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Joel N. Kurokawa, ASLA Principal Landscape Architect



EDUCATION

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture University of Oregon
ASLA Merit Award for the Study of Landscape Architecture
Liberal Arts Studies, Whitman College

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

1995-Present **Ki Concepts LLC** (Formerly known as Hawaii Design Associates) 1988-1995 PREC Institute, Tokyo, Japan, Head of Studio J 1985-1987 KenKay Associates, San Francisco, CA, Project Landscape Architect 1983-1995 Royston Hanamoto Alley & Abey, Mill Valley, CA, Landscape Architect

PROFESSIONAL AFFLILIATIONS

American Society of Landscape Architects, Past Treasurer 2000-2002 The Outdoor Circle, President, Board of Directors Smart Trees Pacific, Member, Board of Directors Kaulunani, Council Member, DLNR-DOFW Complete Streets Task Force, HDOT 2009-2010

Joel Kurokawa is Principal and owner of Ki Concepts LLC, an established landscape architecture, site planning and urban design firm with offices in Honolulu and Hawaii Island. Joel was born and raised in the Hawaiian islands. His professional career led him on a journey around the Pacific from San Francisco, to Japan, and eventually back to Hawai'i, spanning over 25 years. Joel spent eight years in Tokyo, Japan with PREC Institute, a leading environmental planning and research firm as head of Studio J, a landscape architecture design studio within the company. While in Japan he led design teams in master planning for resorts, regional parks, business parks, mixed-use development, school campuses, residential communities and nature parks; urban planning and design; transit and transportation corridors; wetland and native waterfowl habitat restoration and for recreational and community parks. In 1995 Joel returned to Hawai'i as principal of Hawai'i Design Associates, eventually purchasing the firm in 2007 and rebranding it Ki Concepts to drive the firm's vision and mission.

Committed to our 'aina and community, Joel strives to integrate sustainable design strategies and practices that enhance natural systems, fulfill the needs of our community, capture and enhance the unique sense of place found in Hawai'i while providing our clients with the highest quality service. Joel promotes sustainable strategies adapted to Hawai'i's unique setting including Low Impact Development (LID); native Hawaiian cultural perspectives and protocol; use of renewable energy; energy and water efficient technologies; the use of appropriate native Hawaiian plants; use of local, recycled, and manufactured materials; and meaningful community-based engagement.

