



# LILINOE KAUAHIKAUA

## EDUCATION

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- MSW** University of Hawaii at Mānoa, Social Work
- Cert** Hawaii Community College, Hawaii Lifestyles
- BA** University of Hawaii at Hilo, Administration of Justice  
Minor in Hawaiian Studies

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- Best Presentation by a Masters level student – Native Hawaiian & Indigenous People’s Student Research Symposium** 2020
- Office of Student Affairs Fellow** 2020-2021
- Student Excellence Award – Nu Sigma Honor Society** 2020
- Gordon & June Ito Foundation, Social Work** 2020-2021
- John & Gertrude Moir Jr Educational Fund** 2020-2021
- Phi Alpha Honor Society, Nu Sigma Chapter** 2019-2021
- ‘Imi Na‘auao Scholarship** 2019-2021
- Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work Scholarship** 2018-2019
- E ‘Imi Pono Award** 2017
- Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Honor Society** 2015
- Dean’s List – UH Hilo** 2011-2015
- College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Scholarship** 2012-2015
- Oda/McCarty Excellence Scholarship** 2011

## RESEARCH AND COMMUNITY ADVOCACY EXPERIENCE

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**Community/Populations Health Specialist - Addictions, Behavioral/Mental Health, Social Justice, 6/1/2021 - Present**

*Papa Ola Lōkahi* | O‘ahu

Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems | Honolulu

- To engage in and provide support in the development and maintenance of the community health area within Hale Ho‘ona‘auao (education & training department) specifically focused on addictions understanding, development and monitoring (and tying into areas including mental health and social justice)
- Assist and support the development, writing, and publications (as applicable) of federal, state and local initiatives impacting the health of Native Hawaiians in areas related to addictions (substance use/abuse);
- Provide training in topics relative to support the health of Native Hawaiians

**Sub-Contractor, 9/2020 – 05/2021**

*Papa Ola Lōkahi* | O‘ahu

Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems | Honolulu

- Chapter co-author for ADAD’s upcoming strategic plan focusing on Native Hawaiian substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery
- Chapter co-authors include: Dr. Sheri Daniels, Tercia Kū, Charis Kaio, and Napua Casson of Papa Ola Lōkahi

**‘A‘Ali‘i Fellow, 08/2020-05/2021**

*‘Ekolu Mea Nui* | O‘ahu

- Research on reentry and incarceration practices locally and abroad
- Logistical and content planning for a transformational justice conference
- Attending policy and advocacy meetings
- Coordinating collaborative opportunities for partnerships
- Developing culturally grounded approaches to healing and reentry

**Research Fellow, 03/2020 – 05/2021**

C3-OD2A –Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work & Hawai‘i Department of Health

- Collection of existing research to inform project development
- Developing training modules for substance misuse education
- Cultivating resources
- Identifying and prioritizing urgent needs of the Native Hawaiian community

**Affordable Housing Fellow, 01/2020 – Present**

HACBED | Honolulu, HI

- Resource development
- Nonprofit development training
- Consultat on issues related to incarceration, data disaggregation, and Indigenous data sovereignty
- Public outreach activities
- Community engagement to combat NIMBYism

**Graduate Assistant, 01/2020 – 05/15/2020**

Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice and The College of Social Sciences, Public Policy Center (UH Mānoa) | Honolulu, HI

- Collection of existing research to inform project development
- Assisting with Grant Writing
- Develop community partnerships
- Develop needs assessment of student population

**Practicum Intern, 08/2019 – 05/2021**

*Blueprint for Change* | Honolulu, HI

- Collaborate on project development
- Develop written communication skills through legislative bill-writing
- Support the staff in development of culturally grounded programs

- Collection of existing research to support legislative policy making
- Documentation of data for reporting
- Training for grant project planning and development
- Developing community partnerships

**Program Coordinator (Volunteer), 01/2019 – 05/2021**

*Mālama Project*, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa | Honolulu, HI

- Manage all social media programs, web page, and capacity building
- Collaborate with team members to identify and accomplish agency objectives
- Gather and analyze data on community needs, completing a program evaluation and needs assessment
- Facilitate weekly peer support groups
- Develop culturally grounded programming, education & outreach
- Employ a wide range of instructional techniques to interest students
- Conference presentation on decolonizing recovery, recovery oriented systems of care, and recovery ready communities
- Develop Recovery Ally Training

**Vice President/ Business Manager (Volunteer), 07/2016 - Present**

Nā Wai Chamber Choir | Hilo, HI & Honolulu, HI

- Facilitate the writing of grant applications, ensuring that information was accurate prior to submission
- Complete monthly/yearly operational reviews to check budget compliance and identify areas in need of adjustment
- Facilitate board meetings
- Organization and logistical planning for concert tours
- Cultural practitioner to help members navigate cultural learning

**Project Intern, 06/2019 – 05/2021**

*Hawai‘i Budget and Policy Center* | Honolulu, HI

- Determine the State of Hawai‘i’s investments in Native Hawaiians
- Collect data on State Agency budgets allocated by the State Legislature by working with data analysts and program specialists within each department
- Develop a report to highlight findings and recommendations for a phase 2 of the project
- Collect data on Indigenous data sovereignty & governance
- Conduct legislative info briefing

**Other Work Experience**

**Administrative Assistant, 09/2015 - 06/2017**

New West Broadcasting | Hilo, HI

- Greeted visitors, assessed needs and directed to appropriate personnel
- Answered and directed incoming calls using multi-line telephone system
- Voice work for advertising and event coordination

**Intern, 01/2014 - 05/2014**

Office of the Prosecuting Attorney | Hilo, HI

- Assisted MSW on staff with coordination and planning of a community healing event focusing on themes of restorative justice
- Built collaborative partnerships

**Intern 08/2013 - 12/2013**

Office of the Public Defender | Hilo, HI

- Cultivated detail-oriented and organizational skills while working on several cases
- Opened new claim files
- E-filing court documents

**PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES**

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**Invited Panelist:** “Advocacy Essentials: Making Your Voice Heard When It Matters Most”, Safe Project Collegiate Recovery Leadership Summit, November 13th, 2021

**Invited Lecture:** “Ethnic Minorities - Culturally Focused Approaches”, C3 - Opioid Data to Action Project, July 30th, 2021

**Conference Presentation:** “Harm Reduction in Hawai‘i”, Native Harm Reduction Conference, July 21st, 2021

**Invited Presentation and panel,** “Data Justice - About Us, By Us, For Us: Improving Hawai‘i’s Data Policy to Better Serve Native Hawaiians”, March 5th 2021, Papa Ola Lōkahi

**Legislative Info Breifing,** “Data Justice - About Us, By Us, For Us: Improving Hawai‘i’s Data Policy to Better Serve Native Hawaiians”, January 14th 2021, Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs & House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

**Conference Presentation,** “Decolonizing Recovery by Reconnecting through Foundations of Indigenous Healing”, Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Conference, January 8th 2021

**Research Symposium,** “Mālama Kekahi i Kekahi: Native Hawaiian Approaches to Recovery & Allyship”, Native Hawaiian & Indigenous People’s Student Research Symposium, December 4th 2020

**Invited Lecture,** “Matriculation in Recovery”, Access to Education, October 27th 2020

**Invited Lecture,** “Peer Recovery Support on the UH Mānoa Campus”, Counseling Center Peer Fellows, October 23rd 2020

**Invited Lecture,** “Housing issues & Nimbyism in Reentry”, Council For Native Hawaiian Advancement Housing Caucus, October 8th 2020

**Conference Presentation,** “Cultivating Collegiate Recovery During COVID 19”, National Association of Social Workers Conference, October 2nd 2020

**Conference Presentation**, “Disparities in the Opioid Epidemic and Equity for Vulnerable Populations”, National Association of Social Workers Conference, October 2nd 2020

**Invited Lecture**, “Overview of the Collegiate Recovery Movement & Mālama Project”, Mo‘olelo of Resilience: Recovery & Healing Speaker Series, September 1st 2020

**Paper Presentation**, “Data Dissagregation and Indigenous Data Sovereignty”, Appleseed Board, August 2020

**Invited Lecture**, Safe Project Technical Assistance Working Group Panelist, July 28th 2020

**Conference Presentation**, “Ho‘oulu: Continuous Growth of Mālama Project”, Association of Recovery in Higher Education Conference, June 2020

**Paper Presentation**, “Analysis of the State’s Budget Allocations Toward Native Hawaiians,” Papa Ola Lōkahi Board, September 2nd 2019.

**Invited Lecture**, “The Mo‘olelo of Hi‘iaka”, No Nā Wāhine Choral Festival, February 2019

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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**Data Justice - About Us, By Us, For Us: Improving Hawai‘i’s Data Policy to Better Serve Native Hawaiians** - *Co-Author: Seann Pieper-Jordan: Hawaii Budget & Policy Center* - <https://www.hibudget.org/publications/data-justice>

**Implications for a System of Care in Hawai‘i for Native Hawaiians and Substance Use: Hawai‘i Journal of Health & Social Welfare** – “In Review” *Co-Authors: Sheri-Ann P. Daniels, EdD; J. Napua Casson-Fisher, MPH; Tercia Ku, BS; Charis Kaio, BS*

## **PROFESSIONAL SKILLS TRAINING**

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### **Warrior Down Recovery Coach Certification**

*White Bison*, Virtual, November 2020

Description: The Warrior Down program creates the response team that provides the support and finds the resources to get that warrior back into their recovery process. This is a peer-to-peer program that is designed to equip Native people in recovery to provide recovery support, prevent recidivism and provide community referrals for those re-entering the community from treatment or from various forms of incarceration.

### **Higher Skills Academy - Aloha Response**

Oahu Economic Development Board - Pono Shim, 10-weeks, Virtual, 2020

### **Collegiate Recovery Summer Series**

Safe Project, Summer 2020

Description: Track 2 for established CRP’s focusing on community wellness, individual wellness, recruitment, retention, and sustainability planning

**Naloxone Training**

Hawaii Health Harm Reduction Center, May 2020

Description: How to administer naloxone to prevent overdose

**Motivational Interview Training**

UH Mānoa Health Promotions, March/April 2020

**Collegiate Recovery Leadership Academy**

Safe Project, 2019-Present

Description: An academic year-long fellowship aimed at developing and cultivating future leaders from college campuses across the nation.

**Bringing Recovery Supports to Scale Technical Assistance Center Strategy (BRSS-TACS)**

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), January-April 2020.

Description: BRSS TACS advances effective recovery supports and services for people with mental or substance use disorders and their families. It is a learning community on building and sustaining a thriving collegiate recovery program

**Grant Project Planning & Development Training**

Administration for Native Americans (ANA), 2019

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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**Reentry Hui**

Collaboration of NonProfits dedicated to improving reentry and advocacy across Hawai'i

**Going Home Hawai'i Consortium**

Efforts on the Big Island to reintegrate justice-involved individuals into the community and the workforce. GHH consists of over 50 public and private entities and their representatives with an island-wide network of nearly 500 members. GHH also has members throughout the State of Hawai'i and members residing in other states who are interested in getting involved to learn about providing more cost-effective, innovative programs to decrease overcrowding in jails and prisons nationwide; while simultaneously offering reintegrating inmates various opportunities to become contributing members of society.

**Perinatal Substance Use Working Group**

Epic 'Ohana

**Kinohi Mana Nui**

Board Member

Mission: Kinohi Mana Nui support services inspires and equips people using comprehensive support services that promote lifelong recovery, independent living, and meaningful relationships with the family and community.

**‘Ekolu Mea Nui**

Board Member

Mission: To transform Hawai‘i’s justice system through Native Hawaiian cultural practices and values

**Hawaii Opioid Initiative Working Group 1 & 4, 2020-Present**

Hawaii Opioid Initiative

WG 1 focuses on Treatment Access and aims to improve and modernize healthcare strategies and access for opioid and other substance misuse treatment and recovery services. WG 2 focuses on Prevention & Public Education and aims to improve community-based programs and public education to prevent opioid misuse and related harms.

**Affordable Housing Fellowship, 2019-Present**

Engaging policy makers with constituents to design an Affordable Hawai‘i for All. The AHA fellows are emerging leaders who come from diverse backgrounds and who each have lived experience in communities that struggle to find or sustain housing. There are roughly a dozen Fellows, who are supported by the Housing Affordability Coalition (HAC) and its Steering Committee of nonprofit organizations: Hawaiian Community Assets, Hawaii Appleseed and the Hawaii Alliance for Community Based Economic Development.

**Safe Project Collegiate Recovery Leadership Academy, 2019-Present**

Emerging leader 2019-2020, West Coast work group leader & mentor 2020-Present.

Description: An academic year-long fellowship aimed at developing and cultivating future leaders from college campuses across the nation.

**Hawaii Budget & Policy Center, 2019-2021**

Research assistant & consultant on Native Hawaiian issues

**National Association of Social Workers, member 2019-Present**

**Community Alliance on Prisons, 2019-Present**

Description: Community group advocacy for prison reform

**Legislative Keiki Caucus & HCR 205 Task Force & Family Reunification Working Group, 2019-Present**

Assisted in drafting bill SB 2345/HB 2111 relating to children and families of incarcerated individuals

**LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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**Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work Graduate Student Organization: Hui Kāko‘o**

[Vice President], [UH Mānoa], 2019-2021

**Hui Mālama**

[President], [UH Mānoa], 2019-2021

**Nā Koa Ho‘okaulike**

[Aloha ‘Āina & Social Justice Group], [UH Mānoa], 2019-2021

**Mālama Project**

[Program Coordinator & Peer Recovery Coach], [UH Mānoa], 2018-2021

**Nā Wai Chamber Choir**

[Vice President/Business Manager], [Hilo/Mānoa], 2016-Present

**Phi Alpha Honor Society, Nu Sigma Chapter**

[Event Coordinator], [UH Mānoa], 2019-2020

**PROFFESIONAL SERVICE & PLANNING**

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**Continuing Education from a Cultural Lens focusing on Substance use**

Ka‘ao Learning Series (4 Webinars) & ‘Imi Ke Ola Mau a Mau Series (6 Webinars)  
Papa Ola Lōkahi, August 2021 – September 2021

**Collegiate Recovery Summer Series**

Safe Project, Summer 2021

**Transformational Justice Conference**

‘Eko lu Mea Nui, Summer 2022 (In planning)

**Recovery Ally Training**

Development & Impementation of training  
February 2021 – Ongoing - Data collection in progress

**Mo‘olelo Monday’s**

Mālama Project, Hui Kāko‘o, Native Hawaiian Place of Learning Advancement Office, UH  
Women’s Center, CE@MBT-SSW, and ‘Eko lu Mea Nui  
November 2020-April 2021, 9 Webinar Series

**Mo‘olelo of Resilience: Recovery & Healing Speaker Series**

Mālama Project, September 2020, 8 Webinar Series

**MEDIA OUTREACH AND CONNECTIONS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

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**Empower Indigenous Peoples, Decolonize Data**

<https://www.hibudget.org/blog/empower-indigenous-peoples-decolonize-data>

**Answering your kāhea in the midst of controversy**

[http://www.manoanow.org/kaleo/opinion/answering-your-k-hea-in-the-midst-of-controversy/article\\_d70a317c-11b9-11ea-ab42-cb28d8d99ea9.html](http://www.manoanow.org/kaleo/opinion/answering-your-k-hea-in-the-midst-of-controversy/article_d70a317c-11b9-11ea-ab42-cb28d8d99ea9.html)



**Continuing Practicum During a Pandemic**

<https://www.hawaii.edu/news/2020/03/31/continue-practicum-during-pandemic/>

**COVID-19 Creates Learning Challenges, New Resource: Social Work Survival Handbook**

<https://www.hawaii.edu/news/2020/04/23/social-work-survival-handbook/>

**Social Work Students Donate to UH Relief Fund**

<https://www.hawaii.edu/news/2020/04/28/students-donate-uh-relief-fund/>

**Free culturally grounded program, helps students heal from substance misuse**

[https://www.hawaii.edu/news/2020/08/25/cultural-substance-recovery-program/?fbclid=IwAR0OK9iVoHbcXrauBRmUUPDKY4rluMwquYX4erNajau8C46\\_tPi4awaHumk](https://www.hawaii.edu/news/2020/08/25/cultural-substance-recovery-program/?fbclid=IwAR0OK9iVoHbcXrauBRmUUPDKY4rluMwquYX4erNajau8C46_tPi4awaHumk)

**Safe Campuses Spotlight: Lilinoe Kauahikaua**

<https://www.safeproject.us/story/spotlight-lilinoe/?fbclid=IwAR1BCznAXxG5ktTehYyujXRdDQLUwY8NzKKS4bCH1nTmQB4VfXzFwsEVeoa>

**Mo'olelo (Hawaiian storytelling) brings healing in substance misuse**

<https://www.hawaii.edu/news/2020/11/06/moolelo-healing-in-substance-misuse/>