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| Hazel Beh, Co-Director, Professor of Law  
| David Forman, Director of Environmental Law Program  
| Andrea Freeman, Ass’t Professor (Fall 2013)  
| Frances Miller, Visiting Professor; Faculty Lead, RWJ Fdn Public Health Scholars in Residence Program  
| James Pietsch, Professor of Law, Dir. Elder Law Program  
| Dina Shek, Co-Director (Community Projects), Legal Director, Medical-Legal Partnership for Children in Hawai’i  
| Aviam Soifer, Dean & Professor WSRSL

**Direct Service Programs:**  
**Medical-Legal Partnership for Children**  
**Elder Law Program & Elder Law Clinic**  
**Veteran Focus**

**Areas of Interest**

- Beh-Affordable Care Act Implementation; Medical Malpractice; Insurance; Reproductive Health; Sexual Minorities  
- Forman – Food Security  
- Freeman – Consumer Rights, Nutrition, Obesity, Childhood Nutrition  
- Miller – Food & Drug Law; Health Care Regulation & Financing  
- Pietsch – Aging, End of Life, Bioethics, Alzheimer’s & Capacity, Veterans’ Health  
- Shek – Social Determinants of Health, Health Equity  
- Soifer – Disabilities, Constitutional Law, Civil Commitment/Mental Health
Deon Canyon  PhD DBA MPH FACTM
Associate Professor
Department of Public Health Sciences
Head, Health Policy and Management
Chair, Global Health and Population Studies
John A. Burns School of Medicine, UH

INTERESTS
• Leadership (2008-)
  • First Nations Health Council, Canada
  • Partners with Melanesians Inc., Papua New Guinea
  • Characteristics of 2000 leaders in Australia, India and The Philippines
• Crisis preparedness (2005-)
  • Resilience auditor in 122 Australian organizations
  • Disaster health management and bioterrorism
• eLearning (2001-)
  • interactive decision support simulation models for bioterrorism training
  • Case study software development
  • Web-based data extraction for crisis monitoring
• Vector-borne disease (1994-)
  • Transmission and integrated control of dengue, lymphatic filariasis & head lice
The Mission of PPC:
We strive to enhance the quality of community life by
- educating professionals for careers in public life;
- conducting non-partisan policy research; and
- promoting civic engagement on issues of local, national, and international significance.

Academic Programs: We offer
- two graduate certificates (one in public policy and one in conflict resolution)
- a new online undergraduate class on *Introduction to Public Policy and Analysis* and one called *Governance and Politics*
- will be offering a new interdisciplinary BA in *Public Affairs and Policy Studies* (fall, 2013).

Our Research Initiatives
- Long Term Care Financing and Care Givers’ Burden;
- “‘Best Schools’ for High Achieving Native Hawaiian Students
- Strategies for Inter-organizational Collaboration and Child Welfare Reform (Wrap Services Initiative)
- NSF grant application for junior faculty research on health care reform
- NSF grant application “Crisis Futures: Preparing for Environmentally Displaced Persons.”

Our Community Programs/Application:
We have programs that address issues of significance in the state and bring together stakeholders to address those issues, through study, deliberation and policy and program development:

* The Matsunaga Institute for Peace is a part of the Policy Center.
Hawaii Energy Policy Forum, a collaborative of 45 stakeholders representing all levels of government, utilities, renewable and environmental associations, and other community and business organizations committed to achieving clean energy. It has commissioned studies, convened annual legislative briefings, and sponsored outreach and communication events to engage the community on clean energy issues.” Since 2008, it has produced an annual Hawaii Clean Energy Day. (Co-facilitated by Sharon Moriwaki, of the PPC).

Annual Legislator-in-Residence (LIR). This program brings two legislators onto the Mānoa Campus during the fall semester to explore issues of mutual interest with faculty and students. This year the College and PPC will be hosting a new legislators breakfast.

Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan developed in partnership with community and government agencies, which continues to guide the state through its incorporation in the Hawaii State Plan

Wrap Services: Work with the DHS, DOE, DOH, OYS, the Family Court (and Laurie Tochiki) to improve services for children involved in two or more of these systems. A pilot project began October 1st to demonstrate that improved coordination among these agencies will reduce institutionalization, improve outcomes and reduce cost.

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Courses:
PH 702 Health Promotion Research Methods (Spring 2013)
PH 683 Global Nutrition (Fall 2013)
PH 704 Community-Based Participatory Research (Fall 2013)

Research:
Public Health; Health Promotion, Food, Nutrition, Traditional Food Systems of
Indigenous Peoples, Indigenous Philosophy & Methodologies, Community
Based Participatory Research, Community-empowerment, Individual-Family-
Community Well-being, Social Determinants of Health, Population health,
Qualitative Research.
David M. Forman

**Interim Director**, Environmental Law Program

**Assistant Faculty Specialist**, Health Law Policy Center &
Ka Huli Ao Center for Excellence in Native Hawaiian Law

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(Course) Recent Developments in Food Security: An Intersection for Environmental and Health Law & Policy

. . . touching upon a variety of issues including: food safety (epidemiology and litigation); labeling and regulation of nutrients; obesity
UH Manoa Nursing Health Policy Hawaiʻi (state level)

• Policy formation to ensure implementation of the IOM Future of Nursing Report (2011)
  – Academic progression to meet targets
  – Removal of regulatory barriers to APRN scope of practice

• Trends impacting health care delivery
  – ACA structure & reimbursement impacts
  – Health care workforce supply and demand
UH Manoa Nursing Faculty

• Addressing health disparities among underrepresented Asian and Pacific Islander communities (A. Sy. M. Kataoka-Yahiro, C. Ceria-Ulep and N. McGuckin)

• Child car seat safety (K. Tessier)

• Workforce & disaster preparedness in the Pacific (K. Qureshi)
Established by the Legislature in 2003, the Center was founded “to address nursing workforce issues. Specifically, the Center shall:

- Collect and analyze data and prepare and disseminate written reports and recommendations regarding the current and future status and trends of the nursing workforce;
- Conduct research on best practices and quality outcomes;
- Develop a plan for implementing strategies to recruit and retain nurses;
- Research, analyze and report data related to the retention of the nursing workforce.

**CURRENT 2013 LEGISLATION:**
SB 198 & HB 79 (APRN Education Standards Bill)
SB 490 & HB 654 (Workforce Survey/Email/DCCA Collaboration Bill)
Timothy Halliday

- PhD Economics 2004
- Associate Professor of Economics (with tenure) UHM
- Publications in Economics, Medicine, Demography
- Work has been cited widely
- Routinely referee for
  - Journal of Health Economics
  - Health Economics
  - Economics and Human Biology
  - etc.
- Work on
  - Health disparities
  - Causes and consequences of health/SES associations
  - Inequality
  - Intergenerational transmissions of economic status and health
  - Analysis of health in large scale macroeconomic models
  - Migration
  - Peer effects
  - Obesity
- I teach
  - Statistics (undergrad)
  - Econometrics (grad)
  - Health Economics (undergrad and grad)
John A. Burns School of Medicine
Policy Priorities

• Affordable Care Act – Effective implementation of the health policy
• Physician Manpower – addressing the growing shortages and mal-distribution of primary care and key specialty areas.
• Health disparity research and policy development in Hawaii
• Access to Healthcare – insurance exchange
• Effective yet secure use of health information
Research in policies to increase physical activity, improve nutrition and reduce obesity in communities.
Fran Miller

- Visiting Prof. of Law, William S. Richardson School of Law, Univ. of Hawaii
- Prof. of Law Emerita, Boston Univ. Law School
- Faculty Lead, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Public Health Scholars in Residence Program

- Research Interests:
  - Food & Drug Law
  - Health Care Regulation & Finance
  - Public Health
Health Policy Interests:

• Women's Health/Access to services
• Maternal and Child Health (MCH) policy issues
  • Hawaii Public Health/DOH policy
• Global Health Policy on Women and Families
Law, Aging and Medicine, including Veterans Health Issues
Bioethics, including Health Care Decision-Making, End-of-Life Issues
and Human Subjects Research
Informed Consent and Capacity, including issues relating to Dementia,
Alzheimer's and Related Disorders
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Research Interest Relating to Health Policy:
• Access to healthcare and long-term care among older adults
• Substance abuse prevention
• ER utilization among people who are homeless
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Organization:
The University of Hawai‘i Cancer Center is the only National Cancer Institute-designated center in Hawai‘i and the Pacific. The Center’s mission is to reduce the burden of cancer through research, education and outreach with an emphasis on the unique ethnic, cultural and environmental characteristics of Hawai‘i and the Pacific. In February we will open our new 150,000 sq. ft. facility in Kaka‘ako where our scientists are conducting more than 100 cancer research projects in four interdisciplinary programs.

My research interests:
My research uses community based-participatory methods to help address the critical cancer prevention and control issues of communities in Hawai‘i and the Pacific. Projects include;
• Developing and testing methods to improve clinical trials participation among the multiethnic populations,
• Identifying, adapting and testing existing evidence-based interventions to address cancer-related health disparities, and
• Engaging with young people to adapt and test cancer prevention messages and interventions.
I expect that the results of this research will inform policy considerations at both the institutional and jurisdictional levels.
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Research focus:  
- Assessing and evaluating the conditions of children and families in Hawai‘i—through the use of program data and social indicators—for policy and program development efforts.  
- Family resiliency, especially in the presence of economic strain.
Medical–Legal Partnership for Children in Hawai‘i

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What we do:
• Legal Advocacy Clinics (on-site @ CHC).
• Transforming Legal and Health Institutions and Practice via Professional Education.
• Systemic Advocacy via Health Policy and Community Engagement.
Dr. Jim Shon –

CURRENT: Director, Hawaii Educational Policy Center.

FORMER: Legislator (Chair Committee on Health); Co-Author/editor: The Unfinished Health Agenda;
PhD: UH: Poli Sci: Dissertation on Aging in Place

INTERESTS: Health Policy; Health financing; Chronic care vs. Acute Care; Community Health Centers; Social service model vs. medicalization; Institutional reforms; Politics of Health Care in Hawaii; Insurance vs. direct services; Role of the UH in developing or influencing public policy.

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Aloha....My name is...

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Program: Native Hawaiians and Indigenous Health (new MPH specialization)
This new degree specialization focuses on issues surrounding the health of Indigenous people and will provide education and training for members of the workforce to be well prepared to improve the lives and health of Indigenous people through policy, programs and services.

Courses Taught: *number not assigned yet
PH 673 Health Ethics, Law and Politics
PH 674 Native Hawaiian Health Determinants*
PH 728 Indigenous Applied Research Methods
PH 794 Scientific Explorations in Social Justice for Indigenous People
PH X74* Native Hawaiian Health (Undergraduate)

Research Interests: Knowledge, attitudes and perceptions of genetic research and biobanking among Native Hawaiians.
Understanding and addressing the concerns relative to genetic research and biobanking of Native Hawaiians to educate and advocate for respectful engagement.
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Interests:

Health disparities, especially around language, literacy, education and race/ethnicity.

Access to health care and outcomes in chronic disease, mental health, maternal/child, and cancer.

Hospital quality reporting.
• Name: Jeffrey Traczynski
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• Research Areas: Public Economics, Law and Economics
• Health Policy Work: Effects of changes in scope of practice laws for nurse practitioners on primary care utilization and health outcomes in the U.S.
Aurora A. Saulo, Ph.D.

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Program Areas
- Food safety (fresh to processed foods)
- Policy/initiatives of legislators and policy makers & community groups
- Consumer behavior and attitudes
- Food & nutrition (e.g., large sugary drinks, food additives—HFCS, MSG, school vending machines, biotechnology, processed foods, & others)
- Certification courses on food safety (national and worldwide)
Corilee Watters, PhD, RD

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Through inter-sectoral partnerships will promote healthy eating and active living in Hawaii and advocate for legislative change.

- Vice-Chair of the Community Design sector for 2012-2020 Physical Activity and Nutrition Plan for the State of Hawaii
- Member American Heart Association Hawaii Advocacy Committee
  Provided testimony in support of a House Bill (1380) relating to Farm to School, Feb 2011, a Senate Bill (1179) related to Taxation of Sugar Sweetened Beverages, Feb 2011, Senate Bill (3019), February 2012.
KATHY YOKOUCHI
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INTERESTS: APRN SCOPE OF PRACTICE; QUALITY OF NURSING; WORKFORCE ISSUES
An Example of How We Can Assist You!
Understanding Anti-Obesity Policy Through a Legal Lens

- Analyze obesity as a child abuse or neglect issue justifying state action
  - Collect cases, identify trends
  - Evaluate court analysis of the constitutional rights claims of parents
- Assess the effectiveness of Consumer Class Actions against restaurants and food producers (trans-fat; all natural; high fructose corn syrup)
- Evaluate the potential of State Attorney General Suits on behalf of taxpayers for health costs (like the tobacco settlement)
- Analyze federal initiatives; assess legal barriers & challenges
  - Labeling, advertising, warning, disclosure laws
  - Federal tax code changes to promote healthy eating and obesity intervention
  - Farm and food production subsidies and market regulations
  - National School Lunch & Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010
  - Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
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- **Analyze state and local policies** –
  “state[s] may, if its citizens choose, serve as a laboratory; and try novel social and economic experiments without risk to the rest of the country.” (Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis 1932)
  - Federal preemption and constitutional issues directed at labeling, disclosure, advertising. Latest wrinkle: Affordable Care Act Sec. 4205 Menu & Vending Machine Labeling (chains > 20) preempts state/local laws that are not “identical to” and voluntary participants. Petition for an exemption
    - NY State Restaurant Ass’n v. NYC Bd of Health (I & II) roadmap for menu labeling pre-Affordable Care Act
  - Bans, prohibitions, sales directed at children (i.e., SF McDonald’s toy)
  - Promoting green grocers and green carts in urban center through zoning & tax policy

- **Laws and policies that promote integrated healthcare approaches**
  - State and federal promotion and reimbursement for integrated health approaches to treating obesity
  - Identifying opportunities for integrated health approaches to curb obesity within the Affordable Care Act
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