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President

Judith K. Inazu, Ph.D.

Associate Director, Social Science Research Institute, and
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Judith Inazu received her doctorate in social psychology from the University of Cincinnati and a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. She has worked in a variety of settings in higher education -- as a researcher at the Merrill-Palmer Institute in Michigan, teaching at universities and community colleges on the mainland and in Hawai'i, and in positions in central administration at the University of Hawai'i. Dr. Inazu's current projects include evaluations of the NSF-funded EPSCoR grant to the UH system, the biomedical research infrastructure capacity-building grant funded by NIH (Hawai'i BRIN and its successor INBRE), the Supplemental Educational Services program mandated by NCLB, and other capacity-building and/or STEM grants funded by federal agencies. Her activity of interest, which consumes nearly as much time as a part-time job, involves running marathons and ultramarathons.

Vice President

Sonja Evensen, MPH

Evaluation Specialist

Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL)

Sonja moved to Hawai'i from Norway in 1980, after completing her Master's in Social Pedagogy at the University of Oslo. Since then she has been involved in community programs and services, and has completed a Masters in Public Health at U.H Manoa. Her work as a director of a community based after-school program led to her interest in program evaluation, fueling her desire to bridge the gap between federal and local expectations and accountability.

As a result, she recently completed her Advanced Certificate in Program Evaluation as a distance learning student at Claremont Graduate University. Currently she is an Evaluation Specialist for Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL), serving as both internal and external evaluator on several projects serving Native Hawaiian communities and in Micronesia. In addition to her professional career, for 12 years she was a professional windsurfer and continues to enjoy windsurfing and surfing in her free time.

Treasurer

Gerald M. Meredith, Ph.D.

Interim Chair

Office of Faculty Development & Academic Support (OFDAS)

UH-Manoa

Jerry completed his doctorate in Psychology at the University of Hawai'i. He has held positions at Raymond Cattell's multivariate personality laboratory at the University of Illinois, Institute for Personality and Ability Testing (IPAT), Western Washington University and the East-West Center. At the EWC, he was the first Alumni and Evaluation Liaison Officer. He transferred to the Manoa Campus and became a founding member of the Office of Faculty Development and Academic Support. Presently he concentrates on the Course and Faculty Evaluation (CAFE) system for instructional evaluation and serves as the convener for the annual teaching and community service awards. In his leisure time, he enjoys the company of his three dogs.

Secretary

Lisa M. Watkins-Victorino, PhD

Evaluation Specialist

Department of Education

Lisa received a doctorate in Community Psychology from the University of Hawai'i (UH). For 12 years, she worked for the UH School of Social Work in the Social Welfare Evaluation and Research Unit (SWERU) under the direction of Dr. Velma Kameoka. 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 4 years. Some of her current responsibilities include the implementation, analysis, and reporting of the Senior Exit Plans Survey, analysis and reporting of the School Quality Survey, serving as a DOE liaison for collaborative efforts between DOE and Kamehameha Schools, and participating in ongoing efforts to improve data quality within the department.