KALENA KAHAWAIOLAA BLAKEMORE

CONTACT

OBJECTIVE

To continue to serve and support as the Puna Representative on the Hawai'i Island Burial Council

EXPERIENCE

OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

May 2017 – Present

Legacy Land Management Specialist - Hawai'i Island- Wao Kele o Puna Forest Reserve, assist in developing, coordinating and implementing legacy land acquisitions, management plans, scopes of work, and policy as assigned, as well as coordinating efforts of the Progam and partners. Ensure that all programs and activities conducted comply with all federal, state, and county laws, regulations, and policies as well as OHA goals and polices. Manage budget associated with activities to be performed; track projects, including field inspections and contract oversight. Public outreach, develop and maintain relationships with communities that have demonstrated connection to and relationships with Program properties. Conduct and attend public meetings for land-related projects. Organize and coordinate with schools and non-profit organizations field trips and educational work trips. Represent the OHA on Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, Kūpuna Council for Section 106 consultation.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Jun – 2004 - Aug 2015

Archaeologist, cultural resource management at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, survey, mapping, GIS, cave biological and cultural inventory, curatorial collections, community public outreach and curriculum development for pre-K-12, and work on the eruption crew. Committees served; Cultural Festival, Centennial, Safety, BioBlitz, and assisted with Kūpuna Council in Section 106 consultation. Provided additional support for various national parks throughout the Pacific region.

HAWAI'I STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Mar - 2001 - Jun 2004

Parent Community Network Coordinator (PCNC) at Keaau Middle School. Substitute teacher for K-8th grade, educational assistant K-1 at Volcano School of Arts and Science Public Charter School.

EDUCATION

M.A. Heritage Management

U.H. Hilo

Research conducted in interpretation and preservation of cultural heritage. Course work in cultural impact assessments, ethnography, ethics and community based heritage management, archaeology in Oceania, Paleobotanical Methods. Thesis on oral history of lineal descendants of Pu'uhonua o Hōnaunau and the ki'i at Hale o Keawe.

B.A. Anthropology

U.H. Hilo

Cultural anthropology, archaeology and Hawaiian studies. High honors, "Outstanding Student" award.

AFFILIATIONS

HAWAI'I ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL

Jun – 2014 – Present

Vice-chair, council commissioner representing district of Puna under the State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources.

FOREST STEWARDSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sep - 2020 - Present

Review and rank Forest Stewardship Program proposals and management plans under the Department of Forestry and Wildlife division of DLNR.

VOLCANO SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

1998 - 2001

Founder and Former Board Member

KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION (KIRC)

2004 - 2008

Participated and conducted numerous island projects with adults and youth in native plant restoration.