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ACADEMIC POSITIONS AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2019 – Present

Assistant Professor

Hawai'i Pacific University, Honolulu, Hawai'i

College of Health and Society, School of Social Work

Courses taught:

Global Social Work (SWRK3700)

Social Work for Advanced Standing Students (SWRK6050)

Human Behavior in the Social Environment I (SWRK6200)

Human Behavior in the Social Environment II (SWRK6201)

Cultural and Diversity in Advanced Generalist Practice (SWRK7100)

Social Welfare Policy & Services (SWRK7500)

2018 – 2019

Adjunct Faculty, International Programs

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, Hawai'i

Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work

2014 – 2019

Faculty, International Program Coordinator

University of Hawai'i Kapi'olani Community College, Honolulu, Hawai'i

Paul S. Honda International Center/Office for International Affairs

2013

Lecturer

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, Hawai'i

Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work

Course taught:

Human Behavior in the Social Environment I (SW659)

2010 – 2011

Graduate Research Assistant

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, Hawai'i

Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work

Na Kamalei Lei Aku, Lei Mai Program Evaluation

(P.I. Dr. Paula Morelli and Dr. Peter Mataira)

2009, 2010
Teaching Assistant
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, Hawai'i
Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work

Course taught:
Human Behavior in the Social Environment I (SW659)
(Supervised by Dr. Peter Mataira)

2008 – 2011
Graduate Research Assistant
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, Hawai'i
Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work
Federal Eligibility Quality Assurance Center, Hawai'i State Department of Human Services

2005 – 2006
Graduate Assistant/Program Manager
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California
Marshall School of Business, PRIME/PM (Professionals and Managers) Global MBA Programs

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

2013
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Social Welfare
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, Hawai'i
Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work

2008
Social Change Program (Certificate)
Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, Institute for Humane Studies

2006
Asia Pacific Leadership Program (Certificate)
East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawai'i

2006
Master of Policy, Planning and Management (M.P.P.M.)
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California
Sol Price School of Public Policy

2000
Bachelor of Science in Recreation Professionals, Planning
Montclair State University, Montclair, New Jersey
College of Education and Human Services

PUBLICATION

Okada, M.V. (2012). The plight of Ainu, indigenous people of Japan. *Journal of Indigenous Social Development*, 1(1), 1-14.

THESES

Okada, M.V. (2013). In search of Ainu voices: the future of Japan's indigenous people — *usa okay utar uaynukor wa, pirka horari, sasuyisir pakno situri kuni*. Unpublished doctoral dissertation, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. (Chair: Dr. Paula Morelli)

Okada, M.V. (2006). Hawai'i's public schools. Unpublished master's thesis, University of Southern California.

Chun, J., McCarty, S., Naghshineh, I., **Okada, M.V.**, Takahashi, T., & Wan, A. (2006). Prisoner's reentry program in California. Unpublished master's thesis, University of Southern California.

REVIEWING ACTIVITIES

2019	Reviewer, AlterNative: An International Journal of Indigenous People
2013 – Present	Advising Editor, Journal of Indigenous Social Development
2016	Reviewer, Alphaville - Journal of Film and Screen Media

RESEARCH FUNDING SUPPORT

2019 (Pending) **Funds for the promotion of joint international research of Kakenhi (Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research)**. A research on structured poverty of youth and regional revitalization in remote island regions of. Economically advanced countries. (P.I.- Professor Ju Kaneko, Meiji Gakuin University, Faculty of Social Work).

CONFERENCES PRESENTATIONS

Fernelius, T., Narisawa, M., Nishida, J., & **Okada-Coelho, M.V.** (2019, November). Learning concepts of 'ohana, aloha, kuleana and pono for Japanese, Ainu and Okinawans. Paper presented at the International Conference on Education and Social Justice, November 9-11, Honolulu, Hawai'i.

Okada-Coelho, M.V. (2019, September). Current issues and challenges of Ainu, implication on social work education and practice in Japan. Invited for a presentation on the pre-conference workshop at the 25th Asia-Pacific Joint Regional Social Work Conference, September 17-20, Bengaluru, India.

- Okada-Coelho, M.V.** (2016, October). The Change Academy: nurturing the next generation who can ultimately make a difference in society. Poster presented at the School of the Future Conference, October 3-4, Honolulu, Hawai'i.
- Chang, E., & **Okada, M.V.** (2014, September). The East-West Center arts program: recent initiatives. In Feltz, W. Chairperson, the 2014 East-West Center/East-West Center Association International Conference, September 17-19, Okinawa.
- Okada, M.V.** (2012, November). The plight of Ainu, indigenous people of Japan. Paper presented at the International Social Work Conference, November 28-30, Penang, Malaysia.
- Daigle, M., **Okada, M.V.**, Wang, Y., & Yanagisawa, T. (2011, June). Cross-connecting citizen movements in Japan: an exploration in legal mobilization methods and results. In Levin, M. Chairperson, The Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, June 2-5, San Francisco, California.
- Okada, M.V.** (2011, March). The Ainu, Japan's indigenous people: current issues and the historical paradigm shift of Japan. Paper presented at the Asian Studies Graduate Student Conference, March 18-19, Long Beach, California.
- Okada, M.V.** (2011, February). The Ainu, Japan's indigenous people: current issues and the historical paradigm shift of Japan. Paper presented at the East-West Center International Graduate Student Conference, February 17-18, Honolulu, Hawai'i.
- Abbas, S., Mataira, P., & **Okada, M.V.** (2009, November). Emphasizing indigenous knowledge into modern research: implication on social work education and practice in Asia Pacific. Paper presented at the Asia-Pacific Joint Regional Social Work Conference, November 11-13, Auckland, New Zealand.
- Okada, M.V.** (2008, November). Stop elder abuse! community involvement and educational outreach efforts on elder abuse prevention. Poster presented at the East-West Center/East-West Center Association International Conference, November 13-15, Bali, Indonesia.
- Baasansuren, D., Clarke, A., Dudley, L., Fuimaono, V.M., Hu, Y., Nguyen, P.A., **Okada, M.V.**, & Oum, P. (2006, December). A green dragon rises? Exploring alternative futures of China. Paper presented at the **East-West Center/East-West Center Association International Conference**, December 8-10, Hanoi, Vietnam.

INVITED LECTURES, PANELS AND SEMINARS

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| 2019 | Invited guest speaker, Ainu treasures: a living tradition in northern Japan. East-West Center Arts Program Retrospective Symposium, July 27-28, Honolulu, Hawai'i. |
| 2019 | Special seminar, The untold story: the Department of Justice internment of people of Japanese ancestry. National Japanese American Historical Society, June 26-28, Honolulu, Hawai'i. |

- 2019 Invited guest speaker, 'Āina-based education in Hawai'i, Tokyo Woman's Christian University, May 23, Tokyo, Japan.
- 2019 Invited guest speaker, 'Āina-based education in Hawai'i, May 20, Juntendo University, Tokyo, Japan.
- 2018 - Present Lecturer, Wayfinding workshop, The Change Academy, July, Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i.
- 2017 - Present Facilitator, Social work seminar in Hawai'i orientation (for social work students from Japan), University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work & Na Lei Aloha Foundation, December, Tokyo, Japan.
- 2017 Invited guest lecturer, Heritage Class, sustainable lifestyle of Ainu Punahou School, May 19, Honolulu, Hawai'i.
- 2016 Invited guest lecturer, Arts of Oceania (ARTH1001) Hawai'i Pacific University, October 27, Honolulu, Hawai'i.
- 2016, 2017 Lecturer, Critical thinking workshop, The Change Academy, July, Honolulu, Hawai'i.
- 2016 Invited guest lecturer, Social work practice in communities & organizations (SW 631) University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work, April 12, Honolulu, Hawai'i.
- 2014, 2015 Invited guest lecturer, Japanese language and culture (JPNS 290) University of Hawai'i Kapi'olani Community College, February, Honolulu, Hawai'i.
- 2013, 2014 Invited guest lecturer, Qualitative research (SW 752) University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work, March, Honolulu, Hawai'i.
- 2013 Invited guest lecturer, Political inquiry and analysis (POL 390) University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Department of Political Science, July 3, Honolulu, Hawai'i.
- 2013 Invited guest speaker, Ainu 101 Hiroshima Heritage Study Group, May 25, Honolulu, Hawai'i.
- 2013 Invited guest speaker, Ainu 101 East-West Center Arts Program at the art exhibit, Ainu treasures: a living tradition in northern Japan, February 3, Honolulu, Hawai'i.
- 2011 Invited guest speaker, Global issues International Studies Department, Tokai University, November 11, Kanagawa, Japan.

- 2011 - Present Seminar (facilitator), Social work seminar in Hawai'i (for social work students from Japan), University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work & Na Lei Aloha Foundation, February-March, Honolulu, Hawai'i.
- 2009, 2010 Invited guest speaker, Leadership in Asia and Pacific University of Southern California, International Public Policy and Management Program, Price School of Public Policy, Los Angeles, California.
- 2009, 2010 Seminar (mentor), Social work seminar in Hawai'i (for social work students from Japan), University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work & Na Lei Aloha Foundation, February-March, Honolulu, Hawai'i.

PROGRAM EVALUATION

- 2011 **Graduate Research Assistant**
(P.I.: Dr. Paula Morelli and Dr. Peter Mataira)
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
Lei Aku, Lei Mai Curriculum, Na Kamalei, Punalu'u, Hawai'i.
- 2006 **For Graduate Course PPD532L** (P.I.: Dr. Jonathan van Speier),
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California
Pan American Games, City of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- 2006 **For Graduate Course PPD542** University of Southern California, Book
Fair, City of West Hollywood, California.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2012 – 2013 **Lampson Global Fund** Recipient
Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
- 2011 – 2013 **Tasuku Harada Scholarship in Japanese Studies** Recipient
Center for Japanese Studies, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
- 2011 – 2013 **Nobumoto Tanahashi Fellowship** Recipient
Matsunaga Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution
- 2010 – 2013 **East-West Center Student Affiliate Program Fellowship** Recipient
- 2010 – 2013 **Daniel Selvarajah Sanders Doctoral Award** Recipient
Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
- 2010 – 2013 **June Naughton International Student Services Endowed
Scholarship** Recipient
International Student Services, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
- 2009 – 2010 **Sally Kanehe Lampson Scholarship** Recipient
Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
- 2008 **Social Change Program Scholarship**
The Institute for Humane Studies
- 2006 **Asia Pacific Leadership Program Scholarship**, East-West Center

- 2006 **Distinguished Academic Achievement Award**
International Student Association, University of Southern California
- 2006 **Excellent Leadership Award**
International Student Association, University of Southern California

INTERVIEWS

- 2017 Interviewed by **Japan Tobacco International** on well-being and lifestyle
- 2015 Interviewed for the USC IPPAM Outstanding Alumni Program, **University of Southern California**
- 2014 Interviewed for the Alumni Magazine **Nevada-California Institute Consortium**, Tokyo, Japan
- 2013 Interviewed by Noe Tanigawa on Ainu, Japan's indigenous people **Hawaii Public Radio**, Honolulu, Hawai'i
- 2013 Interviewed by **PacRim Marketing Group, Inc.**, Honolulu, Hawai'i

TRANSLATION (Selected)

- 2017 – 2019 Film "**Papa mau, the way finder**" (English to Japanese)
- 2016 Music event "**Cross currents: pro music Nipponia**," East-West Center Arts Program (Japanese to English, English to Japanese)
- 2014 Art exhibit "**Living lacquer traditions**," East-West Center Arts Program (Japanese to English, English to Japanese)
- 2013 Art exhibit "**Ainu treasures: a living tradition in northern Japan**," East-West Center Arts Program (Japanese to English, English to Japanese)
- 2012 Film "**Haruzo: A life among the spirits**" (Japanese to English)

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

University of Hawai'i System

- 2014 – 2019 International Education Committee, University of Hawai'i Community Colleges

University of Hawai'i Kapi'olani Community College

- 2014 – 2019 Committee, Faculty Student Relations Committee
- 2016 – 2017 Committee, Professional Rights and Responsibilities Committee

Community

- 2019 – Present Council Leader, **U.S.-Japan Council**
- 2016 – Present Co-Founder & Vice-President (pro bono), **Lōkahi Foundation**, Honolulu, Hawai'i
- 2014 – Present Liaison Committee, **Nippon Voyaging Association**, Miyazaki, Japan
- 2014 – 2018 Committee, **Hawaii-Hachijo Island Study Committee**, Hachijo, Tokyo, Japan

University of Southern California

- 2006 Production Manager, **International Public Policy and Management Program Newsletter/Journal**
- 2005 – 2006 Vice President, **International Public Policy and Management Program Student Senate**
- 2005 – 2006 **International Scholars Committee**, Graduate and Professional Students Senate
- 2005 – 2006 **Campus Safety Committee**, Graduate and Professional Students Senate

Montclair State University

- 1999 – 2000 Committee, **Student-Athlete Council**

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Council Leader, **U.S.-Japan Council**
- Member, **International Federation of Social Workers**
- Member, **Asia and Pacific Association for Social Work Education**
- Member, **Association for Asian Studies**
- Member, **Native American & Indigenous Studies Association**
- Member, **NAFSA, Association of International Educators**

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

- 2018 – Present Grant Writing for **Kobira Healthcare Hawaii**, Honolulu, Hawai'i
- 2016 – Present **The Change Academy, Lōkahi Foundation**, Honolulu, Hawai'i
- 2016 - Present **Okinawa Yuhi Project**, Hawai'i United Okinawa Association & Lōkahi Foundation, Honolulu, Hawai'i
- 2012 – Present Secretary, **East-West Center Association Latin America Alumni Chapter**
- 2009 – Present **Hawaii Social Work Seminar Mentor Sessions**, Honolulu, Hawai'i
- 2014 – Present Grant Writing for the **Nippon Voyaging Association**, Miyazaki, Japan
- 2014 **Research Support**, art exhibit "Living lacquer traditions," East-West Center Arts Program, Honolulu, Hawai'i
- 2013 – 2016 Board Member, **East-West Center Association Hawaii Alumni Chapter**, Honolulu, Hawai'i
- 2013 – 2015 Planning Committee, **Hawai'i Tohoku TOMODACHI Summit, Rainbow for Japan Kids Project**, Honolulu, Hawai'i
- 2013 Film Screening Chair, **Film: Haruzo: A Life Among the Spirits**, Honolulu, Hawai'i
- 2013 **Proposer and Research Support**, art exhibit, Ainu treasures: a living tradition in northern Japan, East-West Center Arts Program, Honolulu, Hawai'i
- 2009 Film Screening Committee, **Film: Gaia Symphony No. 4**, Honolulu, Hawai'i
- 2008 – Present Volunteer, **Nā Kalai Wa'a 'O Kaua'i Namahoe**, Kaua'i
- 2007 – Present Volunteer, **Polynesian Voyaging Society**, Honolulu, Hawai'i

- 2007 **Fiduciary Abuse Specialist Team Meetings**, Adult Protective Services and WISE & Healthy Aging collaborative projects, Los Angeles, California
- 2006 – Present Member, **East-West Center Association Asia Pacific Leadership Program Alumni Chapter**
- 2006 – Present Member, **University of Southern California Hawaii Alumni Chapter**

LANGUAGES

English and Japanese