

H-PEA Candidates for Office (2011 – 2012)

President: Katherine A. Tibbetts

Principal Research Associate, Kamehameha Schools

Kathy conducts educational program evaluation and research at Kamehameha Schools. Her current role at KS includes technical support to KS program staff and collaborators for program monitoring and evaluation, research related to the well-being of Native Hawaiian students in the public school system, and innovations in culturally responsive research and evaluation. Kathy has a PhD in Educational Psychology from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. She has served H-PEA as a member of the annual conference committee since the organization's inception in 2006 and as Vice President since 2008.

Vice President: Lisa M. Watkins-Victorino

Evaluation Specialist, Department of Education

Lisa received a doctorate in Community Psychology from the University of Hawai'i. For 12 years, she worked for the UH School of Social Work in the Social Welfare Evaluation and Research Unit (SWERU). The focus of the unit was the evaluation of substance abuse prevention programs. The experience at SWERU prepared her well for her current position as Evaluation Specialist with the Department of Education in the System Evaluation and Reporting Section (SERS). The section is tasked with implementing several state mandated surveys, as well as, the determination and reporting of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for Hawai'i's schools under the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). Lisa has been with SERS for 7 years. Some of her current responsibilities include the implementation, analysis, and reporting of the School Quality Survey, participating in ongoing efforts to improve data quality within the department, and participating as a DOE representative in the Accountability Systems and Reporting (ASR) collaborative of the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) organization.

Secretary: Brandi Nalani Balutski

Research & Evaluation Coordinator, Kōkua a Puni, Hawai'inuiākea, UH Mānoa

Brandi Nalani Balutski is the Research & Evaluation Coordinator for Native Hawaiian Student Services with the Hawai'inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge at the University of Hawai'i Mānoa. Her responsibilities include research on Native Hawaiian students within the UH system, with an emphasis on UH Mānoa and HSHK. She is also responsible for designing and conducting internal evaluation activities for the Title III program at UHM, as well as other HSHK evaluation activities. Nalani is a member of the Hawai'inuiākea Evaluation Team and Mānoa's Institutional Research Advisory Board. Prior to her current position, she was Manager I for the Hana Lima Scholarship at ALU LIKE, Inc. She is also pursuing a Master's degree in Hawaiian Studies from UHM.

Treasurer: Yao Hill

Institutional Researcher and Instructor, Kapi'olani Community College

Yao Zhang Hill graduated from the Second Language Studies Ph.D. Program at UH Mānoa in summer 2010 with specializations in language assessment and program evaluation. She has served as an Institutional Researcher and Instructor at Kapi'olani Community College since 2009. She has engaged in a variety of evaluation projects in higher education settings related to curriculum innovation, test validation, STEM grant programs, service learning programs, and faculty professional development. She has also been an active participant in H-PEA since the beginning of the organization.