

TONI GRACE BISSEN



EXPERIENCE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, Pū`ā Foundation, Honolulu, Hawaii. Handles all day-to-day operations of the Foundation. 2000 to present.

PROJECT MANAGER, Native Hawaiian Advisory Council, Honolulu, Hawaii. Manage all projects of the organization, as well as provide overall management for the daily operations of the non-profit. 1999 to 2000.

CO-INSTRUCTOR, University of Hawaii William S. Richardson School of Law, Honolulu, Hawaii. Developed curriculum, produced course materials and taught law students in the Native Hawaiian Rights clinic. Focus of study included Native Hawaiian water and land rights, traditional and customary gathering rights and issues of self-determination and sovereignty. 1998 to 1999.

STAFF ATTORNEY, Legal Aid Society Of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii. Provided legal services to low-income clients in the area of public benefits and housing. 1996 to 1999.

ASSOCIATE COUNSEL, Paul, Johnson, Park & Niles, Honolulu, Hawaii. Worked in the area of commercial litigation. 1995 to 1996.

STAFF ATTORNEY, Native Hawaiian Advisory Council, Honolulu, Hawaii. Provided advocacy and educational services in the area of Native Hawaiian water rights. 1993 to 1995.

EDUCATION

D.C. School of Law, Washington, D.C. Juris Doctorate, Cum Laude, Managing Editor, DC Law Review. [Redacted]

University of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii. Bachelor of Arts, Major: Marketing/Communication. [Redacted]

Kamehameha Schools, Honolulu, Hawaii. [Redacted]

PUBLICATIONS

Bissen, T. G. (2009). The Hawaiian Situation: An Overview of Hawaii’s People, Politics, Religion, Spirituality and Culture, Yesterday and Today. In D. Hopkins & M. Lewis (Eds), *Another World is Possible: Spiritualities and Religion of Global Darker Peoples* (pp. 77-94). London, Eng: Routledge.

Patterson, M., Uchigakiuchi, P., Bissen, T. (2013). Can Prison Be a Place of Healing? The Trauma-Informed Care Initiative at the Women’s Community Correctional Center. *Hūlili* 9, 305.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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| Hawaii State Bar Association | Native Hawaiian Bar Association |
| Na Pualei O Likolehua | Weinberg Foundation Fellows Association |
| Oahu Going Home Consortium | Kaimuiki-Waiālae YMCA |
| Hawaii State Rural Health Association | Women Leading Change, YWCA, Alumni |
| Star of the Sea Church/School | Internat’l Assoc. of Black Religions & Spiritualities |
| Hui Hanai/QLCC | Hawaii Mission House Historic Sites & Archives |
| State Council of Haw. Cong’l Churches | Benedictine Monastery of Hawaii |