

FORMAL EDUCATION

University of Hawai'i at Hilo – Fall '13 to Current
Hilo, Hawai'i
Doctoral Candidate – Indigenous Language Revitalization

University of Hawai'i at Hilo
Hilo, Hawai'i
Masters of Arts - Hawaiian Language and Literature

Stanford University, Woods Institute for the Environment – Summer 2006
Stanford, California
First Nations' Futures Institute Certificate

University of Hawai'i at Hilo
Hilo, Hawai'i
Bachelor of Arts in Hawaiian Studies

University of Waikato - Fall 2000
Waikato, Aotearoa
International Indigenous Exchange Program

Kamehameha Schools
Honolulu, Hawai'i
High School Diploma

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Executive Director – Aug '10 to current
'Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai'i
Responsibilities include: Provide visionary leadership, direction, and overall support in implementing the mission of 'Imiloa and overseeing all aspects of 'Imiloa that supports the planetarium, exhibit hall, gift shop, restaurant operations, special events and educational outreach. Duties include fund development; communication and achievement of Center's short and long-term goals, objectives, and initiatives; coordination of funding as developed by 'Imiloa's business plan with county, state, federal, and private organizations and facilitating institutions; oversight of marketing direction; cultivate strategic partnerships with astronomical observatories, formal academic serving organizations, informal education organizations, local business, Hawaiian community, and related tourism industry and organizations; liaison with state and federal agencies; collaborate with University of Hawai'i units and contribute to the achievement of the University of Hawai'i's strategic plan; manage Center's operational budget and all revenue generating sources; perform other duties as designated by the Chancellor of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo and other University of Hawai'i officials.

Interim Executive Director – Dec '09 to Jul '10
'Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai'i

Associate Director – Nov '07 to Nov '09
'Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai'i
Responsibilities include: Oversees and coordinates the planning, development and implementation of all learning experiences. Oversees the 'Imiloa Content Team (Exhibits, Education, Planetarium, Experience) and works in collaboration with Facilities Manager, Marketing Manager, and Revenue Operations Manager to ensure smooth and efficient interdepartmental operations and communications. Develops relationships and creates partnership opportunities with local community organizations, national and international entities to ensure continued support vital to the success of 'Imiloa.

Experience Coordinator – Jan '07 to Nov '07
'Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai'i

Responsibilities include: Set the vision for 'Imiloa as gifted by Senator Daniel K. Inouye; develop and foster community partnerships to help achieve the mission of 'Imiloa; outreach and concept sharing with other science centers nationally and internationally; assist local astronomers and observatories with the integration of their work with the community through 'Imiloa and beyond, especially the native community; legislative lobbying; develop and implement educational programs offered to school groups, local community, and the national and international communities; solicit and organize community presentations and forums at 'Imiloa; staff management; provide and implement staff development opportunities; work with executive director on overall strategic plan development; engage in creative recruitment and hiring of staff, volunteers, and student hires; assist in the development and implementation of marketing strategic plan; grant writing; present to outside organizations on 'Imiloa and it's mission; attend conferences, workshops and presentations; supervise staff and operations in the absence of the Executive Director; participate in planning and implementation of fundraising strategies and events; work with all staff to strengthen all around services that 'Imiloa provides.

Hawaiian Curriculum Coordinator – Mar '06 to Dec. '06

'Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai'i

Responsibilities include: Coordinate the development of curriculum for school and community programs, develop new exhibits, staff and volunteer training, facilitate group tours, develop partnerships with community organizations, provide Hawaiian language translations.

Hale Kipa 'Ōiwi Indigenous Exchange Program Coordinator – Mar '05 to Jan '07

'Aha Pūnana Leo

Responsibilities include: Maintain communication between national and international indigenous language revitalization organizations/institutions, educational institutions, research communities, and the 'Aha Pūnana Leo and it's consortium partner Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani Hawaiian Language College, UHH; monitor and generate reports on grant status; manage staff; direct and facilitate meetings and events; coordinate site visits; develop promotional and informational brochures and publications; report to various print and non-print media venues; public speaking.

Hawaiian Content Research Specialist – Nov '01 to Feb '06

'Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai'i

Responsibilities include: Facilitate community focus groups, develop overall exhibit goals and experience, label writing, image acquisition, Hawaiian language translations, oversee exhibit design and layout, oversee contracts for fabrication of exhibits, create audio/visual scripts, coordinate video shoots, coordinate interactive exhibit content development, public speaking, facilitate staff meetings.

Hawaiian Language Lecturer – Jan '01 to May '04

University of Hawai'i at Hilo

Responsibilities include: develop lesson plans (20 chapters covered in a semester), instruct course, student counseling, coordinate excursions, collaborate partnerships with other professors, instructed an average of 15 students per class.

Assistant Pre-School Division Coordinator – Jan '01 to Nov 01

'Aha Pūnana Leo

Responsibilities include: create job descriptions for assistant director position, develop training manual, conduct pre-school site visits to 12 sites throughout the state of Hawai'i, conduct staff training, participate in hiring of assistant directors for each of 12 pre-schools, record keeping.

Contractual Employment

Hawaiian Language Translator

Carlsmith and Ballknap Law Firm

Responsibilities include: Provide English translations for legal documents that were written in the Hawaiian language.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry – Executive Board, 2010 to current.
- 'Aha Pūnana Leo – Executive Board, Treasurer, 2011-2018.
- Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce – Executive Board, Past President, 2010-2017.
- Hawai'i Island Workforce and Economic Development 'Ohana – Executive Board member, 2012.
- Blue Revolution Hawai'i – Board member, 2012.
- University of Hawai'i at Hilo Alumni Relations – Board Member, 2011-2013.
- Big Island Visitors Bureau – Executive Board, 2010-2012.

COMMUNITY/CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- 'Ohana Wa'a Voyaging Committee – Committee Member, 2006-current.
- Nā Kālai Wa'a Moku o Keawe – Board Member, 2012. (Newly appointed board member)
- Hōkūle'a Japan Voyage 2007 – Crew.
- Office of Maunakea Management Culture Committee – Committee Member, 2006.
- Nā Lau Lama Advocacy Group – Member, 2006.
- Native Hawaiian Hospitality Association – Consultant, 2003.
- Keaukaha Canoe Club – 2001-2005.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Omidyar Leadership Fellows – Fellow, 2013
- Pacific Century Fellowship – Fellow, 2009-2010.
- Center for Advancement of Informal Science Education (CAISE) – Fellow, 2008-2009. CAISE is supported through the National Science Foundation (NSF) and devoted to the advancement and improvement of informal science education (ISE). The fellowship focuses on mentoring ISE leaders in the development of their NSF proposal ideas and networking them with leaders in informal science education from throughout the country.
- First Nations Futures Indigenous Leadership Fellowship – Fellow, 2006-2007. The fellowship focuses on developing indigenous leaders through partnerships, academic rigor, business leadership, natural resource management, and community development. The program is an academic consortium between Kamehameha Schools, Stanford University, and University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.
- Association of Science and Technology Centers (ASTC) Diversity Fellowship – Fellow 2006-2007. ASTC is an organization of science centers and museums dedicated to furthering public engagement with science among increasingly diverse audiences. The intent of the program is to provide Fellows with professional development experiences, a supportive peer network, and opportunities to acquire and hone leadership skills.