

Kalena Kahawaiolaa Blakemore

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CONTACT



OBJECTIVE

To serve as commissioner on the Hawai'i Island Burial Council as a Large Land Owner representing the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA).

EXPERIENCE

OHA

May - 2017 - Present

The Land Management Specialist assist in the development and implementation of a Comprehensive Management Plan for Wao Kele o Puna, as well as relevant work for any other conservation, Legacy, and/or Programmatic lands owned by OHA on the Island of Hawai'i. Responsible for engaging the community about and implementing the day-to-day management of the project(s).

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Jun - 2004 - Aug 2015

Archaeologist, cultural resource management at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, survey, mapping, GIS, cave biological and cultural inventory, curatorial collections, community public outreach and curriculum development for pre-K-12, and work on the eruption crew. Committees served; Cultural Festival, Centennial, Safety, BioBlitz, and assisted with Kūpuna Council in Section 106 consultation. Provided additional support for various national parks throughout the Pacific region.

HAWAI'I STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Mar - 2001 - Jun 2004

Parent Community Network Coordinator (PCNC) at Keaau Middle School. Substitute teacher for K-8th grade, educational assistant K-1 at Volcano School of Arts and Science Public Charter School.

EDUCATION

M.A. Heritage Management

May 2017

U.H. Hilo

Studying interpretation and preservation of cultural heritage. Course work in cultural impact assessments, ethnography, ethics and community based heritage management, archaeology in Oceania, Paleobotanical Methods. Thesis on oral history of lineal descendants of Pu'uhoonua o Hōnaunau and the ki'i at Hale o Keawe.

B.A. Anthropology

Jan 1999 - May 2002

U.H. Hilo

Cultural anthropology, archaeology and Hawaiian studies. High honors, "Outstanding Student" award.

AFFILIATIONS

HAWAI'I ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL

Jun - 2013 - June 2017

Council commissioner representing district of Puna under the State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources.

VOLCANO SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

1998 – 2001

Board Member

KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION (KIRC)

2004 – 2008

Participated and conducted numerous island projects with adults and youth in native plant restoration.