

Elaine K. Yamashita
 Professor Emerita, University of Hawai'i Maui College
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Currently retired (2019) from University of Hawai'i Maui College. Received Professor Emerita UH Maui College title in 2021. Occasionally do consulting work in education.

Educational background

University of Hawai'i at Manoa	2000: Master's in Education, Elementary Education, Early Childhood Specialization
University of Hawai'i at Manoa	1978: Bachelors in Education with distinction. Major: Elementary/Early Childhood Education Academic major: Psychology

Teaching experience

August 2010 – May 2019	Early Childhood Education Program Coordinator at University of Hawai'i Maui College. Program separated from Human Services in July 2010. Responsible for overseeing, teaching, and coordinating Early Childhood Education faculty and lecturers, and MEO Head Start/UHMC partnership. Teach three courses per semester and spend 12-15 hours/week in UHMC Head Start.
Jan. 2000 – August 2010	Human Services Program Coordinator at Maui Community College. Responsible for overseeing early childhood and human services strands of program, teaching early childhood courses, coordinating Maui Economic Opportunity Head Start/MCC partnership.
Aug. 1992 to 2000	Human Services Instructor at Maui Community College. Responsible for teaching early childhood education courses, recruitment of students, and overseeing collaboration of MCC, MEO, Inc., and the County of Maui in building and operating a Head Start on the campus that serves as a training site for early childhood education students.
Aug. 1979 - July 1992	Director/teacher at Ala Lani Preschool. Responsible for operations of quality preschool program with 29 children and two other staff. Oversaw NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) accreditation of the program in 1987 (first one in Maui to be accredited). Oversaw re-accreditation in 1990.
July 1990 - Dec. 1992	Preschool Open Doors parent workshop presenter. Responsible for providing workshops for parents eligible for Open Doors assistance in format developed by Governor's Office of Children and Youth.
1988 - 2013	Workshop presenter, consultant, keynote speaker, panel participant as requested by various organizations (Hawaii Association for the Education of Young Children, People Attentive to Children, County of Maui, Maui YMCA, Punana Leo O'Maui, MEO Head Start, Iao Preschool, Kamehameha Preschools Paukukalo, Wailuku Elementary, Kahului School).

Special Recognition

2008	Received Hung Wo and Elizabeth Lau Ching Faculty Service Community Award (University of Hawai'i system award).
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1991	Sent to NAEYC National Conference in Denver with funds raised by staff and parents of Ala Lani Preschool, members of Ala Lani Church, and members of Waipuna Chapel.
1987	Received Phyllis Loveless Excellence in Teaching Award from Hawaii Association for the Education of Young Children (HAEYC).

Leadership

2006-present	Hawai'i Careers with Young Children (HCYC) Steering Team	
2022-present	Early Care and Education (ECE) Task Force, convened by UH Early Childhood Excellence and Equity Project (ECE3)	
UHMC (1992-2019):	Early Childhood Education Program Coordinator, UHMC Head Start coordinator Committees: Student Success, Strategic Planning, Policies & Procedures, Kaulanakilohana (group of ECE faculty across UH system and Chaminade) co-convener	
	2014-2015 2010-2012	Co-chair, Strategic Planning committee Academic Senate Chair
Hawai'i Association for the Education of Young Children (HAEYC) 1979 to 2017:	2013-2017	Vice-president of Public Policy for HAEYC State Board, public policy on HAEYC-Maui chapter board.
	Feb. 21, 2004	Keynote speaker for HAEYC Maui Early Childhood Conference.
	2004, 1995-96	Maui Community College liaison on HAEYC Maui Chapter board.
	2001-2002	Hawai'i's 1 st Affiliate Council Representative on the newly formed National AEYC Affiliate Council.
	1998-2000	President-elect, President, past-president of HAEYC State Governing Board. As president in 1999, facilitated tours of preschools on Oahu for the 1 st World Forum on Early Care and Education. Also facilitated commissioned koa bowl for the Forum which has since traveled around the world to the forums held bi-annually.
	1994-95, 1982-84	HAEYC Maui Chapter president
	1989-1994	HAEYC Maui Public relations
	1984-85	HAEYC Maui Membership chair
	1991-93, 1985-87	Recording secretary, HAEYC State Board
National Association for the Education of Young Children:	2004 – 2008	Elected to be member of National Association for Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Governing Board. Election held Jan-March 2004. All NAEYC members were eligible to vote (80,000 in U.S.).
Waipuna Chapel	1998-2012	Coordinator of Children's Church ministry for 3- 8 year olds
	1999 – 2013	Missions committee secretary

County of Maui Commission on Children and Youth	2003-08	2005-06: Chair
Good Beginnings Maui Community Council	1997 – 2013	Represent UHMC on Council.
Good Beginnings Alliance Board of Directors	2003-04	Appointed by HAEYC to represent early childhood community.
Act 259 Early Learning Task Force	2006-08	Co-chair of Professional/Workforce Development Subcommittee
PATCH (People Attentive to Children, Resource and Referral) Board of Directors	2009 – 2013	Board of directors.

Writings

Proposal for a Process to Create a Continuous Quality Improvement Technical Assistance System for Early Care and Education in Hawai'i (Based on Continuous Quality Improvement, Distributed Leadership and User-Centric Design)	2022	For Executive Office on Early Learning
A Condensed History of Professional Development in Early Childhood Care and Education in Hawai'i	2015	With Linda Buck, for Hawai'i Careers with Young Children