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EDUCATION

- 2017 PhD in Nursing, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI
Dissertation title “Native Hawaiian Caregivers’ Cultural Perspectives of Pediatric Asthma Management”
- 2012 Certificate of Completion, Art of Leadership Certificate, University of Hawai‘i Outreach College, Honolulu, HI
- 2002 Master of Science, University of California San Francisco, San Francisco, CA
- 2002 Education Minor, University of California San Francisco, San Francisco, CA
- 1998 Bachelor of Science, University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

Fellowships

- 2023 - 2026 Betty Irene Moore Fellowship for Nurse Leaders and Innovators, University of California Davis, Davis, CA
- 2023 - 2025 LEADS Fellow, University of Pittsburg, Pittsburg, PA
- 2022 - 2023 Post-Doctoral Fellow, Australian American Fulbright Commission, University of Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia
- 2021 - present Affiliated Research Fellow, The Centre of Excellence in Treatable Traits, University of Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia
- 2017 - 2018 Fellow, Health Rising Leadership Institute
Leadership institute at Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum, Oakland, CA

Internships

- 2015 Intern, Pacific Island Families, AUT (Auckland University of Technology) – South Auckland Campus, Manukau, Auckland, New Zealand

Training Institutes

- 2025 Scholar, Oceania Nutrition Leadership Platform – due to COVID-19 rescheduled from 2020 Queensland, Australia
- 2023 - 2026 Fellow, Betty Irene Moore Fellowship for Nurse Leaders and Innovators
University of California Davis, Davis, CA
- 2023 - 2025 Fellow, LEADS Fellowship
University of Pittsburg, Pittsburg, PA
- 2020 - 2021 Scholar, New Academic Leadership Academy
Sigma Theta Tau International, Indianapolis, IN
- 2017 - 2018 Fellow, Health Rising Leadership Institute
Leadership institute at Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum, Oakland, CA
- Summer 2015 Scholar, Māhina International Indigenous Health Research Training Program
Summer research institute at University of Washington, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, and University of Auckland.
- Summer 2009 Scholar, Johns Hopkins University: Indigenous Health Institute
Knowledge mobilization: Affecting change for program and policy development, Columbia University, New York, NY
- Summer 2008 Scholar, Johns Hopkins University: Indigenous Health Institute
Community Based Participatory Research with Indigenous Populations, Banff Center, Banff, Alberta Canada
- Summer 2005 Scholar, Oregon Health Sciences University
Native Researchers Cancer Control Training Program, Portland, OR
- Summer 2001 Participant, Northern California Cancer Center
Minority Training Program in Cancer Control Research, Union City, CA

Cultural Training

- 2024 Native Hawaiian Place of Learning, Truth Racial Healing and Transformation
University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu HI
- 2022 Cultural Capabilities Training

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University of Newcastle, Newcastle, New South Wales Australia

- 2022 Truth Telling: Racism and Reconciliation
Common Purpose
- 2016 - Present Halau Hula O Ma‘iki
Hula, Honolulu, HI
- 2004 Queen Lili‘uokalani Children’s Center
Ho‘oponopono Training with Malia Craver, Honolulu, HI

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Teaching Experience – University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

- 2020 Guest lecturer, School of Social Work, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI
- 2019 - present Assistant Professor, Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI
- 2018 Instructor, School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI
- 2012 - 2015 Clinical Instructor; Adjunct Clinical Faculty, Department of Nursing, School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI

Teaching Experience – Other Institution

- 2021 - 2024 Adjunct Faculty, Indigenous Health Department, School of Medicine and Health Sciences, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks ND
- 2018 - 2019 Adjunct Faculty, Nursing, Argosy University – Hawai‘i, Honolulu, HI

Mentoring

- 2020 - Present Mentor, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Island Direct Entry Nursing Students, School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI
- 2020 - 2022 Mentor, Asian Pacific Islander Caucus, American Public Health Association
- 2018 - Present Mentor, University of San Francisco, Alumni Mentor Program, San Francisco, CA
- 2017 - Present Mentor, Native Hawaiian doctoral students, Office of Public Health Studies, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI
- 2017 - Present Mentor, United Natives, Navajo Nation

Administrative Experience

- 2017 - present Director of Workforce, Papa Ola Lōkahi, Honolulu, HI
- 2018 - 2020 Director of Giving, St. Augustine Church, Catholic Diocese of Hawai‘i, Honolulu, HI
- 2015 - 2017 Director of Community Engagement and Outreach, Center for Native and Pacific Health Disparities Research, Department of Native Hawaiian Health, John A Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI
- 2002 - 2019 Program Manager/Program Administrator/Researcher, Ke Ola Mamo – A Native Hawaiian Health Care System, Honolulu, HI

Research Experience

- 2023 - 2026 Principal Investigator, “Developing an mHealth approach: Addressing asthma inequities among Native Hawaiians”
Funded by UC Davis Betty Irene Moore Fellowship for Nurse Leaders and Innovators
- 2024 Principal Investigator, “Developing culturally tailored asthma mHealth tool for Native Hawaiians”
Funded by Ola HAWAII
- 2022-2023 Principal Investigator, “Addressing asthma inequities among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples”
Funded by INNOVATE funds, Center of Excellence in Treatable Traits, University of Newcastle
- 2022-2023 Principal Investigator, “Understanding the role and influence culture has on asthma outcomes among indigenous people”
Funded by Australian-American Fulbright Commission, University of Newcastle, Fulbright Scholar
- 2021 - 2022 Principal Investigator, “Understanding the impact COVID-19 has on asthma management among Native Hawaiian adults with asthma”
Funded by the Robert C. Perry Fund of the Hawai‘i Community Foundation #21 ADVC-109521
- 2017 Researcher, Waimanalo Health Legacy Project
PI: M. Mala Mau
- 2015 - 2019 Community Principal Investigator, KaHOLO Project: Preventing Cardiovascular Disease in Native

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Hawaiians.

Funded by the National Institutes of Health, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute # R01HL126577

PI: J. Keawe‘aimoku Kaholokula

2013 - 2017

Community Principal Investigator, Partnership to Improve Lifestyle Interventions (PILI) Ohana Dissemination Project.

Funded by the National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities # R24MD001660

PI: J. Keawe‘aimoku Kaholokula

2012 - 2013

Community Principal Investigator, Perceptions of Native Hawaiian Community Partners about Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR).

Funded by RMATRIX pilot National Institute of Health, National Institutes of Minority Health and Health Disparities # U54MD007584

PI: A. Tse

2008 - 2013

Community Principal Investigator/Co-Director, PILI ‘Ohana Project: Partnership to overcome obesity disparities in Hawaii. Funded by the National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities # R24MD001660

PI: J. Keawe‘aimoku Kaholokula

2005 - 2008

Community Principal Investigator, Partnerships to Overcome Obesity Disparities in Hawai‘i. Funded by the National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities # R24 MD001660

PI: M. Mau, MD

2005 - 2008

Principal Investigator, Sacred Breath Diabetes Management Research Project.

Funded by the Department of Defense U.S. Army Medical Research & Material Command contract # W81XWH-04-2-0002

2006 - 2007

Lead Investigator, Assessment to Inform Programming to Increase Screening in Hawaiian Homesteads (Waimanalo Hawaiian Homes Association Project).

Funded by the National Institute of Health, National Cancer Institute #3U0CA114630-02S2

PI: C. Chong

2004 - 2006

Principal Investigator, Lei ‘Anuenue Mentoring Project.

Funded by the Substance Abuse Mental Health Service Agency, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention #4H79SP10147-03-02

PI: D. Palakiko

2002 - 2006

Community Investigator, Perceptions of Barriers and Facilitators to Pediatric Asthma Management in Ethnic-Minority (Native Hawaiian) Children.

Funded by the Department of Defense, Pacific Telehealth and Technology Hui, Hawai‘i, contract

PI: A. Tse

Nursing Experience

1999 - 2002 Staff Nurse III, Bone Marrow Transplant, Stanford Hospital and Clinics, Palo Alto, CA

1998 - 1999 Clinical Assistant, Ke Ola Mamo, Honolulu, HI

SCHOLARSHIP / RESEARCH

PUBLICATIONS (SELECT)

Books

Tse, T. & **Palakiko, D.** (2006). *Participatory Research Manual*, Honolulu, HI: Island Heritage Publications.

Book Chapters

Dela Cruz, M.R., Harjo, L.D. Harjo, Sanderson, P., Teufel-Shone, N., **Palakiko, D.M.**, McElfish, P., Braun, K., Burhansstipanov, L., Kawakami, K., & Antonio, M. (2022). Addressing racism in indigenous health. In K. Braun & L. Burhansstipanov (Eds.), *Improving indigenous public health through community engaged interventions*, University of Kentucky Press.

Palakiko, D. (2019). Hawaiians. In S. Dibble, S. Kwan, & J. Lipson (Eds.), *Culture & Clinical Care*, San Francisco, CA: UCSF Nursing Press.

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Kaholokula, J.K., Townsend, C., Sinclair, K., **Palakiko, D.M.**, Makahi, E., Yoshimura, S., Wang, J., Kekauoha, P. ..., Mala Mau, M. (2014). A community-academic partnership to eliminate obesity disparities in Native and Pacific Islander communities. In V.M Brennan, S.K. Kumanyika, R.E. Sambana (Eds.), *Obesity Interventions in Underserved Communities: Evidence and Directions*, Johns Hopkins University.

Reports

Worthington, J.K., Matagi, C.E., Antonio, H., Antonio, K., Chong-Hansen, K., Kamaka, M., Maeda, H., Marshall, S.M., **Palakiko, D.M.**, Vakalahi, H., Walker, I.H., Quint, J. COVID-19 Vaccination Experiences & Perceptions among Communities of Hawai'i. State of Hawai'i Department of Health, Honolulu HI

Articles

Palakiko, D.M. & Loos, J.R. (2024). An Asthma Plan for Hawai'i: It's Time to Trial Technology-based Interventions. *Hawaii Journal for Health and Social Welfare*, 83(4), 116-118.

Matagi, C.E., Worthington, J.K., & **Palakiko, D.M.** (2023). Using Talanoa, a Pan Pacific Indigenous approach, to identify solutions to public health issues. *Hawaii Journal for Health and Social Welfare*, 82 (10 Supplement 1), 14-19.

Look, M., Maskerenic, G, DeSilva, M., Werner, K., Mabellos, T., **Palakiko, D.M.**, Haumea, S., Gonsalves, J., Austin-Seabury, A, Vegas, J., Solatorio, C., & Kaholokula, J.K. (2023). Developing culturally-responsive health promotion: insights from cultural experts. *Health Promotion International*, 38, 1-9.

<https://doi.org/10.1093/heapro/daad022>

Palakiko, D.M., DeFries, K., Haitsuka, K., & Kaanoi, L. (2022). Building a culturally aware Native Hawaiian Health professions workforce. *Hawaii Journal for Health and Social Welfare*, 80(4 Supplement 2), 15-19.

Palakiko, D.M., Daniels, S.A., Birnie, K.K., Haitsuke, K., DeFries, K., Kamakawiwoole, S., Tasaka, M., Tolentino, N.K., Buenconsejo-Lum, L., Palafox, N., Qureshi, K. (2021). A Report on the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Health and Social Welfare of the Native Hawaiian Population in Hawai'i. *Hawaii Journal for Health and Social Welfare*, 80(9), 62-70.

Palakiko, D.M. (2021). Understanding Native Hawaiian Caregivers Beliefs About Pediatric Asthma Management. *Hawaii Journal for Health and Social Welfare*, 80(8), 184-189.

Townsend, C.K.M., Dillard, A., Hosoda, K.K., Maskarinec, G.G., Maunakea, A.K., Yoshimura, S.R., Hughes, C., **Palakiko, D.M.**,... Kaholokula, J.K. (2016). Community-based participatory research integrates behavioral and biological research to achieve health equity for Native Hawaiians. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 13(4).

Townsend, C.K.M., Zhang, G.X., Dillard, A., Yoshimura, S.R., Hughes, C., **Palakiko, D.M.**, Kekauoha, B.P., ...Kaholokula, J.K. (2016). Social support groups in maintenance of glycemic control after community-based intervention. *Journal of Diabetes Research*, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1155.2016/7913258>.

Tse, A.M., **Palakiko, D.M.**, Daniggelis, E., Makahi, E. (2015). Facilitating community participants' research engagement: Community members' perceptions of community-based research. *International Journal of Nursing and Clinical Practices*, 2(142).

Siu, A. & **Palakiko, D.** (2008). Cancer assessment methodology in a Native Hawaiian community. *Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research, education, and action*, 2(4), 291-299.

Tse, A., **Palakiko, D.** & Texeira, R. (2005). Contrast of pediatric asthma management approaches in a multicultural and collectivistic population. *Journal of Asthma*, 42, 623-631.

PRESENTATIONS (SELECT)

International

- 2023 Presenter, Concurrent F, Healing Our Spirit Worldwide 2023 [11-15 September 2023]
Impact of COVID-19 on asthma management: Perspectives of rural Hawaiians
- 2023 Co-presenter, Concurrent D, Healing Our Spirit Worldwide 2023 [11-15 September 2023]
Creating nursing and midwifery pathways for indigenous peoples
- 2023 Co-presenter, Concurrent A, Healing Our Spirit Worldwide 2023 [11-15 September 2023]
Adapting methodologies: The experience of Indigenous researchers navigating their role between community and academic space(s).
- 2023 Poster Presenter, Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand Annual Scientific Meeting 2023 [25-28 March 2023]
Impact of COVID-19 on Native Hawaiians with asthma in Hawai'i
- 2023 Invited speaker, Thinkers Forum, Macquarie University, [28 March 2023]
Asthma Inequities: Co-design

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- 2022 Invited speaker, INNOVATE Workshop, Centre of Research Excellence in Treatable Traits [25 November 2022]
Addressing asthma inequities among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples
- 2022 Invited plenary speaker, University of Newcastle, School of Nursing and Midwifery, Research Symposium 2022 [10-11 November 2022]
Indigenous Identity: Addressing health inequities using Indigenous research approaches
- 2022 Invited panelist, University of Newcastle, School of Nursing and Midwifery, Research Symposium 2022 [10-11 November 2022]
How to develop a research career
- 2022 Invited speaker, 3rd International Indigenous Nursing Research Summit, Honoring our past, present and future, University of Texas at Austin, AT&T Hotel and Conference Center [3-4 November 2022]
Ka Piko 'Ekolu: Addressing health inequities in Native Hawaiians
https://youtu.be/CIVI_2Q9-PE
- 2022 Invited speaker, Health Professionals Research Education Program – Session 3: Effective Research Translation: Evidence Based Care, Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor Research, University of Newcastle in partnership with New South Wales Health Hunter New England Local Health District and Central Coast Local Health District [1 September 2022]
Working together to improve asthma outcomes
- 2022 Co-presenter, Presentation at the Pacific Region Indigenous Doctors Congress (PRiDOC) 2022 Conference [July 2022].
Ua‘u Lele: Mentoring Native Hawaiian early career health professionals.
- 2021 Presenter, Nurse Leader Virtual Summit, Sigma Theta Tau International
Ka‘i, Ulu, a me Pilina (speaker)
<http://hdl.handle.net/10755/21823>
- 2021 Presenter, Nursing Diversity 2021: Exploring new ideas and challenges in Nursing Education and Research, Global Virtual Summit on Nursing Education
Transitioning from secondary to tertiary school: Working with direct entry nursing students (speaker)
- National**
- 2023 Presenter, 151st American Public Health Association Meeting, Atlanta, GA
Understanding asthma beliefs and care: A Native Hawaiian perspective (Roundtable)
- 2023 Presenter, 151st American Public Health Association Meeting, Atlanta, GA
Developing a research inquiry to understand the call to action: The case of mauna a wakea (Oral)
- 2022 Presenter, 150th American Public Health Association Meeting, Boston, MA
Leadership through the eyes of Native Hawaiians: A photovoice project. (Poster)
- 2021 Invited panelist, 149th American Public Health Association Meeting, Denver, CO
Ka Pilina o Ke Ao Ola: The connection of health and the Hawaiian World, Featured Presentation on Cultural Connectedness, Health and Well-Being. (Panelist)
- 2021 Presenter, 149th American Public Health Association Meeting, Denver, CO.
Maui ola malamalama: A value based and culturally-based Native Hawaiian health workforce program. (Roundtable)
- 2021 Presenter, 149th American Public Health Association Meeting, Denver, CO.
Native Hawaiian health professional retention at Native Hawaiian serving organizations: A gap analysis. (Contributing author, roundtable)
- 2021 Presenter, 149th American Public Health Association Meeting, Denver, CO.
University of Hawai‘i School of Nursing’s approach to nurturing cultural humility in students. (Contributing author, poster)
- 2021 Presenter, 149th American Public Health Association Meeting, Denver, CO.
Meeting the needs of Native Hawaiian students in tertiary education: An evidence-based approach to developing a mentorship program. (Contributing author, roundtable)
- 2021 Presenter, 149th American Public Health Association Meeting, Denver, CO.
Hidden no more: Disaggregating Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander data is a public health imperative. (Contributing author, oral)
- 2020 Presenter, 148th American Public Health Association Meeting, Virtual
Use of digital storytelling to evaluate scholar suitability for scholarship award (speaker)

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- 2020 Presenter, 148th American Public Health Association Meeting, Virtual
'Ola Nā 'Oiwī: Providing scholars knowledge and skills through education and leadership series (contributing author, speaker)
- 2020 Presenter, 148th American Public Health Association Meeting, Virtual
'Ua'u lele: Establishing a Native Hawaiian health professional mentoring program (contributing author, speaker)
- 2019 Presenter, 147th American Public Health Association Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
Identifying Native Hawaiian cultural practices used for the care of pediatric asthma (poster)
- 2019 Presenter, 147th American Public Health Association Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
Developing a Native Hawaiian Health Workforce: Where are we 30 years later? (poster)
- 2014 Presenter, 142nd American Public Health Association Meeting, New Orleans, LA
Development of a community-based participatory manual for community partners (speaker)
- 2014 Presenter, 142nd American Public Health Association Meeting, New Orleans, LA
Strategies to effectively disseminate culturally-tailored health interventions (speaker)
- 2013 Presenter, 141st American Public Health Association Meeting, Boston MA
Use of community advisors in developing community-academic research (speaker)
- 2012 Presenter, 140th American Public Health Association Meeting, San Francisco CA
Working with community to develop, implement and evaluate health prevention and wellness programs (Roundtable)
- 2012 Contributing Author, 140th American Public Health Association Meeting, San Francisco CA
PILI 'Ohana Partnership: Translating, testing and refining the Diabetes Prevention Program for Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders (contributing author)
- 2010 Presenter, 138th American Public Health Association Meeting, Denver, CO
Native Hawaiian Perspectives on the Use of a Culturally Tailored Weight Loss Intervention (Roundtable)
- 2010 Presenter, 138th American Public Health Association Meeting, Denver, CO
Concept Analysis: E Ola Pono, Native Hawaiian Spirituality (speaker)
- 2008 Presenter, 136th American Public Health Association Meeting, San Diego, CA
Working with Native Hawaiian communities to implement research (speaker)
- 2005 Presenter, 133rd American Public Health Association Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
Native Hawaiian worldview: Asthma management (poster)
- 2005 Co-presenter, 133rd American Public Health Association Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
Lei 'Ānuenuē: Hawaiian transgender and MSM (speaker)
- 2004 Presenter, 132nd American Public Health Association Meeting, Washington, DC.
Bridging academia and community: A guide to developing community participatory research (speaker)

Local

- 2022 Panelist, 2022 Hawai'i State of Reform Virtual Health Policy Conference
Panel: Creating a workforce that looks like our community (panelist)
- 2021 Panelist, 2021 Hawai'i Health Workforce Summit
Panel: Establishing and maintaining healthy boundaries in personal and professional lives (panelist)
- 2020 Facilitator, Racism and Public Health, Hawai'i Public Health Association
Breakout session
- 2020 Panelist, 2020 Hawai'i Health Workforce Summit
Panel: Lālama ka Pakipika: Leading with Courage (panelist)

HONORS, AWARDS, AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2023-2026 Betty Irene Moore Fellowship for Nurse Leaders and Innovators, University of California Davis, Davis, CA
- 2022 INNOVATE Award, Centre of Excellence in Treatable Traits, University of Newcastle, New South Wales Australia
- 2022 Travel Grant, Asthma and Breathing, Centre of Excellence in Treatable Traits, University of Newcastle, New South Wales Australia
- 2022-2023 Post-Doctoral Fellow, Australian American Fulbright Commission, University of Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia
- 2021 Conference Scholarship, 2021 Evaluation Canada Conference
- 2019 Travel Scholarship, Voices Conference, Asian Pacific Islander American Health Forum

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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 2020 - Present Member, Ex-officio, Hawai'i Public Health Association
Program Planning Committee Member
- 2020 - Present Member, Asian Pacific Islander Caucus, American Public Health Association
- 2020 - Present Member, Chair (2022-2024), Chair-elect (2020-2022), American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian Caucus, American Public Health Association
- 2020 - Present Member, Treasurer (2022-2026), Asian American/Pacific Islander Nurses Association
- 2019 - Present Member, International Health Section, American Public Health Association
- 2003 - Present Member, Community-based Public Health Caucus, American Public Health Association
- 2003 - Present Member, Public Health Nurse Section, American Public Health Association
- 2003 - Present Member, American Public Health Association
- 1998 - Present Member, Sigma Theta Tau International (Beta Gamma & Gamma Psi)