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## **LEADERSHIP and ADMINISTRATION EXPERIENCES**

**President and Chief Executive Officer**, 2023 to present – Council on Social Work Education, Alexandria, VA 22314. Overall lead and overseer of all functions, operations, and membership of the national organization for social work education and accreditation comprising of 900+ social work education programs in institutions of higher education from Guam and Hawai'i to across the continental US to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Responsible to the Board of Directors. Responsible for governance and a multi-layered organizational chart. Vision priorities include increasing visibility and reach of CSWE, strengthening and advancing the CSWE brand, expanding representation in geography and community, and ensuring organizational sustainability.

**Dean and Professor**, 2018 to 2023 – Hawai'i Pacific University, College of Health and Society, Honolulu, HI 96813. Leadership and administration of the College of Health and Society which housed the School of Social Work (BSW, MSW), Department of Public Health (BSPH, MPH), Department of Nursing (BSN, MSN, DNP), Doctor of Physical Therapy Program (DPT), Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD), and Physician Assistant (MS-PA). Overall responsibility for the College vision and mission; strategic planning; accreditation; academic planning and innovation; budget and development; promotion and reappointment; professional development; supervision; and community engagement. Taught first year freshmen.

**Associate Dean and Professor**, 2014 to 2018; Associate Dean and Associate Professor, July 2012 to 2014 – Morgan State University, School of Social Work, Baltimore, MD 21251. Leadership and management of day-to-day operations of the School of Social Work in alignment with the strategic plan; accreditation; faculty recruitment, retention, and development; supervision, mentorship, evaluation, and recognition; academic programs; budget and development; school policies and procedures; research, publication, and grantsmanship; monitoring tenure and promotion processes; student success; and community engagement. Taught PhD students.

**Director of Master's Social Work Program and Associate Professor**, February 2007 to June 2012 – George Mason University, Department of Social Work, Fairfax, VA 22030. Leadership and administration over the master's program in terms of academic program accreditation and development; student services, admission, advising, and graduation; faculty affairs, hiring, and development; and community engagement. Taught MSW students.

**Accreditation Specialist**, January 2005 to January 2007 – Council on Social Work Education, Office of Social Work Accreditation and Educational Excellence, Alexandria, VA 22314. Worked with undergraduate and graduate programs to meet the requirements of the EPAS for candidacy and reaffirmation; approved eligibility; reviewed self-studies; and provided consultation, workshops, and training.

**Coordinator of Baccalaureate Social Work Program and Lecturer**, August 2003 to December 2004 – San Francisco State University, School of Social Work, San Francisco, CA 94132. Leadership and administration over the baccalaureate program in terms of academic program accreditation and development; student services, admission, advising, and graduation; faculty affairs, hiring, and development; and community engagement. Taught BSW and MSW students.

**Department Chair and Assistant Professor**, August 2001 to July 2003 – Brigham Young University-Hawaii, Department of Social Work, Laie, HI 96762. Leadership and administration over the department in terms of academic program accreditation and development; student services, admission, advising, and graduation; faculty affairs, hiring, and development; and community engagement. Taught BSW students.

**Assistant Professor**, July 1999 to July 2001 – New Mexico State University, School of Social Work, Las Cruces, NM 88003. Taught BSW and MSW students.

## **SCHOLARSHIP, RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION**

### **Book(s)**

Starks, S.H., Mallinger, G., Countee-Gilliam, C.C., Schmitz, C., & Vakalahi, H.F.O. (2021). *Mentoring Women for Leadership: Empowering the Next Generation*. Washington DC: NASW Press.

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Vakalahi, H.F.O., Starks, S., & Ortiz Hendricks, C., Editors, (2007). *Women of Color as Social Work Educators: Strengths and Survival*. Alexandria, VA: Council on Social Work Education Press.

### **Journal Co-Founder, Co-Editor in Chief**

*Urban Social Work* (2017-present) peer-reviewed journal, partnership between Morgan State

University, Lehman College, and Hawai'i Pacific University, underwritten by New York Community Trust, and published by Springer Publishing. Co-Editor in Chief, Co-Founder (Dr. Halaevalu Vakalahi, Dr. Dana Wilson, Dr. Brenda Williams-Gray, Dr. Carl Mazza). Prose Award.

### **Journal Special Section/Issue**

Stevenson, A., Vakalahi, H.F.O., & McPhatter, A., Editors (2016). Journal of Social Work Education, Special Section on "The HBCU Experience: Contributions to Social Work Education".

### **Journal Articles Peer-Reviewed**

Vakalahi, H.F.O., Countee-Gilliam, C., McPhatter, A., Washington, E.M., & Waites, C. (in press). Women of color pipeline to academic leadership. *Advancing Women in Leadership*.

Phan, N., Vizza, C., Lim, E., Elson, L. D., Jackson, A., Kaumatule, B. S., Horgen, F. D., Vakalahi, H. O., Sheikhattari, P., & Okamoto, S. K. (2024). Creating a mentoring community through faculty writing retreats at a teaching intensive, minority serving university: The HUI Scholars Program. *The Chronicle of Mentoring & Coaching*, 8(2), 46-52. <https://doi:10.62935/pj96169>

Vakalahi, H.O., Okamoto, S.K., Horgen, F.D., Lim, E., Phan, N., Kaumatule, B.S., Sheikhattari P. (2023). Promoting Health Research among Underrepresented Students through the HUI SRC. *Hawai'i Journal of Health and Social Welfare*, 82(10 Suppl 1), 36-43.

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Kamaka, M.L., Freitas, S.M., Marshall, S.M., Walsh, M.E., Kamakawiwo'ole, S., Miller, J.M., & Vakalahi, H.F.O. (2021). He 'A'ali'i Kū Makani Mai Au: Developing a cultural framework for advancing COVID-19 related, community-informed health policies. *Hawai'i Journal of Health and Social Welfare*, 80(10 Suppl 2), 50-56.

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Alleman, A., Allen, S., Darrell, L., & Vakalahi, H.F.O. (2018). Women of Color and work-life balance in an urban environment: What is reality? *Urban Social Work*, 2(1), 80-95.

Van Sluytman, L., & Vakalahi, H.F.O. (2017). Our immigrant fathers: Reflecting on caregiving. *Reflections: Narratives of Professional Helping*, 23(1), 13-26.

- Vakalahi, H.F.O. & Hafoka, O.K.L. (2017). Beyond Words: Language of our Ancestors. *Ameriasia Journal*, 43(1), 1-12.
- Gilliam, C.C., Chandler, M.A., Al-Hajjaj, H.A., Mooney, A.N., & Vakalahi, H.F.O. (2016). Intentional leadership planning and development: The collective responsibility to educate more social work leaders. *Advances in Social Work*, 17(2), 330-339. doi:10.18060/18606
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- Allen, S.A., Sinclair, M. & Vakalahi, H.F.O. (2016). Organizational Identification: Perspectives of Dispersed Social Workers. *Advances in Social Work*, 17(2), 285-303.
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- Baldwin, T., Vaughn, J., Cotton, C., & Vakalahi, H.F.O. (2014). Where is Spirituality in Social Work? *Perspectives on Social Work*, 10(1), 5-13.
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Vakalahi, H.F.O. (in press). *Be still, eat some chocolate, and let God* in C.S. Turner and C.A. Stanley Preparing for Full Professor: Critical Issues on Gender and Racial Equity in Research, Teaching, Service, and Policy Making.

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Vakalahi, H.F.O., & Hafoka Kanuch, O.K.L. (2019). *Our Pacific Elders as keepers and transmitters of culture*. In Ravulo, J., Mafile'o, T., & Yeates, D.B., (Editors). *Pacific Social Work: navigating practice, policy and research*. Routledge (UK).

Wagner, F.A., Van Sluytman, L.G., Vakalahi, H.F.O., & Wosu, C.N. (2018). *Qualitative research in gerontology and geriatrics*, p. 73-81, in *Aging Research: Methodology Issues* by Carmen Garcia-Pena, Luis Miguel Gutierrez-Robledo, & Mario Ulises Perez-Zepeda. Spring Link publishing.

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## **Foreword**

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Halaevalu F. Ofahengaue Vakalahi (2022). In *Pandemic of Silence* by Adrienne Dillard and Tristan Renae. Black Artist of Hawai'i, HI.

‘Ike Mana: Halaevalu Vakalahi, Adrienne Dillard, Momilani Marshall, Tammy Martin, Sophia Kim, Poki'i Balaz, Puni Kekauoha (2021). In *The Intersection of Environmental Justice, Climate Change, Community, and the Ecology of Life* by Ande A. Nesmith, Cathryne L. Schmitz, Yolanda Machado-Escudero, Shanondora Billiot, Rachel A. Forbes, Meredith C.F. Powers, Nikita Buckhoy, Lucy A. Lawrence, & Lacey M. Sloan. Springer Link, NY.

### **Invited Articles and Media**

Vakalahi, H.F.O. (Podcast March 2024). University of Utah, School of Social Work. Representation and Inclusion in social work education.

Vakalahi, H.F.O. & Gibson-Ledl, K. (2023). *Creating Possibilities in Unity: #oneCSWE*. A Social Work Month 2023 Message from CSWE President and CEO Halaevalu F. Ofahengaue Vakalahi and CSWE staff Katie "Kat" Gibson-Ledl.

Vakalahi, H.F.O. (Op-Ed August 14, 2020). *A leader in Hawai'i's Pacific Islander communities offers ways to help this vulnerable population handle health issues, including COVID-19*. Star Advertiser.

KHON News Beyond the Mask, COVID series, represented Pacific Islander Community (2020). Co-presenters Vakalahi, H.F.O., Howard, J., & Berreman, J.

### **Keynotes**

The King Center, Martin Luther King, Jr., speaker in the Tribute to MLK (January 2024).

University of Illinois- Chicago, Jane Addams College of Social Work, graduation speaker (May 2024).

Columbia University, School of Social Work, graduation speaker (May 2024).

San Francisco State University, School of Social Work, graduation speaker (virtual)(May 2024).

Clark Atlanta University, School of Social Work, hooding ceremony speaker (virtual)(May 2024).

Howard University, School of Social Work, graduation speaker (May 2023).

Tongan Research Association international conference, "Navigating the Tongan-American Hyphen: The role of Mentoring" (spring 2022).

Hawai'i Roundtable Discussion on food security and sustainability, in preparation for the United Nation Food Sustainability Summit (spring 2021).

Hawai'i Pacific University, Light Up the Night leadership event (spring 2021).

University of Hawai'i-Manoa Department of Native Hawaiian Health, Pu Pu'ukai Series (2021). "Mentorship: Lifting as we Climb".

Western Kentucky University, Department of Social Work, BSW & MSW graduation ceremonies (spring 2017).

Multiple Pacific Island community events (1998-ongoing). Invited as keynote speaker at yearly events including youth conferences, high school baccalaureate, educational events, cultural celebrations, etc. in Hawai'i, California, Utah Pacific Islander communities. Presentation: Knowledge is Power and the Role of Higher Education.

### **Competitive Presentations**

Council on Social Work Education (2022). Women pushing forward as leaders and mentors, presentation. Starks, S., Vakalahi, H.F.O., Countee-Gilliam, C., & Schmitz, C.

Council on Social Work Education (2020). Mentoring Women for Leadership, presentation. Countee-Gillim, C., Starks, S., Schmitz, C., Vakalahi, H.F.O.

Council on Social Work Education, Dallas, TX (2017). Women of Color Writing Retreats: Experiences and Outcomes, Hot Topics. Vakalahi, H.F.O., Davison, D., Wilson, D., Alston, S., Evans, D., & Countee-Gilliam, C.

The 21<sup>st</sup> IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, San Francisco, CA (2017). Promoting Healthy Aging in Diverse Older Communities through Academic-Community Research, Symposium. Vakalahi, H.F.O., McGovern, J., Giunta, N., Gelman, C., Gardner, D., Glushefski, R.E., Morano, C.

Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA (2017). Community Based Participatory Research with Diverse Urban Older Adults, Symposium. Vakalahi, H.F.O., Giunta, N.

Council on Social Work Education, Atlanta, GA (2016). Women of Color in the Academy: A Collaborative Approach to Transforming Trauma. Davis, M., & Vakalahi, H.F.O.

Council on Social Work Education, Tampa, FL (2014). Creating a pipeline for women of color leaders and administrators. Vakalahi, H.F.O., McPhatter, A., Waites, C., & Washington, E.M.

Joint World Conference on Social Work, Education and Social Development, Melbourne, Australia (2014). Mafile'o, T. & Vakalahi, H.F.O. Re-centering and re-invigorating Pacific indigenous approaches for Pacific peoples' social and economic development.

NCORE Conference, New Orleans, LA (2013). Scales, R., Davis, M., & Vakalahi, H.F.O. Women of color and trauma, paper presentation.

Food Studies Conference, Austin, TX (2013). Davis, R., & Vakalahi, H.F.O. Cultural significance of Taro, paper presentation.

NIH Health Disparities Summit, Washington DC (2012). Davis, M.E., Vakalahi, H.F.O., & Davis, B. Trauma in the Chantilly Mews Community, poster presentation.

Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Washington, DC (2012). Sermon, M., Richardson, A., Moncrief, A., Dillard, V, & Vakalahi, H.F.O. Female Students of Color: The complexities of lived experiences, panel presentation.

International Conference in Social Sciences, Honolulu, HI (2012). Vakalahi, H.F.O., Davis, M.E., & Scales, S.R. Traumatic Experiences of Women of Color in the Academy: A Call to Action, Panel.

International Conference in Social Sciences, Honolulu, HI (2012). Davis, M.E., Vakalahi, H.F.O., & Scales, S.R. A College Dream Tour, Panel.

International Conference in Social Sciences, Honolulu, HI (2012). Scales, S.R. Davis, M.E., & Vakalahi, H.F.O. Mental health issues among medical and non-medical students, Workshop.

Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA (2012). Vakalahi, H.F.O.. Pacific Islander American Elders: Cultural Navigators, Paper Presentation.

Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta, GA (2011). Vakalahi, H.F.O., Starks, S.H., Davison, D., & Dozier, C. Women of Color at the Intersection of Race/Gender/Power and Leadership, Panel, Feminist Scholarship track.

Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta, GA (2011). Vakalahi, H.F.O., & Saleeby, P. Health Disparities, Panel, CSWE Commission on Diversity and Social and Economic Justice.

American Public Health Association, Washington, DC (2011). Ihara, E.S., & Vakalahi, H.F.O. Pacific American elders: The salience of spirituality for health and well-being, Oral Presentation.

International Conference on Social Sciences, Honolulu, HI (2011). Davis, M.E. & Vakalahi, H.F.O. Transforming Life Course Trauma.

Gerontological Society of America, Atlanta, GA (2009). Davis, M.E., Vakalahi, H.F.O., & Ihara, E. Risk assessment: Cultural practices in Pacific Islander, African American, and Asian American elders and healthy aging, Poster.

Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Philadelphia, PA (2008). Copresenter Sandra Starks, Women of Color as Social Work Educators: Health and Wellbeing.

George Mason University, College of Health and Human Services, Research Day, Fairfax, VA (2008). Presenter, Women of Color as Social Work Educators: Health and Well-being.

Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, San Francisco, CA (2007). Copresenter Sandra Starks, Women of Color as Social Work Educators: Health and Wellbeing.

Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, San Francisco, CA (2007). Copresenters Robert Vernon, Dean Pierce, & Peggy Pittman-Munke, Distance Social Work Education.

Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, San Francisco, CA (2007). Panel member on special topic of academic social work careers, sponsored by CSWE.

Indigenous Voices in Social Work: Not Lost in Translation, Honolulu, HI (2007). Co-presenter Sandra Starks & Carmen Ortiz Hendricks, Voices of Women of Color in Social Work Education.

Rural Social Work Conference, Bowling Green, KY (2006). Co-presenter Sandra Starks & Suzie Cashwell, Women of Color as Social Work Educators: Implications for Practice and Education.

Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Chicago, IL (2006). Co-presenter Carmen Ortiz Hendricks & Sandra Starks, Women of Color as Social Work Educators: Implications for Practice and Education.

National Gerontological Social Work Conference, NY (2005). Co-presenter Kaunanga Moala and Jamee Enesa, Grandparenting in the Tongan Culture.

Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Anaheim, CA (2004). Copresenter Sharlene Furuto & Isaac Kuzukuma, Sovereignty and Health of Indigenous People: Implications for Social Work Practice and Education.

Asia-Pacific Social Work Conference, Japan (2003). Accepted co-presentation of paper “Moana Nui: A Pacific Model of Inclusion and Leadership” Meripa Godinet. [Conference cancelled due to SARS].

International Baccalaureate Program Directors Conference, Africa (2003). Accepted copresentation of paper “The Pacific, U.S.A, and Africa: Cultural Competency in HIV/AIDS Education”. [Unable to attend due to reduction in university travel funds].

Baccalaureate Program Directors Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA (2002). Co-presenter, Ho’okele: A Pacific Island Approach to Aging.

International Conference of Schools of Social Work, Montpellier, France (2002). Co-facilitator, Moana Nui: A Pacific Island Approach to Global Citizenship.

Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Nashville, TN (2002). Copresenter, Asian and Pacific Islanders through 2010: Demographic, social and political realities.

Cultural competence in Child Welfare practice, Austin, TX (2001). Commentator, Pacific Islander families and issues of substance abuse and family violence in relation to child welfare.

Family Preservation Institute Conference, San Antonio, TX (2000). Co-presenter, Pacific Islanders and Family Preservation.

Building on Family Strengths Conference, Portland, OR (2000). Poster presenter, Influence of Family-Based Risk and Protective Factors on Adolescent Substance Use.

Family Preservation Institute Conference, Austin, TX (1999). Presenter, Influence of FamilyBased Risk and Protective Factors on Adolescent Substance Use.

Society for Social Work Research Conference, Austin, TX (1998). Accepted for poster presentation, Pacific Islander Adolescents at Risk for HIV/AIDS. [Unable to attend due to financial difficulty].

Hawai'i Psychological Association Conference, Honolulu, HI (1994). Co-presenter, Pacific Islander Adolescents at Risk for HIV/AIDS, master's thesis.

### **Invited Presentations**

Hawai'i State of Reform (2022). Panel on Creating a Workforce that Looks like Us.

Hawai'i State Center for Nursing (2021). Presentation to Advisory Board on the state of nursing education at Hawai'i Pacific University.

Hawai'i State of Reform (2021). Panel on Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander community and COVID-19.

Council on Social Work Education, CRSSW (2020). Critical Race Theory, inaugural panel: Spencer, M., Ortiz, L., Vakalahi, H.F.O, Huggins, M., Ortega, D.

AlohaCare Panel on NHPI and COVID (2020). Co-presenters Fox, K., Duarte, M., Vakalahi, H.F.O., & Howard, J.

Hawai'i Health Workforce Summit September 12, 2020. Panel member for Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Health: Lālama ka Pakipika - Leading With Courage. Sponsored by Papa Ola Lokahi. Co-presented with Dr. Palakiko and Ms. Howard.

Asian Pacific Islander Social Work Educators Association Conference, Portland, OR (2010). National Panelist, Transnational Pacific Islanders.

Tongan American Community, San Francisco, CA (2010). Presenter, Youth and Parents Communication, Pacific American Youth and Parents Communication.

Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (2010). Plenary Cospeaker Dr. Molly Davis. Looking Inward: Exploring & Sharing Personal Values and Beliefs.

Virginia Governor's Conference on Children (2010). Co-presenter Dr. Molly Davis. Bridging the Culture Divide.

### **Grants, funds development and entrepreneurial activities**

CSWE grants and philanthropic initiatives (2023-present). President's Excellence Fund.

HPU Undergraduate infrastructure student research center (The "HUI SRC"): An entrepreneurial health research center (2020-present). Funded by the National Institutes of Health/National Institute on General Medical Sciences (U01GM128435; PI: Vakalahi), \$750,000. Co-I Dr. Scott Okamoto and Dr. David Horgen; Dr. Ngoc Phan, Dr. Eunjung Lim, Mr. Blaize Soakai. Modeled after ASCEND SRC developed by Morgan State University ASCEND Center for Biomedical Research.

HPU Faculty Mentorship Training Program, under HUI SRC (2022-present), to enhance faculty ability to effectively mentor students particularly those from underrepresented communities. Funded by the National Institutes of Health/National Institute on General Medical Sciences (U01GM128435-03S1; PI: Vakalahi), \$250,000. Co-I Dr. Scott Okamoto and Dr. David Horgen; Dr. Ngoc Phan, Dr. Eunjung Lim, Mr. Blaize Soakai.

Mana Wahine Fellowship Program (2021-present). Funded by Papa Ola Lokahi, focused on Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander women interested in nursing, public health, social work, physical therapy, marine biology, \$180,000. (PI: Vakalahi, co-I Dr. Kayla Black).

HPU IPE Island Mobile (2020-2023). Funded by Atherton Foundation, focused on interdisciplinary practicum with nursing, public health, and social work, \$70,000. (PI: Vakalahi)

Vaccine education for Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander kupuna (2021-2022). Funded by Pfizer Foundation, focused on interdisciplinary team creating in-language vaccine education webinars and workshops, \$15,000. (PI: Vakalahi)

Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement grant (2019-2020). Census focus on increasing numbers in the Tongan community, \$7,500. (PI: Vakalahi)

CVS Foundation grant (2018-2022). Scholarship for MSN FNP nursing students, \$8,000. (PI: Vakalahi)

ASCEND Health-Related Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) Small Grants, Morgan State University (2016-2018). Development and Translation of Medical Technologies to Reduce Health Disparities, \$20,000 (PI: Vakalahi). Co-PI Dr. Alice DeLaney and Dr. Jayfus Doswell.

New York Community Trust (2016-present). Establishment of the peer-reviewed Urban Social Work journal, partnership between Morgan State University, Lehman College, Hawai'i Pacific University, and Springer Publishing. Co-Editors in Chief with Dr. Carl Mazza, Dr. Brenda Williams-Gray, Dr. Dana B. Wilson, \$260,000 over 5 years.

Title III SAFRA grant (2015-2020). Expanding the School of Social Work. Co-PI and Co-grant writer with PI: Dr. Anna McPhatter, estimated \$1,000,000+ over 5 years.

Annie E. Casey Foundation (2014-2018). Results Accountability Training Program, CaseyMorgan Partnership to train scholars of color on results accountability methods. Co-PI with Dr. Anna McPhatter; Co-PI with Dr. Denise Davison, \$250,000 over 4 years.

“SOAR” Continuing Education and Professional Development Program (2015). Launched the School of Social Work’s Continuing Education and Professional Development overseeing development, negotiating costs, contracts, invoices, implementing on-campus and on-site workshops, and management of finances. Partnership with Dr. Belinda Smith, Dr. McPhatter, Ms. Deja Mathews and Mrs. Sherrie Eaton, generated \$4,000+ from workshops and trainings.

School of Social Work, Biennial Scholarship Dinner (2015). Played key role in conceptualizing fundraising event, securing sponsorship, ticket sales, and implementation of program, generated \$40,000+ for student scholarships.

Geriatric Social Work Initiative, Hartford Faculty Scholar (2009-2012). Research topic “Engagement in Cultural Practices: Protective Influences on Physical Health and Psychosocial Wellbeing of Polynesian Grandparents”. Principal Investigator, \$100,000 over 2 years.

Fulbright Scholar, U.S. Department of State (2010). Research topic “Grandparenting among Pacific Islanders in New Zealand”. Principal Investigator, \$40,000 over 4 months.

George Mason University, Faculty Research Seed Grant (2008-2010). Research topic “Health and well-being among Samoan and Tongan elders”. Principal Investigator, \$14,000.

George Mason University, Faculty Research Program (2007-2008). Research topic “Health and well-being of women of color social work educators”. Principal Investigator, \$4,000.

Utah State Department of Health and Human Services & Juvenile Justice System, Salt Lake City, UT (2006-present). Funding for a community organization. Grant Writer, \$100,000+ each year over 5 years.

Peninsula Community Foundation and San Francisco Foundation, San Francisco, CA (2005-2007). Pacific Islander Association of California. Principal Investigator, \$45,000.

BYU-Hawaii, College of Arts and Sciences, Laie, HI (2002-2003). Research topic “Grandparenting in the Tongan Culture in Tonga and Hawaii”. Principal Investigator, \$7,200.

American Philosophical Society, Franklin Research Grants (2002). Research topic “Grandparenting in the Tongan Culture”. Principal Investigator, \$3,000.

University of Utah, Graduate School of Social Work and the Utah State Task Force on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Legal System (1998-2000). Research topic “Ethnic minority overrepresentation in the Utah Juvenile Justice System” (Principal Investigator Russell K. VanVleet). Researcher, \$10,000.

U.S. Children’s Bureau and Parents Anonymous (1998). Parents Anonymous mutual support services in Utah (Principal Investigator Dr. Katharine Briar-Lawson). Grant Co-Writer, \$50,000.

## **TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP**

Hawai’i Pacific University, College of Health and Society

Morgan State University, School of Social Work

George Mason University, Department of Social Work

San Francisco State University, School of Social Work

BYU-Hawai’i, Department of Social Work

New Mexico State University, School of Social Work

- University 1000

- Issues in Social Work Pedagogy and Education
- Communication and Technology for Social Work Practice
- Organizational Leadership
- Thesis Seminar
- Human Behavior and the Social Environment
- Social Policy
- Social Welfare in Asia and the Pacific
- Child Welfare
- Social Differences and Social Work Practice
- Social Work Practice
- Social Work Research
- Child Welfare Policy
- Juvenile Delinquency

### **Dissertation Chair**

Chair (2014 graduated). Tiffany Rice, Morgan State University, Dissertation: Mental Health and Clinical Service Utilization among Sexually Victimized Women.

Chair (2014 graduated). Janet Vaugh, Morgan State University, Dissertation: Lived experiences of lesbian women who served under the “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell” Policy.

Chair (2014 graduated). Tamika Baldwin, Morgan State University, Dissertation: Factors Associated with Depression Among Older, Community-Dwelling, African American Women.

Chair (2014 graduated). Rod Michael Jones, Morgan State University, Dissertation: Lift every voice: Informal and formal social support experiences among African American gay men 50 and older living with HIV/AIDS.

Chair (2015 graduated). Ruby Nelson, Morgan State University, Dissertation: Organizational Culture and Vicarious Trauma.

Chair (2015 graduated). Diari Banigo, Morgan State University, Dissertation: Exploring Family Functioning of Service Members Exposed to War: Implications for Social Work Practice.

Chair (2015 graduated). Myia Egleton, Morgan State University, Dissertation: Relationship between self-esteem, parental challenges, and social networks among African American single mothers.

Chair (2017 graduated). Gregson Francis, Morgan State University, Dissertation: Middle class African Americans and the economic crisis.

Chair (2017 graduated). Ali-Sha Alleman, Morgan State University, Dissertation: Women Entrepreneurs.

Chair (2018 graduated). Stacy Smith, Morgan State University, Dissertation: Hybrid Gang Families.

### **Dissertation Committee Member**

Angela Henderson, Howard University, PhD Social Work (2013)

George Randall, Morgan State University, PhD Social Work (2015)

Brynez Baxter, Morgan State University, PhD Social Work (2015)

Festus Osoiwan Inegbenebor, Morgan State University (2017)

Veronica Dillard, University of Tennessee-Knoxville (2019)

Lavi Uluave, UCLA (in progress)

### **International/External Dissertation Expert Reviewer**



Massey University, New Zealand, focused on grandparenting in the Maori community. The University of Queensland, Australia, focused on Pacific migration.

## **SERVICE, OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

### **Washington DC Community**

- Washington DC Mayor's Commission of Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs. Commissioner member (2024-present).

### **Council on Social Work Education (2023-present)**

- The Washington Higher Education Secretariat/American Council on Education (WHES/ACE), member
- Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC), Board Member
- Federation of Associations of Schools of Health Professions (FASHP), member
- National Academies, National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM), member
- National Collaborative for Improving the Clinical Learning Environment (NCICLE), member
- American Brain Coalition, member
- Eldercare Workforce Alliance, member
- Health Accreditors for Clinical Learning, member
- International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW), Board Member
- Social Work Leadership Roundtable, member - NASW, ASWB, SSWR, GADE, NABSW, BPD, NADD, AASWSW, SCoAR, Grand Challenges

### **Faculty/Professional Development**

#### **'Scholars Initiative' Faculty Development**

CSWE, Writing Circles with faculty and students (2023-present).

Hawai'i Pacific University, College of Health and Society and HUI Scholars Initiative (university wide professional development) (2018-2023).

Morgan State University, School of Social Work (2012-2018).

*Lead.* Lead and oversee planning and coordinating faculty development initiative focusing on scholarship, research, publishing among faculty, staff, students; mentoring tenure-track faculty. Components of the initiative include monthly Writers & Reviewers Circle, bimonthly Writing Retreats, on-going Intellectual Space, Grants Group, Scholarship Networking, Boot Camps, 30 Day Challenge and Boosters. Lead and oversee development of faculty Community Engagement through partnering with community organizations and businesses and connecting faculty to research, grants, and service opportunities in the community.

#### **Part-time/Adjunct Faculty Development**

*Lead* (2012-2018), Morgan State University, School of Social Work. (2009-2012) George Mason University, Department of Social Work. Planning and implementing Annual Parttime/Adjunct Faculty Orientation and Semi-Annual Boosters on teaching, writing, grading, technology, classroom management, etc. in collaboration with Center for Teaching Excellence and Writing Center.

### **Editorship & Reviewer Experience**

- Co-Founder and Co-Editor in Chief, Urban Social Work (2017-present), with Dr. Wilson, Dr. Mazza, Dr. Gray-Williams.
- Editorial Board Member (2014-2020, 2022-present), NASW Social Work journal.
- Reviewer (2012-2018), Journal of Social Work Education.
- Abstract Reviewer (2012-2018), APHA Cleckley Award Selection Committee.
- Associate Editor (2014), Food Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal. Volume 3, Issue 3.
- Consulting Editor (2010-2014), AFFILIA journal.
- Reviewer (2009-2013), NASW Book Committee under auspices of NASW Press and Publication division.
- Invited Pacific Islander expert reviewer (2011, 2010). World Medical & Health Policy journal, US; Journal of Social Work, UK.
- Abstract Reviewer (2010-2011, 2001-2003). Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting.
- Abstract Reviewer (2006-2007). National Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect Conference (Children's Bureau), 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Portland, OR.
- Consulting Editor (2001-2005). Social Work: Journal of the National Association of Social Workers.
- Grant Reviewer (2001). Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), SAMHSA.

### **Discipline and Regional Accreditation Experience**

- CSWE (social work) accreditation standards and processes; CCNE (nursing) accreditation standards and processes; CEPH (public health) accreditation standards and processes; training on CAPTE (physical therapy) accreditation standards and processes; training on ACOTE (occupational therapy) accreditation standards and processes; training on ARC-PA (physician assistant) accreditation standards and processes. • Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), Hawai'i Pacific University Accreditation Team (2018-2023).
- Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), Commission on Accreditation. Commissioner (2017-2019).
- Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE), Morgan State University Accreditation Team, Peer Evaluator (2017-2018).
- Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), Accreditation Specialist (2005-2007), Consultant (2007-2012), Site Visitor (2007-present).

### **Professional Organizational Experience**

- Board of Directors, Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), Vice Chair/Secretary (2021-2022), 3-year term.
- National Nominating Committee, Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Chair (2016-2017). Committee Member (2014-2016). Elected as Graduate Representative, 4year term.
- Diversity Center Working Committee, Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Committee Member (2013-2015). Appointed by CSWE President as a member of the committee working on developing the diversity center.

- National Committee on Racial and Ethnic Diversity (NCORED), National Association of Social Workers (NASW). Committee Member (2008-2013, 1999-2003). Contributions to Social Work Speaks policy document on issues of diversity in Criminal Justice, Immigration, Hate Crimes, and the NASW President's Initiative on diversity, anti-racism. Contribution to creation of Cultural Competency Standards.
- CSWE Commission on Diversity and Social and Economic Justice. Commission Member (2007-2013). Member of the Diversity Center work group; contributor to APM sessions on Redefining Diversity; Co-chair, Task Force for Defining Social and Economic Justice.
- SAMHSA Minority Fellowship Program. Representative, CSWE Minority Fellowship Program (2013) in a multi-disciplinary forum (Marriage & Family Therapy, Nursing, Counseling, Psychiatry, Psychology, and Social Work) to recruit from underrepresented communities.
- Virginia Social Work Educators Consortium (2008). Represented George Mason University, social work program. Contribution to revisions of consortium's mission, goals, and objectives.
- National Child Welfare Workforce Policy Group (Children's Defense Funds). Member (2005-2007), national child welfare workforce policy and grant proposal.
- Annie E. Casey Family Services Research Roundtable on Child Welfare. Representative, CSWE (September 2006).
- National Association of Social Workers (NASW), New Mexico Chapter. Board Member (2000-2001).
- National Association of Social Workers (NASW). Committee Chair (1998-1999), Utah Chapter, Social Policy and Action Committee.

### **Hawai'i/Pacific Island Community**

- Mentoring NHPI Women into Academic Pipeline (bachelor's to doctoral level), Hawai'i, California, Utah. Writing Circles for NHPI women in graduate school (1998-present).
- Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Hawai'i COVID-19 Response, Recovery & Resiliency Team (NHPI 3R), co-Chair Policy Committee with Dr. Kealoha Fox (2020-present).
- Pasefika Empowerment and Advancement, Inc. (2019-2022). Board of Directors, President. Non-profit organization created with the vision of a healthy and thriving Pacific Islander community through a mission to increase college graduation rate among Pacific Islanders.
- Gates Millennium Scholarship Program, Washington DC (2015). Reviewer for Asian and Pacific Islander category.
- Grant writer and evaluator for Pacific Islander owned grassroots foster care agencies, Salt Lake City, UT, (2006-2015). Developed and implemented programs, policies and procedures manuals, and staff performance assessment.

### **Maryland Community**

Baltimore City Commission on Aging and Retirement Education (2013-2018). Commissioner, appointed by City of Baltimore Mayor Rawlings-Blake. Represented Morgan State University. Major projects: Hospice Conference, Caregivers Conference, Grandparenting Conference, Town Hall meeting with State Department of Aging regarding 2016-2022 Strategic Plan.

- City Life Homebuilder (2015-2018). Partner, One Baltimore initiative to train returning citizens on construction skills. Partnered with Dr. Paul Archibald, Prof. Thelma Rich.
- Baltimore Police Department (2015-2018). Partner, training on cultural competence and community policing. Partnered with Dr. Kevin Daniels, Prof. Thelma Rich.
- LIGHT Health and Wellness Comprehensive Services Inc. Consortium, Baltimore, MD, Consortium Member (2013-2018). Represented Morgan State University on consortium of organizations in the community. Board Member on LIGHT Rock Group Therapy Counseling.
- Roberta's House (2013-2018). Worked on evaluation and research with Roberta's House, focused on grief and loss. Partnered with Ms. Annette March-Grier, Dr. Sandra Austin, Prof. Yvonne Greene, Dr. Linda Darrel.

### **International Community**

- Hawai'i Pacific University (U.S.)-Massey University collaboration (New Zealand) (2018-2022).
- Morgan State University (U.S.)-Massey University collaboration (New Zealand) (2013-2018). Hosted forum (2015, 2013). Organized and hosted visit with Lecturer Rachael Selby of Massey University, New Zealand. Hosted Dr. Tracie Mafile'o and Dr. Siautu Alefaio from Massey University, New Zealand.
- Massey University, New Zealand, Social Work (2010). Invited guest lecturer. Lectured on my research on grandparenting and Pacific Islander American identity.
- Victoria University, New Zealand, Pacific Studies (2010). Invited seminar speaker. Presented my research on Pacific Islander American youth and identity.
- Wellington New Zealand Tongan Community (2010). Invited keynote speaker. Presented on my research on educational achievements of Pacific Islander Americans.

### **University**

- Hawai'i Pacific University, WASC Accreditation Committee (2018-2023).
- Hawai'i Pacific University, Student Advising Taskforce (2020-2023).
- Morgan State University representative on Mid-Atlantic Campus Compact, Taskforce for Community Engaged Teaching and Scholarship in P&T (2016-2018).
- Morgan State University, Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, Morgan State University Accreditation Steering Committee Member (2016-2018). Chaired Subcommittee on Standard IV on Student Learning Experience.
- ASCEND Internal Committee (2016-2018). Member of Advisory Board for a \$23M NIH grant to develop students of color in health and biomedical research.
- Internal Research Council, Morgan State University (Chaired by VP Dr. Victor McCrary). Member (2013-2018). Member of Research Strategy sub-committee, contributed to conceptualization and writing of university's research framework.
- University Taskforce on Faculty Workload, Morgan State University. Member (2015-2018). Responsible for assessment of data to generate informed recommendations for faculty workload to the Provost.
- Intellectual Property Committee, Morgan State University. Committee Member (2014-2018).
- Provost Transition Team (2015), Morgan State University. Member, Strategic Plan Subcommittee.

- Faculty Senate (2011-2012). George Mason University. Senator, Member of the Academic Policies Committee of the Senate.
- Hawai'i Student Organization (2010-2012). George Mason University. Founding Advisor.
- Minority and Diversity Issues Committee, appointed by the Faculty Senate (2008-2010). George Mason University. Member.
- Brigham Young University-Hawaii, Pacific Institute Board (2002-2003). Board Member.
- Brigham Young University-Hawaii, Tongan Club (2002-2003). Advisor.
- New Mexico State University, Undergraduate Education Committee (2000-2001). Member.
- New Mexico State University Police Chief's Advisory Board (2000-2001). Vice Chair.
- New Mexico State University Bridges Program for American Indian students (1999-2001). Faculty Mentor.

### **College of Health and Society**

- New Vision, Mission, Strategic Plan
- Accreditation and legitimacy, budget and finance, evaluation
- Student Success; Faculty mentorship, promotion and reappointment
- Branding and Visibility: build relationship with community, organizations; emphasis on core values of Aloha, Pono, Kuleana
- College Advisory Board
- Annual Mahalo Run to all community partners
- Annual Faculty Awards for Teaching, Scholarship, Service Excellence
- Faculty Scholars Initiative
- Annual Retreats, Pau Hana, Semester Zoom, Orientation, Preview Day
- Faculty Promotion and Reappointment Criteria and Processes
- Scholarship and Research on Inter-disciplinary Innovations
- Grow funding, distributed \$300,000+ in scholarships
- College Scholarship and Fellowship Directory
- Kuleana Gathering for CHS students for Inter-disciplinary partnership
- Jobs Tank initiative for graduating students and alumni in CHS

### **School of Social Work**

- Faculty Community Engagement, School-wide (2012-2018). Lead. School of Social Work, Morgan State University.
- Faculty Professional Development, School-wide (2012-2018). Lead. School of Social Work, Morgan State University.
- Search Committee, Member (2016-2017), selected Director of Admissions and Student Affairs, Assistant to the Dean, and Budget officer. School of Social Work, Morgan State University.
- Diversity Committee, Member (2012). Department of Social Work, George Mason University.  
Curriculum Committee, Member (2011-2012), Co-Chair (2007-2009). Department of Social Work, George Mason University.

- Assessment Committee, Member, Chair (2009-2012). Department of Social Work, George Mason University.
- Phi Alpha Honor Society, Co-Advisor (2011-2012). Department of Social Work, George Mason University.
- Diversity Committee, Chair (2009-2011). Department of Social Work, George Mason University.
- Governance Committee, Member (2009-2010). Department of Social Work, George Mason University.
- Reaffirmation Team (with Dr. Raskin & Dr. Tompkins), Co-Lead (2008-2009). Department of Social Work, George Mason University.
- MSW Admissions Committee, Chair (2007-2009). Ex-officio (2009-2012). Department of Social Work, George Mason University.
- Phi Alpha Honor Society, Faculty Advisor/ Co-Founder (2004). Mu Beta Chapter, San Francisco State University.
- Social Work Advocates for Visions of Empowerment (SWAVE), Faculty Advisor (2003-2004). Student association, San Francisco State University, School of Social Work.
- Director's Advisory Council, Member (2003-2004). San Francisco State University, School of Social Work.
- Baccalaureate Committee, Chair (2003-2004). San Francisco State University, School of Social Work.
- Social Work Student Association, Advisor (2002-2003). Brigham Young University Hawaii. Co-founder of Ho'okele: Pacific Islander/Asian Caucus in social work.

### **AWARDS, LICENSES, & TRAININGS**

- University of Utah, 2024 Dean's Medal, alumni honor, Recipient.
- Morgan State University, 2017 Iva G Jones award for excellence in research, teaching and service, Recipient.
- Council on Social Work Education, Women's Council, 2016 Feminist Scholar.
- Hartford Change Agent (2014), selected for inaugural Change AGENTS Conference convening leaders in Aging, Philadelphia, PA.
- Harvard Institutes of Higher Education & Council on Social Work Education (2014), completed Management Development Program.
- American Public Health Association, Aging and Public Health Awards (2011), Honorable Mention Award for Betty J. Cleckley Minority Issues Research Award category, Recipient.
- National Institutes of Health, Translational Research on Health and Health Disparities Course (2011), Recipient Scholar.
- Council on Social Work Education, Minority Fellowship Program (1995-1998), Recipient.
- University of Utah, Presidential Graduate Fellowship (1995-1998), Recipient.

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Council on Social Work Education  
 National Association of Social Workers  
 Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society

## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. – Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work

University of Utah, School of Social Work, Salt Lake City, Utah

M.Ed. – Master’s in Educational Administration, Higher Education

University of Utah, School of Education, Salt Lake City, Utah

M.S.W. – Master’s in Social Work

University of Hawai’i-Manoa, School of Social Work, Honolulu, Hawai’i

B.S. – Bachelor’s in Business Management

Brigham Young University-Hawai’i La’ie, Hawai’i

Leadership and Administration Training

- AGB Institute for Leadership and Governance.
- Harvard Institutes of Higher Education, Management Development Program.
- Hartford Foundation Scholars Program, Leadership training, Teaching Institute, Communication Institute.