

CURRICULUM VITAE

MICHELLE L. "NOE NOE" WONG-WILSON, PhD

Dr. Noe Noe Wong-Wilson is a Native Hawaiian educator, cultural practitioner and community leader. Noe Noe retired from Hawai'i Community College, University of Hawai'i in 2016. She served as Assistant Professor in Hawaiian Studies and Coordinator of the Title III funded Hālaulani Native Hawaiian Student Success Center. Noe Noe is active in Native Hawaiian rights and community issues, most notably as one of the kupuna protecting Mauna Kea in 2019/2020. She is active in several Hawaiian organizations and is a Founding Co-Author of 'Āina Aloha Economic Development Futures Initiative. She has a long history working in the hospitality industry at Hawai'i Visitor's Bureau and Island Holidays Tour in Waikiki and as Sales and Convention Services Director at Waiohai Resort in Poipū, Kauai, in state government at the legislature and DBEDT as the Hawai'i Island Coordinator, and in her own strategic planning firm in Hilo. She is a graduate of Kamehameha School for Girls and has degrees in Anthropology from University of Hawai'i Hilo and Pacific Islands Studies from University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. She received her Doctorate in Philosophy from the School of Maori and Pacific Development at University of Waikato in Kirikiriroa, Hamilton, New Zealand. Born and raised in Kailua, O'ahu, Noe Noe resides with her family in Kaiwiki, Hilo, Hawai'i

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Doctor of Philosophy, School of Maori & Pacific Development,
University of Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand, Topic: Native
Hawaiian Well-Being at Hawai'i Community College: An
Initiative in Student Success

Master of Arts, Center for Pacific Island Studies
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Topic: Paths Toward Creation
of
An Independent Hawaiian Nation, Ethnographies of Four
Hawaiian Independence Leaders

Bachelor of Arts with Honors, Anthropology
University of Hawai'i at Hilo, Dean's List

Hawai'i Community College, Academic Certificate in Hawaiian
Life Styles, Dean's List

1992

Participated in National Governors Association, Academy on
Rural and Community Development, Utah and Washington
State as part of the State of Hawai'i Rural Development Team

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Attended University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

Kamehameha School for Girls, Honolulu, Hawai'i

ACADEMIC AND WORK EXPERIENCE

2020 – Present	International Thesis Examiner, Te Wananga O Awanuiarangi, Maori Studies
Aug 2018 Conference,	Conference Director, Ka 'Aha Hula 'o Hālauaola Hula Hosted in Hilo by Lālākea Foundation
Apr '17	Affiliate Faculty – Heritage Management Program University of Hawai'i at Hilo, Department of Anthropology
July '12 – Sept '16	Assistant Professor/Coordinator– Hālaulani Transfer Success Center, Hawaiian Studies, Hawai'i Community College. Retired in 2016
July '11 – Jun '12	Coordinator/Instructor – Hālaulani Transfer Success Center, Hawaiian Studies, Hawai'i Community College, promoted to Assistant Professor
Aug '10 – Jul '11	Professional Leave – resided and studied at University of Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand
October '08 – Aug 2010 Hawai'i	Coordinator/Instructor – Paepae 'Ohua Student Support, Life Styles, Hawai'i Community College. Responsible for total program coordination for student support, new curriculum development, recruitment and retention programs, articulation and special projects. Includes in-class instruction in Hawai'i Life Styles Classes. Classes taught included Hwst 100 – Piko Hawai'i and Hwst 103 – Lei Hulu.

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- Mar '07 – Aug 2010
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System
- Achieving the Dream Initiative Coordinator for Hawai'i Community College – Develop campus initiatives to increase Success (Retention, Persistence, Graduation/Transfer, Access Financial Aid) for Native Hawaiian students at Hawai'i Community College. Represent HawCC on the UHCC Core Team.
- Jan '06 – October '08
- Unukupukupu Coordinator, Hawai'i Community College
Provide support and coordination for the Hula Track program for the Hawaiian Life Styles AAS program, develop programs for students, faculty and staff to participate in cultural exchange programs in the Pacific Region, including Aotearoa, Tahiti, Samoa, Japan and U.S. Continent.
- Jan '06 – August '06
- Instructor, UHH Kipuka Center for Native Hawaiian Students
Develop and instruct an online, non-credit 6-week course on Hawaiian culture and History.
- Jan '05
- Consultant on Strategic Planning for UHH, Pacific Islands Center for Education (PICED) Project in American Samoa
- Aug '03 – August '06
- Lecturer, Hawaiian History and Culture, Hawai'i Community College. Duties include developing on-line instruction via WebCT and video-conferencing technology as well as on-site instruction. Courses taught include: Hist 153, Hawai'i and the World I, Hist 154, Hawai'i and the World II, Hist 284, History of Hawai'i, Hwst 107 – Hawai'i: Center of the Pacific, Hwst 221 - Culture in Transition.
- Jul '03 – Dec '04
- Assistant Executive Director – Kekua Foundation Hilo
World Sprints – Special Project
- Aug '02 – May '05
- Graduate Assistant, Native Hawaiian Leadership Project, UH Manoa
- Jan '02 – 2014
- Hawaiian Cultural Consultant and Instructor
Kohala Center, Program consultant and instructor for Cornell University Earth Science Semester Abroad Program. The course, AIS 340, Contested Terrain: Introduction to Hawaiian History and Culture, is offered in Spring semester (2002 – 2014); Kealakekua Heritage Ranch, Kohala Center Community Education programs
- Jan '99 – Sep '01
- Conference Director for Ka 'Aha Hula 'O Hālaauola, the World Conference on Hula, co-hosted by Lālākea Foundation and Edith Kanaka'ole Foundation, co-sponsored by University of

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	Hawai'i at Hilo and Hawai'i Community College – Special Project
Nov '97 – Dec '99	Conference Director for 1999 World Indigenous Peoples' Conference on Education, hosted by the Edith Kanaka'ole Foundation and co-sponsored by the University of Hawai'i at Hilo and Hawai'i Community College – Special Project
Oct '95 – Apr '97	Traveled extensively through the South Pacific. Studied culture, language and customs of Pacific Island people.
1993 - 1995	Partner, Hugo Wong-Wilson Community Planning Firm, Hilo
1988 - 1993	Legislative Coordinator and Hawaii Island Economic Development Coordinator, Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism
1985-1988	Legislative Aide & Committee Clerk (Consumer Affairs and Commerce) to Representative Mazie Hirono, Hawai'i State Legislature
1972-1984	Director of Sales & Convention Services, Waiohai Resort, Kaua'i Executive Secretary, Island Holidays Tours, Honolulu Visitor Satisfaction Specialist, Hawaii Visitors Bureau, Honolulu
1969 - 1972	Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, San Francisco/Honolulu

AWARDS AND HONORS

2010/2011	Kohala Center Mellon Fellow Award – 2010/2011
January 2010 Research	CIBER – Center for International Business & Education award recipient – Selected to represent University of Hawai'i at a 12-day educational forum in China, January 2010

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

World Indigenous Peoples' Conference on Education, Selected as facilitator for Masters Series – Indigenous Research Methods Facilitator, July 2017, Toronto, Canada

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He Manawa Whenua, Indigenous Research Conference, March 2017, "Pono Hawai'i: A Native Hawaiian Research Methodology", University of Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand

A Palamanui Kākou Workshop, Strategies for Student Success, August 2016, Kailua-Kona, HI

Hawai'i Strategy Institute, March 2016, "Fried Rice Strategy for Success", Honolulu, HI

League of Innovations, Poster Session: Hawaiian Style Plate Lunch: A Strategy for Student Success, March 2016, Chicago, Illinois

Hawai'i Strategy Institute, "Hālaulani Transfer Success Center", March 2015, Honolulu, HI

World Indigenous Peoples' Conference on Education, "Native Hawaiian Sense of Well-Being and Student Success at Hawai'i Community College" & "Positioning Indigenous Women in Insider Research: Strategies for Success", Honolulu, Hawai'i 2014

Smithsonian Folklife Festival, "Hulu No'eau" workshops, June 2012, Washington, D.C.

World Indigenous Peoples' Conference on Education, "Strategies for Native Hawaiian Student Success", Cusco, Peru, 2011

World Indigenous Peoples' Conference on Education, "Achieving the Dream", University of Waikato, New Zealand, 2008

World Indigenous Peoples' Conference on Education, Brisbane, Australia, 2005

"An Interview with Mililani Trask", Contemporary Pacific: A Journal of Island Affairs, Spring 2005, UH Press, Honolulu

Native Hawaiian Education Association Annual Conference, Windward Community College, Co-Presentation on Native Hawaiian Students in Higher Education, March 2004

Ancient Cultures and Globalization Conference, University of Waikato, Presentation on Globalization and Hawai'i Tourism, November 2004

6th Annual World Indigenous Peoples' Conference on Education, Calgary, Canada, Presentation on 5th WIPCE Hawai'i, August, 2002

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Mauna Kea Working Group, HR33-2021 – Served on the State of Hawai'i House of Representatives working group to develop a plan for managing Mauna Kea lands.

Kohala Hawaiian Civic Club, member, 2021-present

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‘Āina Aloha Economic Futures Initiative – Founding Member and Co-Author, 2020 - Present

Hilo Hawaiian Civic Club, President, 2015 – Present, Director 2006 – 2015, Association’s Moku O Keawe Council Director 2018- Present; Nohona Hawai’i Committee Chair 2019- Present.

Lalakea Foundation, Native Hawaiian organization to perpetuate the arts and culture –
President
2007-2009, Board member since 2003 – 2016, Volunteer Executive Director 2016 – Present

Friends of Lili‘uokalani Gardens, Non-profit community organization – Board member
2010-
2022

Prince Kuhio Hawaiian Civic Club, Member 1984 – present, Past Treasurer

Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association, Māmalahoe Chapter, Officer and Director 1997-2001, Life Member

World Indigenous Peoples’ Conference on Education International Consortium – Founding Director and Vice Chair 2011 – Present

Nā Wāhine ‘Āpapalani, Native Hawaiian Women Cultural Practitioners on Mauna a Wākea, 2015-present

Naki’i Ke Aho, organization of Native Hawaiian Anthropologists, Archaeologists and Cultural Resource Managers, Founding member 2006 -2008

Nā Kālai Wa'a Moku O Hawai'i, Wa'a Makali'i 'Ohana , Kupuna - 1994 - Present

Kohala Center, Founding Board of Director Emeritus, A non-profit educational services organization serving the Hawai’i Island community, 2000 – 2001

Kamehameha Schools Trustee’s Advisory Board Member, 2001 - 2004

Participated in Strategic Planning Program for Kamehameha Schools – K-12 Curriculum Committee, 2000

Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce, Hawai’i Island Chapter Founding President and Director, 1993 – 1995

Mayor’s Committee on Children and Youth, Hawai’i County, Chairperson, 1994-1995

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