



# HPN HAWAII PACIFIC NEUROSCIENCE

## Brain Research, Innovation & Translation Labs (BRITL) Summer Internship Program (SIP)

### 2017 Scholars and Interns



[Bryce Kalei Chang, John A. Burns School of Medicine \(JABSOM\) first-year medical student presentation on dementia was selected as the 2017 Hawai'i NEURO poster of the year. The winning abstract was titled "Psychosocial Factors Predictive of Agitation in Ethnically Diverse Patients with Dementia." The Hawaii dementia researchers found that, as with previous studies focusing on predominantly white patients, decreased cognitive function is a strong predictor of agitation in dementia patients. Cognitive impairment underlies other factors found to be associated with agitation in dementia patients such as sleep disorders, depression, and anxiety..](#)