

Objective

To continue contributing to the restoration and stewardship of Kaho'olawe as a Commissioner on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission, leveraging my scientific expertise and cultural leadership to protect Kanaloa's legacy.

Education

- **Ph.D. in Botany** – University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (2003)
Dissertation: Dry Forests of Ka'ūpūlehu, North Kona, Hawai'i
- **Master's in Botany** – University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (1993)
Thesis: Hawaiian Kapa Fibers

Professional Experience

- **Supervisory Biologist** – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (1999 – Present)
 - Manage biological resources with a focus on conservation and restoration.
 - Collaborate with Native Hawaiian organizations on cultural and environmental initiatives.
- **Natural Resource Manager** – Parsons UXB (1997–1999)
 - Oversaw natural resource management during Navy UXO cleanup.
 - Implemented restoration strategies tailored to Kaho'olawe's unique environment.

Civic Leadership

- **Pelekikena (President)** – Ke One O Kākuhihewa (O'ahu Council for the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs) (2020–2022)
 - Represented 23 Hawaiian Civic Clubs on O'ahu.
 - Advocated for Native Hawaiian cultural and environmental priorities.
- **Association Director** – O'ahu Council (2015–Present)
- **Scholarship Trustee** – Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu (2013–Present)
- **Chair** – Ecosystems Committee, O'ahu Council (2014–Present)

Kaho'olawe Engagement

- Member of the working group for *Ho'ola Hou i Ke Kino o Kanaloa* (1995).
- KIRC Commissioner (February 2021 – June 2024).

Skills

- Native Hawaiian cultural competency
- Environmental restoration and management
- Leadership and community engagement

Awards and Recognition

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Certificate of Appreciation (2018)
- Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs Pualeilani Award for Outstanding Hawaiian Civic Club 'Ohana (2017)
- Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs Ke Po'okela o Kūhiō Award (2014)
- U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary's Four-Cs Award (2004)

References

Available upon request.