

**University of Hawai`i Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work
GRADUATE FACULTY & RESEARCH AREAS**

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*Asterisk indicates eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committees

Name	Research Programs	Possible Research Topics for Which Research Supervision Will be Provided to PhD Students
Paul Adams* Professor PhD, University of California at Berkeley MSW, University of Sussex, England MA, Oxford University, England	Ethics Assessment of student learning Relation of formal & informal care and control Marriage as protective factor	Ethics Child welfare and restorative justice Marriage, children, and family policy Marriage, risk, and resilience in policy analysis
Colette Browne* Professor DrPH, MSW, University of Hawai`i MEd, University of Massachusetts	Long-term Care Native Hawaiian and Asian American health and caregiving issues Gender and Aging	Elder health, long-term care, and caregiving Poverty and older adults Globalization, immigration, and elder care Gender, aging, and social policy
Joel Fischer* Professor DSW, University of California at Berkeley MSW, University of Illinois	Clinical evaluation Effectiveness of clinical techniques Eclectic practice	Any project okay; no limits on substantive areas
Meripa Godinet Assistant Professor PhD, University of Washington MSW, University of Hawai`i at Manoa	Social and adjustment issues of Pacific Islanders Disproportionality of Pacific Islanders' in child welfare and juvenile justice systems Child Welfare	Risk and protective factors on delinquency Social and adjustment issues of Pacific Islanders Disproportionality of Pacific Islanders' in child welfare and juvenile justice systems
Jing Guo Assistant Professor PhD, MA, University of California at Berkeley	Social policy Child and family issues International/comparative social welfare	Social policy and policy analysis Child welfare policy International social welfare
Violet Horvath Assistant Professor PhD, MSW, Washington University, St. Louis MFA Lindenwood University	Disordered gambling Child maltreatment	Disordered gambling Child maltreatment Substance abuse and child abuse and neglect
Lana Sue Ka`opua* Associate Professor PhD, MSW, University of Hawai`i at Manoa	Cancer and health disparities Native Hawaiian health/mental health issues Culture, Spirituality and Health Cancer prevention & control in American Samoa Culturally-grounded social work interventions	Use of qualitative and quantitative research strategies and methods in culturally-based research with Native Hawaiians, Samoans, Micronesians, and other Pacific Islanders Community-based participatory research & practice applications

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Peter Mataira Assistant Professor PhD, MPhil, Massey University, New Zealand	Drug and alcohol prevention programs Revitalizing traditional ways Healing practices Entrepreneurship and leadership	Program evaluation Community organizing Indigenous research methodologies	
Jon Matsuoka* Professor and Dean PhD, MA, University of Michigan MSW, University of Washington	Culture and mental health Community development Indigenous economies Social impact assessments in rural Hawai`i communities	Culture and mental health Social impact assessments in rural Hawai`i communities	
Hamilton McCubbin* Professor PhD, MSW, University of Wisconsin-Madison	Family systems health Multi-ethnic families Family assessment and measurement Coping and resilience Family theories Longitudinal research on human development and resilience Well being Discrimination	Families Assessment Stress Multi-ethnicity Longitudinal research Coping	Resilience Risk and protective factors Families under stress Military families Development Adaptation
Crystal Mills* Professor MA, MSW, PhD, University of Michigan	Infant Mental Health Kinship Care Specialized Foster Care Program Evaluation	Topics related to Child and Family Issues and program evaluations	
Noreen Mokuau* Professor DSW, University of California at Los Angeles MSW, University of Hawaii at Manoa	Social problems confronting Asian and Pacific Islanders (e.g., health disorders among Hawaiians) Cultural factors and social work (e.g., incorporation of indigenous methods of helping into practice) Conceptual frameworks for culturally competent practice	Health and mental health status of Hawaiians (e.g., relationship of ethnic identification with coping and mental health)	
Paula Morelli* Associate Professor PhD, University of Washington MSW, University of Southern California	Behavioral Mental Health and Wellbeing Post-trauma stress among refugees Community-Based Program Evaluation Qualitative Research Methodology	Topics in: Behavioral mental health Culturally responsive social work practice Social development and mental health	

PROJECT AND ADJUNCT FACULTY

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Pamela Arnsberger* PhD, MSW, University of California at Berkeley	Women's health issues Gerontology Research Methods	Caregiving Breast and cervical cancer Long term care
Kathryn Braun* Professor of Public Health DrPH, MPH, University of Hawai'i at Manoa	Gerontology Developing and testing interventions Participatory research	Ethnogerontology Health disparities End-of-life
Barry Coyne* Associate Specialist PhD, MS, Washington State University	Corrections case management Sex offender treatment	Corrections Mental health issues in corrections Sex offender treatment and management
Charles Nagatoshi Researcher/Evaluator PhD, University of Wisconsin-Madison MSW, University of Hawai'i at Manoa	Research methods	Program evaluation Anti-poverty programs
Steve Onken* Associate Research Specialist, Mental Health PhD, MSW, University of Texas at Austin	Wellbeing and mental health recovery: measurement, evidence-based practices consumer/peer-to-peer support, natural supports GLBTI&Q ² communities Organization cultural change	Recovery measurement EBPs, e.g., supported employment Social network development Anti-Gay violence Coercive free treatment settings
Eddie Wong Assistant Specialist PhD, MEd, University of Hawai'i at Manoa	Measurement Quantitative methods	Mental Health