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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Learning Design & Technology

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Expected 2025

Doctoral Candidate, Dissertation title: Investigating the Perceptions of Historically Underserved & Underrepresented Students on Belonging & Persistence Following Online Community Participation

M.Ed., Learning Design & Technology

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, 2019

2019 Burniske Outstanding LTEC Master's Project Award Nominee.

Online Tutor Training: An Instructional Design Project. ScholarSpace LTEC 690, Spring 2019 Collection.

<http://hdl.handle.net/10125/61897>

Instructional design project utilizing Canvas Learning Management System to administer 3 weeks of online training used in conjunction with face-to-face training at the Learning Assistance Center at UH Mānoa.

B.A., Biology

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, 2014

EMPLOYMENT

Transfer Specialist, Mānoa Transfer Coordination Center,

August 2023 – present

Works primarily with Kapi'olani Community College in aspects concerning transfer to UH Mānoa, including but not limited to: the Ka'ie'ie program, other transfer options, course selection and sequencing to align the 2-year to the 4-year degree, transfer timeline, management of 3rd party transcripts, 4-year campus transition strategies, knowledge of the intricacies and barriers associated with transfer, etc. Additionally, maintains knowledge of the transfer student profile, cultivates rapport with UHCC partners, serves as technology point person, manages the MTCC website and social media, and represents the MTCC at various campus events and committees.

Academic Advisor, TRIO Mānoa,

Student Equity, Excellence & Diversity (SEED)

January 2021 – July 2023

In accordance with the TRIO Student Support Services Federal Grant requirements, upheld required and referred services in the following categories for first-generation and/or high financial need students: academic advising, financial aid/literacy, graduate school preparation, career preparation, and tutoring.

Led the office both in the shift to greater online presence and accessibility during COVID-19, and in full rebranding from SSS to TRIO Mānoa including print and digital materials. Served as communication lead for recruitment, continuing participant communication, TRIO News weekly newsletter, and recruitment presentations/events with partner programs. Further served participants by specializing in transfer student concerns, acting as liaison with the Learning Assistance Center, and offering programming as the in-house Academic Coach. Other non-grant duties included supervising TRIO Student Ambassadors, managing eligibility and application review, maintenance of STAR Balance for all services and website and social media, and general office duties necessary to upkeep the office as home base for participants.

Transfer Specialist, Mānoa Transfer Coordination Center

January 2020 – January 2021

Worked primarily with non-UH and Kauaʻi community college in aspects concerning transfer to UH Mānoa, including but not limited to: transfer options, course selection and sequencing to align the 2-year degree to the 4-year, transfer timeline, health clearance and 3rd party transcripts, 4-year campus transition strategies, unofficial transfer credit evaluation, knowledge of the intricacies and barriers associated with transfer, etc. Additionally, maintained knowledge of the transfer student profile, marketed Kaʻieʻie program, maintained rapport with CC partners, tested STAR Advisor Balance, served as technology point person, promoted engagement across UH system via social media, represented the MTCC at various campus events and committees, co-created Transfer newsletter, managed the MTCC office space and website, and fielded phone and email inquiries.

2020 'Oikela Award for Outstanding Advising Unit

Transfer Student Support Specialist, Mānoa Transfer Coordination Center

March 2019 – December 2019

Advised Kauaʻi Community College and Honolulu Community College students in similar capacity as Transfer Specialist position.

Program Assistant, Learning Assistance Center (LAC)

August 2016 – March 2019

Designed and implemented training for tutors and Supplemental Instruction (SI) leaders in learning theories and techniques, supervised daily operations including receptionists' duties, rebranded program marketing, managed social media, attended campus meetings and events as needed.

Programming:

Academic Coaching, Fall 2017 – Spring 2019

PMO Go LEAD Europe Experience & Research Symposium, Spring 2018

Education Technologist, RCUH College of Tropical Agriculture & Human Resources (CTAHR)

September 2014 – May 2019

Photographed and edited materials for University use, designed infographics and logos for various campaigns, created event posters, applied acquired teaching skills in developing and maintaining educational websites, provided creative project consultation, assisted project leads in the production of educational videos, and served as a resource to extension agents for media and technical support.

Supplemental Instruction Facilitator & PHYL 141/142 Tutor, LAC

September 2010 – May 2014

Created active, independent, effective learners, exemplified successful study strategies, guided students in honing skills applicable to both physiology and other courses, developed materials to aid in the learning process, guided groups in collaborative learning, planned weekly content and agenda, demonstrated learning techniques, and reinforced lecture material through activities geared toward interaction and the SI model.

TEACHING

UNIV 240: The FreshMore Experience, Spring 2019, 2020

In partnership with the Mānoa Advising Center, incorporated and adapted Academic Coaching curriculum into freshman success seminar, managed Canvas Learning Management system

UNIV 387: Collaborative Learning, AY 2018-19

In partnership with the Learning Assistance Center, related things like social learning theory to the learning and teaching philosophies of students in the class, managed Canvas Learning Management System

IS 250: Personal Development for Effective Teams, Spring 2018

In partnership with Study Abroad Center Faculty Sponsored Study Tours (FaSST) class was taught in conjunction with students conducting research abroad in England, France, and Italy, and presenting work at the Pā'ina Wala'au Symposium. Managed Canvas Learning Management System, co-coordinated travel and symposium planning, advised students on research, interview, research writing

PUBLICATIONS

Sibonga, S. (July 2020) *From Transfer Guides to Program Maps: Updating Your Website With Student-Friendly Terms*. National Institute for the Study of Transfer Students (NISTS). Blog post. <https://www.nists.org/post/from-transfer-guides-to-program-maps-updating-your-website-with-student-friendly-terms>

Andsell, V., Wattanagoon, Y., (August 2018) *Angiostrongylus cantonensis in travelers: clinical manifestations, diagnosis, and treatment*. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/30138142>
Adopted by the Universities of Khon Kaen and Panama, designed infographic included in publication.

Scutti, S. (April 2017). *Nine Cases of Ratlungworm Disease Confirmed in Hawai'i*. Infographic. Houston Style Magazine. <http://stylemagazine.com/news/2017/apr/11/9-cases-rat-lungworm-disease-confirmed-hawaii/>
Designed infographic included in publication.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Sibonga, S. (April 2024). *Ka'ie'ie: a Dual-Admission, Dual-Enrollment Program*. Concurrent session at the Hawai'i Association for College Admission Counseling (HACAC) Conference.

Sibonga, S. (October 2023). *In Pursuit of Persistence: Transforming Discord Into an Online Community for a Sense of Belonging*. Works in progress session at the Association for Educational Communications & Technology (AECT) International Convention.

Sibonga, S., Carino-Agustin, R., Agullana, P., Espinosa, S. (March 2023) *Not Just a Statistic*. Preconference panel at the Teaching, Colleges & Community (TCC) International Online Conference.

Espinosa, S., **Sibonga, S.,** Carino-Agustin, R., Agullana, P. (April 2022) *Not Just a Statistic: Measuring students' sense of belonging in higher education via online spaces*. Concurrent session at the TCC International Online Conference.

Sibonga, S., Brown-Mcbride, S., Esty, D. (April 2021) *Koai'e: Mayor of Minecraft*. Concurrent session at the TCC International Online Conference.

Harjati, L., **Sibonga, S.** (January 2020) *Coaching in the Classroom: Incorporating Academic Coaching in a Student Success Seminar*. Concurrent session at the International Academic Forum (IAFOR) International Conference on Education (IICE).

Harjati, L., **Sibonga, S.** (January 2020) *Coaching In The Classroom: Incorporating Academic Coaching In A Student Success Seminar*. Concurrent session at the Hawai'i International Conference on Education (HICE) 2020.

Sibonga, S. (May 2019) *Online Tutor Training: An Instructional Design Project*. Concurrent session at the TCC International Online Conference.

Johnson, S., Jones, M., Shiroma, K., **Sibonga, S.,** Medeiros, M. (July 2018) *Supporting Students As They Write Their Stories: A Panel Presentation by the Sinclair Student Services*. Concurrent session at CAA (Council of Academic Advisors) Conference.

Pang, A., **Sibonga, S.,** Matthews, L. (Summer 2016, 2017) *Successful College Student Workshop*, CAA Conferences.

WORKSHOPS

Ka‘ie‘ie Transfer Workshops

2023-2024

Ongoing, various sessions covering transfer admissions logistics, academic and student affairs resources, financial aid implications, and campus life for students transferring to UH Mānoa in the following semester.

Secrets of Success (S.O.S.) Transfer to UH Mānoa via the Ka‘ie‘ie Program Workshops,

2023-2024

Ongoing, various sessions detailing the history, goals, eligibility requirements, benefits, timeline, and logistics of the Ka‘ie‘ie program. Goal was to provide information and recruit for this UH Mānoa admission pathway.

TRIO Mānoa Programming Workshops

2021-2023

Various sessions covering academic skills and graduate school topics: time management, notetaking and study skills, final exam prep, tech tools, and graduate school prep. Coordinated with the LAC for reading and test-taking strategies sessions.

TRIO Mānoa Recruitment Presentations

2021-2023

For SEED programs, PAC training, UH Mānoa Admitted Student Receptions, TIDES AANAPISI Farrington & Kaimuki High Schools, PUEO Scholars.

Academic Coaching Workshop, (e.g. HUI, MAI, etc.)

2017-19

Shared the Academic Coaching program benefits, how-to-book with students/classes, and the overall process from intake to and through “retirement” or graduation.

Online Classes Workshop. Student Support Services

AY 2017-18

Targeted class presentation sharing misconceptions about and strategies to succeed in online undergraduate courses. Included tools, communication, group work, etc. <https://prezi.com/view/mXB1chSCCPdDHjnJTJKR/>

In the Student’s Shoes. CAA Professional Development

Fall 2017

Professional development workshop providing academic advisors an opportunity to view college struggles through the student lens, and to express that perspective in a creative way.

SERVICE

UNIVERSITY

Academic Advising & Transfer Network (AATN) Conference Planning Committee, August 2024 - present

NSO Check-in Volunteer, August 2024

General Education Committee (GEC), 2023-26

AY 2024-25

O Board Liaison

Assessment Working Group

GenEd Redesign Committee

Language Substitution Working Group

AY 2023-24

O Board Liaison

Assessment Working Group

GenEd Redesign Committee

Council of Academic Advisors (CAA) Website Committee, November 2023 - present

Academic Excellence & Student Success Committee (AESSC) (formerly APC),

Executive Committee Webmaster, AY 2023-24

Communication Sub-Committee Member, AY 2023-24

Pacific Area Conference 2024 Planning Committee, November 2023 - July 2024

Logistics Subcommittee Co-Chair

Marketing & Visuals Designer

Council of Academic Advisors member, Fall 2019-Present

MTCC Hiring Committee, Spring 2023

Academic Procedures Committee (APC)

Website Sub-Committee Chair, AY 2020-21

Student Experience Sub-Committee, AY 2019-20

Council of Academic Advisors (CAA) Summer Conference Committee, Spring 2020

Advisor Training Committee, Spring 2020

Summer Advising Family Info Sessions Facilitator & Volunteer, Summer 2019

Excellence in Academic Advising (EAA) Volunteer, Summer 2019

Peer Mentor, Access to College Excellence First Year Programs, Fall 2011

Taught 1-credit Freshman Seminar course, mentored students through smooth transition into college, and collaborated with other mentors to plan program events

Student Ambassador, UH Mānoa Hoa Kāko‘o Student Ambassador Program, AY 2010-11

Led campus tours, served on panels with high school students, and engaged in prospective-student shadowing

NATIONAL

National Conference on Race & Ethnicity (NCORE) 2024 Conference Volunteer, May 2024

COMMUNITY

Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) 2024 International Convention, proposal reviewer, March 2024

AECT-Hawai‘i Chapter, July 2023 - present

Board of Directors, Secretary/Treasurer, plan events for LTEC/AECT members

Maui Economic Opportunity, 2018 - present

Develop digital and print materials to be used with MEO employees, stakeholders, and low-income client base of this private non-profit Community Action Agency

Science Fair Judge, Farrington High School, Fall 2018-19

Provided quantitative and qualitative feedback for poster presentations on a variety of science experiments conducted by high school students

The National Institute for the Study of Transfer Students (NISTS) proposal reviewer, Fall 2019

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

The National Academic Advising Association (NACADA), Member 2023 - present

Association for Educational Communications & Technology (AECT), Member 2020 - present

Technology, Colleges & Community (TCC)

CERTIFICATIONS

- Strong Interest Inventory, Fall 2021
- LGBTQ+ SafeZone Training, Fall 2018, Summer 2021

- Mental Health First Aid, Fall 2018

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Canvas Learning Management System
- Canva Online Design, & other Web 2.0 tools
- WordPress
- MailChimp
- Procreate
- Instagram Social Media
- Instructional Design
- Google Suite
- MS Word, PPT, Excel
- Adobe Acrobat Pro & Photoshop CS6
- Photography

OTHER SKILLS

- Strong collaborator and liaison
- Meticulous record keeper
- Independent worker
- Sustainable programming
- Training, workshop, activity designer and developer
- Capable and detail-oriented learner
- Communication lead