

Nancy is the Vice President and co-owner of Umemoto Cassandro Design Corporation (UCDC). Originally from Pittsburgh, PA, she attended college in California and graduated in 1989 from Cal Poly Pomona with a BS in Landscape Architecture. Cal Poly's Landscape Architecture Department's fundamental education of Regenerative Design and Sustainable Landscapes still permeates her firm's design goals of using native plants and incorporating proactive landscape water conservation methods. Throughout her education, Nancy worked for more than 8 years in southern California for several Landscape Architectural firms. Her project experience included a variety of scales and complexity in streetscapes, parks and recreation, residential design, and resorts.

CONTACT

EDUCATION

BS, Landscape Architecture,
California State Polytechnic
University, Pomona, CA 1989

Methods of Habitat Restoration
University of California, Riverside
Extension Program (1990)

LICENSE INFORMATION

Licensed Landscape Architect Hawaii
#LA-9088 (1996)
CLARB Certified #1841
(Council of Landscape Architectural
Registration Boards)

AFFILIATIONS

American Society of
Landscape Architects (ASLA)
Hawaii Chapter President
(2020-21,2022-23,2023-24)

ASLA Hawaii DTWoolsey Scholarship
Fund-Chair Person

Boy Scouts of America - Aloha Council
Merit Badge Counselor for Landscape
Architecture and Sustainability,
Advancement Chair for Troop 311-Kailua
(2017-2020)

General Memberships:
Scenic Hawaii
Bishop Museum
Honolulu Academy of the Arts
Sierra Club, Hawaii Chapter

REFERENCES

Joel Kurokawa, PLA, ASLA, CLARB
Principal Landscape Architect
Ki Concepts

Leonard Bisel, PLA, ASLA
Principal Landscape Architect
b+k Design Group, LLC

Ray Higa, PLA ASLA
Associate Principal, PBR Hawaii

After relocating to Hawaii in 1995, she and her husband formed Umemoto Cassandro Design as a partnership in 1997, and later incorporated in 2000. Their goal was to bring their diverse project experience and Landscape Architectural services to the state of Hawaii. They strive to promote the use of native materials, including plants and stone, respecting historical and cultural elements, celebrating the natural artistic assets by promoting public participation and engagement.

- UCDC is registered on the Federal Governments System for Award Management (SAM) and has served as a sub-consultant for environmental restoration projects located on the Kaneohe Marine Corps Base and the Marine Corps Training Area Bellows in Waimanalo, Hawaii.
- UCDC maintains their professional registration through the Hawaii Compliance Express (HCE) for all state of Hawaii and local government contracts. Nancy's firm is well established, providing quality Landscape Architectural services throughout all of the major Hawaiian Islands.

Nancy strives to realize that every effort is an opportunity to provide value to the community in which we live, work, and recreate. As a landscape architect many of her professional endeavors intertwine with personal interests from cultural, historic, and environmental causes. As President of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) Hawaii Chapter Nancy seeks to provide tangible benefits to the community in the forms of service, educational program support, and scholarships. ASLA is a non-profit professional organization promoting the goals to create healthy, beautiful, and resilient spaces for all.

- Executive Committee Member since 2019, serving three terms as President. (2020-21, 2022-23,2023-24)
- Chair of the Landscape Architecture Student Academic Awards: 2021 Established a graduating student recognition award for the newly formed Master of Landscape Architecture program at the University of Hawaii Manoa. Serves as Jury Chair, reviewing student capstone projects, leading the constructive review process and award selection.
- Chair of the ASLA Hawaii Chapter DT Woolsey Scholarship Fund (2021-Present) Leading fund raising efforts and jury award selection process to provide financial assistance for residents of Hawaii seeking an education in Landscape Architecture at an accredited University program.
- Chair of 2021 ASLA Design Awards for professional and student work (held triennially). Managed a diverse and renowned awards jury through a first ever remote program delivered virtually.

