

# Diversity Matters 2020

## ADVOCATING FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES



**Friday, September 4, 2020**

**11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

**via ZOOM**

**Violet E. Horvath, PhD, MSW, MFA**

Dr. Violet Horvath is the Director of Pacific Disabilities Center at the John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. She has a PhD in Social Welfare, Master's degrees in social work and theater, and Bachelor's degrees in psychology and theater. She was previously Assistant Professor at the Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work, Chair of the Bachelor of Social Work Program, and Program Coordinator for the Distance Education Option. Dr. Horvath has been a Lecturer at Honolulu Community College, Adjunct Faculty in Social Work at The Brown School at Washington University in St. Louis, and Grants Administrator at Washington University in St. Louis. Dr. Horvath is a researcher, educator, project and program coordinator, consultant, and practicum instructor and has worked on numerous grants and contracts. She is honored to be on the combined research / human subjects committee at Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, and a board member of the Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB), along with serving on the legislative and parking committees. Dr. Horvath is a planning committee member for the Annual Hawai'i Summit for the Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma (IVAT). Since 1999, she has volunteered for 79 professional golf tournaments, including PGA, LPGA, and USGA events in Hawai'i and in several other states.



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**Malia Perreira, MA**

Malia Perreira is a Counselor and Learning Disabilities Specialist with the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa KOKUA Program. Ms. Perreira has provided student services in the KOKUA Program for over 12 years, specializing in providing disability access counseling and services to students with disabilities on the University of Hawai'i Mānoa campus. Prior to her work with KOKUA, she served within the Hawai'i Department of Education conducting evaluations for special education eligibility for students in grades Pre-K to 12, promoting the academic success of students with specific learning and mental health disorders. Ms. Perreira serves as the liaison for the John A. Burns School of Medicine, promoting access to services for medical students at all training levels.



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## INCREASING VISIBILITY AND INCLUSIVITY FOR SEXUAL & GENDER MINORITIES



**Friday, September 11, 2020**  
**11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**  
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**Charlene Bumanglag, PhD**

Dr. Charlene Damo Bumanglag is an Assistant Professor at the University of Hawai'i John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) with a background as a socio-behavioral research scientist in clinical and community settings. Her general research and teaching interests are in affirming healthcare and surveillance systems that enhance services to reduce health disparities among sexual and gender minority (synonymous to, but more inclusive of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual) populations in Asia Pacific. Prior to becoming a faculty member at JABSOM, her global health research focused on HIV health disparities among indigenous transgender populations in the Philippines and Thailand, where she held visiting Assistant Professor and Postdoctoral Research Fellow positions, respectively. Her scholarly works have been published through venues such as the American Journal of Public Health, Harrington Park Press, and the World Health Organization. Locally, she serves in the workgroups of the Health Services Research Hui and the State of Hawai'i Department of Health's Sexual and Gender Minority Hui. Dr. Bumanglag's research is currently funded by the National Institutes of Health.



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**Camaron Miyamoto, MA**

Camaron Miyamoto is tenured faculty in the Department of Student Affairs where he is the Director of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Queer+ (LGBTQ+) Center and adjunct faculty in the Department of Ethnic Studies at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Mr. Miyamoto is fueled by the belief that we will create a better future through compassion, education, and a steadfast commitment to social justice. Mr. Miyamoto is a founding board member of the Hawai'i Queer/Transgender Community Alliance and the Hawai'i LGBT Legacy Foundation where he helped establish the LGBT Center Waikiki and planned the Honolulu Pride Parade and Festival for several years. He also served as a board member of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), Honolulu Chapter, where he advocated for same gender marriage Hawai'i. In addition to serving on several city, county, state, and national appointments, Mr. Miyamoto has been published by the Princeton Review, Peter Lang Publishing, the University of Hawai'i Press and has materials reprinted by Duke University Press relating to queer people of color. His juried presentations include sessions/workshops at national conferences and institutes sponsored by: US Department of Justice/California Coalition Against Sex Assault, National Association for Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA), and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Mr. Miyamoto received his B.A. in History from Occidental College, his M.A. in American Studies from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and a certificate in community organizing from the Center for Third World Organizing.



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## GAME CHANGERS FOR DIVERSITY



**Friday, September 18, 2020**

**11:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

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**Kaiwipunikauikawēkiu  
"Punihei" Lipe, PhD**

Dr. Kaiwipunikauikawēkiu Lipe is a Native Hawaiian mother, daughter, wife, hula practitioner, and educator. In 2017, she was hired into the UHM Chancellor's Office as the inaugural Native Hawaiian Affairs Program Officer where she leads strategic implementation of recommendations from 30 years of Native Hawaiian reports to achieve UHM's goal of becoming a Native Hawaiian place of learning. She is also the Director of UHM's Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation Campus Center as well as an Obama Leader with the Obama Foundation's Asia-Pacific Leaders Program. She holds a BA in Hawaiian Studies, an MS in Counseling Psychology, and a PhD in Education Administration. She lives in He'eia with her 'ohana.



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**Camille Nelson, JD, LLM**

Prior to her appointment as Dean of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa William S. Richardson School of Law, Camille Nelson served as Dean of American University Washington College of Law and was the first woman and person of color to serve as Dean of Suffolk University Law School in Boston. Dean Nelson's scholarship focuses on the intersection of critical race theory and cultural studies, with particular emphasis on health law, criminal law and procedure, and comparative law. She has published many impactful articles, chapters, and essays that have appeared in publications such as the Berkeley Journal of Criminal Law, Yale Journal of Law & Feminism, New York University Review of Law & Social Change. She recently served as a co-editor of the Journal of Legal Education of the Association of American Law Schools. She was recently named among the Top 35 Women in Higher Education by Diverse Issues in Higher Education magazine and was listed as one of the "Most Influential People in Legal Education" by the National Jurist. Dean Nelson holds a BA with high distinction from the University of Toronto in Administration, a magna cum laude law degree from the University of Ottawa Faculty of Law, and an LLM from Columbia Law School.



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**Reena Thomas, MD, PhD**

Dr. Reena Thomas received her Medical Degree from Georgetown University School of Medicine in Washington, DC and her PhD from the City of Hope Graduate School in Duarte, California. She completed her training as a resident in Neurology as well as her fellowship training in Neuro-Oncology at Stanford University Hospital. Dr. Thomas is a Clinical Associate Professor and serves as Director of the Adult Neuro Oncology Fellowship Program at Stanford Hospital. Her research background and interests are focused on immune based cancer therapies and chemokine signaling in glioblastoma brain tumors. Dr. Thomas has been named Mentor of the Year of the 1st Gen Mentorship Program at Stanford School of Medicine and is Director of Diversity and Inclusion in the Department of Neurology. Dr. Thomas was recently named Associate Dean for Diversity in Medical Education at Stanford University School of Medicine.



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## WOMEN IN MEDICINE



**Friday, September 25, 2020**  
**1:00 PM - 2:30 PM**  
**via ZOOM**

**Elizabeth Tam, MD**

Dr. Elizabeth Tam is Professor and Chair of the Department of Medicine and the American Lung Association of Hawai'i and Leahi Fund Endowed Chair in Respiratory Health at the University of Hawai'i John A. Burns School of Medicine. A Kalani Falcon, she attended the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa before transferring to and graduating from UC Davis. Dr. Tam earned her MD at UC San Francisco and completed her internal medicine residency at the Brigham and Women's Hospital/Harvard Medical School. She has been a member of the JABSOM faculty since 1992 and is in her 15th year of service as Chair of Medicine. Dr. Tam is the 2016 recipient of the Breathe Easy Champion Maui Ola (Breath of Life) award from the American Lung Association Hawai'i. Dr. Tam continues to actively teach and mentor pre-medical and medical students and is a Board member of 'Ahahui o nā Kauka, Association of Native Hawaiian physicians.





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**Rupa Wong, MD**

Dr. Rupa Wong is an ophthalmologist, wife, mom of 3 kids, and managing partner for her practice, Honolulu Eye Clinic, alongside her husband, JABSOM alum, Dr. Jeff Wong. Dr. Wong attended Duke University, Cornell Medical School and completed a residency in ophthalmology at New York University. She served as Chief Resident in her final year, completed a Fellowship at Boston Children's Hospital and published a textbook on strabismus surgery with her former colleagues from Boston Children's Hospital. Dr. Wong openly discusses the balance and struggle of being a physician, mom, and entrepreneur on her blog - Dr. Rupa. She also co-founded Pinnacle, a conference for women physicians dedicated to addressing the gaps in business knowledge that medical school does not include, as well as Attending Lounge, a community website that offers advice and guidance for female pre-med students, medical students and resident physicians. She serves on the Board of Directors for Project Vision Hawaii, Big Brothers Big Sisters and Association for Health Care in Social Media.

