

Theresa M. Kreif, MSW, LSW

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EDUCATION

MSW Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, 2002
Specialization: Community Building, International Focus, Social and Economic Development

BA Wichita State University, Wichita, KS, 1997
Social Work. Minor: Women's Studies

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director, [Pacific Partnerships & Workforce Development Initiatives](#), 7/2023-present. Tenured Faculty (2020-present). Building partnerships to increase access to social work degree pathways, social work workforce development & training in the US affiliated Pacific Islands (FSM, RMI, American Samoa & Palau). University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Thompson School of Social Work & Public Health. Honolulu, HI

- Director, UH/University of Guam MSW Partnership. Collaborative program which addresses the need for MSW level social workers on Guam and within the geographic region of Micronesia. 2012-present
- PI, [Ke A'o Mau Projects](#) & Co-Instructor. Project broadens faculty, student, and alumni understanding of and approach to healing/health through interdisciplinary, culturally-anchored education informed by Native Hawaiian values, practices, and principles. 2018-present.
- PI, [Micronesians Advancing in Health Professions](#). Development and implementation of community-driven support initiatives, including a needs assessment for Micronesia connected students seeking careers in social work, public health & medicine. 2022-2024.
- [Hawai'i Public Health Workforce Catalyst Lab](#), Social Work Liaison
- Red Hill Registry Scientific Advisory Committee, Social Work & Community Practice Expert. 2024-2025
- UH Manoa Pacific Engagement Council, invited member 2025-present.
- Region IX Pacific Southwest Center for Emergency Public Health, member.

Tenured Faculty, Junior Specialist & Assistant to the Dean. 1/2015-7/2023, **tenured 7/2020.** University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Thompson School of Social Work & Public Health including the Center on Aging. Honolulu, HI.

- Legislative Liaison
- Provided oversight and guidance negotiating the operational activities of the Office of the Dean.

- Provided assistance to the Dean including but not limited to: monitoring and coordinating communications from the Office of the Dean, implementing Dean directives.
- Assisted with program planning and analysis of the school's programs.
- Assisted in developing and coordinating special academic programs for the school.
- Assisted with monitoring and coordinating regular evaluation of academic programs and ensure requisite interdepartmental and inter college/school coordination.
- Monitored and coordinated institutional reports such as accreditation.
- Assisted with school fund-raising, school-community liaison activities, and international collaborations.
- Planned and implemented school sponsored activities.

Program Director, Continuing Education and MSW Guam Option, 2/2012-12/2014.

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work, Honolulu, HI.

- Developed the Continuing Education program for social workers at MBTSSW.
- Partnered with the National Association of Social Workers, Hawai'i Chapter, developed language which amended HRS 467, developing continuing education standards for inaugural social worker licensing in the State of Hawai'i.
- Coordinated The Queen's Medical Center Social Work Training Collaboration, required assessing organizational needs and identification of community and faculty experts to deliver training.
- Coordinated the design, development, and implementation of an online course on Native Hawaiian Social Work in collaboration with UH Mānoa College of Education Distance Education & Design Consulting Group and Native Hawaiian Kupuna and faculty members.
- Negotiated and secured financial support through community partners Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center/Lili'uokalani Trust and Consuelo Zobel Alger Foundation.
- Developed and Coordinated the Department of Social Work Distance Education Option for MSW students on Guam.

Project Director, Federal Eligibility Quality Assurance Center (FEQAC), 8/2008-1/2012.

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work, Honolulu, HI.

- Inaugural Project Director
- Established project organizational structure, processes, work-flow and policy & procedures.
- Ensured compliance with State and Federal standards.
- Collaborated with multiple stakeholders, including independent consultants, university, state, and federal administrators.
- Managed annual Federal Title IV-A EA budget of \$750,000 annually, including budget development and monitoring.
- Analyzed and tracked trends to strengthen compliance and maximize utilization of university, State, and Federal funds.
- Recruited and supervised four faculty members, three graduate assistants, and one administrative position.

Junior Researcher, 7/2007-7/2008, with Dr. Meripa Godinet. University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work, Honolulu, HI.

- Supported development of the assessment tool for the Salvation Army's anti-human trafficking services in Hawai'i and American Samoa.
- Member of grant development team, *Micronesian cultural paradigms related to parent engagement and family support within the Hawai'i public school system*.
- Conducted Title IV-E related tasks, including quality assurance and compliance.

Treatment Provider, 6/2006-6/2008. University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Department of Psychology & Harvard University, Judge Baker Children's Center. Child System and Treatment Enhancement Research Project (Child STEPS). Honolulu & Kāne'ohe, HI

- Utilized evidenced based practices related to mental health and adolescents, delivery of intervention at S.W. King Intermediate School.

Graduate Research Assistant, 8/2001-12/2001, for Dr. Diane Elze. Washington University in St. Louis, George Warren Brown School of Social Work, National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)/LGBT, Comorbidity HIV Pilot. St. Louis, MO.

- Formulated data management protocols.
- Managed data collection and input using SPSS.
- Established protocols to ensure accuracy.

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

School Based Behavioral Health Specialist (SBBH), 7/2003-7/2008. S.W. King Intermediate School, Kāne'ohe, HI.

- Provided individual, group and classroom interventions to ensure IDEA compliance and ensure student access to education.
- Developed individual treatment goals and objectives and evaluated student behavioral progress.
- Delivered individual, group, and parent counseling.
- Provided multidisciplinary psycho-educational consultation.
- Participated in the development of a nontraditional leadership academy.
- Engaged family, community and school systems in identification of protective and enhancing activities to ensure the success of students.
- Facilitated DOE Castle Complex-wide, elementary, intermediate and high school social worker/SBBH supervision groups.

Domestic Violence Consumer Advocate, 7/2004-7/2007. 'Ōhi'a Domestic Violence Shelter, Parents and Children Together, Location confidential, HI.

- Implemented client-centered case management services.
- Supported client's budget development.

Co-Director Institutional Strengthening Initiatives, Intern, 5/2002-8/2002. National Garifuna Council (NGC), Dangriga, Belize.

- Facilitated institutional strengthening initiatives and youth branch leadership development.
- Supervised planning and implementation of Belize wide youth convention.
- Established and conducted workshops through consultation with NGC board, community and youth members in the 10 traditional Garifuna communities.

- Utilized asset mapping for resource identification.
- Produced organizational evaluation/assessment: *Report on National Garifuna Council Initiatives toward Institutional Strengthening, Disclosure of Activities and Findings*.
- Shared findings with NGC-Honduras and NGC-Belize at Garifuna Regional Conference.

Community Development Worker, Intern, 1/2002-5/2002. Neighborhood Technical Assistance Center (NTAC), East St. Louis, IL, lead agency of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, East St. Louis Action Research Project.

- Supported community agencies in solving physical and social problems through collaboration with urban planners, architects, grant writers and volunteers.
- Developed scope of service for agency social work position.
- Promoted collaborative partnerships between community, local churches, agency, and university.
- Coordinated University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign volunteer programs within East St. Louis, 100 + students and 25 community/family recipients.
- Developed: *Neighborhood Council: Community Development Issues* and *NTAC: An Organizational Assessment*.

Science Instructor, 9th Grade, 11/1998-6/2001. Yap (Island) State Public High School, Federated States of Micronesia.

- Established interactive and culturally appropriate learning environment.
- Identified educational needs of students and formulated educational plans for widely varying academic abilities.
- Collaborated with school counselors to implement a variety of health and life-skills programming, including a school-wide HIV/STD education program.

Peace Corps Volunteer, 5/1997-6/1999. Yap (Island) State, Federated States of Micronesia.

- Developed reciprocal relationship with local counterparts to ensure the transfer of interpersonal and professional skills at YouthRAP (Rehabilitation and Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse). Advocated for inclusion of indigenous ways of knowing to be reintroduced and fused within the western-modeled court system.
- Co-chaired island wide Youth Resource Team.
- Coordinated court-based substance abuse rehabilitation and prevention programs.
- Assisted with agency budget procurement and development.
- Yap State Delegate, Peace Corps Micronesia Volunteer Action Committee, Selected, 1998.

COURSE INSTRUCTION and DEVELOPMENT

University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Thompson School of Social Work & Public Health

MSW Program, Co-Lead Instructor

SW 680/SW 480 Ke A‘o Mau: Growing the Social Work and Health Workforce, w/S.

Kukunaokalā Yoshimoto Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025. W/Dean Noreen Mokuau, S.Kukunaokalā Yoshimoto & Spring 2018, Spring 2019, & Spring 2020.

SW 699/SW499 Prince of Peace Children’s Home: China, Spring & Summer 2018, w/Dr. Jing

Guo.

SW 630 Social Welfare Policies and Services, w/Marty Oliphant, Fall 2011.

MSW program, Lead Instructor

SW690/691/790/791 Field Integration Seminar, Summer 2025

SW 699/SW 499 Prince of Peace Children's Home: China, Spring & Summer 2019.

SW 791 Field Integration Seminar, Spring 2014 (Distance Education, via Blackboard).

SW 790 Field Integration Seminar, Fall 2013 (Distance Education, via Blackboard).

SW 680 Advanced Standing Field Integration Seminar, Summer 2013 (Distance Education, via Blackboard).

SW 631 Social Work Practice: Communities and Organizations, Spring 2013 & Spring 2012 (Distance Education, via Interactive Television).

SW 699 Directed Reading: Equine Assisted Social Work, Fall 2012.

SW 699 Directed Reading, Fall 2011.

SW 631 Social Work Practice: Communities and Organizations, Spring 2008.

MSW Program, Course Facilitator

SW 680 Native Hawaiian Perspectives: A Cultural Context for Well-being. Instructor: Anake Lynette Paglinawan, Spring 2017 & Spring 2018.

BSW Program, Lead Instructor

SW 403 Social Work Practice w/Groups, Communities and Organizations, Spring 2013.

SW 325 History of Social Welfare, Fall 2008.

Guest Lecturer, MSW & BSW Program, selected

SW 360 Human Behavior and the Social Environment, Cultural Perspectives: Micronesia, Fall 2023

SW 797 Advanced SW Policy Analysis and Change, Legislature in Action, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2022, Spring 2023

SW 718 Social Work Practice with Children and Families, SW with individuals from the geographic region of Micronesia, Spring 2020

SW 791 Field Integration Seminar, Behavioral Mental Health, Spring 2019.

SW 630 Social Welfare Policy and Services, Fall 2018.

SW 791 Field Integration Seminar, Fall 2016.

SW 403 Social Work Practice w/Groups, Communities and Organizations, Spring 2015.

SW 717 Social Work Practice with Children and Families, Summer 2007.

SW 680 Topics in Social Welfare, Creative ways to work with Special Needs Children and Youth, Summer 2007, 2006.

Guest Lecturer, Master in Public Health Program

PH 701, Health Communication, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2025

University of Guam

Guest Lecturer, BSW Communities and Organizational Practice, Fall 2012-present.

Guam Community College

Guest Lecturer, Associates in Human Services Courses, Fall 2019-present.

Course Development

SW 680 Ke A‘o Mau: Growing the Social Work and Health Workforce, Co-developed w/ Dean Noreen Mokuau & S. Kukuna Yoshimoto. Approved and delivered annually since 2018.

SW 680 Native Hawaiian Perspectives: A Cultural Context for Well-Being, Co-developed w/Lynette & Richard Paglinawan. Approved and delivered Spring annually since 2017.

SW 680 Military Social Work, Co-developed with Craig Burns, MSW. Approved. Delivered by Craig Burns.

In development

SW 699 Social Work and Micronesia, with Joliene Hasugulayag, MSW, LSW.

PUBLICATIONS/CHAPTERS/COLUMNS, Peer Reviewed and Invited

Sentell, T., Kostereva, I., Tiara, D., Tolentino, N. K., Polovina, Y., **Kreif, T.**, Sumbicay, J. R. C., & Dela Cruz, M. R. (revise and resubmit). Health literacy and the Pacific: A scoping literature of journal articles. *Public Health*.

Arndt, R., Bersamira, C., **Kreif, T.**, & Stotzer, R. (2025). Social Work Workforce, Licensing, and Hawai‘i: An Overview. *Hawaii Journal of Health and Social Welfare*. 84(7),115-120.
<https://doi.org/10.62547/VRSI2555>

Stotzer, R., Sabagala, P., **Kreif, T.**, Howard, J., & Hasugulayag, J. (2024). Anxiety and depressive symptoms among people from the Micronesian region in Hawai‘i. *Journal of Ethnic & Cultural Diversity in Social Work*, 33(2), 121–130.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/15313204.2022.2155347>

Kreif T., & Stotzer, R. (2023) Collaborative Regional Workforce Development for Hawai‘i and the Pacific: 85+ Years of Social Work Education. *Hawaii Journal of Health Social Welfare*. 82(10), 240-242.

Stotzer, R. L., Arndt, R., & **Kreif, T.** (2023). Licensure attainment based on degree modality: Distance education vs. campus-based MSW graduates. *Professional Development: The International Journal of Continuing Social Work Education*. 26 (1), 55-59.

Arndt R, Bersamira C, **Kreif T.**, & Stotzer RL (2022). *Social Work in Hawai‘i: A Workforce Profile*. UH Mānoa, Thompson School of Social Work & Public Health. Honolulu, HI.

Arndt, R.G., **Kreif, T.**, & Stotzer, R. (2021). Pathways to Social Work Licensure: An Examination of Hawai‘i’s Licensed Social Workers, *Social Work*, 66(4), 359–368. <https://doi.org/10.1093/sw/swab027>

Kreif, T., Chismar, W., Braun, K. L., DeMattos, M., Sentell, T., Guo, J., & Mokuau, N. (2021). Social Work in Action: The Thompson School of Social Work & Public Health: Continuing a Strong Legacy of Research, Training, and Service Towards Social Justice and Health Equity. *Hawai‘i Journal of*

Health & Social Welfare, 80(8), 199–202.

Kreif, T. & Braun, K. (2020). Social Work in Action: Aloha E Dean Mokuau: Mai Ka Ho‘oku‘i A Ka Hālāwai, From Zenith to Horizon. *Hawai‘i Journal of Medicine and Public Health*, 79(8), 259-261.

Kreif, T. M., Yoshimoto, S. K., & Mokuau, N. (2018). Insights in Public Health: Ke A'o Mau: Strengthening Cultural Competency in Interdisciplinary Education. *Hawai'i journal of medicine & public health : a journal of Asia Pacific Medicine & Public Health*, 77(12), 333–336.

Howard, J. & **Kreif, T.** (2014). The Chuukese Canoe. In Vakalahi, H.F.O. & Godinet, M.T. (Eds.), *Transnational Pacific Islander Americans and Social Work: Dancing to the Beat of a Different Drum* (pp. 41-54). NASW Press, Washington, DC.

Godinet, M. T., Arnsberger, P., Li, F., & **Kreif, T.** (2010). Disproportionality, Ohana Conferencing, and the Hawai‘i Child Welfare System. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*, 4(4), 387–405. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15548732.2010.526898>

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Mokuau, N., **Kreif, T.**, Yoshimoto, S.K, Braun, K., & Ono, M. (invited, chapter in preparation). *Striving to Become...A Hawaiian Place of Learning*. University of Hawai‘i Press

Guo, J., **Kreif, T.**, & Hong, S. (in preparation) Summer program in a Chinese orphanage: What have we learned?

PEER REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

Paglinawan, Lynette., Kahulukukui, Malina., Paglinawan, J.Ka'ai'ai., DeMattos, M., **Kreif, T.**, Chung, A., Yoshimoto, S.K., Mokulehua Rivero, R.M., Afi'a, J.K. (2025, August). *Weaving professional social work and indigenous kanaka maoli identities: A pedagogical genealogy of the Thompson School of Social Work & Public Health*. Presentation. 7th International Indigenous Voices in Social Work Conference (IIVSW), Calgary, Canada.

Lum, W, Julien-Chinn, F., **Kreif, T.**, Arndt. R. & Chung, A. *Building a social work workforce in tumultuous times: Upholding equity, inclusion, and disability joy*. Council on Social Work Education: 2025 (October) Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO.

Kreif, T. & Yoshimoto, K. *Ke A'o Mau: Connecting Students to Culturally-rooted Solutions through Engagement*. Council on Social Work Education: 2024 (October) Annual Program Meeting, Kansas City, MO.

Julien-Chinn, F., Bersamira, C., **Kreif, T.**, & Arndt. R. *Strategic initiatives to address labor force issues in the Social Work profession*. Council on Social Work Education: 2024 (October) Annual Program Meeting, Kansas City, MO.

Kreif, T. (2021, March). *University of Guam and University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa MSW Partnership: Seminar on Pathways to MSW Degree Attainment*. Social Work Regional Training

Conference: Maintaining Connections Through Changing Environments: Social Workers are Essential, NASW Guam. Tumon, Guam/Virtual.

Stotzer, R. & **Kreif, T.** *Engaging Communities Through Social Work Distance Education*. 2020 International Federation of Social Work, International Social Work Conference. Calgary, Canada.

Kreif, T., Mokuau, N., & Yoshimoto, S.K. *Learning preserved: Engaging community elders/experts to develop culturally anchored social work practice*. Council on Social Work Education: 2019 Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO.

Stotzer, R. & **Kreif, T.** *Too Much Charity and Too Little Democracy: Social Work and Industrialists*. Council on Social Work Education: 2019 Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO.

Kreif, T. (2019, March). *Obtaining an MSW: Creating Change*. Social Work Regional Training Conference. Presented at Healing our Community: The Intersectionality of Race, Addiction, and Historical Trauma, NASW Guam. Tumon, Guam.

Guo, J., **Kreif, T.** & Hong, S. (2018, November). *Summer program in a Chinese orphanage: What we have learned*. Presented at the Council on Social Work Education: Annual Program Meeting, Orlando, FL.

Mokuau, N., Browne, C., Braun, K., **Kreif, T.** Yoshimoto, S.K., & Ono, M., (2018, October). *Striving to Become...Hawaiian Place of Learning*. Presented at the Piko'oko'o Conference at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI.

Kreif, T. & Yoshimoto, S.K. (2018, October). *Ke A'o Mau: Learning Preserved*. Presented at the Piko'oko'o Conference at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI.

Kreif, T. (2018, March). *Master's of Social Work Degree: University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and University of Guam Partnership*. Presented at the Social Work Regional Training Conference, Para U Nina'lāmetgot i Seguridāt Tinaotao Nu i Inafa'maolek, Fina'taotao, yan Inadāhi Strengthening Human Security with Interdependence, Mutual Respect, and Social Care. Tumon, Guam.

Kreif, T. & Schwab, G. (2017, October). *University Collaborations: Pathways for Pacific Islander Degree Attainment, BSW to MSW*. Presented at Council on Social Work Education: Annual Program Meeting, Dallas, TX.

Kreif, T., Stotzer, R., Paglinawan, L., Arndt, R., & Gose, E. (2016, November). *Indigenous Ways of Knowing in Education: Preservation and Dissemination through Technology*. Presented at Council on Social Work Education: Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Kreif, T. & Arndt, R. (2015, October). *University-Community Partnerships: Utilizing Continuing Education as a Community Engagement Strategy*. Presented at Council on Social Work Education: Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO.

Stotzer, R. & **Kreif, T.** (2015, April). *Social Work Distance Education as Community Capacity Building*. Presented at Council on Social Work Education: Social Work and Distance Education (SWDE) Conference, Indianapolis, IN.

Kreif, T., Komiyama, D., Taitano, T., & Elias, S. (2015, March). *Social Work Education in Micronesia*. Presented at the Social Work Regional Training Conference. Celebrating Diversity in Micronesia: Empowering and Developing Communities Together, Tumon, Guam.

Marks, A., **Kreif, T.**, & Nowicki, E. (2014, October). *Continuing Education: Advancing Community, Faculty, and Student Engagement and Collaboration*. Presented at Council on Social Work Education: Annual Program Meeting, Tampa, FL.

Nowicki, E., Congress, E., Englehardt, J., Behan, D., **Kreif, T.**, & Sheehan, D. (2014, October). *Continuing Education: The Leading Edge in Social Work Education*. Presented at Council on Social Work Education: Annual Program Meeting, Tampa, FL.

Sur, J. & **Kreif, T.** (2013, October). *Miles Apart: Using Student Orientation to Build Community in Distance Education*. Presented at Council on Social Work Education: Annual Program Meeting, Dallas, TX.

Kreif, T. & Howard, J. (2013, March). *Social Workers: Chuuk, Guam and Hawai'i, Strategies for Success (Part 1&2)*. Presented at the National Association of Social Workers Guam Chapter, Conference, Tumon, Guam.

Kreif, T. (2012, March). *Partnership between the University of Guam and the University of Hawai'i MSW degree program*. Presented at the National Association of Social Workers Guam Chapter, Conference, Tumon, Guam.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Kreif, T. (May 2, 2025). *Transforming Stories into Advocacy: Pathways to an MSW in Guam through the University of Hawaii Partnership*. National Association of Social Work-Guam Chapter Annual Conference. Delivered in Tumon, Guam.

Kreif, T. (May 27, 2024) *Exploring Social Work: Insights on the Profession and A Conversation on Palau's Perspective*. Palau Community College. Delivered in Koror, Republic of Palau.

Kreif, T., Hasugulayag, J. & Howard, J. (2020, May 22). *COVID-19 Impacts on People from the Micronesia Region*. Presentation to social service and public health professionals in Hawai'i.

Kreif, T. (2018, May 9). *PELP...Next Steps*. Presented to the University of Hawai'i System, President's Emerging Leaders Program.

Kreif, T. (2018, August 28). *Voting is Social Work™: 11 Ways to Increase Voter Turnout*. Presented to University of Hawai'i Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work, Continuing Education and Professional Development Program, via webinar.

Castillo, W., Higa-McMillian, C., Isa-Atta, M., & **Kreif, T.** (2016, May 3). *University of Hawai'i System Image and Reputation Survey: PELP Project*. Presented University of System Hawai'i, President, Leadership and Deans.

EXTERNAL PUBLICATIONS/TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS/WEBSITES, Selected

University of Hawai'i Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work & Department of Social Work, *Revised Website*, Live Fall 2018. <https://www.hawaii.edu/sswork/>. In consultation w/ Lum. R. & Fujikawa, C. (Estimated contribution: 50%)

Counsel on Social Work Education, Reaffirmation BSW Program Self-Study, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work, (2017), Volumes 1-4. (Contributor).

Counsel on Social Work Education, Reaffirmation MSW Program Self-Study, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work, (2017), Volumes 1-4.(Contributor).

Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work, (2017). Published by Pacific Basin Communication. Publication Coordinator & column contributor. Distribution to all Social Work Deans/Programs in the United States (262), and all MBTSSW constituents. Third of three publications for external community engagement in 80+ years.

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work, Department of Social Work, Policy and Procedure Handbook, 2017. (Contributor)

Celebrating our 80th Anniversary, Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work Compendium. (2016). http://www.hidili.com/pacificBasinCommunications/uh/mbtssw_2016/. Published by Pacific Basin Communication. **Kreif, T., Publication Coordinator** & column contributor. Distribution to all Social Work Deans/Programs in the United States, and all MBTSSW constituents. Second of three publications for external community engagement in 80+ years.

EXTERNAL FUNDING

Micronesians Advancing in Health Professions (MAHP)

PI: Theresa Kreif 7/1/23-6/30/25 \$96,000

MAHP includes a needs assessment, resource mapping and a development of a support structure to formalize pathways into the health and social welfare related degrees, particularly medicine, social work and public health. Collaborators: Thompson School of Social Work & Public Health, John A. Burns School of Medicine. Funded by the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Provost's Strategic Investment Initiative, competitive selection.

Ke A'o Mau

PI: Theresa Kreif	1/1/25-12/31/25	\$113,685
	1/1/24-12/31/24	\$169,500
	1/1/23-12/31/23	\$380, 500
	1/1/22-12/31/22	\$127,500

1/1/21-12/31/21

\$110,000

Ke A‘o Mau is an intensive, immersion-enhanced educational internship program. The program aims to develop a workforce that is community-based and culturally-anchored in Native Hawaiian knowledge, to be a resource for community organizations, and to engage in Interdisciplinary Education (IPE) as well as to provide student scholarships. Funded by Hawai‘i Pacific Foundation, via University of Hawai‘i Foundation. One APT and one Graduate assistant support the project.

Hawai‘i Family Support Institute

PI: Theresa Kreif

8/1/20-12/31/2025

various

The Institute, directed by Gail Breakey, has IRS 501(c) 3 status through the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa, Thompson School of Social Work & Public Health. The mission of the Hawai‘i Family Support Institute is to advocate for evidence-based services to prevent and treat child abuse and neglect.

Social Work Survey, Assessment and Clinical Training/Education.

PI: Theresa Kreif

1/1/22-12/31/23

\$20,000

1/1/19-12/31/21

\$60,000

In collaboration with the University of Hawaii Thompson School Continuing Education and Professional Development Project and the Queen’s Medical Center, medical social workers are surveyed and a menu of professional development training developed and delivered onsite. Supporting the project coordinator. One student worker supports the project.

Ke A‘o Mau

PI: Noreen Mokuau

7/1/17-5/15/20

\$73,500

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Role: Co-PI & Project Director

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Performance Standards Manual (CAMHPS) Project

PI: Theresa Kreif

7/1/25-6/30/26

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7/1/24-6/30/25

\$190,502

7/1/23-6/30/24

\$164,651

7/1/22-6/30/23

\$162,000

7/1/21-6/30/22

\$160,948

7/1/20-6/30/21

\$165,155

7/18/18-6/30/20

\$278,541

7/1/17-6/30/18

\$111,788

9/9/16-6/30/2017

\$80,864

MBTSSW Faculty Member Pua Paul, MSW, provides technical assistance to the CAMH Division with the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Performance Standards and the transition to the new Integrated Case Management System. As PI I assist with HIPAA compliance and

provide administrative leadership and facilitation between CAMHPS/Department of Health and the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa/MBTSSW.

Worldview and Cultural Factors: Indigenous Perspectives

PI: Theresa Kreif 08/31/15-2/28/17 \$25,000
Worked alongside Kupuna Lynette Paglinawan and Robin Arndt to preserve and protect Native Hawaiian Social Work knowledge through collaboration with the Consuelo Zobel Alger Foundation. The project ensured faculty, staff, and student access to cultural knowledge which enhances social work practice.

Office of Hawaiian Affairs Hawaiian Learning Program

PI: Noreen Mokuau 12/1/15-6/30/17 \$218,855

The primary goal of the HLP was workforce development through educating social work students, in a community-based, culturally resonant educational program anchored in Native Hawaiian ‘ike, skills, and values. With the HLP as the centerpiece, the secondary goal was to establish the MBTSSW as a Hawaiian place of learning with presence and visibility throughout the UH Mānoa and service to the community. Grant supported: Two Faculty Kupuna, One Faculty Specialist and One Faculty Kako’o.

Role: Co-PI

Queen Lili‘uokalani Children’s Center/Lili‘uokalani Trust

PI: Noreen Mokuau 1/1/15-12/31/15 \$30,000
Collaborated with Queen Lili‘uokalani Children's Center and Lynette Paglinawan to support activities related to increasing staff and students knowledge, understanding, and skills in working with Native Hawaiian Children, their families, and their communities. Developed open access Cultural Historical Trauma video, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mqSP9XECa_E

Role: Co-PI & Project Director

Queen Lili‘uokalani Children’s Center/Lili‘uokalani Trust

Kaumaha: Hawaiian Grief Modules 1/1/14-12/31/15 \$30,000

PI: Noreen Mokuau

The project supported my role as Project Director in the modification of the training, *Kaumaha: Hawaiian Grief Work Modules*, for Queen Lili‘uokalani Children’s Center staff development and Queen Lili‘uokalani Children’s Center capacity building related to module implementation.

Role: Co-PI & Project Director

LEGISLATIVE ENGAGEMENT, Selected

2018, *SCR 149 / SR 94*-Requesting the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and the University of Hawai‘i Center on Aging to convene a working group to review in-home care services and make recommendations to improve the quality of care. **Drafted testimony & testified** on behalf of UH Mānoa Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work.

2017, *HCR 35*-Requesting the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Center on Aging convene a task force to assess current elder and kupuna care services and the anticipated demand for those services in order to improve those services and meet anticipated demand. **Drafted testimony**

and testified on behalf of UH Mānoa Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work.

2017, *HCR 34*-Requesting the Executive Office on Aging and the University of Hawai‘i Center on Aging to establish a working group to review the Department of Education adult education services, the University of Hawai‘i free senior enrollment opportunities, and the potential to provide new learning opportunities to senior citizens. **Drafted testimony and testified** on behalf of UH Mānoa Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work.

2015, *HB 493*-Relating to the University of Hawai‘i. Appropriates funds for a permanent full-time director (1.0 FTE) and permanent full-time faculty specialist position (1.0 FTE) within the University of Hawai‘i Center on Aging. **Drafted testimony and testified** on behalf of UH Mānoa Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work.

2013, *HB 178*-Relating to Continuing Education. Requires licensed social workers to complete a minimum of 15 credit hours of continuing education courses for the licensing renewal period beginning 07/01/2013, through 06/30/2016, and 45 credit hours of continuing education courses during each licensing renewal period, for the period beginning 07/01/2016, and thereafter. Assisted with drafting the body of the bill. **Testified** on behalf of UH Mānoa Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work.

EVENT DIRECTION, Selected

Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting Pacific Region Universities Reception, **MBT SSW Lead**, Co-Sponsored with University of Washington, Seattle University, Portland State University, Eastern Washington University, University of Washington-Tacoma, October of 2016, 2017, 2018, & 2019.

I Ulu No Ka Lālā I Ke Kumu, MBTSSW Hawaiian Learning Program/Ke A‘o Mau 1975-Present, Alumni Gathering. **Lead**, October 2019.

Universe Foundation/Shinnyo-en (Japan), *Aloha Chairman*, **Lead**, 2018 & 2019.

Barbara Cox Anthony Endowed Professorship/Center on Aging *Director Welcome Event*, **Lead**, 2017.

Queen Lili‘uokalani Distinguished Professorship in Native Hawaiian Culture, *Endowment Celebration*, **Co-Lead** with University of Hawai‘i Foundation, 2016.

UH Mānoa Myron B. Thompson School Social Work 80th Anniversary Gala, **Lead**, 2016. Friendraising and Fundraising event raised over \$80,000.

Welina Mānoa-State of Hawai‘i Legislators Welcome to University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work, **Lead**, 2015-2017.

University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work, *Gartley Hall Grand Opening*, **Lead**, 2014.

CONSULTATION, selected

National Institutes of Justice, Impact of Social Proximity to Bias Crimes among Micronesians, PI -Dr. Rebecca Stotzer. **Role**: Identification and enhancement of cultural connections and relationships, 2017-2019.

Hawai'i Alliance for Community Based Economic Development (HACBED): Asset Building Symposium: Kahua O Ke Ola - Foundations for Prosperity Asset Building, Social Services, & Culturally Based Practices. **Role:** Embedding Asset Building into Social Service Programs, 2012.

Natural Disaster Awareness for Caregivers of Senior Citizens. Training Program. The National Disaster Preparedness Training Center, U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Role: shaping program to meet the needs of Pacific elders, Honolulu, HI, 2012.

Anita M. Stone Jewish Community Centers of Chicago Day Camp. **Role:** Organizational and Behavioral Modification Plan Development, 2006-2008.

SCHOOL SERVICE, Thompson School of Social Work & Public Health

Department of Social Work Personnel Committee

Elected, 2020-2024, 2025-2026

University of Hawaii at Manoa Faculty Senate-Elected as representative for the Thompson School of Social Work & Public Health. 2024-2026.

Thesis Committee Member-Public Health MPH Student Practicum: Davis Rehuher, University of Hawai'i at Manoa. *Suicide Prevention Capacity in Micronesian Countries: A Multisectoral Needs Assessment.* Fall 2022-Spring 2023.

MBTSSW COVID-19 Student Relief Fund Committee, 2020

Continuing Education and Professional Development course delivery, Master's level Licensed Social Worker test preparation, delivered to MSW graduates, May & June, 2019

Dean's Chairs Leadership Team, Ex-Officio Member, 2016-present

Interdisciplinary Education (IPE) Member, UH Mānoa MBTSSW and University of Hawai'i at Hilo, Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy, October 2018-2020

Department of Social Work, Faculty Recruitment Committee

Chair, Elected, 2019-2021

Member, Elected, 2018-2019

CSWE (Council on Social Work Education), MBT SSW Reaffirmation Committee Lead Team, Member, appointed, 2015-2018

Kaho'olawe Huaka'i, via Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana, Faculty Co-Sponsor & Attendee, 2015

MBT SSW (DSW) Committee Membership, Dean's Ex-Officio member, 2014-2020

MSW Curriculum Committee

BSW Curriculum Committee

Acting Director, Distance Education, Appointed, Spring 2014

Leader, Strategic Plan Engagement Priority Group, Appointed, Global Social Justice, 2012-2013.

Indigenous Affairs Committee

Member, Elected, 2012-2013 & 2017-2019

Global Affairs Committee

Chair, Elected, 2013-2021

Member, Elected, 2011-2012, 2021-2023

Sponsored/Coordinated visiting universities/delegation study groups to MBTSSW, selected:

Kwansei Gakuin University, School of Human Welfare Studies, Japan, 2019

Sustainable Welfare Management for the Future (practitioners), Korea, 2019

Soongsil University, Korea, 2019

Doshisha University, Japan, 2018 & 2019

University of Canterbury, Aotearoa: indigenous perspectives and community engagement, 2018

Osaka Prefecture University, Osaka, Japan, MOU representative, 2012-2017

Field (Internship) Instructor, MSW students

Mañe'lu Micronesian Resource Center, One Stop Shop. Tamuning, Guam, 2023-2024

Micronesian Resource Center, One Stop Shop. Tamuning, Guam, 2019-2020 (inaugural student placement), 2021-2022.

35th Guam Legislature, Senator Clynton E. Rigdell, 2019-2020, (inaugural student placement).

Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women. MSW Field Instructor, 2012. (inaugural student placement).

Department of Human Services, Child Welfare Services, Hilo, HI Branch. MSW Field Instructor, 2008-2009.

Field placement development

Guam Based: Guam Public Library System, HeadStart, Best Buddies and WestCare

Visiting Scholar Sponsorship

Maratha Mensendiek, MSW Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan. Dept Chair, Dept. of Social Welfare, 2024-2025

Marlene Longbottom, PhD, Aboriginal Postdoctoral Research Fellow Ngaruwan Ngadju First Peoples Health and Wellbeing Research Centre Australian Health Services Research Institute (AHSRI). 2019-2020.

Alexandra Crampton, Associate Professor of Social Welfare and Justice, Department of Social and Cultural Sciences, Marquette University, Spring 2018.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE, UH Mānoa & UH System

UH System COVID-19 Communication Committee, Member, 2020

UH System Global Health and Social Justice Work Group, Member, 2019-present

Hānai Host Family Volunteer, 2018-2020

Communicators Council, Appointed, 2015-present

International Undergraduate Student Scholarships Committee, Invited, 2015-2023

Mānoa International Education Committee (MIEC), Appointed, 2014-present

Fulbright Outreach Lecturing Fund, Co-Sponsored Professor Yuxin Pei's presentation: *Sexuality and Social Work in China: A review on social work practice*, 2015

East-West Center, International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia-Pacific Region, Abstract Selection Committee, Selected Member, 2014-2017

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Council on Social Work Education, Council on Global Learning and Practice, Selected, 2020-2023

Voting Is Social Work, The National Social Work Voter Mobilization Campaign, Participant, 2018-present

Council on Social Work Education, Special Commission to Advance Macro Practice in Social Work, Member, 2017-present

Proposal reviewer, Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting, Reviewer of the categories listed below:

2025 University Community Partnerships

2024 University-Community Partnerships

2021 Higher Education/Nonprofit Leadership

Community Organization and Social Administration

International Issues

2019 Higher Education/Nonprofit Leadership

Community Organization and Social Administration

International Issues

2018 Higher Education/Nonprofit Leadership

Community Organization and Social

Administration, & International Issues

2017 University-Community Partnerships

Higher Education/Nonprofit Leadership

Community Organization and Social Administration

2016 Higher Education/Nonprofit Leadership

Community Organization and Social Administration

2014 Technology in Social Work Education and Practice

First Nations and Native Americans

Immigrants, Refugees, and Displaced Populations

National Association of Social Workers, Hawai'i Chapter Board

Legislative Committee

Chair, Appointed, 2016-2023

Member, Appointed, 2012-2016

Member-at-Large, Elected, 2014-2016

Nomination and Leadership Committee, Member, Elected, 2013-2015

PACE Political Action for Candidate Election Committee, Member, Appointed,

2016-present

Continuing Education Committee, Member, Appointed, 2012-2017

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Rural Area Veterinary Service, Summer 2022, Intake Coordinator/Social Worker.

We Are Oceania, US Department of Interior funded service center.

- Collaborated in securing \$250,000 US Department of the Interior, Office of Insular Affairs, funding, 2019
- Co-Sponsor, Annual Micronesian Youth Summit, 2017-2023
- Advisory Board Member, invited, 2016-2020
- Consultation: Community, Legislative engagement and Communication. 2016-2020

The Street Dog Coalition, Lead Social Work Consultant and Volunteer, providing veterinary care to houseless individuals at Punawai Rest Stop, Honolulu, 2019-present

Hawai'i Veterinary Medical Association, Ethics and Peer Review Committee, Non-Veterinarian Member, 2017-present

Epilepsy Foundation of Hawai'i, Board Member, 2012-2014

Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women's Coalition, Participant, 2012

Honolulu Marathon, Escort for wheelchair participants, Selected Member, 2008-present

Micronesian Community Network, Resource Member, 2007-2010
Hawai'i State Red Cross, Mental Health Disaster Action Team, Member, 2005-2008
ACCESSURF Hawai'i, Member, 2007-2008
Envision Hawai'i, Member, 2006-2008
Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Hawai'i, Member, 2003-present
Student Director of International Resource Initiatives, Washington University in St. Louis, 2001-2002
International Student Support Volunteer, Washington University in St. Louis, 2001
Refugee Crisis Response Volunteer, St Louis, MO, 2001
YWCA of Metropolitan St. Louis, Sexual Assault Response Team, 2001
Student Health Advisory Board, Wichita State University, 1996
Wichita Area Clinical AIDS Program, Buddy, 1996
AIDS/HIV American Red Cross, Certified Community Educator, Wichita, KS, 1994 -1997
Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center, Patient Advocate, 1994-1997

HONORS AND AWARDS

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Research Council Faculty Travel Fund Award, \$1000
Awarded to fund presentation at Council on Social Work Education(CSWE): Annual Program Meeting (APM), Atlanta, GA, 2016
University of Hawai'i President's Emerging Leaders Program (PELP) Cohort 5, Selected Member, 2015-2016. UH System-wide honor. Selected cohort of 25
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Research Council Faculty Travel Fund Award, \$1000
Awarded to fund presentation at CSWE: APM, Denver, CO, 2015
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Research Council Faculty Travel Fund Award, \$1000
Awarded to fund presentation at CSWE: APM, Tampa Bay, FL, 2014
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Research Council Faculty Travel Fund Award, \$1500
Awarded to fund presentation at CSWE: APM, Dallas, TX, 2013

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION/LICENSURE

Association for Community Organization and Social Administration (ACOSA), Member, 2016-present
Women Leaders in Higher Education, Member, 2015-present
Council on Social Work Education, Member, 2012-present
Council on Social Work Education, Continuing Education Network Committee Member (CENET), 2012-2017
Licensed Social Worker (Masters Level), LSW, State of Hawai'i #1620 (2005-present)
National Association of Social Workers (NASW), Member, 1994-present

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ATTENDED, selected, 2015-present

Social Work in the Pacific: Global Perspectives in Community Practice
Applying the SBIRT process in hospital settings
Reflecting on our Genealogies: Revealing our Pilina for Health and Transformation
Stigma in Substance Use Disorder Treatment

Global Child and Adolescent Mental Health
Supporting Parents with Sexual Violence Prevention Strategies
Lifestyle Medicine and Integrated Behavioral Health
Aina Lei Aupuni: Hawaii's Public Land Trust
Centering Community in Park Renewal: A'ala Park Project
Whats Happening with Overdose issues in Hawaii? A Panel Discussion
Do I need to be an Addictions Expert? Engaging and Supporting People who use drugs
Cross-Cultural Issues in Integrated Healthcare Services: A Social Work Perspective
Frontline Mental Health
Implementing Telehealth Services in Behavioral Health
Ethics and Integrated Health Care
Faculty-Student Ethics
Stronger Together: Peer Support & SelfCare for Social Workers
Elevating "Social Care": Social Works Role in Driving Healthcare Transformation
NIMHD, Workshop on Research on Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders Health
Strategies for Building Community Among Faculty on Virtual and Ground Campuses
Faculty Institute for Community Engagement: Expanding Interprofessional Collaboration to Pursue Social Justice
Community Organization and Social Administration
Design Thinking Workshop
Narrating the Real Story: Partnering with the Media to Improve Child Welfare
Preparing Professional Social Workers for an Interprofessional World
Mentoring Connections: Effective Alumni-Student Mentorships
Considerations when Submitting Journal Manuscripts Examining Interprofessional Education
Behavior Ethics: A Lens to Examine Ethical Challenges in Social Work Practice
Complex Ethical Challenges in Social Work Management and Administration
Complex Ethical Issues: Working with Children, Adolescents, Young Adults, and Families
Intersections in Practice: Social Work Ethics & Ethical Challenges in Practice & Research
Immigrants, Refugees, and Displaced Populations
Emotions and Politics: Responding to the Mental Health Needs of Immigrants
Cultural Competence: A Social Work Imperative
Challenges and Complexities of Cultural Competence in Social Work Practice
Cultivating Cultural Humility: Using NCBI Diversity Training for Social Work Students
Financial Capability and Financial Well-Being: Theory, Policy, and Practice
UH Mānoa Leadership with Excellence: ADA Training, what are my responsibilities?
A Village Enterprise: Social Work & Engineering, Interprofessional Education Advances Social Justice in Ghana
Intersections between Trauma and Addiction
Intersections in Practice: The Role of Social Workers in Promoting and Advocating for Social Change
Intersections in Practice: Social Work and Social Justice in a New Era
Intersections in Practice: Living Out Our Mission as Social Workers in Today's Turbulent Times
Brief Interventions in Primary Care
Beyond Treatment as Usual: The Case for Cognitive Remediation
Transforming Foster Care: A Successful Model to Ensure Healthy Attachment for Infants and Toddlers
Family Well-Being Across the Lifespan

Companion Animals and Health Aging
Can School Social Work Practice Meet its own Grand Challenges?
Change Management and Evaluation: Local Hawai'i Case Studies in Prevention of Youth
Violence and Suicide
Enhancing Palliative Care: an Introduction to the National Consensus Project's Clinical Practice
Guidelines
Social Workers Need to Spend More Time in their Public Libraries
Exploring the Genealogy of Aloha 'Aina at UH Mānoa
Mana Lāhui Kānaka workshop
Haumea: Transforming the Health of Native Hawaiian Women and Empowering Wāhine Well-
Being
Working with Interpreters
Culturally Grounded Social Work Practice with Micronesian Communities
Hawaii Opioid Initiative Update
Death At an Early Age: Youth Suicide
Sex Therapy with LGBTQIA Individuals Using Affirmative Best Practices
Honoring Gender Identity & Social Justice in Social Work Practice
COVID-19 Public Health Action Webinar: Economic Relief Through the CARES Act
COVID-19 among Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders