

Candidates for H-PEA Offices (2014 – 2015)

President

Lisa Watkins-Victorino received her doctorate in Community Psychology from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. In April 2012, Lisa joined the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) and serves as the agency's Research Director. She oversees the Special Projects, Demography, Program Improvement, and the Land, Culture, and History research sections. The Research team developed and maintains several on-line databases that provide demographic, historical, and geographic mapping information. Additionally, the Research Division develops Strategic Indicator Sheets aligned with OHA's Strategic Plan, produces cultural and historical Information Sheets, and evaluates internal programs and grants. Previous to joining OHA, Lisa was employed at the UH Mānoa School of Social Work Social Welfare Evaluation and Research Unit (SWERU) for 12 years as an Evaluation Specialist. During that time she served as a project manager for several family strengthening projects. She joined the Hawai'i Department of Education (HIDOE) System Evaluation and Reporting Section (SERS) in 2003. She was primarily responsible for the implementation, analysis, and reporting of the Senior Exit Plans Survey (SEPS), the analysis and reporting of the School Quality Survey (SQS), and the validation of Adequate Yearly Progress results for schools. In addition, she served as the DOE representative on the Pacific Resources in Education and Learning (PREL) Research and Evaluation Cadre and as the DOE liaison on projects conducted in partnership with the Kamehameha Schools Bishop Estate Policy Analysis and System Evaluation Office. Lisa has served as Treasurer on the Native Hawaiian Education Council for 2 years and also serves as the current Hawai'i-Pacific Evaluation Association (H-PEA) President.

Vice President

Sena Pierce is the Evaluation Specialist for Hawai'i P-20 Partnerships for Education. In this role she conducts internal evaluation including evaluation design, program monitoring, and reporting for college access programs operated by Hawai'i P-20. She also delivers technical assistance and evaluation support to external partners who provide college access services under Hawai'i P-20 programs. Her research interests include utilization-focused evaluation and promoting evaluation use through effective communication. Sena has an MA in Second Language Studies from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa with a specialization in program evaluation and a BA in studio art from Macalester College. She has served as a member of the annual conference planning committee since 2012.

Secretary

Linda Toms Barker, M.A., is a Principal Research Associate at IMPAQ International, heading up IMPAQ's Hilo office. She has over 35 years of experience in program evaluation and public policy research, in the fields of education, employment, health and disability policy. While most of the work she does is national in scope (research and evaluation projects for US Departments of Education, Labor and HHS), Linda's passion is working here in Hawaii. She currently leads the external evaluation of UH's Pono Choices teen pregnancy and STI prevention program. She was previously a Principal Analyst of the evaluation of the Pacific CHILD literacy program for PREL. She is also currently evaluating after-school programs around the state. Linda been an officer or board member for many different organizations and enjoys the camaraderie and opportunity to serve.

Treasurer

Dawne Bost coordinates General Education professional development, research, and assessment through the General Education Office (GEO) and Manoa Writing Program (MWP) at the University of Hawaii – Manoa. She also maintains the budget for the GEO and MWP. Her efforts are influenced by a decade of mental health and financial services program evaluation and research experience and fifteen years as a community college English Instructor. She received her MA from Winthrop University in Rock Hill, SC, a Certificate in Project Management from UH – Manoa, and she is currently participating in the WASC Assessment Leadership Academy V. Dawne's past experience as a Treasurer for non-profit organizations include:

1989-1991 National Eligibility Workers Association, Charlotte, NC

1995-1997 People's First Players Improv Group, Charlotte, NC

2002-2003 Southern Association of College Women, Myrtle Beach, SC