All indications point to a global transformation for simulation healthcare, according to Jayne Smitten, and it is very possible she has a better perspective than many to make that assessment. She has been directly involved in simulation in many corners of the world as an administrator, educator, researcher, and accreditation leader.

Currently, she is the Interim Dean, College of Health and Society, Hawai’i Pacific University (HPU); one of her roles being oversight, design, and integration of the simulation center at HPU in Kane‘ohe, Hawaii. A new, innovative simulation center is currently under design and development for the site move to downtown Honolulu, planned for 2020.

Jayne is a Canadian native and began her career as the Director for the first Western Canadian Telehealth and Simulation Centre, Alberta Health Services which is affiliated with the University of Alberta. She spent time in Saudi Arabia and a year in Qatar to further design their simulation environment including integration of programs.

Her enthusiasm is reflected in the statement: “There is so much happening…it really is a simulation revolution. A very dynamic, magical and priceless time in healthcare.” Jayne is convinced that people will look back on this period as a benchmark, when several elements have crystallized to form a new age of simulation, among them virtual reality, augmented reality, gaming and modeling. She compares it to nothing less than the Industrial Revolution of the early 1800s.

As one of the first class of CHSE-A recipients, and someone who serves on the board of directors, Jayne says that SSH is fulfilling its role in the “revolution” through its commitment to certifications, accreditations and education. Those elements are helping to solidify the field of simulation in healthcare.

“I feel really honored and proud to be a part of SSH as we advance,” she said. “We are moving in the right direction. In terms of patient care and safety overall, we are going to see a significant difference in our future.”