



LILINOE KAUAHIKAUA

EDUCATION

MSW	University of Hawaii at Mānoa, Social Work	May 2021
Cert	Hawaii Community College, Hawaii Lifestyles	May 2018
BA	University of Hawaii at Hilo, Administration of Justice Minor in Hawaiian Studies	May 2015

HONORS AND AWARDS

Ili Intercultural Leadership Institute Fellow	2022-2023
Mentor of the Year – SAFE Project	2021-2022
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
SAFE Project –Collegiate Recovery Leadership Academy Fellow	2019
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

Program Coordinator – AANHPI ‘Ohana Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health Population Health Specialist - Addictions, Behavioral/Mental Health, Social Justice
6/1/2021 - Present

Papa Ola Lōkahi | O‘ahu

Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems | Honolulu

- Assist and support the development, writing, and publication of federal, state and local initiatives impacting the health of Native Hawaiians in areas related to substance use/misuse, behavioral/mental health, and social justice
- Design, implement, and evaluate training delivered to various constituencies and stakeholders, working in conjunction with community partners, in Hawaii, and across the

United States. Trainings are aimed at increasing awareness and understanding the unique risk and protective factors contributing to the disproportionate impact of substance use, mental health, and incarceration on Native Hawaiians.

- Collaborate with other Indigenous/Native or culturally-embedded program innovations to support to improve services to Native Hawaiian communities
- Projects
 - Co-author: Conceptualizing a New System of Care for Native Hawaiians and Substance Use - ADAD state plan 2022
 - Ahupua‘a model:
 - Indigenous, metaphorical, cultural, and spiritual model to address the root causes of trauma for Native peoples, and create collective healing through a Native lens, embracing a recovery perspective that recognizes substance use as a symptom of a larger trauma. The ‘ahupua‘a is a living, breathing example of a thriving, healthy Native system. Re-envisioning “the healing journey”, utilizing cultural reconnection and methodologies that speak to Native perspectives, is more influential in creating positive health outcomes for Native peoples.
 - Continuing education from a cultural lens:
 - Series of continuing education sessions, approved for credit for social workers and all state addiction certifications focused on cultural approaches to working with those who use substances
 - State-Wide stakeholder meetings regarding substance use in Native Hawaiian communities:
 - Papa Ola Lōkahi convened virtual Native Hawaiian Substance Use Stakeholder Meetings across the pae‘āina of Hawai‘i in late October 2021. These gatherings engaged stakeholders in an inclusive and interactive process to understand what Native Hawaiian culture could and should look like across the continuum of care in substance use services. Utilizing the metaphor of the ahupua'a, stakeholders explored and envisioned what resources currently exist within the substance use continuum as well as the gaps that need to be addressed.
 - Developed a report outlining findings for each island and a comprehensive report illustrating a set of common themes, priorities, and recommendations identified across all communities in order to create a Hawaiian culture-based continuum of care substance use system that serves the best interests and needs of Native Hawaiians.
 - Community listening sessions on substance use in Native Hawaiian communities & cultural healing:
 - Conducted in-person sessions on 5 islands, including Maui, Molokai, O‘ahu, Kaua‘i, and Hawai‘i Island. The sessions focused on a north star: A Hawaiian culture-based substance use care system where Native Hawaiians and their families can thrive. This work was accomplished by reaching a near star: Define cultural foundations, cultural awareness, cultural safety, cultural responsiveness, and cultural resonance within the continuum of care (prevention, treatment, recovery, harm reduction) from different perspectives (client, ‘ohana, community, provider, whole system).

- Developed a comprehensive report outlining findings and recommendations for real actionable steps to create a culturally-responsive system where Native Hawaiians and their families can thrive.
- E Hui Ana Nā Moku (The islands shall unite): A harm reduction toolkit for Native Hawaiian communities:
 - This toolkit centers on a cultural approach to harm reduction focusing on reducing the harms caused by colonization in Hawai‘i, developing a community understanding of harm reduction, and providing cultural approaches to reducing harm and promoting healing.
- Culture & Addictions advisory board:
 - 2 representatives from Hawai‘i island, Maui, Molokai, O‘ahu; 1 from Kaua‘i; 1 from Lāna‘i
 - Discusses Papa Ola Lōkahi’s ongoing work: Provides feedback regarding the cultural aspects of our program development and their application in the field of substance use and mental health. Provides ongoing guidance in bringing Papa Ola Lōkahi into a more active role regarding these needs among Native Hawaiians
- Native Hawaiians & substance use working group:
 - Group is open to the public and comprised of interested stakeholders, providers, and community members who serve Native Hawaiians and their families.

Mentor/Working Group Leader – Collegiate Recovery Leadership Academy, 11/2020 – Present

SAFE Project | Washington D.C.

- Mentoring students in recovery & recovery allies in an academic year-long fellowship program for students who are passionate about the intersection of collegiate recovery, leadership, and advocacy.
- Mentoring and supporting students in the development and implementation of a collegiate recovery focused impact project on their campus.

Sub-Contractor, 9/2020 – 05/2021

Papa Ola Lōkahi | O‘ahu

Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems | Honolulu

- Chapter co-author for chapter “Conceptualizing a New System of Care for Native Hawaiians and Substance Use” for ADAD’s 2022 strategic plan
- 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 – 05/2021

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 - 12/2021

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

Conference Presentation – IVAT (Institute of Violence and Trauma)

Invited Lecture – WorkForce Development Fellows, C3-OD2A – Molokai & Kaua‘i

Invited Panelist – Native Hawaiian Health Disparities – Harvard Hawai‘i Club – March 25th, 2023

Invited Presentation: “Re-Centering healing for Native Hawaiian populations”. Maui Ola Mālamalama - Workforce Development. March 10th, 2023

Invited Lecture: “Re-Centering healing for Native Hawaiian populations”. Hawai‘i Community College, Administration of Justice. March 6th, 2023

Conference Presentation: “Ho‘okahe wai, Ho‘oulu ‘āina: When water flows, the land thrives” Association Public Health Administration (APHA) Conference, November 8th, 2022

Conference Presentation: “Re-centering Healing for Native Hawaiian Populations”, Faces & Voices of Recovery – Recovery Leadership Summit, October 5th, 2022

Invited Panelist: “Uncovering Hope and Possibilities”, Hawai‘i Pacific Evaluation Association, October 13th, 2022

Invited Presentation: “I Ka Wa Ma Mua, I Ka Wa Ma Hope: Looking to our past to provide guidance for our future”, Ola Niuhelewai Guest Speaker Honolulu Community College, September 19th, 2022

Invited Presentation: “Conceptualizing a new system of care for Native Hawaiians and substance use” - Hawai‘i State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division State Plan, September 7th, 2022

Invited Presentation: “I Ka Wa Ma Mua, I Ka Wa Ma Hope: Looking to our past to provide guidance for our future”, SAMHSA Region 9 Director’s site visit, March 29th, 2022

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 Briefing, “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

Conceptualizing a New System of Care in Hawaii for Native Hawaiians and Substance Use – Co-Authors Sheri-Ann P. Daniels, J. Napua Casson-Fisher, Tercia Ku, Charis Kaio – In process – Hawaii Journal of Health and Social Welfare - https://health.hawaii.gov/substance-abuse/files/2022/12/ADAD-State-Plan-System-of-Care-Implications-Full-Volume_print.pdf

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 – Co-Authors: Sheri-Ann P. Daniels, EdD; J. Napua Casson-Fisher, MPH; Tercia Ku, BS; Charis Kaio, BS - https://hawaiijournalhealth.org/past_issues/hjhs8112_S3_0043.pdf

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS TRAINING

CBT for Substance Use – In progress

LCSW Supervision – In progress – Est. Completion Summer 2023

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

Hawaii Advisory Council on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances – 2022 - Present

Institute of Violence and Trauma Annual Conference – 2022 - present
Cultural Committee

Hui Ho‘iwai Reentry Hui – 2021 - present

A working group of advocacy and reentry organizations striving to empower our communities and fighting to end the dehumanization of incarcerated people. We push for a paradigm shift where the default is not to put people in cages for violations or offenses. We believe in community investment and accountability that is therapeutic and restorative, not punitive.

Going Home Hawai‘i Consortium
Cultural Committee Co-Chair – 2022 - present

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, 2019-2021

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

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

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & PLANNING

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

'Ekolu 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 'Ekolu 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

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

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=IwAR0OK9iVoHbcXrauBRmUUPDKY4rluMwguYX4erNajau8C46_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/>

REFERENCES

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