii at Manoa Library, Patricia F. Saiki Papers,
Series; Subseries; Sub-subseries (if appropriate); item.

   Example: University of Hawaii at Manoa Library, Patricia F. Saiki Papers; U.S. House; Legislation; Labor; [item]

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Biographical Sketch

Patricia “Pat” Fukuda was born a third generation Japanese American in Hilo, Hawaii on May 28, 1930 and graduated from Hilo High School in 1948. She earned a B.S. degree from the University of Hawaii in 1952, working her way through college as a flight attendant, babysitter and sales clerk. She was a teacher in Honolulu from 1956-1968 at Punahou School, Kaimuki Intermediate School and Kalani High School.

She married Stanley M. Saiki, a physician, and they had five children—Stanley, Jr., Sandra, Margaret, Stuart and Laura.

Beginning in the 1960s, Saiki held several offices in the Hawaii Republican Party and was a member of the Hawaii State Legislature – House (1968-1974) and Senate (1974-1983). In 1972 she spearheaded Hawaii’s Equal Rights Amendment and the state’s first-place ratification of the federal ERA. She helped organize the Hawaii Government Workers Association.

Saiki served in the U.S. House of Representatives (1987-1990), the only Republican from Hawaii to serve in the House and only the second woman to represent the state in Congress. After an unsuccessful campaign for the U.S. Senate, Pres. George H.W. Bush appointed her as Administrator, Small Business Administration (1991-1993).

Saiki was dedicated to improving public education in the state and the nation. She was chair of the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education (1978-1980) and was a national board member of Funding and Improvement of Post-Secondary Education (1982-1984).

After leaving public office, Saiki remained active in local and national Republican Party politics. She was, and is, a member of or on the board of numerous community service organizations. She has been a member of the East-West Center Board of Governors since 2003.
Biographical Chronology

1930 May 28 Born, Hilo, Hawaii; parents Kazuo and Shizue (Inoue) Fukuda. Her father worked for Amfac for 35 years.

1948 Graduated from Hilo High School.

1952 B.S., University of Hawaii.

1954 Married physician Stanley M. Saiki; five children.


1964-1966 State Secretary, Republican Party of Hawaii.

1966-1968 Research assistant for the Hawaii Senate Republicans; Vice-Chairman, Republican Party of Hawaii.


1968 Assistant Republican floor leader; Delegate, Hawaii Constitutional Convention.

1969-1977 Member, President’s Citizens Advisory Council on the Status of Women.

1970 Eagleton Institute of Politics Fellow (Rutgers University): Fellow; named Most Promising Legislator.

1972 Spearheaded Hawaii’s Equal Rights Amendment and the state’s first-place ratification of the federal Equal Rights Amendment.

1972-1986 Became first woman to serve on the Amfac Board of Directors.

1973-1981 Commissioner, Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education.


1976 Member, President’s National Commission on the Observance of International Women’s Year.

1978-1980 Chair, Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education.

1982 Lost the Republican nomination for Hawaii Lt. Governor.
1982-1984 National Board member, Funding and Improvement of Post-Secondary Education

1983-1985 Chair, Republican Party of Hawaii

1984 Member, Republican National Committee
        Delegate, Republican National Convention

1986 Nov Won election to U.S. House over Mufi Hannemann

1987 Jan 3-1991 Jan 3 Representative, U.S. Congress, 2 terms (only Republican from Hawaii to serve in the House; only the second woman to represent Hawaii)
        Committees: Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs; Merchant Marines and Fisheries

1988 Helped persuade President Reagan to sign the Civil Liberties Act that included reparations and an apology to Japanese Americans interned during World War II
        Delegate and Secretary, Republican National Convention
        Led Presidential delegation to Tonga; signatory, Treaty of Friendship

1988 Nov Won second term in U.S. House, defeating Democrat Mary Bitterman

1989 Official U.S. delegate to funeral of Japan’s Emperor Hirohito

1990 Republican nominee for the U.S. Senate; lost election to Democrat Daniel Akaka for Spark Matsunaga’s seat


1991 May 1 Husband Stanley Saiki died

1991-1992 Chair, National Women’s Business Council

1992 Delegate and Official Seconding Speaker for the nomination of George W. Bush at the Republican National Convention
        Federal Liaison, “Re-Build L.A.”

1993 Spring Teaching Fellow, Institute of Politics at Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government

1994 Ran for Governor; lost to Democrat Ben Cayetano

2003 Nov-2008 Jan Appointed by Secretary of State Colin Powell as member, Board of Governors, East-West Center

2008 Jan-present Reappointed by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice for second term as member, Board of Governors, East-West Center
Community Service
American Association of University Women
American National Red Cross, Advisory Council
Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii
Civil Air Patrol, Senior Advisory Council
Education Commission of the States
Ford Foundation and Harvard University Government Initiative, Selection Committee, member
Hawaii Government Employees Association, Teachers Chapter, President
Hawaii Kids at Work, Executive Advisory Committee
Hawaii Medical Association Auxiliary
Hawaii Pacific College, Trustee
Hawaii Special Olympics for Retarded Children, Chair and Board member
Hawaii Visitors Bureau, Board of Directors
Hawaiian Airlines, Inc. Board of Directors
Heart Sunday (Oahu), Hawaii Heart Association, Co-Chair
Honolulu Business and Professional Women
Kaimuki YMCA, board member
Kalani Band Boosters, Chair
Kapiolani Hospitital Auxiliary, member
League of Women Voters, member
National Women’s Business Council, Chair
Oahu Tuberculosis and Health Association, member
St. Francis Hospital Research Committee (Honolulu)
Straub Medical Research and Education Foundation (Honolulu)
University of Hawaii, College of Education, Search Committee for Dean
University of Hawaii Foundation, Trustee
Variety Club Schools for Handicapped Children

Honors and Awards
Asian American Small Business Association of Chicago, Woman of the Year (1992)
Asian Pacific Council, Asian American of the Year (1992)
Public Schools of Hawaii Foundation, First Annual Kulia I ka Nuu Educational Leadership Award (1992)
Rutgers University, Eagleton Institute of Politics—Most Promising Legislator (1970)
Sales and Marketing Executives of Honolulu, Sales Person of the Year (1992)
University of Hawaii Alumni Association, Lifetime Achievement Award (2010)
YWCA Hawaii, Woman of the Year (1992)
Scope & Content Note

On July 29, 1998, The Hawaii Congressional Papers Collection (HCPC) received a donation of one audiotape and 22 videotapes from the University of Hawaii at Manoa Political Science Department. Pat Saiki donated a collection of 50 videotapes on September 19, 2005. The bulk of her papers were received from her on December 5, 2007. On March 14, 2008, Saiki donated a publication and a poster. PBS Hawaii donated a CD with 13 images of Saiki copied from the HCPC’s Saiki Papers for a “Long Story Short” episode. These materials were archivally processed from December 2007 through December 2008.

The papers have been arranged into nine series, further divided into subseries and sub-subseries (see Series, Subseries & Sub-subseries Listing). Unlabeled material was assigned to appropriate series and subseries by the Archives staff.

The material was largely in fair to good condition. The boxes and folders were in fair condition. Some corrosive binders, paper clips, staples and rubber bands had caused minor damage and were removed. Newspaper clippings were yellowed, but in reasonable condition.

In a November 11, 2007, conversation with HCPC archivists Jan Zastrow and Ellen Chapman, Saiki said she had discarded most of her congressional and other papers, keeping those she believed best represented her work and her interests while in public office. Most of the material in this collection concerns her two terms in the U.S. House of Representatives and the two years she headed the Small Business Administration. The bulk of the election campaign material consists of newspaper clipping (in the Public Relations series).

Although there are no items in the Papers concerning her appointments to the military academies, Saiki told HCPC archivists about her process for choosing nominees (in the same conversation as above). She chose a committee in Honolulu, headed by prominent businesswoman Lily Yao, to review all applications and nominations. Based solely on the nominees’ qualifications, the committee chose three names to give Saiki who made the final decision. She said she set it up this way to avoid partisan influences.

All of the papers are open for research, but since some may contain information about individuals, the Archives staff may redact documents out of concern for personal privacy.

For other research and biographical material related to Pat Saiki, please consult the University of Hawaii at Manoa Library’s online catalog, the Index to the Honolulu Advertiser and Honolulu Star-Bulletin (1929-1992), the online Newspaper Index maintained by the Hawaii State Library (1989 to the present), the Congressional Record and papers of other members of Congress in the Hawaii Congressional Papers Collection. See also the “Artificial Files” of information about Saiki collected by the Archives staff, largely from 1997 onward.
Series Descriptions

**State House:** 5 folders: three of legislation (Equal Rights Amendment, UH Medical School, Women), one of newspaper articles and one of letterhead stationery

**State Senate:** 2 folders: one of legislation for a sex abuse treatment center and one of newspaper articles

**U.S. House:** 31 folders: most concern legislation and U.S. Presidents George G.H.W. Bush and Ronald Reagan. Others concern administration, agriculture, East-West Center, environment, foreign relations, Hawaii Credit Union League, Merchant Marine, Pacific Islands and public relations.

**Small Business Administration:** 36 folders: newspaper and magazine articles about SBA and Saiki’s nomination and confirmation to the post, SBA projects and “special letters” to and from Hawaii political figures and others.

**Personal:** 31 folders: subseries are awards, biography, campaigns, charitable contributions, civil liberties legislation, equal rights legislation, Hawaiian Airlines, Harvard University Fellow, Honolulu Rotary Club, Rutgers University, special letters, U.S. Dept. of Education, U.S. Dept. of Labor, and women’s issues. Aside from the campaign material, Saiki designated the rest as “personal.”

**Politics:** 7 folders, all concerning the Hawaii and national Republican parties

**Public Relations:** 31 folders: six are arranged by subject (Akaka, education, general, Inouye, Waihee, women’s issues); the other 25 are by date (covering 1968-1994) and largely concern election campaigns.

**Audiovisual:**

*Compact Disc*—1 disc of 13 photos copied from HCPC’s Saiki Papers for a PBS Hawaii “Long Story Short” episode

*Photographs*—20 folders, 74 photos: most are of Saiki with dignitaries and at events.

*Videotapes:* Most are of political campaigns and events

- Beta—8
- Beta II—1
- Helical Video Tape—16
- Reel, 24 mm—1
- U-Matic UCA 20—2
- Unknown—1
- VHS—42

**Memorabilia:** 19 items: nine awards, five campaign items, a nameplate from the 1968 Hawaii Constitutional Convention, two political cartoons, one political poster and one Small Business Administration T-shirt
Series & Subseries List

State House
   Legislation
      Equal Rights Amendment
      UH Medical School
      Women
   Newspaper Articles
   Stationery, Letterhead

State Senate
   Legislation—Sex Abuse Treatment Center
   Newspaper Articles

U.S. House
   Administration—Franked Envelopes
   Agriculture—Food Stamps
   Constitution Bicentennial
   East-West Center
   Environment
      Achievements
      Evaluation of Saiki
   Foreign Relations—Japan
   Hawaii Credit Union League
   Legislation
      Abortion
      Bill sponsored by Saiki
      Civil Liberties Act
      Environment—Clean Air Act
      Fisheries Conservation
      Labor
      Legislative Questionnaire
      Ranking of Members of Congress
      Small Business
      Social Security
      Transportation—Airports
   Merchant Marine
   Pacific Islands
   President G.W.H. Bush
      Inauguration
      Letter to Saiki
      President’s Dinner
      State of the Union Address
      Trip to Los Angeles
      *Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents, Oct. 29, 1990*
   President Reagan
      *Air Force One* Information Card
      Message on Leaving Office

Public Relations
   Periodical Articles
   *Reports From Washington*
Small Business Administration
Accomplishments
ASBA Today article
Biography
Bulletin Board System
Bush Notes (Pres. G.W.H. Bush)
Business Recovery Program, New Hampshire
  General
  Press Kit
Confirmation
  General
  Hearing Transcript
Discrimination Complaint
End of Term
Evaluation of the 7(a) Guaranteed Business Loan Program
Hurricane Iniki Relief
Inside SBA (newsletter)
National Women’s Business Council
New England Lending and Recovery Program
News Digest
News Releases
Newspaper Articles
  General
  Clipping Service
  Hawaii Newspapers
  Local Clips (i.e., D.C. newspapers)
  National Clips
Rebuild L.A., Federal Liaison
Special Letters
  Abercrombie, Neil
  Akaka, Daniel
  Disaster Assistance
  Fasi, Frank
  Inouye, Daniel
  LaFalce, John J.
  Mink, Patsy
Miscellaneous
  Requests for Special Letters
  Waihee, John
Swearing In
Transition to New Administration

Personal
Awards See also Memorabilia Series
Biography
  Curriculum Vitae
Family
  Husband’s Death
Kapalapala Beauty Contest
Newspaper Articles
Constitutional Convention
Campaigns
  State House
  State Senate
  Lt. Governor
  U.S. House
  U.S. Senate
  Governor
Charitable Contributions—Hawaii Medical Library
Civil Liberties Act—Japanese American Internment Reparation
Equal Rights
Hawaiian Airlines—Board of Directors
Harvard University Fellow—John F. Kennedy School of Government
Honolulu Rotary Club
Legislation, Hawaii
Rutgers University—Eagleton Institute of Politics—Director candidate
Special Letters—Reagan, Ronald, Gov. of California
U.S. Department of Education—Secretary—Job speculation
U.S. Department of Labor—Secretary—Job speculation
Women’s Issues

Politics
  Drawn & Quartered: Hawaii Politics Rendered, by Ian Lind
  Lincoln Day Dinner
  Newspaper Articles
  Republican National Convention
  Republican Party—National and Local Elections
  Republican Party of Hawaii

Public Relations
  Newspaper Articles
    By Date:
    1968-1969
    1970-1971
    1972-1973
    1974-1975
    1976
    1977
    1978
    1979
    1980
    1981
    1982
    1983
    1984
    1985
    1986
    1986-1987
    1986-1990
    1987
    1988
    1989
1990
1991
1992
1993
1994

By Subject:
  Akaka, Daniel
  Education
  General
  Inouye, Daniel
  Waihee, John
  Women’s Issues

Audiovisual
  Audiocassette
  Compact Disc
  Photographs
  Campaigns: (State Legislature?)
  Campaigns: Governor
  Constitutional Convention
  Japanese American Citizens League
  President George H.W. Bush
  President Reagan
  Saiki with Dignitaries
  Small Business Administration
    General
    Annual Conference, 1992
    Export Expo
    Kauai inspection after Hurricane Iniki
  State House
  State Senate
    General
    Air War College
  U.S. House
    General
    Honduras and Nicaragua, Presidential Delegation
    Japan, Emperor Hirohito’s Funeral
    Johnston Island
    Tong, King Taufaahau’s 70th Birthday

Videotapes
  Beta
  Helical Video Tape
  Reel
  U-Matic UCA 20
  Unknown
  VHS
Memorabilia
   Awards
   Campaigns
      Governor
      U.S. House
   Constitutional Convention
   Politics
   Small Business Administration
   U.S. House