

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHIES – CONCURRENT & POSTER PRESENTERS

Kaveh Abhari

Kaveh Abhari, PhD, is a founding researcher at STEM2 R&D Group and an MIS instructor. He contributed to several interdisciplinary studies on the applications of social technologies in improving education, innovation, and entrepreneurship.

Joy Agner

Joy Agner is an occupational therapist, activist, artist, and doctoral student in community and cultural psychology at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

Angelique Aitken

From the courtroom to the classroom, Angelique Aitken has been involved with education and special education as a student, teacher, researcher, or attorney for over 20 years. She is a fourth-year doctoral student at Arizona State University.

Arthur Albert

Arthur Albert, MEd, Chief, Division of Special Services, Department of Education, Federated States of Micronesia, has nearly 25 years working in the special education field. He began his career as a State Special Education Program Supervisor for children with severe and multiple disabilities, later became a State Program Coordinator, a FSM National Comprehensive System for Personnel

Development Coordinator, and is currently the FSM National Chief of Special Services Division.

Richard Allegra

Richard Allegra holds an MS in rehabilitation counseling. As an associate director of education and outreach, he coordinates and facilitates training and technical assistance for NCCSD.

Mark Alzona

Mark Alzona is a physical therapist in the SPED Division, American Samoa Department of Education. He graduated in 2005 at Dr. Jose G. Tamayo Medical University formerly known as University of Perpetual Help Medicine and Health Sciences.

Sandra Arnold

Sandra Arnold, PT, PhD, is an associate professor at Oklahoma University Health Sciences Center and serves as the principal investigator for a U.S. Department of Education Institute of Education Science grant.

Marla Arquero

Marla Arquero, MSW, LCSW, has worked as an intensive in-home therapist and case manager, a behavioral health specialist, and presently works as a student support and employment specialist on the postsecondary supports project and as an evaluator on the HI-AWARE project.

Virginia Atkinson

Virginia Atkinson, senior access and inclusion specialist at the International Foundation for Electoral Systems, has over a decade of experience in disability rights, advocacy and governance issues. She has worked in over two dozen countries around the world.

Scott Avery

Scott Avery is descended from the Worimi people and serves as the Policy and Research Director at the First Peoples Disability Network in Australia. Avery has an extensive career in research and public policy in indigenous affairs, disability, health justice and education. He is pursuing a doctorate in aboriginal disability at the University of Technology, Sydney, Australia, and is the lead investigator on Living Our Ways, a community-directed research program that has been awarded funding support through the National Disability Research and Development Scheme.

Amanda Jean Babcock

Amanda Jean Babcock is a PhD student in the educational leadership and policy program at the University of Utah. She has worked in higher education for over ten years, with experience ranging from student and academic affairs to regulatory compliance. Her research interests are students with disabilities in higher education and disability identity development.

Robert Baer

Robert Baer, PhD, is the director of the Center for Transition at Kent State University. He has co-authored a college textbook for transition that is in its fourth printing.

Seema Bahl

Seema Bahl is a faculty member at Bellevue College. She teaches on the intersection of gender, race and disability and has published academic articles on mothering and disability culture. She is a disability activist and has conducted workshops and lectures nationally.

Sara Ka'imipono Banks

Sara Ka'imipono Banks is co-PI for the USDOE grant Literacy through Digital Media. For nearly 15 years, she has worked for the University of Hawai'i Center on Disability Studies, producing videos for culture and place based curriculum for Hawai'i's schools. For the past decade, Sara has been responsible for coordinating and managing Native Hawai'ian educational grants with target schools on O'ahu and the island of Hawai'i.

Linda Toms Barker

Linda Toms Barker, MA, is a principal research associate at IMPAQ International. She has over 35 years of experience in public policy research and disability policy, and in studying community living, employment, education, and health care.

Daniel Barraza

Daniel Barraza is a special education instructional leader at San Luis High School in Yuma, Arizona. He is currently a doctoral student in Northern Arizona University's curriculum and instruction Program.

Joan Beasley

Joan Beasley is the Director at the Center for START Services and is the founder of the START model. Her work in improving supports for people with IDD and mental health needs has led to implementation of the START model in 11 states.

Keith Beasley

Keith Beasley has been practicing and teaching yoga for more than 25 years. He came to yoga after extensive study of Zen martial arts and meditation. He currently teaches yoga to a variety of students including persons with cognitive impairment.

Ruthie-Marie Beckwith

Ruthie-Marie Beckwith, PhD, is the executive director of TASH, Inc. Beckwith teaches disability history for the disability studies program at the City University of New York (CUNY). She is the author of *Disability Servitude: From Peonage to Poverty*.

Michelle Bellon

Michelle Bellon is a senior lecturer in the disability and community inclusion unit in Flinders University, South Australia. Her research and her teaching and professional

involvement combine interests in epilepsy, acquired brain injury and family/care-giver supports.

Megan Bent

Megan Bent is a Seattle-based artist. She received her MFA and graduate certificate in disability studies from the University of Hawai'i in 2012. Her work has been exhibited across the US, and she has presented her research internationally.

Shandra Benito

Shandra Benito is the executive director of Art Access, an accessible and inclusive community arts organization. She is proud to be a deaf social worker, disability rights advocate, survivor of sexual assault, and trumpet player/arts enthusiast.

Anne Berndl

Anne Berndl, MD, is a maternal-fetal medicine specialist at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre and an assistant professor at the University of Toronto. She is also the director of the Accessible Care Pregnancy Clinic, the first clinic in North America dedicated to pregnant women with physical disabilities.

Ann Bingham

Ann Bingham, PhD, associate professor of education at the University of Nevada, researches the experiences of families facing disability including initial diagnosis and

challenges with accessing services. She advises students studying early intervention and early childhood special education.

Josephine Blagrove

Josephine Blagrove, PhD, is an assistant professor at California State University (CSU), Chico. She has worked with individuals with ASD across the lifespan for over 15 years. Josephine is the director of the autism clinic at CSU, Chico, and the current coordinator of the school's adapted physical education program. Additionally, she is the adoptive mom of twin boys who are both affected by ASD.

Aisha Bonner-Cozad

Aisha Bonner-Cozad received her PhD in 2012 from Howard University. Her current research interests include health care disparities, poverty, and technology utilization with aging populations, specifically telemedicine interventions.

Kelli Bradley

Kelli Bradley, MBA, LMSW, is the executive director of Services for Students with Disabilities at the University of Texas at Austin. She advocates across campus for increased accessibility and inclusion for students with disabilities.

Janet Branch

Janet Branch is an occupational therapy student at Stanbridge University, graduating in January 2018. She

has two years of experience as a therapy aide in a private pediatric clinic. Her future professional interests include working in the pediatric population.

Carey Brown

Cary Brown is a professor in the Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Alberta, who teaches, researchers and publishes extensively in the field of environmental modification for sleep. She has developed numerous sleep education websites and resources.

Sharan Brown

Sharan Brown, JD, EdD, is a research professor at the College of Education at the University of Washington and an associate director at UW's University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD). She has worked on disability rights issues for over 30 years.

Steven Brown

Historian Steven Brown, co-founder of the Institute on Disability Culture, is the author of several acclaimed books and other publications, including *Movie Stars and Sensuous Scars: Essays on the Journey from Disability Shame to Disability Pride*, *Surprised to be Standing: A Spiritual Journey*, and *Ed Roberts: Wheelchair Genius*.

Suzanne Brown

A neuropsychologist with 20 years of experience supporting people with disabilities and their families in community settings, Suzanne Brown has worked in the public and private sectors, managing statewide behavior-

support services and offering practical strategies that help make positive changes in people's lives.

Barbara Broyles

Barbara Broyles provides key support for students at the Center on Disabilities and Human Development at the University of Idaho. She works on the center's artAbility project along with other outreach initiatives. She also coordinates a variety of Center on Disabilities and Human Development projects and coordinates a statewide special education grant.

Colton Brydges

Colton Brydges is an MA candidate in international development at the University of Ottawa. His research interests lie in Africa, specifically regarding the intersection of disability, poverty and conflict. He has recently completed fieldwork in Gulu, Uganda.

Bud Buckhout

Bud Buckhout is the director of the InclusiveU program and associate director of the Taishoff Center. Bud's work interests include exploring research and facilitation of student instructional needs at the collegiate level, and implementing trainings to develop effective learning environments for students.

Sheryl Burgstahler

Sheryl Burgstahler, PhD, is the founder and director of the Disabilities, Opportunities, Internetworking, and Technology Center (DO-IT) and the Access Technology

Center (ATC). She is also the director of accessible technology services at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Ted Burke

Ted Burke has over 25 years combined professional experience in early intervention as a consultant, agency director and a state director of an early intervention professional development program.

Cassandra Cantave Burton

Cassandra Cantave Burton, MA, is a senior research advisor at AARP focusing on supporting the AARP state offices with their research and advocacy initiatives. As a research professional, she has conducted extensive research on issues affecting marginalized populations while tackling issues such as caregiving, consumer protections, workplace protections, and livable communities.

Elise Butterfield

Elise Butterfield is the program and gallery director of Art Access, an accessible and inclusive community arts organization. Elise, herself a survivor of sexual assault, started the Art Access art therapy for survivors of sexual abuse program in 2015.

Misty Campbell

Misty Campbell is an advocate for her son Tairay, who lives with cerebral palsy. She educates other parents on

how to be the best advocate for their children. She is a returning presenter at the conference.

Gwendolyn Carey

Gwendolyn Carey has spent 15 years teaching students with intellectual disabilities in the school district of Palm Beach County, Florida. She is the curriculum specialist at Florida Atlantic University, Academy for Community Inclusion. Gwendolyn is pursuing her doctorate in special education.

Veronica Carranza

Veronica Carranza, EdD, has 20 years of experience as a dual-language elementary school educator. As an adjunct professor at Southwestern College, she has successfully implemented the strategies from Our Reading Toolbox, helping her students improve their critical thinking skills.

Wei Wei Chen

WeiWei Chen holds a PhD in special education from UC Santa Barbara. He has focused his research on inclusive education under Chinese culture, family perspectives of inclusive education, and psychological representation of inclusiveness.

Chuan Chinn

Chuan Chinn, PhD, is an associate specialist at the Center on Disability Studies at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, and conducted program evaluation for HI-PRAISE and other projects at CDS. She has over 15 years of experience conducting mixed-method research in the

areas of K-12 education, teacher professional development, healthcare, and supports and services for people with disabilities.

Keith Christensen

Keith Christensen is an associate professor in the Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning at Utah State University. Keith's research emphasizes the role of environmental factors and spatial processes on the social integration of individuals with disabilities.

Laura Chubb

Laura Chubb is a graduate student pursuing a Masters of Applied Disability Studies at Brock University, Ontario, Canada. She has extensive experience studying, volunteering and working in communities that celebrate the intersectionality, difference and abilities of all people.

Brian Clark

Brian Clark is the director of learning at 4Seasons Transportation. He has 25 years of experience working with persons with cognitive challenges. His courses emphasize an understanding of communication and sensory challenges leading to a reduction in rider anxiety and stress.

Judith Clark

Judith Clark, MPH, is executive director of Hawai'i Youth Services Network, a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations and a Pacific Islands training center. She has developed culturally relevant educational materials on bullying, teen pregnancy, STI prevention, and teen dating violence.

Erica Coleman

Erica Coleman, MS, is the health activities coordinator for the University of Cincinnati, UCEDD. Erica has over 10 years of experience working in areas of health disparities and underserved populations. Her work focuses on the disability population and inclusive health promotion.

Joseph Connellan

Joseph Connellan has 30 years of experience in developing and running housing for people with a disability in Australia. For the last 10 years he has provided advice to government and larger non-profit organizations operating in housing, disability and employment.

Megan Conway

Megan Conway is interdisciplinary training coordinator with the Center on Disability Studies at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. She is also the editor of *The Review of Disability Studies: An International Journal*.

Tom Conway

Thomas Conway, PhD, is the Center on Disability Studies (CDS) media coordinator and lead for the Section508@UH project for website and digital content

accessibility compliance at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. He is also the co-principle investigator on the unidescription project for creating mobile accessible audio-described brochures for the National Park Service.

LaWanda Cook

LaWanda Cook, PhD, CRC, is an extension faculty associate with Cornell University's Yang-Tan Institute on Employment and Disability. Her research considers the wellbeing and inclusion of individuals with disabilities in work and leisure spaces.

Rama Cousik

Rama Cousik is an assistant professor of special education in the Department of Professional Studies at Indiana University, Purdue University, Fort Wayne. She teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in special education and inclusion. Her research is qualitative and focuses on the impact of culture on children with disabilities.

Lisa Croen

Lisa Croen, PhD, is the director of the Autism Research Program at Kaiser Permanente. Her research interests include the epidemiology of autism and other neurodevelopmental disorders, and the provision of services to those individuals across their lifespan.

Anne Crylen

Anne Crylen is an education advocate focused on the invisible needs of diverse student populations including

those with acquired disabilities. A global educator, Crylen completed a Fulbright in Cambodia, worked as a school principal in Shanghai, and taught school in Chicago.

Marzena Cypryańska

Marzena Cypryańska is an assistant professor at the University of Social Sciences and Humanities in Warsaw, Poland. Her research interests include peoples' beliefs about humanness and human nature.

Simon Darcy

Simon Darcy is a professor with the Management Discipline Group, UTS Business School at the University of Technology in Sydney, Australia. He specializes in developing inclusive organizational approaches for diversity groups.

Tracy Dayman

Tracy Dayman is an educator in initial teacher education (ITE) and a doctoral candidate at the University of Canterbury, Aotearoa New Zealand. Tracy's research project investigates the role that ITE plays in supporting inclusion and inclusive pedagogy.

Reid Davenport

Reid Davenport has made six documentaries from the perspective of people with disabilities. He recently gave a TED Talk at the 2017 annual conference. He also co-founded **Through My Lens**, which teaches collaborative filmmaking to students with and without disabilities.

Cora Demit

Cora Demit was born and raised in Northway, Alaska, where she served as a substance abuse counselor and a special education aide. She now shares elder reflections in behavioral health classes. She practices a traditional lifestyle as a proud Upper Tanana Athabascan woman.

Jaime Demperio

Jaime Demperio, MA, teaches applied linguistics at the Université de Québec à Montréal and is part of a research team at UQAM focusing on issues of identity and second language acquisition.

Leigh-wai Doo

Leigh-wai Doo is an attorney, a former city councilman and polio survivor who literally rode the waves on CNN in the 60's.

Charles Drum

Charles Drum, MPA, JD, PhD is the director of the Institute on Disability at the University of New Hampshire and a professor of public health. He is a nationally recognized expert in disability and health and community participation.

Anne René Elsbree

Anne René Elsbree, PhD, is dedicated to differentiating curriculum at the secondary level for English language learners and students with special needs. She is a professor at California State University San Marcos, North San Diego County.

Jerrick Feliciano

Jerrick Feliciano, MEd, is a STEM education specialist at the Center on Disability Studies at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. He leads science hands-on sessions.

Manny Felix

Manny Felix, PhD, is the director of adapted physical education at Winona State University in Minnesota. He is currently the director of the physical activity for life, learning and love (PALs) program in partnership with the Winona Family YMCA.

Elizabeth Kavruuq Fleagle

An Inupiaq elder born and raised in remote Alatna, Alaska, Elizabeth Kavruuq Fleagle lives an extraordinary life, teaching, and mentoring countless people in behavioral health programs. A credentialed traditional counselor, she was awarded an honorary PhD in education by the University of Alaska in 2014.

Julie Fodor

Julie Fodor, PhD, is an associate professor in the College of Education and the director of the Center on Disabilities and Human Development at the University of Idaho. She has worked for over 30 years with people with disabilities and their families.

Anjali Forber-Pratt

Anjali Forber-Pratt, PhD, is an assistant professor in human and organizational development at Vanderbilt

University. Her research adopts a social-ecological framework looking at issues including identity, social-emotional learning and school climate, particularly for individuals with disabilities.

Michael Fox

Michael Fox, AM, B Arch, MTCP, FAIA, FPIA, is an architect, planner, and access consultant. He is the director of Access Australia, Chair of Rights & Inclusion Australia, and served for four years as the president of RI Global New York.

Jade French

Jade French is an artist and researcher based in Liverpool, England. Jade predominantly works alongside intellectually disabled people to explore the intersections of art, disability and social change. Jade is currently a PhD student at the University of Leeds.

Patsie Frawley

Patsie Frawley, PhD, conducts research on policy and advocacy related to the interface between intellectual disability and sexuality and relationships, abuse prevention, and inclusion. She is a senior lecturer and postgraduate course coordinator at Deakin University, Australia.

Nazaret Fresno

Nazaret Fresno is an assistant professor of translation and interpreting at UTRGV. Her research interests include audiovisual translation and accessibility to the media

(audio description and closed captioning). Her work has been presented in prestigious international conferences and scientific journals.

Jan Fried

Jan Fried is a professor/coordinator of the ASL/English interpreter education program at UH-Kapi'olani Community College. She presents throughout Hawai'i, the Pacific, Japan and the Continental U.S. on issues related to interpreter education, interpreting/translating, sign language documentation training and ASL.

Mark Friedman

Mark Friedman, PhD, is an associate professor for the Disability Studies Program at the City University of New York (CUNY). He has provided training in 22 states and provided advocacy training in Ecuador and Kosovo in addition to authoring 13 publications.

Destiny Fruean

Destiny Fruean is a wife and proud mother of a beautiful 5-year-old girl who is on the autism spectrum. She is studying at the University of Auckland. She is also working on projects that promote Samoan language education.

Janina Fuimaono

Janina Fuimaono has a master's in education, with an emphasis in special education. She has been an educator

for 26 years and has been in special education for 11 years.

Nite Fuamatu

Nite Fuamatu is an Aotearoa-born Samoan woman, who is currently completing her PhD at Monash University in Australia. She is focusing her doctoral studies on the quality of life of Samoans with disabilities in Auckland, Australia.

Yuko Fujita

Yuko Fujita, MS, is a licensed physical therapist and a research associate at Bunkyo University in Saitama, Japan. Her current research interests include psychosocial aspects of human posture.

Katie Gao

Katie Gao is a content specialist at the Center on Disability Studies.

Carrie Lou Garberoglio

Carrie Lou Garberoglio, PhD, is an educational researcher affiliated with the Meadows Center for Preventing Educational Risk at the University of Texas at Austin, and associate director of the National Deaf Center on Postsecondary Outcomes.

Brooke Garcia

Brooke Garcia is the co-owner and general manager of 4Seasons Transportation. She is a big booster of the company's vision that everyone has the right to expect

safe, reliable transportation. She feels strongly that affecting change in the transportation industry is her company's goal.

Sylvia Garcia-Navarrete

Sylvia Garcia-Navarrete, PhD, is a professor at Southwestern College in California and an adjunct professor at San Diego State University. She is an innovative instructional leader who provides trainings on thinking-centered education to create a culture of thinkers, which aims to empower individuals to discover their voice and articulate their thoughts.

Nancy Getty

Nancy Getty is an international autistic speaker and also a published author and founder of A.S.P.I.E.S. With firsthand knowledge as an autistic individual and mother of twins on the autism spectrum, Nancy translates the autism culture through non-clinical insight. She is but one voice building a choir.

Janet Gibson

Janet Gibson, PhD, has research interests that focus on how identity is promulgated in reality theatre productions and applied in performance practices that use words and stories associated with people living with a dementia diagnosis.

Marilyn Golden

Marilyn Golden, a senior policy analyst with the Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund (DREDF), has worked

as an opponent of assisted suicide legislation in many states, represented the disability community in many debates, and authored numerous articles on the issue of public policy and assisted suicide. She is also a national leader in ADA and transportation policy.

Anne Goyer

Anne Goyer is manager for Nova Employment. Anne developed and oversees the employment and transition to work programs and developed the NOVA nationally accredited curriculum and staff training and development program.

Cheryl Green

Cheryl Green, MFA, MS, is a neurodivergent multi-media artist and media accessibility specialist with acquired invisible disabilities. She collects and amplifies stories from disability culture that challenge ableism, celebrate pride in identity, and foster community.

Robin Greenfield

Robin Greenfield is the associate director for the Center on Disabilities and Human Development at the University of Idaho. Her research interests include the process of customized employment, stress and attention as it relates to people with disabilities.

Lisa Guerra

Lisa Guerra is a community engagement coordinator at the National Deaf Center on Postsecondary Outcomes. She is in charge of Engage for Change | local. An alumna

of the University of Texas at Austin, Lisa Guerra is dedicated to history, education, and activism.

Yegin Habtes

Yegin Habtes, PhD, is a professor of education and senior executive director of the Virgin Islands University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (VIUCEDD). At the University of the Virgin Islands, he served as head of the School of Education.

Karen Hale

Karen Hale is a practitioner-researcher with interests in collaborative working, social constructions of disability and post-modernity. She can be found writing up her PhD, working alongside community based practitioners and chasing her little ones.

Latacha Hamilton

Latacha Hamilton received her PhD at Jackson State University and is currently affiliated with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at Jackson State University.

Andrew Harman

As a direct service provider and job developer for those with developmental disabilities, Andrew Harman has customized over 45 supported employment positions in the Puget Sound region.

Emily Harris

Emily Harris has experience as an employment consultant, and a positive behavior support specialist with

individuals, families, and employment agencies in the Pacific Northwest. Emily is committed to the concept of inclusion, and knows that employment is critical to equity.

Maureen Hawes

Maureen Hawes, PhD, is a research associate and director of the Systems Improvement Group at the Institute on Community Integration at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Hawes has spent over 15 years as a technical assistance provider, delivering high quality technical assistance to numerous state agencies and entities on topics including general supervision and monitoring, evaluation, systems change, evidence-based practices, data analysis and use, and leadership.

Katharine Hayward

Katharine Hayward, PhD, MPH, is the director of evaluation for the Tarjan Center at UCLA. She has over 15 years of experience in disability research. Current projects include increasing access to the following: women's health care, the arts, postsecondary education and employment.

Jay Hedgpeth

Jay Hedgpeth, PhD, LMSW, is an assistant professor at Tennessee State University. He is also a faculty member of the Meharry-Vanderbilt Interprofessional Education Team and a member of the Meharry-Vanderbilt Gerontological Interprofessional Training Team.

John Hendry

John Hendry is a veteran elected public school board trustee, author, and international speaker. He has held cabinet appointments within the Ontario government and won awards for his commitment and dedication to service in the community and to children with special needs. He has also presented at the Pac Rim Conference on three previous occasions.

Marlon Hepi

Marlon Hepi has worked in the disability field for 35 years. She is the current general manager of the largest assessment agency for people with disabilities in the US and has enhanced it by achieving all contractual targets with a significant increase in positive profiling for the organization.

Huhana Hickey

Huhana Hickey is a scholar of disabilities research and legal theory and is noted for the breadth of her cross-disciplinary research. She has a long-standing interest in indigenous peoples and disability focusing on human rights and indigenous knowledge from the global South.

Caryl Hitchcock

Caryl Hitchcock, PhD, is a long-time resident of Moloka'i, and the site coordinator for the University of Hawai'i Center on Disability Studies on Moloka'i, Maui and Lana'i. She is an associate professor at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa.

Jan Hill

Jan Hill, PhD, investigates strategies that ensure health and educational equity. Her work includes examining social capital and social media as tools to promote positive youth development. She also investigates strategies that influence postsecondary success for underrepresented students.

Jill Hinton

Jill Hinton, PhD, is clinical director for the Center for START Services. She has worked in the field of IDD for over 25 years. In her role, she provides consultation to states in implementation of the START model.

Micah Hirokawa

Educator Micah Hirokawa uses self-study, research, and student development as strategies when working with students with learning differences. He has been a featured speaker in TEDxHonolulu Ed, the Maui Independent Schools Conference, and was the only educator in Hawaii to become a finalist for the 2014 Grammy Educator Award.

Isabel Hodge

As the executive director of the U.S. International Council on Disabilities (USICD), Isabel Hodge leads the effort to promote the rights and full participation of persons with disabilities through global engagement and U.S. foreign affairs.

Marcia Howard

Marcia Howard, PhD has been learning and teaching West African dance on O'ahu for the past 16 years. Her love for dancing and teaching is evident in her commitment to learning traditional West African dances and drumming by traveling to Guinea and Liberia. She has been teaching Special Education for 23 years and loves sharing her African culture in the schools.

Britteny Howell

Britteny Howell, PhD, is coordinator of research & development at Hope Community Resources in Alaska, where she conducts research to increase evidence-based practices and quality improvement in the IDD and aging fields. She is also an adjunct online professor.

Erica Howell

Erica Howell, PhD, currently co-directs the Center for Autism at Cal State Fullerton. Her research interests center on individuals with autism, teacher training, and transition.

Luanjiao Hu

Luanjiao Hu is a doctoral student in the international education policy program at the University of Maryland. His research interests lie in disability studies. He has conducted research in higher education access for students with disabilities.

Virginia Hughes

Virginia Hughes is an associate professor of biology at Neumann University. She received her BS in medical

research and technology and an MS in biomedical research from the University of Maryland. She received her PhD in public policy from Auburn University.

Callis Hutchings

Callis Hutchings hails from UT, CA & now AZ. He spent 3 years in China, was a teacher, and can't stop learning. Most importantly, he is a proud parent of 4 kids with special needs.

Ben Ibale

Ben Ibale is the lead trainer for the cultural competency training program, a collaboration between the University of Washington and the Washington Education Association (WEA). His work addresses equity, closing the opportunity gaps, and recruiting and retaining educators of color.

Angela Ingram

Angela Ingram is currently a doctoral candidate at the University of Oregon. After completing a master's degree in special education, she taught a wide variety of students with special needs in Texas, China, and the Middle East.

James Ingram

James Ingram is a doctoral candidate in curriculum and instruction with a concentration in special education at Northern Arizona University. He has taught in public education for 20 years and currently coordinates an adult transition program for individuals with disabilities, ages 18 to 22 years old.

Vanessa Irvin

Vanessa Irvin, PhD, is an assistant professor with the Library and Information Science Program at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. She conducts research with public librarians in communities of practice within urban, rural and indigenous contexts.

Tiina Itkonen

Tiina Itkonen, PhD, is an associate professor of education and political science at California State University, Channel Islands. Her research focuses on education policy and politics in the US and in her native Finland.

Tianikki Ivanko

Tia Ivanko, MS, NIC, works for the National Deaf Center on Postsecondary Outcomes as a technical assistance specialist. She has a comprehensive range of professional experience and expertise related to education and access for deaf individuals.

Jenny Jacob

Jennie Jacob has been a pediatric physical therapist since 2000. She has treated the pediatric population across all areas including early intervention, home health, inpatient acute care, and outpatient developmental pediatrics. Since 2007, Ms. Jacob has exclusively treated the fragile infant population in the NICU. She is a Certified Neonatal Therapist and Developmental Care Specialist.

Michael Jeffress

Michael Jeffress, PhD, is a lecturer in communication studies at the University of the West Indies in St. Augustine, Trinidad. His strong interest in disability advocacy and scholarship is motivated by his having two children with disabilities.

Overtoun Jenda

Overtoun Jenda, PhD, serves as an assistant provost for special projects and initiatives and a professor of mathematics at Auburn University. He has been the principal investigator for numerous grants focusing on STEM education for persons with disabilities.

Keith Jenkins

Keith Jenkins is the director of the therapeutic recreation program at the Parks and Recreation Authority in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. His work in the TR program for the past 17 years has been recognized as the most outstanding in the state.

Randy Johner

Randy Johner, PhD, is an associate professor with the faculty of social work at the University of Regina, Canada. Her research focuses on diverse abilities, identity, and arts-informed methodology that may or may not utilize technology.

Cinda Johnson

Cinda Johnson, EdD, is a professor of special education at Seattle University. She is the principal investigator for the Center for Change in Transition Services. She is a

national leader in the area of transition for young people with disabilities.

Christine Jones

Christine Jones, MBA, has nearly three decades of experience in nonprofit program management, education, and technology marketing. Since joining Benetech in 2009, Christine has conducted outreach and delivered training in the disability field nationwide and has presented at numerous conferences.

Stephen Jordan

Stephen Jordan will be stepping into the position of director of orientation and mobility services (O&M) at the Massachusetts Association for the Blind. He has worked in the field of special education/vision studies since 2003. He holds a master's degree in education and national certification in O&M.

Dalen Kahiapo

Since 2006, Dalen Kahiapo has been a media specialist for the University of Hawai'i Center on Disability Studies (CDS). Over the past 10 years he has produced, directed, filmed and edited numerous videos for CDS. He has developed and maintained websites for several CDS grants. He specializes in still and motion graphics and is currently teaching elementary students introduction to Crazytalk animation.

Laurie Kahiapo

Teaching is second nature to Laurie Kahiapo, who for

many years home schooled her own children. Since 2009, Laurie has been working on Native Hawaiian education grants that weave Hawaiian cultural values and practices into lessons and activities that address Hawai'i's educational common core standards.

Tsubasa Kato

Tsubasa Kato is with the Graduate School of Comprehensive Human Science, University of Tsukuba.

Belinda Karge

Belinda Karge, PhD, is a professor of doctoral studies at Concordia University, Irvine, and a professor emeritus at California State University, Fullerton. She is an expert in research-based instructional strategies. She travels extensively worldwide to share inclusive strategies.

Hiroshi Kawamura

Hiroshi Kawamura has many years of experience working on disaster risk reduction for people with disabilities. He has also worked on many projects serving disadvantaged and special needs populations in Japan.

Glenn Kelly

Glenn Kelly is a psychologist with 20 years clinical experience working with families affected by acquired brain injury (ABI). He is active in research with a current

focus on challenging behaviors and the overrepresentation of ABI in the criminal justice system.

Monica Kem

Monica Kem is an occupational therapy student at Stanbridge University, graduating in January 2018. She has three years of experience providing behavioral therapy with children that have autism. Her future professional interests include working with the pediatric population locally and abroad.

Michael Kennedy

Michael Kennedy is an associate professor of special education at the University of Virginia. His research focuses on providing pre- and in-service teachers with learning experiences that translate into improved implementation of evidence-based practices and outcomes for all students.

Saif Khan

Saif Khan creates positive social change by devoting his time, skills and knowledge to many volunteer activities, such as animal shelters and the Ronald McDonald House. Saif competes in the Special Olympics and works at the dining hall at the University of North Carolina.

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