



**Gerald Ohta**  
**Biography Outline**  
**As of December 31, 2016**

**Current Employment**

Affirmative Action Officer  
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**APHA and HPHA current and past memberships and activities**

- member, American Public Health Association
- governing council (Hawaii PHA ARGC)
- committee on affiliates (member, APHA disability team, regional representative, chair's citation award)
- action board policy committee,
- education board (distance learning)
- nominations committee (2 terms, chair-2 years)
- executive board membership subcommittee
- joint policy committee
- health administration section (section council)
- public health education and health promotion section
- Asian and Pacific Islander caucus for public health
- American Indian, Alaska native, Native Hawaiian caucus
- presenter/moderator/coordinator scientific session and poster boards – HPHA, CoA
- panelist, APHA Education Board on Recruitment and Retention scientific session

### **Lifetime member, Hawaii Public Health Association**

- past president, affiliate representative (ARGC 18 years)
- board member
- chair program committee
- nominations chair

### **Current employment and related activities**

- Affirmative Action Officer, Hawaii State Department of Health DOH)
- Departmental Language Access Coordinator
- Departmental Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator
- State Refugee Health Coordinator and member, Association of Refugee Health Coordinators
- trainer, DOH, Dept. of Human Resources Development INTS (Interview and Selection for Supervisors – EEO)
- member and Executive Committee, Hawaii State Judiciary Supreme Court Committee on Equality and Access to the Courts
- board Member, School of Public Health Alumni Association
- member/moderator, Pacific Emergency Management, Preparedness and Response Information Network and Training Services board and conferences
- member, Hawaii Healthcare Acquired Infections Advisory Committee
- member/convention committees, Society for Human Resources Management-Hawaii Chapter

### **Related past employment and activities**

- State Agency Representative and Vice-Chair, State Language Access Advisory Council
- State Distance Learning Coordinator – CDC Public Health Training Network (PHTN)
- CDC PHTN Leadership Team Member and Team Leader
- Public Health Preparedness Health Alert Network Coordinator
- Recipient, Commendation, Technology Industry Award, Pacific Technology Foundation
- Steering Committee Member, Committee to Re-establish UH School of Public Health
- Instructor, Hawaii Institute for Management and Analysis in Government
- facilitator, Executive Planning Retreats and Public Health Nursing Strategic Planning, Hawaii State Department of Health
- Training, Employee Relations and Safety Officer, Hawaii State Department of Health
- Field Representative, Hawaii State Department of Health
- EEO Case Investigator/Consultant, Hawaii State Attorney General, Public Safety, Governor, Judiciary & Human Resources Dev.
- Deputy, State Office of Affirmative Action, Office of the Governor

- Participant, (1 of 3 invited by FBI from Hawaii) EEO Investigator Training, FBI Academy, Quantico VA
- Manager of the Year, Hawaii State Department of Health
- department nominee for State Manager of the Year, Office of the Governor
- trainer, Hawaii Department of Personnel Services/Human Resources Development employee orientation, harassment and reasonable accommodation
- initiator/facilitator, Counseling and Referral for Employees program DOH and State DPS (predecessor of REACH EAP)
- member/staff/agency member, Hawaii State Department of Health Committee & Hawaii State Commission-on the Status of Women
- Mayor's Appointee, County Committee on the Status of Women
- founding member/advisory member, Native Hawaiian Health task force/Office of Hawaiian Health/Office of Health Equity
- founding member/agency member, Hawaii State Coordinating Council on Deafness/Commission on Persons with Disabilities
- department representative, Disability and Communication Access Board

#### **Past memberships and activities**

- member/Planning Committees, State Language Access Conferences
- member/Moderator/Planning Committees, HPHA Annual Meetings and Pacific Global Health Conferences
- member (ethics representative), Governor's Reproductive Rights Protection Committee
- member, Convention Planning Committee, Japanese American Citizens League-Honolulu/SE Chapters
- member, Aloha United Way Life-Long Learning and Community-Care Team
- member, Governor's Council on Literacy and Lifelong Learning
- Region IX Representative, American Association for Affirmative Action
- member, Honolulu County Committee on the Status of Women/Media task force
- facilitator, Positive Power and Influence, Situation Management Systems
- member, Society for Public Health Education-Hawaii Chapter
- member, State Foundation on History and the Humanities
- member, Blood Bank of Hawaii Wall of Donors

#### **Related speaking and publication activities**

- writer and editor, Na Makana Pau Ole, the quilt book, Hawaii Donor Family Council (organ and tissue donor families)
- speaker, JABSOM & UH Honors, Culturally & Linguistically Access Services Standards
- panel moderator, APHA Committee on Affiliates National Public Health Week and Indigenous Health scientific sessions
- overall moderator and/or panel moderator, Hawaii State Conferences on Language Access 1 – 9



- speaker, Community Enrichment through Storytelling conference, Queen Emma and founding of The Queen's Hospital, QCC
- moderator/lecturer, Office of Public Health Services PH301, PH301, & PH696 – History of PH in Hawaii
- presenter, Migration Policy Institute webinar-Preparing a diverse community: emergency response plans for LEP communities
- panelist, Federal Interagency Conference on Limited English Proficiency, US Department of Justice
- member, Ann E. Casey Foundation Language Access Summits
- panelist, Chinese Physicians Association Annual Meeting
- panelist, Island Insights PBS Hawaii television series presentation on Language Access
- panelist, Cross-Cultural Health Care Conferences 1-5, legal updates
- Interviewee, Robert Rees Hawaii television on EEO/AA
- Interviewee, KHVH radio on Affirmative Action
- presenter, public access/web – 'Olelo and ThinkTank
- writer, Keeping in Touch, Ke Ola Kino and Update, PH and EEO/AA newsletters

### **Legislative Activities**

- drafted the bill or language on many initiatives
- gathered community support
- advocated support in DOH and with legislators/staff
- testified for the DOH
- repealed the DOH "mini-Hatch Act"
- established the DOH bilingual health unit
- established the Hawai'i State Coordinating Council on Deafness
- created an exemption in hiring to enable hiring of certain persons with disabilities
- extended nondiscrimination in services to disability in state and state aided services
- established breastfeeding protections in employment and public accommodations
- enabled telemedicine in Hawai'i to work across jurisdictions in payment and practice
- established the Office of Language Access (OLA) to improve LEP access with state and state aided services
- facilitated administrative move of OLA from the state Department of Labor to DOH

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