

Experience

Kahu/Director, *Pūnana Leo o Maui*

October 1993 – Present • Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Day to day responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- **Administrator** for family-based Hawaiian immersion education program; day-to-day responsibilities include but are not limited to: health and safety, staff management, budgets, accreditation, and facilities management.
- **Community Liaison** and **Hawaiian Cultural Program Mentor** on Maui.
- **Event Producer and Manager** – *Holoholo Ka’a*, created this annual event for young children to interact with a variety of vehicles from the community. *Nā Leo Kāko’o o Maui*, an annual golf tournament benefiting the Kula Kaiapuni grades K-12 at Pā’ia, Kalama and Kekaulike schools, in its 21st year.
- **Fundraising** – Duties include raising funds to support ongoing educational programs for immersion schools by securing donations from individuals, corporations, grants, events, etc.; acquired a county land lease with the intent to build a new Pūnana Leo o Maui preschool and family language resource center for the community of Maui.
- **Teacher/Kumu** - Hawaiian language education for parents of students

Owner, *Ke Kihapai Bed & Breakfast*

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Front Desk Clerk, *Intercontinental Resort Hotel Waile’a*

March 1989 – October 1993 • Wailea, Maui, Hawaii

Front desk duties, cashiering, night supervisor for resort hotel.

Currency trader, *Provinsbanken*

June 1984 – October 1988 • New York, New York

Trader and position holder of bank currency position.

Banknote Trader, *Piano Remittance Corp.*

June 1981 – June 1984 • New York, New York

Physical banknote trader for South American money exchange firm.

Banknote Trader, *Deak-Perera, Inc.*

May 1980 – June 1981 • New York, New York

Physical banknote trader for domestic money exchange firm.

Commodities Clerk, *Deak-Perera, Inc.*

May 1980 – June 1981 • Honolulu, Hawai’i

Position clerk for precious metals and currencies.

Education

- University of Hawai’i at Mānoa
BA, Economics, [REDACTED]
- University of Hawai’i at Mānoa
MEd, Emphasis – Early Education, [REDACTED]

Affiliations

- National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) – Member
- School Community Council for King Kekaulike High School – Community Member
- Maui Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce – Member
- Hawaiian Agencies and Organizations of Maui (HAO) – Member

Awards

- Educator of the Year (2009), Native Hawaiian Education Association

Other Interests

- Hula – Hālau Pā’ū O Hi’iaka, Kumu Hula, Hōkūlani Holt
- Hawaiian Quilting
- Lei Making
- Floral Design

Fostering Community Partnerships

- **Nā Pua No’eau** – Provided staff for cultural workshops for keiki, college bound students and parents
- **Nā Leo Kāko’o o Maui** – Organized fundraisers, provided classroom supplies, equipment use, manpower for fundraisers, conferences, workshops, professional development, etc.
- **Maui Fair** – Created cultural exhibits and provided manpower for ticket selling at the fair, 200 4-5 hour shifts over 4 days. 20+ years
- **Paeloko, Inc.** – Restoring lo’i kalo, restoration of native marsh land, preserving nesting grounds for native birds, eradicating invasive plant species, cultural workshops such as kapa, cordage, pahu carving, hula, etc.
- **Haleakalā Waldorf School, Hawaii Association for the Education of Young Children (HAEYC), and Kaho’olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC)** – Provided cultural curriculum for preschool and elementary educators
- **University of Hawai’i Maui College** – Provided practicum opportunities for early education students, lectured at early education classes, provided cultural lectures with guest speakers at the college, provided Hawaiian language classes for the community, and organized and led Hawaiian language conferences
- **Kalo Lo’i Restorations** in Hāna, Ke’anae, Kahakuloa, Moloka’i, Waikapū, Waihe’e, Waipi’o Valley (Hawai’i Island) – Assisted with clearing and planting at various taro patches
- **Ka Honua Momona, Moloka’i** – Assisted with fish pond restoration
- **XTERRA World Championships** – Since 1996 Pūnana Leo o Maui families have provided volunteer assistance at the XTERRA triathlon world championships
- **National Geographic** – Assisted with photo essays for National Geographic magazine. Co-produced and participated in series on Hawaiian Culture for public programs division
- **Alu Like** – Summer intern programs for Hawaiian youth
- **Kamehameha Schools** – Internships for summer sessions and after school programming. Offering cultural classes for Kamehameha staff
- **Maui Community Work Day** – Mālama ‘Āina ‘opala pickers
- **Maui Nui Botanical Gardens** – Worked with MNBG to create space and place for Ho’omau annual music concert. Awarded \$5000 grant for electrical upgrades to the gardens. Provided tents for MNBG annual fundraiser
- **Grand Wailea Resort & Spa** – Provided cultural programming for Lei Day and Kamehameha Day activities 10 years
- **Island of Lāna’i, West Maui Mountains Watershed Partnership, Kaulahe, Inc. and Mo’oloa** – Assisted with eradication of invasive species and native plant restoration
- **The Bailey House Museum** – Provided cultural exchanges, lent out equipment such as tents, tables and chairs for their programming
- **Maui Invasive Species Committee (MISC)** – Assisted with Coqui frog eradication
- **Summer Windsurfing Race Series** – Race Crew Member