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## Getting Around in Honolulu

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**ABSTRACT** The author, on a three month sabbatical at the University of Hawai'i, naturally engaged in participant observation on both academic role at the university, and on living in Honolulu. Hawai'i is an attractive tourist spot, but is also an intriguing American/Pacific Rim city, filled with intriguing people and stories. During the time available, the author took notes, and upon reflection, noticed subtle change from initial personal concerns to a gradual focus on managing in public roles and activities. This was followed toward the termination phase of the sojourn, by increasing attention to activities in the private sector. The subtle pattern of phase transitions may serve a useful construct to extend to other fieldwork situations.