

# ALUMNI

## Class Notes

Compiled by Alumni Editor **Mona Chock** (MEd '77, BS '74 Mānoa). UH's 10 campuses are UH Mānoa; UH Hilo; UH West O'ahu; and Hawai'i, Honolulu, Kapi'olani, Kaua'i, Leeward, Maui and Windward Community Colleges.

### 2000s

**Bonnie Choy** (BArch '01 Mānoa) is an intern architect with Mitsunaga and Associates.

**Phyllis Louise De Kok** (BA '01 Hilo, AA '99 Hawai'i) is a parent consultant/advocate for the Learning Disabilities Association of Hawai'i. She and husband **Jeffrey T. D. Kok** ('85 Hawai'i) have two sons, Joseph and Thomas.

**Andreas S. Heller** (MA '00 Mānoa) is a lecturer in English as a second language at Kapi'olani CC.

#### **Deborah (Hong)**

**Kim** (MBA '00, MA '79, BA '77 Mānoa) was appointed president and chief executive officer of the Hawai'i State Federal Credit Union. She and husband **Barney Kim** have two daughters, Cassie and Courtney.



**Jessica Kimi Morton** (BA '01 Mānoa) is president of Wood Rabbit Productions, a Web development and design company in Honolulu. Parents **John** and **Willow** are also alumni.

**Scott Murakami** (MA '01, MBA '96, BA '90 Mānoa) is owner and president of AlohaFunWear.com, an online store offering Hawaiian apparel and accessories around the globe.

**Ku'ulei Rodgers** (MA '01, BA '98 Mānoa), of Waimānalo, puts her Marine Option Program training to work at UH's Coral Reef Ecology Laboratory. Her PhD work focuses on coral reef research and early indicators of coral reef decline.

**Byron Shibata** (JD '00 Mānoa) teaches law at Ritsumeikan University in Japan. His article comparing land-use law in the U.S. and Japan was published in the *St. Louis Journal of Law and Policy*.

**Elise Tsugawa** (JD '00 Mānoa) is a law clerk at the UH General Counsel Office.

**Wenjing Wang** (MLIS '00, BA '98 Mānoa) is a librarian with the San Diego County Library, El Cajon branch. She is also a nurse, traditional Chinese medicine physician and part-time librarian at the Pacific College of Oriental Medicine.

**Kiera (Wong) Vae'ena** (JD '00 Mānoa) works at the O'ahu Church of Christ.

**Paulette L. Williams** (DPH '00 Mānoa) is a research scientist at Tripler Army Medical Center, working to automate clinical practice

guidelines. Williams is treasurer of the School of Public Health Alumni Association.

**Helen Zeldes** (JD '00 Mānoa) joined the San Diego law office of Milberg and Weiss, specializing in consumer fraud and insurance.

### 1990s

**Aaron A. Akau** (BA '93 Mānoa) oversees landscape projects at Belt Collins Hawai'i. Akau is responsible for landscape planting and irrigation design, production work and landscape master planning.



**Martin Edwin Barney** (AA '90 Honolulu) is an aviation electrician's mate chief for Patrol Squadron 46 in the Navy. He is married to Nellia D. Barney.

**Licie Fok Chang** (MBA '96, BBA '88 Mānoa) is chief operating officer for the Honolulu City and County Federal Credit Union.

**Toni Ellington** (JD '99 Mānoa) clerked for a federal court magistrate in Oklahoma City before joining McKinney & Stringer to practice environmental law.

**Ian Gladding** (PhD '97 Mānoa), associate business professor and director of international initiatives at Lewis University in Illinois, received a Fulbright grant to teach international business and marketing at Zhongshan University in China. He will also do research on issues important to companies doing business in China.

**Denise M. Glover** (MA '93 Mānoa) received a Fulbright grant to continue her University of Washington doctoral dissertation research on medicinal plants in Southwestern China. Husband **F. Glen Avantage** (PhD '93 Mānoa) and their 4-year-old son are with her in Gyalthang.

**Christine Froeichtenigt Harper** (MA '92, MA '89, BA '87 Mānoa) is archives assistant at Saint Louis University Pius Library in Missouri. She is married to Scott Lang Harper.

**Jerome Heath** (PhD '97 Mānoa) is an associate professor of management information systems/decision sciences at Metropolitan State University, teaching Web application development, e-commerce and other topics.

**Mark H. Higa** (BArch '97 Mānoa) is a designer with Architects Hawai'i. He is active in the School of Architecture Alumni Association.

**Lyndon Honda** (AS '92 Kapi'olani) is executive chef for Sodexho at UH Mānoa's Campus Center.

**Mike H. Imanaka** (MPA '93, BA '88 Mānoa) is special projects manager for Title Guaranty of Hawai'i.

**Mia Lacson** (MBA '96 Mānoa) is executive vice president of Wei Mei Li Chemical Manufacturing Company in the Philippines.

**Jonathan Levy** ('98 Mānoa) completed his master's degree in marine affairs at the University of Miami.

**Anita K. S. Li** (MBA '95 Mānoa) is vice president, financial advisor and retirement planning specialist for Morgan Stanley in Honolulu. She and husband **Horatio Chan** (MBA '95 Mānoa), product manager at Pihana Pacific, have a baby girl, Joelle.

**Dyan Medeiros** (JD '96, BA '93 Mānoa) received the Hawai'i State Bar Association's Ki'e Ki'e Award for outstanding pro bono work. She is with the family law firm of Stirling and Kleintop.

**Rachel A. Nakooka** (BBA '93 Mānoa) received the 2001 Small Business Award for Rachel's Tax Service and was City and County of Honolulu Women in Business Advocate of the Year.

**Gail Marie Napiha'a** (BA '94 Hilo) is a self-determination specialist with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Juneau. She and husband Stephen Napiha'a have a child named Ke'ala. President of Alaska Native Sisterhood and Brotherhood groups and other organizations, she publishes widely, advocates for tribal entities and manages Southeast Alaska Native Language Program projects.

**Jeffrey Neufeld** ('90 Mānoa), wife Michelle and daughter Julia announce the birth of Lauren Amanda on December 27, 2001.

**Rachel Jenner Panida** (BArch '97 Mānoa) is a designer with Architects Hawai'i. She is treasurer for the School of Architecture Alumni Association.

**Vincent Kelly Pollard** (PhD '98 Mānoa) had his syllabus on Japanese politics, taught at Mānoa, published in the American Political Science Association's *A View into the Classroom*.

**Paula Rath** (Cert. '95 Honolulu) is a fashion writer for the *Honolulu Advertiser*.

**Marlon P. Rimando** (MD '94, BS '90 Mānoa) and his wife live in Minnesota. He trained in physical medicine and rehabilitation at the University of Minnesota and is department chair at Park Nicollet Clinic. He started RPM Culinary Enterprises to bring Hawai'i specialty foods to the mainland (visit [www.rpm-enterprises.com](http://www.rpm-enterprises.com) and [www.alohafriday.com](http://www.alohafriday.com)).

**Hali Robinett** (MPH '93 Mānoa) directs the Cancer Information Service of Hawai'i, a program of the National Cancer Institute at the UH Cancer Research Center.

**Walter R. Ross Jr.** (MPA '99, BS '97 Mānoa) is assistant vice president for placement and public relations at Hawai'i Business College. He is active with College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources Alumni.

**Kyle Sakamoto** (BBA '92 Mānoa) is vice president and business relationship officer of Central Pacific Bank's Maui team.

**Deborah Sharkey** (MBA '96, BA '90 Mānoa) is senior vice president of PRWorks in Honolulu.

**Gail Ululani Sherlock** (BA '99 Hilo) is East Hawai'i community resource coordinator for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. She is an advisory council member for The Casey Family Program, Family Court volunteer facilitator and active in civic organizations. Son **Richard J. K. Sherlock** received his degree from UH Hilo in 1988.

**Kristy Shibuya** (BA '98 Mānoa) was promoted to account executive in the travel and promotions department of Stryker Weiner & Yokota Public Relations.

**Shaun A. Shimizu** (BBA '96 Mānoa) is assurance manager at Grant Thornton LLP, responsible for assurance engagements and client relations.

**Kimberly Shinjo** (MBA '99, BBA '94 Mānoa) is an analyst with American California Bank in San Francisco.

**Ryan Takaki** (MBA '96 Mānoa) is president of Direct Support Resources.

**Fermin Arcadio C. Taruc** (MBA '97 Mānoa) is president of Jupiter Systems.

**Joe Tegeder** ('98-'99 Mānoa) is pursuing a master's degree at the Stennis Space Center, University of Southern Mississippi. He spent a few months at the end of 2001 in Antarctica for his thesis on seasonal production of phytoplankton in the Southern Ross Sea.

**Albert Tiberi** (JD '98 Mānoa) joined the Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i's Moloka'i office.

**Ann Marie Tom** (BS '95 Mānoa, AS '91 Honolulu), project coordinator for the UHM Center on the Family, does early childhood research. She and husband Franson D. Tom have three children, Noah, Chelsea and Woodstock.

**Cecile M. Town** (MPH '96 Mānoa) is a prevention specialist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Hawai'i State Department of Health. Town works in chronic disease prevention.

**Betty Y. S. Tsang** (BBA '95 Mānoa) is assurance manager at Grant Thornton LLP, responsible for assurance engagements and client relations.

**Thomas J. Williams** (BArch '97 Mānoa) is a designer with Wimberly Allison Tong and Goo, Architects, Planners and Consultants located in Honolulu. He is president of the School of Architecture Alumni Association.



**Shan Wong** (MS '93 Mānoa) is account executive at Communications-Pacific. Wong works on media relations, event promotion and e-marketing for corporate accounts.

**Shana Wong** (MBA '98 Mānoa) is Hong Kong general manager for Ungerboeck Systems, which provides event and facilities management software used by major universities in the U.S. and Australia.

**Adolph F. Yago** (BArch '97 Mānoa) is an architect with Peter Vincent & Associates in Honolulu.

**Victor Yeung** (BA '98 Mānoa) is district sales manager for Collette Vacations' Hawai'i and northern California sales team.

## 1980s

**Sheri Lyn Amimoto** (AS '82 Kaua'i), a secretary in the Office of Continuing Education and Training at Kaua'i CC, received the UH Chancellor's Award as her college's outstanding employee.

**Richard Bissen Jr.** (JD '86 Mānoa) was named Attorney of the Year by the Maui County Bar Association.

**Richard Bielecki** (MBA '88, MEd '80 Mānoa) manages the Department of Neuroscience for Kaiser Permanente's Hawai'i region, overseeing neurology, pain management, physical and occupational therapy and speech language pathology services.

**Catherine (Lee) Blickos** (BA '80 Mānoa) does parent-community networking for Noelani Elementary School.

**Shawn P. Cahill** (BA '88 Mānoa) works at the University of Pennsylvania Center for the Treatment and Study of Anxiety. He received his MA and PhD from SUNY at Binghamton, N.Y.

**Caren Carino** (MFA '89, BEd '79 Mānoa) is enrolled at Southeast Asian studies at the National University of Singapore, researching how Singaporean culture is expressed through contemporary dance.

**Johnson Choi** (BBA '87 Mānoa) is president and executive director of Hong Kong China Hawai'i Chamber of Commerce. The chamber works cooperatively with a Guangzhou province organization on commerce matters.

**Wilcox W. K. Choy** (BBA '82 Mānoa) is assurance partner at Grant Thornton, Hawai'i. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Hawai'i Society of Certified Public Accountants.

**Mary (Pang) Chun** (BA '80 Mānoa) is corresponding secretary for the Associated Chinese University Women.

**Athline Clark** (MURP '84, BA '80 Mānoa) received the Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources Employee of the Year Award. She is a planner in the Division of Aquatic Resources.

**J. Susan Corley** (MBA '83 Mānoa) is vice president for human relations at Maui Land and Pineapple.



**Patrick Dolim** (BBA '81 Mānoa) is controller with Phillips Hogue Wine Company in Esparto, Calif. He and his wife, Eva, have two sons, Pierce, an enthusiastic second grader, and Logan, who loves kindergarten.

**Curtis Freeze** (MBA '87 Mānoa) is founder and president of Prospect Asset management in Hawai'i Kai, an investment advisory firm specializing in small-capital companies in Japan.

**Gary T. Fujimoto** (BBA '80 Mānoa) was promoted to assistant vice president in the Commercial Insurance Division at Island Insurance in Honolulu.

**Donald D. Hensrud** (MD '84 Mānoa) writes for *Fortune's* monthly health column, "The Mayo Clinic Doctor." He is a director for Mayo's executive health program and Dan Abraham Healthy Living Center, leads a work group at the Institute for Clinical Systems Integration and participates in national medical organizations.

**David H. K. Huff** (BA '84 Mānoa) is deputy county counsel for Riverside County in Los Angeles. He practices land use and governmental law.

**Valerie Ishihara** (BBA '83 Mānoa) is chief operating officer of Laser Eye Center of Hawai'i. She worked in administration at UH Mānoa for 12 years before joining the vision correction firm.

**Elizabeth Kent** (JD '85 Mānoa) is on leave as director of the Alternative Dispute Resolution branch of the Hawai'i judiciary to work as deputy director for the Department of Human Services.

**Nancy Kern** (MPH '89 Mānoa) works for the State of Hawai'i Department of Health-HIV/STD Prevention. Kern coordinates prevention services statewide.

**Teresa (Sau Wan E.) Lau** (BA '83, Mānoa) is director of sales and marketing for Shan Hai Tian Hotel (translation: mountain, sea, sky), which overlooks the South China Sea in Hainan. She previously worked in Hong Kong and Vietnam.

**Stanford C. Lee** (BArch '81 Mānoa) is principal/manager for Next Design, an architecture firm in Honolulu.

**Jennifer Sio Leng Leong** (BA '89 Mānoa) is a lecturer and program leader with the School of Hotel and Tourism Management at Hong Kong Polytechnic University in Kowloon.

**Carl Linden** (MS '80 Mānoa) is manager of toxicology at Diagnostic Laboratory Services in Honolulu. He manages the forensic toxicology laboratory specializing in occupational substance abuse testing.



**Marc W. Lizama**

(BArch '86 Mānoa) is a principal of the Next Design architectural firm. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects and active in retail and travel organizations.

His projects range from Hawai'i luxury homes to resorts in Asia and the U.S.

**Naomi Masuno** (BBA '81 Mānoa) is assistant vice president at Central Pacific Bank's Pearlridge Branch. She spent 26 years with Bank of Hawai'i, most recently as retail banking center manager.

**Gil Mendelson** (EMBA '83 Mānoa) is president of Honolulu Cellular.

**Gary Nakata** (BBA '88 Mānoa) is tax manager at Grant Thornton, Hawai'i. He is a member of the UHM College of Business Alumni and Friends Association.

**Gary E. Oda** (BBA '88 Mānoa) is general manager for Allied Builders in Honolulu.

**Jean Osumi** (MA '87, BA '81 Mānoa) is the dean of student services at UH West O'ahu.

**Glenn Porter** (EMBA '83) is president of Dolphin Nextgen, which provides marketing and sales consultation to high-technology companies.

**Stramer Reeves**

(BA '87 Mānoa) is manager of logistics for Diagnostic Laboratory Services in Honolulu, managing about 30 dispatch and courier employees.

**Clifford Benard**

**Sanchez** (BS '81 Mānoa) is associate education director at A. C. Wooten Jr. Heritage Center in Los Angeles. He is also a Reebok Alliance fitness instructor and serves on the Dubois Books for Boys Foundation.

**Rui Jorge Santos** (BBA '84 Mānoa) is an environment-emission control products manufacturer at Nett Technologies in Canada. He and wife Teresa have two children, Tiffany and Jonathan.

**Alan R. Shoho** (MEd '85 Mānoa) is associate professor of educational leadership and policy studies at University of Texas–San Antonio. He studies how organizational environments affect the sense of alienation and ethical behavior of the stakeholders to difficulties associated with organizational change.

**Margaret Elborn Stanley** (BS '80 Mānoa) is assistant operations manager at Neiman Marcus in Las Vegas. She has a son, Justin and a daughter, Andrea, and is active in the UHAA–Las Vegas/Southern Nevada chapter.

**Theodore Strepp** (MA '89, MA '73, BA '70 Mānoa) teaches English at the College of the Marshall Islands in Majuro. Strepp taught at



Maryknoll High School in Honolulu and lectured at Honolulu CC.

**Jiro Sumada** (EMBA '88 Mānoa) is development manager for W. H. Shipman. Sumada previously served as deputy director of the county Department of Public Works.

**Tad Tadani** (BBA '83 Mānoa) is accounting manager for Phoenix Accounting Center in Tempe, Ariz.

**Susie (Chen) Tamashiro** (BA '80 Mānoa) is retired. She enjoys playing mah jong and gardening.

**Craig Uradomo** (BA '88 Mānoa) has been promoted to assistant vice president in the Commercial Insurance Division at Island Insurance.

**Mary Vail** (BS '82 Mānoa) received the 2001 Peacemaker Award from the Mediators of Southern Nevada.

**Haroldeen Wakida** (MEd '87, BEd '68 Mānoa) is principal of Ali'iolani Elementary in Kaimuki and member of the Hawai'i Education Association Board of Trustees.

**Larry Allen "Butch" Wilson** (EMBA '88 Mānoa) is a senior vice president of Tyson Foods, responsible for international sales. He is based in Arkansas.

**Myron Howard Wong** (MSW '80, BEd '74 Mānoa) is a family court social worker in Honolulu. He and wife **Janice K. L. Leong Wong** (BEd '69 Mānoa) have two children, Tina and Elison.

**William (Bill) Woods** (MPH '80, BA '71 Mānoa) is semi-retired but busy as non-paid executive director of BLEN Foundation. He is a civil rights and environmental issues activist.

## 1970s

**Valerie (Chang) Campaniano** (BEd '73 Mānoa), a 'Āina Haina Elementary teacher, is a member of Associated Chinese University Women.

**Francis Carlos** (BBA '78 Mānoa) is director of procurement and subcontracts with United Space Alliance in Houston, Tex.

**Patricia Case** (BA '79 Mānoa) is president of Case Properties in Hawai'i, founded with her mother, Grace Moon.

**Winston Chow** (MBA '79, BBA '73 Mānoa) is senior vice president and Hawai'i region supervisor of First Hawaiian Bank and member of the Mortgage Bankers Association and Hawai'i Association of Realtors. He serves on the Hawai'i CC Provost's Community Advisory Committee.

**Gordon Ciano** (BBA '71 Mānoa) is an audit partner with KPMG in Honolulu.

**Clement Desaulniers** (MBA '72) lives in Norcross, Ga. He works in travel industry marketing and is a member of SKAL Club International.

**Christopher K. Eng** (MA '73, BA '71 Mānoa) is minister of the Waipahu United Church of Christ. He is married to **Cheri M. Shimose-Eng** (BS '87 Mānoa).



**Sheri M. Gon** (BS '79 Mānoa) teaches medical technology in the UH Mānoa John A. Burns School of Medicine. She is a consultant on the Department of Education's Health Services Pathways Development Project.

**Mazie Hirono** (BA '70 Mānoa), Hawai'i's lieutenant governor, received the 2001 Trailblazer Award from the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association.

**Karen H. Iwamoto** (MBA '72, BA '66 Mānoa) is government affairs director with the American Cancer Society. She is also president of the College of Business Administration's Alumni and Friends Association.

**Kevin Iwamoto** (BBA '77 Mānoa) is global airline/car travel supplier manager for Hewlett-Packard Company. He is president of the National Business Travel Association.

**Ed Kubo** (BA '76 Mānoa) is U.S. attorney for the state of Hawai'i. He prosecutes cases and works to prevent terrorist activities.

**Christine Kurashige** (JD '79, MSW '73, BA '70 Mānoa) is an attorney with the City and County of Honolulu.

**Derek Kurisu** (BS '75 Mānoa) is executive vice president of KTA Super Stores Hawai'i. Creator of the Mountain Apple brand featuring Big Island produce, he received the 2002 College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources Outstanding Alumnus Award. He produces two public-access television shows, *Living in Paradise* and *Senior Living in Paradise*.

**Roberta Wong Leung** (BBA '71, BA '70 Mānoa) received her doctorate in business administration degree from California Coast University. She is a program director at Hong Kong University in Queensway.

**Michael McHale** (BBA '73 Mānoa) is president and chief executive officer of Steinbeck Federal Credit Union in Salinas, Calif.

**Brian A. Palafox** (BS '72 Mānoa) is an assistant clinical professor at University of California–Irvine. He has a cardiovascular and thoracic surgery practice in Orange, Calif. A colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves, he chairs his department at St. Joseph's Hospital in Orange and has provided humanitarian medical assistance in Panama, Alaska and the Marshall Islands.

**Minnie Pang** (BS '71 Mānoa) is vice president of technical operations with Diagnostic Laboratory Services in Honolulu, responsible for the main, microbiology and toxicology laboratories and patient service centers statewide.



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## Miriam Paisner Rocky Mountain Hula



**Name:** Miriam “Pumehana” Paisner

**Roots:** Chicago

**Degree:** MA in dance ethnology, 1978

**Campus:** Mānoa

**Career:** Hula instructor and pet sitter

**Quote:** “When I first heard the ipu (gourd) sound, my heart just went away with it.”

**Crowd pleaser:** As the hālau performed a seated hula with pū’ili (bamboo sticks) at a birthday party, the family dogs came, sat between the dancers and tried to grab the pū’ili. It brought the house down.

**B**eneath the snow-capped Rocky Mountains, Hawaiian culture warms Coloradans through Hālau Hula O Na Mauna Komohana (hula school of the western mountains). The instructor, who modestly declines the title kumu (teacher or source), fell in love with Hawaiian dance during a lesson at a 1960 mainland folk dance camp. Miriam “Pumehana” Paisner came to Hawai’i nine years later for summer school and stayed to

earn a master’s degree with a specialty in Polynesian dance. “My real reason for wanting to know hula was more than just dance,” she says. Told that no Native Hawaiians remained, she came to Hawai’i to find out. Once here, she found the indigenous people—and fell in love with their culture.

Paisner studied with kumu Kaha’i Topolinski, Kealoha Kalama, Frank Hewett and Pele Pūku’i. “I learned the best of my chanting from Ho’oulu Cambra,” recalls the recipient of two UH scholarships for chanting. Hoakalei Kamau’u influenced her kahiko, or traditional hula, and Nona Beamer, her ‘auana, or modern style. When Paisner left Hawai’i in 1989, hula kept her rooted in the culture. She teaches hula and provides pet care in Boulder, a city with a high cost of living. “Teaching hula does not provide a living, but I couldn’t live without it,” she says. The hālau supports itself by performing at parties. Grants from the Boulder Arts Commission allow Paisner to mount a concert featuring her hālau and another Polynesian group every two years. “Hula is in,” she says. “Hawai’i is getting recognition, and we’re representing it in Colorado.”

Paisner tries to stick to tradition far from hula’s homeland, striving to fulfill her promise to a kumu: “I will do my best to tell people what Hawai’i is with honesty and integrity.” She

**“I must have been Polynesian in another life.”**

teaches students Hawaiian history, particularly issues related to the overthrow of the monarchy. “Everyone’s been to Hawai’i on vacation; everyone’s fallen in love with it. What they don’t realize is that our beautiful queen lost our land to America.” Students must respect the Hawaiian culture, including polytheism and sexual songs. They do not have to believe in Hawaiian gods but must accept that they existed for Hawaiians, she says. “Hawaiian poetry is about sexuality, sensuality, nature and beauty. I can’t pretend that doesn’t exist.”

In hula class, the cares of the world are left outside, she adds. “For that hour-and-a-half each week, people are transported to Hawai’i.” Hula provides Paisner with a sense of belonging to something bigger—family, culture, way of life, history. “Even though it’s my adopted culture, I know more about it than I do about my own ethnic history,” she says. Born of eastern European Jewish parents, she feels a spiritual connection to hula. “It’s an extension of my being. It’s part of me. I must’ve been Polynesian in another life.” 🍷

by Kiele Akana-Gooch, a Mānoa journalism major

**Cheryl (Tom) Parker** (MS '70 Mānoa) is corresponding secretary for the Associated Chinese University Women.

**Bill Patzert** (PhD '72 Mānoa) is a research oceanographer at California Institute of Technology's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. He uses NASA satellite data to understand the planet's climate variability and environmental problems.

**Barbara Peterson** (PhD '78 Mānoa) and husband Frank enjoy retirement in Tigard, Ore., writing, hiking, golfing and doing yoga.

**Katherine I. Pohndorf** (AS '71 Maui) teaches hotel management at University of Nevada–Las Vegas. President of Curly Koa Productions, she promotes the annual Lei Day in Las Vegas and books Polynesian shows at Las Vegas hotels.

**Richard Rocheleau** (MS '77 Mānoa) directs the UH Hawai'i Natural Energy Institute, a U.S. Center for Excellence in Hydrogen Research and Education. He has been a major contributor to HNEI's hydrogen research program and spearheads the \$1.5 million Hawai'i energy and environmental technologies initiative.

**Cecilia M. Shikuma** (MS '77, BS '72 Mānoa) directs UH's Hawai'i AIDS Clinical Trials Unit and chairs the metabolic research subcommittee for the Adult AIDS Clinical Trials Group, an official program of the National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

**Dexter T. Suzuki** (BEEd '74 Mānoa) is director of new media for *The Honolulu Advertiser* and is involved with hawaii.com, a cooperative venture to develop and operate a Hawai'i tourism and entertainment Web site.

**Priscilla Chinn Thompson** (BA '70 Mānoa) is an analyst with the Energy, Resources and Technology Division of the State of Hawai'i Department of Business and Economic Development and Tourism.

**Rosemarie G. Villalba Woodruff** (MED '74, BEEd '70 Mānoa) is a counselor at the UHM Learning Center. Woodruff received the 2001 Francis E. Clark Award from the Hawai'i Counseling Association.

**Sai Bun "Joseph" Yung** (BBA '76 Mānoa) re-joined the Regal Riverside Hotel as general manager with additional responsibility for Regal Kaitak Hotel in Hong Kong.

**Gayle E. Yoshikawa Zialcita** (BFA '77 Mānoa), a 15-year resident of the Philippines, is in Hawai'i managing her father's affairs. An East-West Center associate, Zialcita is married to Fernando N. Zialcita.

## 1960s

**Stuart Brannon** (BBA '68 Mānoa) is senior vice president and senior partner with the consulting firm Encore Associates in San Ramon, Calif. He retired from Georgia-Pacific as national director of trade relations after 33 years.

**Gail Breakey** (MPH '68, BA '66 Mānoa) works at Kapi'olani Medical Center as director of Hawai'i Family Support Center. Her Healthy Start Program for prevention of child abuse went statewide in 2001.

**Fred Choi** (MBA '68, BBA '65 Mānoa) is dean of New York University's Stern School of Business.

**Odetta Fujimori** (BEEd '62) was elected to a six-year term on the State Employees' Retirement System Board.

**Paula (Yee) Fukuda** ('67–'70 Mānoa) is president of Associated Chinese University Women.



**Jeannie Hedberg** (BBA '66 Mānoa) is managing partner with Hedberg, Freitas, King and Tom, certified public accountants.

**June (Ching) Kadomoto** (BEEd '60 Mānoa) is recording secretary for Associated Chinese University Women.

**Shirley Loo** (BEEd '61 Mānoa) received the Library of Congress Professional Association's Vanguard Award for outstanding contributions over the years, including service as president. She lives on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

**Lynette Ko Miyataki** (BEEd '64 Mānoa) is director of development for Ke Ali'i Pauahi Foundation, the support organization of Kamehameha Schools.

**Carl N. Nagatori** (BBA '67, Mānoa) is vice president and director of group insurance sales for AIG Hawai'i.

**Richard Dale Noordyk** (BBA '66 Mānoa) is finance manager at USTA Northern California in Alameda.

**Jeri J. Ooka** (MS '69, BA '66 Mānoa) is a plant pathologist with the Kaua'i Agricultural Research Center in the UH Mānoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.

**Lynette (Leong) Yuen** (BEEd '65 Mānoa) is vice president of Associated Chinese University Women.

## 1950s

**Henry Mitsuji Ariyoshi** (BEEd '56 Mānoa) retired from secondary school administration along with wife **Maureen Setsuko Oki Ariyoshi** (AA '66 Maui, '55–'57 Mānoa). They have three grown children, Reed, Eric and Faye. He belongs to the UH Alumni Association and the UH Letter Winners Club.

**Frances Kealanohea Crowell** (BEEd '50 Mānoa) is an elementary teacher in Hawai'i. She and husband **Robert Harbottle Crowell** ('46–'48 Mānoa) have three boys, Robert, **Guy** (AS '76 Honolulu) and Gregory.

**Amy Emiko Fujino** (MA '54, BA '54 Mānoa) is a retired library administrator. Her son, **Stephen Fujino**, (BS '84 Mānoa) is an engineer.

**Shigeru Hotoke** (BEEd '51 Mānoa) received the UH College of Education 2001 Distinguished Alumnus Award. He pioneered student cultural exchanges while promoting Hawai'i to the world with his musical expertise.

**Peter Leong** (BA '57 Mānoa) retired as president of the Hawai'i State Federal Credit Union after 10 years. He and wife Merily Leong have two sons and a daughter. Leong plays taiko drums and has performed with the Kenny Endo ensemble.

**Goro Uehara** (MS '56, BS '51 Mānoa) directs the Soil Management Collaborative Research Program, a federal project that teaches science-based, sustainable agricultural practices to farmers in developing countries.

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**Dorothy Mau** (BS '49 Mānoa) is president of the Organization of Retired Teachers.

## Alum is named nation's top hospital doctor

**Janet M. Nagamine** (MD '94 Mānoa) is this year's top hospitalist, a term coined to describe the roughly 5,000 physicians nationwide who provide general medical care to hospital patients. Their professional organization, the National Association of Inpatient Physicians, awarded Nagamine its fifth annual Award for Clinical Excellence in Philadelphia this spring. Nagamine developed the medication error reporting system at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Santa Clara, Calif., and helped adapt a blame-free learning environment used by the aviation industry for training everyone involved in the medication process. Among her other accomplishments—designing a physician-nursing rounding experience to promote a team approach to health care, improving inpatient management of diabetes and anticoagulation therapy, starting a monthly journal club for the hospitalist team and organizing a clinical conference on hospital medicine. "Dr. Nagamine brings unending energy, enthusiasm and innovation to her work," comments Bernadette Loftus, physician-in-chief at Kaiser. Nagamine entered UH's John A. Burns School of Medicine after receiving a nursing degree from the University of San Francisco.



## Donna Tanoue

Proving what Hawai'i can do



**Name:** Donna Aiko Tanoue

**Roots:** Kaimuki, graduate of Kalani High School

**Degree:** BA in English, 1976

**Campus:** Mānoa

**Career:** Attorney, public servant, banker

**Family:** Husband Kirk Caldwell, also an attorney, and daughter Maya, 7

**Best advice:** Betty Friedan's "Teach your daughter to take risks."

**Favorite food:** W&M hamburgers—"Totally good!"

**Recent read:** *Guns, Germs & Steel* by Jared Diamond, "a cultural look at why some civilizations prevail and some don't."

**T**o Donna Tanoue, there is only one word to describe the legacy of the Clinton administration: inclusive. "Clinton really believed in diversity," she says. "Look at me. Who would have guessed that the chair for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation would be a woman of Japanese ancestry from the 50th state?"

Given Tanoue's background—starting her career as a deputy attorney general for Hawai'i's Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, becoming Hawai'i's banking commissioner while still in her 20s, working as a partner at the law firm of Goodsell Anderson Quinn & Stifel and once serving as campaign manager for Sen. Daniel Inouye—few were surprised that her federal appointment to head the agency was unanimously approved by the U.S. Senate in 1998. She is only the second woman to hold the post, succeeding Ricki Helfer. When Tanoue took over the independent agency two doors from the White House, she assumed a budget of \$1.1 billion, oversaw 100 offices across the country with 6,300 workers and was responsible for \$3 trillion in bank deposits.

"It's really something to walk into that kind of setting. I loved the job," says the former UH regent and 2002 UH distinguished alumna.

Actually, she embraced it. Tanoue was at the helm of the FDIC when the world braced itself for Y2K disaster. On January 1, 2000, when people put their cards into ATM machines

around the world, everything worked just fine. During her three-year tenure as FDIC chair, Tanoue and her staff faced such challenges as big-time bank mergers,

failing Asian economies and the threat of an economic downturn.

Every day in the capitol was exciting, exhilarating and challenging

When her chairmanship ended in July 2001, Tanoue and her husband, attorney Kirk Caldwell, and their daughter returned to the Islands. She rejoined Goodsell Anderson Quinn & Stifel and served on the Bank of Hawai'i Board of Directors. In March, she was named the bank's vice chair for financial services, joining the bank's 12-member managing committee.

Eagerly moving into the next phase of her life, she pauses a moment to reflect on her federal days. "Working for the Clinton administration was a dream job. It was exciting, exhilarating and challenging everyday," she says. "I felt like I had three really solid years there and that I had made my contribution." Washington, D.C., she says, is more than a city—it is an experience that gives people from Hawai'i opportunities that they can't have anywhere else. "These jobs at the senior level are a real opportunity for us. They give us a chance to show what those of us from Hawai'i can do." 🍻

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