



**Virginia Hinshaw, Ph.D.**

**Dr. Virginia Hinshaw**, Chancellor Emeritus of UH Manoa, is a science nerd with a wild sense of humor and a love of adventure. Whether conducting research, teaching students, leading a university or throwing a javelin, her laugh is her constant companion. Her passion for research and education has taken her around the world chasing influenza viruses and across the nation serving in university leadership positions. She has gained wisdom from those experiences, particularly about what makes her heart smile – and her goal is to share that knowledge with others. She published a book on Amazon entitled “My Heart Smiles” based on her life experiences as an audacious academic. One of her greatest joys was creating and directing the Dr Rosita Leong Mini-Medical School on Healthy Aging from 2014-2020.

She is Chancellor Emeritus of UH Mānoa and Professor (Retired) in the Department of Tropical Medicine, Medical Microbiology and Pharmacology at the John A. Burns School of Medicine. Her research for over 20 years focused on influenza viruses in humans, lower mammals and birds, especially epidemiology, pathogenicity and immunology, including vaccine development. She worked internationally on surveillance of influenza viruses in collaboration with the World Health Organization and also served as a Fellow for the Promotion of Science in Japan.

Her energetic, innovative teaching style and her continual advocacy for research and education, especially providing opportunities for underrepresented groups, have earned her international recognition and enabled her to establish many productive collaborations around the world. As a cancer survivor and thriver, she is a strong advocate for cancer research. She serves on the boards of Hale Kipa, Immersive Worlds, Roshan Cultural Heritage Institute and is a member of the Women’s Prison Project.

On a personal level, she enjoys time with friends and family, reading, massage, water sports, tennis, music, golf, snow skiing, and cheering for UH Mānoa athletic teams – she also is a Hawai’i Master’s Javelin Champion.