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Education

Ph.D. University of Hawai'i-Manoa, School of Social Work (2000)
M.S.W. University of Hawai'i-Manoa, School of Social Work (1980)
B.A. University of Hawai'i-Manoa, College of Arts and Sciences (1975)

Current Research Grants and Contracts

Ka'opua LS. "Exploring the Feasibility of a Faith-Based Ha'imo'olelo Intervention to Increase Breast Cancer Screening among Older, Native Hawaiian Women", the National Cancer Institute..

Ka'opua LS. "Training Cancer Survivor Role Models to Deliver a Culturally Tailored Breast Health Intervention Promoted through Hawaiian Churches", Susan G. Komen Foundation – HI Affiliate.

Ka'opua LS. "Technical Assistance to Develop Cancer Prevention and Control Infrastructure in 6 Pacific Island Jurisdictions", the Centers for Disease Control.

Publications (2003-05 only)

Ka'opua LS (2003). Training Community Practitioners in a Research Intervention: Practice Examples at the Intersection of Cancer, Western Science, and Native Hawaiian Healing. Cancer, Culture, and Literacy Supplement, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center, 10 (5-12).

Ka'opua LS (2003). Book Review: Record Keeping in Psychotherapy & Counseling: Protecting Confidentiality and the Professional Relationship. NASW Mental Health Section Connection, July 2003 (7-8).

Gotay CC, **Ka'opua LS** (2003). Evaluating the Continuing Education Needs of Providers Associated with the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program in Hawai'i, a technical report. Honolulu, HI: HI State Department of Health/Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program-HI.

Ka'opua LS (2004). Reducing Cancer Disparities with and for Native Hawaiians. Hawai'i Medical Journal, 63(7) (216-217).

Ka'opua LS. (2004). Book Review: Community-Based Participatory Research for Health (Minkler M, Wallerstein N, editors). Pacific Health Dialog, 11(2) (268-270).

Ka'opua, LS (2004) Book Review: Gender, Social Inequalities, and Aging. Journal of Women and Aging, 15 (97-99).

Ka'opua LS (2004). From the Editor. NASW Mental Health Section Connection, Spring 2004: 2, 16.

Ka'opua LS, Giddens B. (2004) ADHERE: A Practice Model for Enhancing Client Follow-Through with Recommended Treatments. NASW Mental Health Section Connection, Spring 2004: 3-7.

Ka'opua LS, Mitschke DB, Lono JK. (2004). Increasing participation in cancer research: Insights from Native Hawaiian women in medically underserved communities. Pacific Health Dialog, 11(2) (170-175).

Ka'opua LS & Mueller C.W. (2004). Treatment adherence among Native Hawaiians living with HIV, Social Work, 49 (55-64).

Ka'opua LS, Gotay, CC, Hannum, M., & Bunghanoy, G. (2005). Adaptation to long-term prostate cancer survival: The perspective of elderly, Asian/Pacific Islander wives, Health and Social Work, 30(2) (145-154).

Upcoming Publications

Ka'opua LS (in press). Use of spiritually based resources by cancer survivors' wives. NASW Mental Health Section Connection.

Ka`opua LS, Anngela L. (in press). Culture, spirituality, and breast cancer screening: Experiences of Native Hawaiian women from medically underserved communities. Cancer Control Journal, Cancer, Culture, and Literacy Supplement.

Ka`opua LS, Gotay, CC, & Boehm PS. (in press). Spiritually based resources in adaptation to long-term prostate cancer survival: Perspectives of elderly wives, Health and Social Work.

Giddens B, **Ka`opua LS** (in press). Systems approaches to enhancing patient adherence. In WO Donohue & E Levensky (Eds.) Treatment adherence: A practitioner's guide. Thousand Oaks, Ca.: Sage.

Courses Taught

Human Behavior in the Social Environment (Social Work 365-366)

Social Work Practice (Social Work 606-607)

Qualitative Research Methods (Social Work 680)

Practicum in Psychosocial Intervention Research (SW 743-744)

Directed Reading (Social Work 699)

Service

National Association of Social Workers: Mental Health Specialty Practice Section, WA, DC.

National Association of Social Workers – HI Chapter, Board Member-At-Large

Native Hawaiian Institutional Review Board.

Scientific and Professional Honors

Rising Star Award, NCI Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities (2004)

NASW Outstanding and Exemplary Dedication Award for service to HIV/AIDS Spectrum Committee (2005)

NASW Outstanding Service Award to NASW Specialty Practice Sections (2004).

Social Worker of the Year in Training and Education, NASW – HI Chapter (1993).

Areas of Interest

Health/Mental Health Practice, Spiritually Sensitive Practice, Intervention Research, Culture and Health, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Peoples, Medically Underserved Women