Hawai‘i School -to -Prison Pipeline Speaker Bios

The Honorable Karen M. Radius graduated with honors from the George Washington University National Law Center in Washington, D.C. in 1974. After being admitted to the Hawaii Bar that same year she began work with the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii as a staff attorney. From 1974-1979 she served in numerous capacities with the Legal Aid Society, including that of supervising attorney of the Waianae Legal Aid Office and acting Executive Director of the Society. In 1980, Judge Radius established the law firm of Radius & Lau that continued until she was appointed to the Family Court bench in 1993. Judge Radius has served in all divisions of the Family Court of the First Circuit, including as lead judge of the Domestic Division hearing contested divorce child custody, support and property division cases. She later was lead Judge of the Special Division hearing domestic abuse, restraining order and paternity, adoption and guardianship cases. She has presided over child abuse and neglect/child protective services (CPS) cases and juvenile law violations and status offense cases.

Judge Radius was the founding judge of the Juvenile Drug Court in 2001 and the Girls Court in 2004. Girls Court provides open court room sessions and gender specific programming for girls and their families. This innovative gender responsive program was recognized by the federal Office of Juvenile Justice Detention Prevention (OJJDP) as a Best Practice data based approach. See www.girlscourt.org

Judge Radius was named Jurist of the Year in 2007 by the Hawaii State Judiciary and 2007 Judge of the Year by the Hawaii Women Lawyers. In 2009 she received the Hawaii State Bar Association ProBono Service Award. In May 2010 the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii recognized Judge Radius with their Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2013 she was recognized as one of Hawaii’s Outstanding Advocates for Children and Youth.

Judge Radius has spoken throughout the years at numerous continuing legal education seminars in Hawaii regarding family law and locally and nationally regarding Girls Court and the challenges faced by young women in the juvenile justice system. She has continued to work for the improvement of the juvenile justice system.

Judge Radius serves on the Executive Committee of Project Kealahou (meaning “The New Pathway” in Hawaiian) which is being developed by the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division of the Hawaii Department of Health through a SAMSHA grant to provide an improved trauma-informed system of care for girls ages 11-20. She is the President of the nonprofit Surfrider Spirit Sessions (see www.surferspirit.org) which utilizes volunteer mentors to teach surfing to adjudicated and at risk youth.
Carl Ackerman, Director, Clarence T. C. Ching PUEO Program, Punahou School

Currently at the Punahou School in Honolulu, Hawaii, Dr. Ackerman teaches two Advancement Placement European History classes, and is the Director of the Clarence T. C. Ching PUEO Program. Proud to be the Co-Director of PSPP with Barbara Gee as his partner, Carl believes deeply in the ability of private-public partnerships to change the educational.

Nancy J. Budd, Attorney, State of Hawai‘i Board of Education

Nancy J. Budd earned her Juris Doctorate degree from the University of California at Davis School of Law in 1979 and began practicing law on the island of Kaua‘i the following year. Ms. Budd was Managing Attorney for Legal Aid Society of Hawai‘i for five years before starting her own practice. She has over three decades of experience in estate planning, estate and trust administration, charitable tax planning, elder law, and real estate and business transactions. Special interest areas also include education, youth and elders, access to justice, historic preservation and natural resource conservation. Ms. Budd was appointed to the Hawai‘i State Board of Education in 2011 and serves on the Student Achievement and Finance and Infrastructure Committees. Ms. Budd began a review of all Board of Education policies in 2011 and chaired a Policy Audit Committee (permitted interaction group) that has reviewed and restructured all existing policies. As part of this work, Ms. Budd highlighted school climate and discipline issues as an area in need of a new policy. A group of stakeholders has been actively working on the proposed policy which will be presented to the SAC in early May. Ms. Budd has a long history of service on numerous charitable and civic boards and foundations in Hawai‘i, including the Hawai‘i Justice Foundation, Hawai‘i Community Foundation, Keiki to Career Leadership Council, Kauai District Parent-Teacher Association, Hawai‘i PTSA Board of Managers, Hale ‘Opio Kauai, and the Kōke‘e State Park Advisory Council. She has served as a judge for the Fifth Judicial Circuit Teen Court Program since 2000. During these years, the upsurge in those arrested on school campuses together with the appearance of increasingly younger offenders brought the issue of school-to-prison to Ms. Budd’s attention.

Kim Greeley, Attorney, COREJ, Honolulu, Hawai‘i,
Jenny Lee, Staff Attorney, Hawai‘i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice

At Hawai‘i Appleseed, Jenny focuses on policy, legislative, and community advocacy on a range of issues, including affordable housing, homelessness, economic policy, hunger, and education. Prior to joining Appleseed in 2011, she clerked at Disability Rights Texas and New York Lawyers for the Public Interest. During law school, Jenny participated in Harvard Law School’s mediation program and family law clinical. She has also served as an AmeriCorps member in Portland, Oregon, with Schools Uniting Neighborhoods. Jenny holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School and a B.A. from the University of Oregon.

Justin D. Levinson, Professor, William S. Richardson School of Law, Univ. Of Hawai‘i

Professor Levinson is a leader in the field of implicit bias and the law and an expert in psychological decision-making in the legal system. His scholarship, which regularly employs experimental social science methodology, has appeared in the NYU Law Review, UCLA Law Review, and Duke Law Journal, among others. Professor Levinson served as lead editor of Implicit Racial Bias Across the Law, a volume that was published by Cambridge University Press in 2012 (co-edited by Robert J. Smith). He has lectured, taught courses, and trained audiences globally, including in Eastern and Western Europe, East and Southeast Asia, Australia, and the Middle East.

In 2008, Professor Levinson founded the Culture and Jury Project, an interdisciplinary and international research collaboration devoted to facilitating the study of human decision-making in the law. He is currently collaborating with scholars in China, Japan, and Korea, as well as domestically in the United States.

Professor Levinson previously practiced corporate law at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati in Palo Alto, California. He has served as Visiting Assistant Professor at Beijing University, and as a Fellow at the Culture and Cognition Lab at UC Berkeley. He regularly teaches Business Associations, Law and Psychology, Corporate Finance, High Growth Entrepreneurship, and has offered a seminar on Implicit Bias and the Law.
Kamaile Maldonado, Office of Hawaiian Affairs

Kamaile Maldonado is a Public Policy Advocate at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs where she advocates for law and policy improvements to advance positive systemic change for Native Hawaiians in the area of criminal justice. She currently serves as OHA’s designee on the Corrections Population Management Commission. She previously worked as an attorney for several San Francisco non-profits assisting in litigation at the intersection of civil rights and poverty. She received her B.A. in Intercultural Communication and Sociology from Pepperdine University, a certificate in Alternative Dispute Resolution from Pepperdine School of Law, and J.D. from University California, Berkeley School of Law.

Mark Patterson, Warden, Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility

Mark Patterson is a professional Correctional Officer that within the past nine years served as Warden of Hawaii’s Women’s Community Correctional Center and the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility. Prior to that he served as a Correctional Captain at Oahu Community Correctional Center and Halawa Correctional Facility. Since becoming an administrator Mr. Patterson has advocated for correctional setting of trauma informed care and creating places of healing within the criminal justice system.

Dr. Karen Umemoto Ph.D., Professor, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa

Karen Umemoto, PhD, is a Professor of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa. She received her doctorate from MIT in urban studies and her master’s degree in Asian American Studies from UCLA. Her research focuses on issues of planning and governance in a multicultural society, community development and youth violence. Her book, “The Truce: Lessons from an LA Gang War” (Cornell University Press, 2006), examined responses among “multiple publics” to a case of gang violence in Los Angeles. Representative journal publications include: “Deliberative planning in a multicultural milieu,” “Walking in another’s shoes: Epistemological challenges in participatory planning,” and “Essential Elements for Community Engagement in Evidence-based Youth Violence Prevention.” She serves on the editorial boards of Planning Theory, Journal of Planning Education and Research, Journal of the American Planning Association, AAPI Nexus, and Journal of Indigenous Community Development. She teaches courses on Planning and Policy Theory, Community Planning, Community Economic Development, and Qualitative Methods. In addition to teaching and research, she works with various public and non-profit organizations on strategic planning and community development. She has won numerous awards, including the W.E.B. DuBois Award (Western Society of Criminology), the Chester Rapkin Award (Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning), and the Regents Excellence in Teaching Award (University of Hawai‘i).