

## Interview with Juliet Oshiro by Louise Lap - Gender CC



*Juliet Oshiro was born in Honolulu, Hawaii but grew up in California. She is currently completing a PhD in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of California, Santa Cruz. For her PhD, she studies how plant blooming times are related to climate change in Santa Cruz Country. She decided to study climate change because of her strong interest in the environment and her desire to protect it.*

**LL: Why should more women and girls work in climate science?**

**JY:** Climate change affects everyone, everywhere! I should know: I just moved from California – where we were just emerging from a historic drought – to Vancouver, Canada – where we are having record-setting snow storms! Clearly no matter where you are there's some aspect of climate change that needs to be studied. There's really no reason why women and girls should not work in climate science!

**LL: What would you say to encourage more women and girls to work in climate science?**

**JY:** In general I consider myself lucky because I have not had any problems as a woman in my field. I'm not saying injustices don't happen, but at least in my field – ecology and evolutionary biology – there seems to be a push toward equality. I hope my positive experience as a woman in climate science encourages other women to join. Obviously equality cannot be achieved unless more women and minorities enter the field.