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**EMPLOYMENT** 

Present Position:

Director, Strategic Partnerships & Collaborations

'Aha Pūnana Leo, Inc.

Senior Management Team, Cooperative leadership

Business Address:

'Aha Pūnana Leo, Inc.



## ACADEMIC BACKGROUND:

Masters of Arts:

Hawaiian Language & Literature,

Universtiy of Hawai'i at Hilo; Hilo, Hawai'i

Bachelor of Arts:

Hawaiian Studies,

University of Hawai'i-Hilo; Hilo, Hawai'i

Diploma:

Kamehameha Schools,



## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

2014- present

Co-Founder and Vice President National Coalition of Native

American Language Schools and Programs

2012-present

State Early Learning Advisory Board, Governor Appointment;

Executive Office on Early Learning

1990-2008

Executive Director; 'Aha Pūnana Leo, Inc.

2011-present

Executive Council, Past-Chair; Native Hawaiian Education

Statewide Council

2011-present

Board of Director, Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement

2006-present

State Advisory Council Member, Governor Appointment; State

Department of Labor, Office of Language Access

2007-2011	Chairperson, Membership Election; Native Hawaiian Education Statewide Council				
2007-2010	Board of Directors, Membership Election; National Indian Education Association; Co-chair Legislative Committee				
2002 & 2010	Writing Committee Member; Nā Honua Mauli Ola-Hawai'i Guidelines for Culturally Healthy and Responsive Learning Environments				
EDUCATION: CONFERENCES/PRESENTATIONS/PAPERS					
OCTOBER 2015	Lifetime Achievement Award; National Indian Education Association, Washington, D.C.				
APRIL 2015	Keynote Speaker: Center for Tribal Studies Conference; Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, OK				
OCTOBER 2014	Panelist: Family Engagement in Language Revitalization; Native Hawaiian Education Summit; Honolulu, HI.				
JUNE 2014	Invited to Provide Testimony; United States Senate Committee on Indian Affairs; Legislative Hearing; Native American Programs Act & Language Program; Washington, D.C.				
March 2012	Panelist: National Clearinghouse for English Language Acquisition: Effective Ways to Teach Native American Languages; Washington, D.C.				
September 2011	Keynote Speaker; US Department of Education; Native American Language Program; Washington, D.C.				
May 2011	Invited to Provide Testimony; United States Senate Committee on Indian Affairs; Native Language and Culture in Education, Washington, D.C.				
<b>M</b> ay 2011	Co Author Journal of American Indian Education; Bill Demmert, Native American Language Revitalization, and His Hawai'i Connection				
May 2010	Keynote Speaker; Inter-Tribal Native Language Summit; Five Civilized Tribes-Cherokee, Seminole, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek. Tahlequah, Oklahoma.				
April 2009	Co-Presenter; Yale University Ivy Native Council Conference: Self				

Detern	nina	tion	Through	Native	Education	; New Haven,
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Connecticut

November 2008 Co-Presenter: Kamehameha Schools Research Conference:

Linguistically and Culturally Appropriate Methods of Assessment

with Native Hawaiian Learners; Käneÿohe, Hawaiÿi

May 2008 Keynote Speaker; Minnesota Indigenous Language Symposium

IV; Duluth, Minnesota

October 2007 Coordinator; Language Revitalization Forum, National Indian

Education Convention; Honolulu, Hawai'i

March 2007 Co-Presenter; Harvard Graduate School of Education Alumni of

Color Conference: Presenter on National Research Project on the

Impact of Native Language and Culture on Academic Achievement of Native American students; Cambridge,

Massachusetts

April 2006 Research Advisory Committee Member; Kamehameha Schools

Research and Evaluation: Hawaiian Cultural Influences on

Education

June 2003 Invited Lecturer & Presenter; Summer Institute, Early Childhood

Education & Standards: Language and Culture; Western

Washington University; Bellingham, Washington

March 2003 & 2002 Invited Speaker & Presenter; Journeying Home-Language and

Cultural Preservation; US Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs; Center for School Improvement; Minneapolis, Minnesota &

Portland, Oregon

August 2002 - present Member; National Research on the Impact of Language and

Culture on Academic Achievement of Native Americans (American

Indian, Native Hawaiian and Alaska Natives)

May 2001 Invited Speaker & Presenter; Echoes of Language Conference;

Department of Education, Culture & Employment; Yellowknife,

Northwest Territories, Canada

March 2001 Participant; Center for Research, Education, Diversity and

	Excellence (CREDE), Colloquia on Native American Research Priorities; Departments of Education, OIE & OERI; Santa Cruz, California
March 2000	Presenter; Greenland Colloquium, Meeting the Language and Cultural Priorities of Indigenous Peoples; Western Washington University; Bellingham, Washington
August 1999	Presenter; World Indigenous Peoples Conference on Education; University of Hawaiÿi at Hilo; Hilo, Hawaiʻi
May 1998	Presenter; Circumpolar Minister's Pre-conference; Western Washington University; Bellingham, Washington
May 1998	Presenter; Case Study on Schools Serving Native America, Western Washington University; Bellingham, Washington
October 1995	Presenter; U.S. Congress, Governmental Affairs Committee; Washington D.C.
August 1995	Participant; Polynesian Languages Forum; Wellington, New Zealand
May 1993	Project Director and Participant; Native American Languages Issues Conference; Hilo, Hawai'i
May 1992	Project Director and Participant; 'Aha Leo Mohala, Statewide Hawaiian Language Immersion Conference for Families; Kilauea, Hawai'i
Feb. 1990	Presenter; Keepers of the Treasure (Five Nations); Ottawa, Canada
Sept.1990	Presenter; Native American Languages Issues; Prince George, Canada
May 1989	Researcher; Canadian Immersion Schools; Montreal, Canada
Oct. 1988	Presenter; Mokakit Education Research Conference; Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, Canada

Sept. 1987

Presenter; Advocates for Language Learning Conference;

Washington D.C.

## COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP, SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT:

1983 -Current

Member, Keaukaha Pana'ewa Farmers Association; Pana'ewa

Hawaiian Homestead Hilo, Hawai'i

2002 -Current

Local School Board Member, Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u

Public Charter School Kea'au, Hawai'i

References:

