

Education:

- Student, PhD program in Curriculum Studies, College of Education, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
- Master of Education in Teaching, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
- Bachelor of Arts in Hawaiian Studies & Certificate in Hawaiian Language, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
- Maui Community College, Transfer to University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
- H. P. Baldwin High School, Graduate

Honors and Awards:

- Educator of the Year, Native Hawaiian Education Council (2019)
- University of Hawai‘i Community College’s 50 Finest (2014)
- Excellence in Teaching Award, University of Hawai‘i Community Colleges (2009)

Work Experience:

- Associate Professor, Hawaiian Studies and Language, University of Hawai‘i Maui College (2015 to present)
 - Humanities Department Chair (2013–present)
 - Maui Principal Investigator, Kekaulike, Title III Cooperative Grant with University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (2005–present)
 - Maui Administrator, Building Bridges, Title III Cooperative Grant with University of Hawai‘i West O‘ahu (2005–present)
 - Hawaiian Studies Program Coordinator (2011–2013)
 - Curriculum Committee Chair (2011–2016)
- Assistant Professor, Hawaiian Studies and Language, University of Hawai‘i Maui College (2011–2015)
- Instructor, Hawaiian Studies and Language, University of Hawai‘i Maui College (2007–2011)
- Instructor, Project Coordinator, Ho‘okahua Project, Tribal College–National Science Foundation Grant, University of Hawai‘i Maui College (2003–2007)
- Instructor, Project Coordinator, Po‘okela Project, Alu Like Grant, University of Hawai‘i Maui College (2001–2003)
- Teacher, Grade Five, Kula Kaiapuni o Maui ma Pā‘ia (2000–2001)
- Teacher Mentor and Coordinator, Student Teacher Cohort at Kula Kaiapuni ‘o Ānuenue, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, College of Education (1998–2000)
- Teacher, Grades Four – Eight, Hawaiian Language Arts and Literature, Kula Kaiapuni ‘o Ānuenue (1995–2000)
- Instructor for Hawaiian Studies 107, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (1993–1995)
- Teacher, Grades Seven and Eight, Kula Kaiapuni ‘o Wai‘au (1994).
- Teacher, Hawaiian Studies, Grade Nine, Kamehameha Summer School (1994).
- Teacher, Multi-Age Classroom Grades Four–Six, Salt Lake Elementary (1993–1994).

- Teacher, Grade Two, Kula Kaiapuni o Maui ma Pā'ia (1992–1993).

Publications and Presentations:

- Teacher Workshop. “The Educational history of Maui and the power of language: Kingdom to present.” (2019)
- Presidential Session. “Indigenous truths in other people’s democracies: Education research in the contested spaces of the Pacific.” American Educational Research Association, Toronto, CA (2019)
- Panel. “‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i and the role of language in daily life.” University of Hawai‘i Maui College Library, Kahului, HI (2019)
- Panel. “Research, democracy, and contested spaces.” American Educational Research Association, New York, NY (2018)
- Principals Meeting. “Maui Based Education and Nā Wai ‘Ehā.” (2018)
- Presentation. “Aloha ‘āina ‘oia‘i‘o as critical pedagogy.” West Maui Conference on Pacific Peoples and their Environments, Lāhainā, HI (2017)
- Presentation. “Reassessing Hawaiian language revitalization in our schools and communities.” American Educational Research Association, San Antonio, TX (2017)
- Panel. “Defending life with the spear of memory: A night of music, poetry and personal reflections.” Native Hawaiian Student Services, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI (2016)
- Presentation. “‘Aha Kauleo, building community capacity to enact change.” National Indian Education Association Conference, Portland, OR (2015)

Professional Memberships:

- Council Member. Maui/Lāna‘i Burial Council. County of Maui (2015–present).
- Board Member. ‘Aha Kauleo, state consortium of public Hawaiian immersion schools (2012–present)
- Member, American Educational Research Association (2016–present)
- Member, Native American and Indigenous Studies Association (2014–present)
- Member, Center for Advanced Research on Language Acquisition (2015–present)
- Nā Leo Kāko‘o o Maui - Kula Kaiapuni o Maui Parent and Community Group (2000–present)