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## EDUCATION

### California State University, East Bay

*Multiple Subject Teaching Credential*

Hayward, CA

2004 - 2005

- *Project Dreams* scholarship recipient for future teachers in “high need” schools.
- NCATE-accredited teacher credential program graduate.
- GPA: 3.92

### University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

*Bachelor of Science, Music and Audio Electronics Engineering*

Urbana, IL

1978 - 1983

- Alumni of the University of Illinois Experimental Music Studios.
- GPA: 3.93 (University former 5-point scale); 2.93 (equivalent 4-point scale).

### Rowan University (Formerly Glassboro State College)

*Matriculated-Undeclared*

Glassboro, NJ

1977

- Transferred to University of Illinois.
- GPA: 3.6

## REMUNERATED WORK EXPERIENCE

### Office of Elections

#### State of Hawai'i Office of Elections

*District Precinct 21-01 Precinct Chair*

*District Precinct 22-01 Precinct Official*

Honolulu, HI

2014, 2016

2012

- Assisted voters at polling place in both the Primary and General elections.
- As an Elections Precinct Official, also known as a poll worker, operated the Information and Ballot Demonstration Station, Poll Book Station, Ballot Box Station, and eSlate Station.
- As an Elections Precinct Chair, managed the polling place and was responsible for the security and integrity of ballots issued and votes cast.

### Teaching

#### Kailua Music School

*Piano Teacher*

Kailua, HI

2017

- Offer low-cost, beginner piano lessons to students of all ages to expand musical knowledge and performance ability throughout the community.
- Provide support for Kailua Music School, an innovative performance space for young musicians, with studio space rental income.

## EXPERIENCE (cont.)

### **State of Hawai'i DOE: Na'alehu Elementary & Intermediate School**

Na'alehu, HI

*Grade 6 Math & Science Teacher*

2010 - 2012

- Held a *State of Hawai'i Standard Teachers License* in elementary education from 2007 – 2012.
- Developed and delivered Math & Science instruction to approximately sixty Grade 6 students per year.
- Fulfilled all duties of a full-time teacher in a “high-need” public school characterized by a high rate of students living in poverty and a large percentage of students who do not speak English at home.

### **State of Hawai'i DOE: Na'alehu Elementary & Intermediate School**

Na'alehu, HI

*Grade 3 Multiple-Subject Classroom Teacher*

2007 - 2010

- Developed and delivered Reading, Writing, Math, Science, and Social Studies curriculum to approximately twenty-eight Grade 3 students each year.
- Wrote *Good Idea Grant* proposal School Year 2009 - 2010. Received \$3,000 grant for student mini book publishing project.
- Fulfilled all duties of a full-time teacher in a high-need public school.
- Served as school level leader 2008-2009 for Hawai'i State Teachers Association local school Association Policy Committee.

### **State of Hawai'i DOE: Kona Community School for Adults**

Kailua-Kona, HI

*Part-time Software Instructor*

2007

- Developed curriculum and delivered instruction for Microsoft *Excel* adult night class.

### **State of Hawai'i DOE: Kealakehe Elementary School**

Kailua-Kona, HI

*Half-time Gifted and Talented (GT) Resource Teacher*

2006 - 2007

*Half-time Assistant Technical Coordinator*

- Assisted Grade 3, 5, and 6 Gifted & Talented teachers with student instruction.
- Edited Complex Area's new GT program requirements into readable forms and instructions. Created school GT program web site to provide public access to GT program information.
- Assisted school's Technical Coordinator with school-wide technical support of Macintosh and Windows computers, projectors, printers, and telephone system.
- Wrote telephone system short-form instructions that eventually were used in several DOE schools on the island of Hawai'i.
- Developed school inventory tracking system and cataloged all electronic equipment on campus.

### **Washington Elementary School**

Richmond, CA

*Part-time K-5 Computer Instructor*

2004 - 2005

- Developed computer curriculum for students from Kindergarten to Grade 5. Delivered computer instruction in weekly, 30-minute segments to all students Grades K-5.
- As a Student Teacher, assisted Grade 5 students with Science Fair project which won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place for Grade 5 in the West Contra Costa County Unified School District Science Fair 2005.

## EXPERIENCE (cont.)

### **Fiat Music**

*Part-time Piano Teacher*

Pinole, CA

2004-2006

- Taught weekly, individualized, private piano lessons.

### **Genesys Telecommunications Laboratories, Inc.**

*Technical Instructor*

San Francisco, CA

1999-2002

- Delivered software instruction at Genesys University, the training center for this global leader in large-scale Customer Relationship Management (CRM) software systems.
- Revised curriculum for Genesys Professional and Genesys Software Development courses.

## IT and Telecommunication Technical Support

### **Monster Inc.**

*IT Support / Trainer / Curriculum Developer*

Brisbane, CA

1998 - 1999

- Maintained computer systems and provided computer technical support for world-renowned manufacturer of high-end audio products.
- Developed curriculum and instructed employees in optimum use of Microsoft *Office* software.

### **Wells Fargo Online**

*Technical Support Agent*

San Francisco, CA

1997 - 1998

- Provided telecommunications support for Wells Fargo Online Consumer Banking customers.

### **Institute For Global Communications**

*Technical Support Agent*

San Francisco, CA

1995 - 1997

- Provided telecommunications support for customers of formative non-profit internet service provider bringing advanced communications technologies to grassroots organizations worldwide working for environmental sustainability, women's rights, conflict resolution and worker rights.
- Served as SEIU Local 79 shop steward for first U.S. internet service provider to unionize (1996).

## Video and Audio Production

### **Silk Media**

*Owner of Independent Audio & Video Production Company*

Ukiah, CA

1990 - 1994

- Performed all phases of production for music videos, local television commercials, product demos, and audio CDs including camera operation, scheduling video shoots, scriptwriting, and audio/video editing.
- Managed financial operations of the business.
- Developed customer contacts and marketed the business.

## Publishing

### Electronic Musician Magazine

Senior Editor

Ukiah and Berkeley, CA

1985 - 1990

- Co-created critically-acclaimed monthly magazine for musical electronics enthusiasts. *Electronic Musician* magazine continues to be a popular monthly publication 30 years later.
- Developed and maintained relationships with authors and musical electronics manufacturers.
- Edited technical manuscripts for publication.
- Represented *Electronic Musician* at national and international trade shows.

### Polyphony Magazine

Assistant Editor

Ukiah, CA

1983 - 1985

- Edited technical manuscripts for bi-monthly publication geared toward musical electronics engineers and enthusiasts. *Polyphony* magazine was redesigned and became *Electronic Musician* in 1985.
- Utilized small business computers and early internet telecommunications technology to receive submissions from authors and transmit edited articles to Polyphony Publishing, headquartered in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma with its sister company, Paia Electronics.

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

### National Association of Parliamentarians

A division of the National Association of Parliamentarians

Independence, MO

2016 - Present

- The National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP) serves the needs of today's parliamentarians and those interested in learning about parliamentary procedure. The NAP provides widely recognized, authoritative accreditation of registered parliamentarians.

### Aloha-'Ohana Parliamentary Unit of Hawai'i

A division of the National Association of Parliamentarians

Honolulu, HI

2014 - Present

## VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY SERVICE

### BOE Watch

Facilitator

Honolulu, HI

2015 - 2017

- Advocate for grassroots initiative calling upon State of Hawai'i Board of Education (BOE) to provide greater openness, transparency, and community engagement by making video recordings of BOE meetings available on-demand via the internet.
- Collaborate with the Hawai'i State Teachers Association Speakers Bureau to record BOE meetings and upload video files for public viewing on HSTA Speakers Bureau YouTube channel.
- Manage online petition of initiative signatories utilizing Facebook group: *BOE Watch*
- Maintain [freespeech4us.com/boe/videos](http://freespeech4us.com/boe/videos) web site of links to BOE meeting videos online with links to corresponding meeting agendas and minutes.

**Prince Kuhio Elementary School***Volunteer*Honolulu, HI  
2016 - 2017

- Participate in Kuhio School Community Council as a community stakeholder. Advise on parliamentary procedure for conducting meetings.
- Tutor special education students after school.
- Assist with research and financial proposal for school marquee project.
- Wrote Weighted Student Formula Reserve Funds application with Principal's input which resulted in a \$28,000 award to the school for School Year 2017-2018.

**Sue Aina (Plaintiff) vs. Department of Education, State of Hawai'i (Defendant)***Documentation Assistant*Honolulu, HI  
2012 - Present

- Wrote documentation for handicapped DOE teacher: (a) workplace disability accommodations requests; (b) appeals to employer's Civil Rights Compliance Office; and (c) complaint to Equal Employment Opportunity Commission when denied reasonable accommodations by employer.
- Compiled documentation of case history and created web site file repository in order to solicit assistance from Hawai'i civil rights attorneys: [freespeech4us.com/ada](http://freespeech4us.com/ada)
- Assisted Plaintiff's attorney, Lunsford Dole Phillips and teacher Sue Aina prepare Circuit Court for the First Circuit Complaint Civil No. 15-1-2057-10 VLC (filed October 26, 2015).

**Public Testimony to State of Hawai'i Board of Education***Community Stakeholder*Honolulu, HI  
2012 - Present

- Provided oral and written testimony over 60 times on subjects including Board operations and community engagement, employee evaluation systems, employee investigations processes, communications systems, School Quality Surveys, and School Community Councils
- Details of testimonies accessible via keyword search phrase "Vanessa Ott" on BOE meeting minutes archives: <https://lilinode.k12.hi.us/STATE/BOE/Minutes.nsf>

**Kalani Robotics***Robotics Mentor*Honolulu, HI  
2013-2014

- Assisted Kalani High School Robotics team as a mentor and supervisor.

**Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus***Organizer, Participant, Documentarian*via the Internet  
2013

- Initiated formation of an Education Caucus for the DPH with two other individuals.
- Documented initial proceedings of Education Caucus communications, an essential part of the DPH Caucus authorization process.

**Wheelchair Fund Raiser***Organizer*Na'alehu, HI  
2013

- Conducted a fundraiser to secure \$1,000 in donations to obtain an electric wheelchair for a handicapped public school teacher.

**Restore Na'alehu USPS Handicapped Parking***ADA Rights Advocate*Na'alehu, HI  
2012

- Worked with Washington D.C. federal office to restore handicapped parking space and signage to Na'alehu Post Office after misinterpretation of a new law caused their temporary removal.