

Employment History

Kupeke Ahupua'a 501(c)3, Traditional Ahupua'a Ecosystems Management NGO

Executive Director, 2020-Present

- Implement the organizational strategic plan
- Grant writing, tracking, and reporting
- Provide regular progress updates to the Board of Directors
- Facilitate volunteer group activities
- Collect and process scientific data
- Manage day-to-day operations, website, and communications
- Network with funders, partners, and stakeholders

'Aina Momona 501(c)3, Social and Environmental Justice NGO

Project Coordinator, 2019-2020

- Participated in project and lesson plan development
- Implemented lesson plans as an instructor for a student fellowship program
- Lead hands-on workdays to correspond with classroom instruction
- Tracked and reported project progress to the Program Director
- Facilitated community outreach events
- Secured organizational partnerships

County of Maui Department of Fire & Public Safety

Fire Fighter I, 2015-Present

- Participated in a temporary observation & evaluation period, providing satisfactory demonstration of clerical functions and practicable abilities in the positions of Fire Apparatus Operator and Fire Company Officer at Ho'olehua & Kaunakakai Fire Stations under the supervision of Capt. Hanale Lindo & Capt. Kekoa Puhi
- Directed operations as incident commander at brushfire incidents
- Directed crew assignments as acting company officer at brushfire incidents

Molokai General Hospital

Facilities Maintenance & Groundskeeping, 2010-2014

- Designed and maintained irrigation systems & components
- Provided exceptional customer service and positive relations with staff
- Voted 'employee of the year' by hospital staff in 2014

Makoa Trucking Services

Hauling and Delivery, 2008-2010

- Responsible for inventory reconciliation and accountability between destinations
- Performed logistics coordination to ensure efficient route planning and timely deliveries
- Provided careful packaging and moving of building contents in preparation for shipment

Hui Malama O Mo‘omomi 501(c)3, Subsistence Fisheries Management NGO

Natural Resource Manager, 2003-2015

- Instructed youth diver safety courses
- Installed and maintained irrigation systems
- Conducted data collection and analysis
- Interacted with partner organizations and agencies

Community and Professional Activities

Molokai Planning Commission, County of Maui Department of Planning

Vice Chairperson, Cultural Expert, 2016-Present

- Participate as Vice Chairperson in public hearings for the Department of Planning concerning matters on the island of Molokai
- Facilitate orderly meetings in the absence of the Chairperson
- Make recommendations for consideration and action to the Mayor, County Council, and/or Planning Director on matters related to planning programs, revisions to the Molokai Community Plan and Maui General Plan, and land use ordinance changes
- Review project proposals ensure compliance with Coastal Zone Management Law
- Review, determine the significance of impact, and set appropriate mitigative conditions for project proposals in the Special Management Area
- Engage in professional interactions with staff from the County of Maui Department of Planning, Department of Corporation Counsel, and the public

Molokai Island Burial Council, Hawaii State Historic Preservation Division of DLNR

West Molokai District Representative, 2018-Present

- Cooperatively draft and adopt treatment plans for previously identified burial sites
- Engage with the DLNR and the SHPD to develop the inventory of burial sites
- Respond to inadvertent discoveries in coordination with the DLNR-DOCARE and the Maui Police Department
- Participate as a voting member in Molokai Burial Council meetings and engage in professional interactions with staff from the SHPD, State Attorney General's office, and the public

Maui County Solid Waste Management Working Group

Member, 2018-2020

- Participated in scheduled group meetings
- Worked with group to draft and propose budget recommendations to the County Council
- Advocated for the successful funding of additional personnel positions and an incinerator pilot project at the Molokai Landfill

Pane Huli Au Climate Resilience Working Group

Member, 2018-2020

- Participated in scheduled group meetings and discussions
- Planned and executed the Molokai Climate Resilience Summit event on Molokai in 2018
- Advocated for the successful funding of a climate change and sea level rise action plan for Molokai

Hui O Kuapa 501(c)3, Fishpond Restoration Organization NGO

Board Member, 2018-2019

- Review monthly staff reports
- Assess and determine needs consistent with the approved annual budget
- Conduct strategic planning for the organization
- Engage in relations building with funder and lessor (Bishop Estate)

Hui Malama O Mo‘omomi 501(c)3, Subsistence Fisheries Management NGO

Board Member, 2018-Present

- Contributed to the development of a community-based subsistence fishing area proposal
- Actively monitor progress of the CBSFA proposal through the HRS 91 Administrative Rulemaking Process
- Hosted and Participated in DLNR Division of Aquatic Resources CBSFA public scoping and community workshop events
- Ongoing maintenance of public facilities & shoreline (groundskeeping, repairs, trash collection)

Kua‘aina Ulu ‘Auamo 501(c)3, Community-Based Resource Management Network NGO

Member, 2018-Present

- Interface with County, State, and federal legislators regarding environmental conservation and natural resource initiatives
- Maintain open and ongoing dialogue with state, and federal agencies
- Participate in network-wide discussions
- Attend conventions
- Member of Hui Malama Loko I‘a and Lawai‘a Pono groups

Kia‘i Kanaloa, Marine Mammal Response Network

Member, 2019-Present

- Respond to marine mammal strandings
- Monitor field necropsies performed by NOAA science division
- Maintain open communication with State (DLNR) and Federal (NOAA) Agencies
- Provide updates to the statewide network

Education

Currently enrolled in an associate's degree program with the goal to obtain a bachelor's degree in Public Administration by the end of 2025.

Molokai High and Intermediate School, Hoolehua HI

Degree Program: High School Diploma

Graduation Date: May 2003

University of Hawaii, Maui College

Degree Program: Associates of Liberal Arts, 2021-Current

Expected Graduation: August 2022

Skills and Traits

- Able to be decisive and apply analytical decision making in high-pressure situations while prioritizing safety protocols and compliance with SOGs
- Able to approach confrontational situations while maintaining a calm demeanor and prioritizing respectful and open dialogue to promote de-escalation and agreeable resolution
- Being assigned to Puko'o Fire Station has provided the unique opportunity to work under numerous supervisors, allowing me to learn from and incorporate their offered wisdom, experiences, and individual management styles into my own