

“Ask the Experts” Presenters’ Bios

Jennifer I. Barrett **Connect Consulting**



Ms. Barrett has two decades of experience engaging volunteers, developing public outreach programs, and connecting government agencies, private nonprofits, and other community partners to build award-winning, collaborative programs. In early 2012, she left her faculty position with Hawaii Sea Grant at the University of Hawaii to launch her own consultancy. For the next five years, Ms. Barrett helped nonprofits and community-minded businesses learn to harness the social web for social good. Currently, as Owner + Principal Consultant of Connect Consulting, she supports and coaches clients to build relationships, mobilize community assets, and champion civic participation to amplify their impact. Ms. Barrett holds graduate degrees from both the Shidler College of Business at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and the Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University, as well as an undergraduate degree in English from Colorado College.

Ku‘ulani M. Keohokalole, M.A. **People Strategies Hawai‘i, LLC**



Ms. Keohokalole is the founder of People Strategies Hawai‘i, LLC. Born and raised in Kaneohe, Hawai‘i, Ku‘ulani blends both her unique understanding of Hawai‘i’s cultural context, history and place with her knowledge and experience in organizational development to help organizations achieve their goals. She brings a decade of experience in community and stakeholder engagement and advocacy work across the State of Hawai‘i and in New York City. Her passion for improving the lives of individuals and strengthening organizations stems from being raised by a family of Native Hawaiian social workers with a strong belief in the ability of communities to advocate for and solve their own problems. Her mission is to strengthen the capacity of individuals, organizations and communities for a better Hawai‘i.

Jeeyun Lee, MSW **ChangeWorks, LLC**



Ms. Jeeyun has a Master’s in Social Work with a focus on international and community development and launched her career of nonprofit service seventeen years ago in the Midwest. She moved to the East Coast and worked in public health—specializing in cancer education, outreach, gerontology and children’s services. After contributing to the O‘ahu nonprofit sector for almost a decade, she moved to Maui in 2018 and started ChangeWorks, an independent consulting firm whose is to create impactful change within our community. Prior to this, Jeeyun served as Executive Director of Hawai‘i Nature Center on O‘ahu and Maui where she led a staff of nearly 30 and an operating budget of \$1 million. She also held a position as Youth and Elder Services Manager for Waikiki Health and Clinical Operations Director for Gregory House Programs where she worked in the trenches with individuals living with mental health, substance abuse, and a diagnosis of HIV.

Patti Look
The FundDevelopment Group



Ms. Look has over 35 years of fundraising experience and is the principal of The FundDevelopment Group, one of the few full-service, locally-owned consulting firms in Hawaii. She has helped secure over \$100 million for non-profit organizations. Patti is the former Vice President of the Kuakini Foundation and has considerable experience in capital campaigns, major gifts, integrated campaigns, mass appeals and institutional campaigns. Patti has lectured and trained both in Hawaii and on the mainland and has been recognized as the recipient of the Outstanding Fundraising Executive Award by the Aloha Chapter of the Association for Fundraising Professionals (AFP). She serves as board Treasurer for Hawaii Gift Planning Council and board Secretary for the Hawaii Youth Symphony.

Heather Pierucki
ChangeWorks, LLC



Ms. Pierucki is a therapist, clinical consultant, and managing partner of ChangeWorks, LLC, a consultancy that focuses on supporting agencies in working with the population serving individuals managing mental illness, substance use, homelessness, and poverty. She has served in leadership capacities for the state of Hawaii, including directly overseeing the pilot housing first program in Hawaii, intensive case management programs, and managing behavioral health contracts to directly serve low income and homeless communities. In her practice, she provides therapy for the community and offers clinical supervision for graduates pursuing licensure. Her experience includes working with adults diagnosed with severe and persistent mental illness, children and adults with developmental disorders, and alcohol/drug treatment in both residential and outpatient settings. Heather also serves on the Board of the Hawaii Counselors Association, offering oversight of community trainings and direct service projects.

S. Sanae Tokumura, ACFRE, APR
Solid Concepts, Inc.



Ms. Tokumura, president of the Honolulu firm Solid Concepts, Inc., is a fundraising and public relations consultant. Sanae provides hands-on, full scope fundraising and public relations consultation for nonprofit organizations. She also coaches/trains volunteers for face-to-face major gift solicitation and conducts development/public relations infrastructure assessments and provides prioritized recommendations. Immediate Past President of the AFP Aloha Chapter, Sanae is an Advanced Certified Fund Raising Executive (ACFRE) in fundraising and remains the only ACFRE in Hawaii. Sanae is also the only certified AFP Master Teacher in Hawaii. She is also nationally accredited (APR) in the practice of public relations through the Public Relations Society of America.