

# Kuiokalani L. Gapero



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## Education

- **Doctor of Education (Ed.D) in Organizational Leadership for Adaptation and Change (*In Progress*)**
    - Chaminade University of Honolulu, Honolulu, HI
  - **Master of Arts in Indigenous Education (*Spring 2023*)**
    - Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
  - **Bachelor of Arts in Hawaiian Language (*2010*)**
    - University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI
  - **High School Diploma (*2002*)**
    - Kamehameha Schools, Honolulu, HI
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## Professional Experience

### 6-12 Teacher: Hawaiian Immersion, Hana No'eau (Arts), He Ali'i Ka 'Āina (Sustainability)

*Kamehameha Schools Maui Campus, Kula, HI | July 2018 – Present*

- **Hawaiian Immersion:** Instructs students in Hawaiian language, literature, and history using culture-based pedagogy.
- **Hana No'eau (Arts):** Develops and teaches hands-on arts curriculum, integrating Hawaiian aesthetics and traditional craftsmanship.
- **He Ali'i Ka 'Āina (Sustainability):** Leads experiential learning in mālama 'āina, indigenous food systems, and conservation practices.
- Designs and implements **place-based, project-based learning** experiences aligned with Hawaiian cultural values and E Ola! standards.

- Mentors students in **leadership, environmental stewardship, and cultural identity development.**

## **Ramp Lead**

*Hawaiian Airlines, Maui, HI | 2018 – 2021*

- Supervised ground operations, ensuring efficiency and safety compliance.
- Managed logistics for aircraft turnaround, coordinating with pilots, crew, and operations teams.

## **Hawaiian Language Lecturer**

*University of Hawai'i at Maui College, Kahului, HI | 2016 – 2018*

- Designed and taught Hawaiian language courses, incorporating historical and cultural contexts.
- Provided mentorship and academic support for students pursuing Hawaiian language studies.

## **Cultural Resource Project Coordinator**

*Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission, Wailuku, HI | 2012 – 2016*

- Managed and facilitated cultural resource projects focusing on Hawaiian heritage and environmental stewardship.
- Conducted research and community outreach to engage stakeholders in preservation initiatives.

## **Entertainment Producer**

*Mamoli'i Productions, Honolulu, HI | 2008 – 2012*

- Produced and coordinated cultural performances and events.
- Managed logistics, talent, and production schedules for Hawaiian entertainment projects.

## **Hawaiian Language Teacher**

*Kamehameha Schools Kapālama, Honolulu, HI | 2010 – 2012*

- Developed and taught Hawaiian language curriculum aligned with E Ola! standards.
- Led cultural immersion activities to enhance student engagement and proficiency.

## **Army National Guard Combat Veteran (2001 – 2009)**

- Served in various operational capacities, demonstrating leadership, teamwork, and resilience.
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## Coaching Experience

- **Head Coach, Girls Varsity Water Polo** (*Kamehameha Schools Maui, Spring 2025 – Present*)
  - **Assistant Coach, Canoe Paddling** (*Nā Kai 'Ewalu Canoe Club, 2023 - Present*)
  - **Exhibition Rifle Coach** (*High School JROTC*)
  - **Hawaiian Outrigger Paddling Coach** (*Ages 9 – Adult*)
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## Certifications

- **CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer Instructor**
  - **Wilderness/Remote First Aid Instructor**
  - **Lifeguard and Lifeguard Instructor**
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## Skills

- **Hawaiian culture-based education** and curriculum development.
  - Proficient in **project-based learning, instructional design, and educational technology**.
  - Strong **organizational, leadership, and communication** abilities.
  - Experienced in **water safety, emergency response, and first aid training**.
  - Knowledgeable in **sustainability practices, environmental stewardship, and traditional Hawaiian resource management**.
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## Interests

- Promoting **Hawaiian culture, language, and history** through education.
  - Coaching and mentoring young athletes to **develop teamwork and leadership**.
  - Engaging in **community service, sustainability efforts, and cultural initiatives**.
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## References

Available upon request.