

## Presenter Biographies

**Ku'upilialoha Akana** is seventeen years old and is a senior at McKinley High School, looking forward to graduating this year. Ms. Akana is currently employed by Palama Settlement Agency as a Polynesian Dance Instructor and works with youth in 4H housing projects. She teaches the youth dances from Hawaii, Tahiti, Micronesia, New Zealand, etc. They are called the Ohana Coalition Dance Group. She plans to go to college after school and become a pediatric nurse. Her ultimate goal is to teach kids that there are other ways to spend their time instead of gangs and drugs.

**David S. Chen** is the Executive Director of the Chinese-American Planning Council, Inc.(CPC), the largest not-for-profit social service agency serving the Asian American population in the greater New York metropolitan area. As the chief administrator of CPC, he oversees 42 programs in daycare, home care, low-income housing, employment and training, youth, children and family services, client advocacy, translation, and senior citizen services, etc. He is a member of the Board of Directors of NAPAFASA, the Non-profit Coordinating Committee of New York, the Caring Community, and the Leadership Alliance of NY. He also serves on the Community Advisory Board of JP Morgan/Chase Bank. For many years, he had also served as a member on NYC's Commission on the Foster Care of Children, the Chancellor's Asian American Advisor Council of NYC's Board of Education, and Manhattan's Community Planning Board #3. Prior to joining CPC, Mr. Chen was employed by the Mayor's Office of the City of Chicago. Mr. Chen holds a MPA in Public & Not-for-Profit Management, and MA in Social Service Administration, and a BA in Economics.

**Shu H. Cheng, Ph.D.** is the Executive Director for Asian Association of Utah, a health and social service agency targeting Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, and manages all aspects of the agency including program, finance, personnel, public relation, and board coordination. Dr. Cheng has served as the Principal Investigator on several projects on topics such as substance abuse prevention and treatment, and HIV prevention. Until 2004, he was a Clinical Instructor at the University of Utah, Graduate School of Social Work, in administration, community organization, and counseling techniques. He is also an experienced presenter and trainer. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors for NAPAFASA.

**Jean Lau Chin** is Professor and Systemwide Dean of California School of Professional Psychology at Alliant International University. She has more than 30 years of experience as an administrator, consultant, practitioner, and educator. Her positions include: President, CEO Services; Regional Director, Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership; Executive Director, South Cove Community Health Center; Director, Thom Child Guidance Clinic. She was Associate Professor at Boston University School of Medicine and on the faculty of the Center for Multicultural Training in Psychology. She has served on many national and local boards in areas of health, mental health, substance abuse, women's issues, and Asian American issues. Currently, she serves on the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology; Center for Substance Abuse Prevention. She is past-president of the Society for the Psychology of Women, Division 35 of American Psychological Association. She has published widely and given numerous talks in the area of cultural competence, psychotherapy, community based health care, women's issues, Asian American and ethnic minority issues.

**Julian Chow** is an Associate Professor at the School of Social Welfare at the University of California, Berkeley. He received his Masters and Doctorate degrees in Social Work from Case Western Reserve University. His research focuses on studying the process and the impact of neighborhood change on social and economic conditions among urban populations. Specializing in community analysis, he is interested in studying urban poverty and improving community practice and social service provision. Dr. Chow's research interests also include the study of social and mental health services delivery in ethnic neighborhoods. He has been active in Asian American communities and has served on many national, state, and local organizations, addressing issues such as welfare reform, poverty, immigration, health, and mental health.

**Miae Christofferson** is a Behavioral Health Program Project Manager for Asian Counseling and Referral Service. Her primary role is to work with the ACRS' Behavioral Health Director in the development and implementation of culturally and linguistically appropriate peer driven recovery support projects such as the Asian Community Outreach and Recovery Network (ACORN) and managing ACRS' Chemical Dependency department. Ms. Christofferson has over 11 years experience working in the social work environment with focus in the field of chemical dependency and is a licensed Chemical Dependency Professional. Her professional associations included being Co-Chair for the Asian/Pacific Islander Women and Family Center, Board Member for the Washington State Substance Abuse Coalition and being involved with

numerous Asian Pacific American organizations in various roles and events. Ms. Christofferson received her B.A. degree in psychology and Masters in Public Health at the University of Washington.

**Vince Crisostomo** is an out Gay Chamorro Male who is living with AIDS. His work experience in HIV/AIDS started in 1987 as a volunteer in the New York City area providing emotional and practical support for persons with AIDS. In 1990, he moved to San Francisco and started an 11-year affiliation of working for the Asian & Pacific Islander Wellness Center, first in Prevention, then Client Services, and finally providing Technical Assistance to AIDS service and Lesbian Gay Bisexual & Transgender (LGBT) organizations around the country targeting APIs. In January 2001, he returned to his native Guam to assume the position of Executive Director of Coral Life Foundation (CLF). CLF was the only community based AIDS service organization in the Micronesian region and Vince was their first executive director. In February 2001 he helped found the Pacific Island Jurisdiction AIDS Action Group (PIJAAG) along with representatives from 5 of the six U.S. affiliated Pacific Island Jurisdictions. In 1994 he was the subject of OUT IN SILENCE, a documentary by Christine Choy that won a national competition at the American Film Institute. Mr. Crisostomo currently serves the community as Director of Field Operations at Georgetown University's School of Nursing & Health Studies where his work bridges non-profits serving the Asian and or Pacific Islander community in the Washington DC Metro area, across the country and in the Asia Pacific Region with Researchers in Academia.

**Emilie Gaborne Dearing** is the Chair of the Executive Board of NAPAFASA and a Certified Nurse Specialist in Psychiatric Mental health with a multi-ethnic private practice and consultation services in Fairfax, VA. She is a Consultant to the Georgetown University Southeast Asian Health Education Project, a research funded by the National Institute of Health. She is also a Consultant to the Department of Health, District of Columbia Addiction, Prevention and Recovery Administration AAPI Youth Substance Abuse Program. She has been in the health field for over 35 years. She earned her M.S. in Nursing from the University of Maryland. She has taught courses in substance abuse at George Mason University and courses in substance abuse and mental health at Northern Virginia Community College. She is a contributing author to a book entitled, "Filipino Americans: Transformation and Identity." She was one of the Twenty Outstanding Filipino-Americans in the United States of America and Canada honored in Washington, D.C. on October 22, 2004 by the publisher of the Fil-Am Image Magazine.

**Alicia DeLeon-Torres** is currently the Division Manager for Children and Youth Development, and Senior Services Divisions at the Union of Pan Asian Communities in San Diego. She has worked in the area of gang prevention/intervention for over 14 years, and alcohol/drug prevention for over 13 years. Ms. DeLeon-Torres has served on many commissions and boards including: the NAPAFASA Board of Directors, California State Attorney General's Civil Rights Commission on Hate Crimes, California State Asian Pacific Islander Alcohol and Drug Constituent Committee, and San Diego Police Department's Chief's Asian Pacific Islander Advisory Board.

**Philbert F. Espejo, M.P.H.**, is the Sensitivity Program Trainer for the Targeted Expansion Project for Outreach and Treatment project in the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies at the University of California, San Francisco. He provides HIV Education workshops and Sensitivity trainings for both clients and staff in substance abuse and mental health treatment settings. He has extensive experience working with youth and adults in the areas of substance abuse and chronic conditions and is bilingual in English and Tagalog. Mr. Espejo received his Master of Public Health degree from San Jose State University specializing in Community Health Education. His specific interest focuses on the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) population in regards to health issues/concerns.

**Vaka Faletau** is currently a children's social worker with the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services, Asian Pacific Project. He is also serving as a board member for NAPAFASA and is a member of the State of California Department of Alcohol and Drugs Program, Asian Pacific Constituent Committee.

**Terry S. Gock, Ph.D., M.P.A.** is the Director of the Pacific Clinics Asian Pacific Family Center in the San Gabriel Valley area of Los Angeles County, California. He is also in part-time private practice as a clinical psychologist and forensic consultant. In addition, he has served as an organizational consultant for over 30 government and non-profit entities across the nation in strategic planning, organizational development, and program planning. Dr. Gock has authored eight publications, and made over 50 presentations at professional conferences on organizational development, program evaluation, substance abuse and HIV/AIDS prevention, as well as racial/ethnic minority mental health, sexual diversity, and spirituality issues. He is currently the Vice-Chair of the Executive Board of NAPAFASA.

**Martin Y. Iguchi, Ph.D.**, is a Professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences, School of Public Health, UCLA, and a senior behavioral scientist with the RAND Drug Policy Research Center. Dr. Iguchi received his B.A. in liberal arts from Vassar College, his M.A. and Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology from Boston University, and he completed 2 years of post-doctoral training in drug abuse and behavioral pharmacology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Dr.

Iguchi is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association, a member of the National Institute of Drug Abuse's (NIDA) Center Grant Research Review Committee, a member of the Board of Directors of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence, a member of NIDA's Asian and Pacific Island Scholars Workgroup, a member of the Editorial Board for Drug and Alcohol Dependence, an Associate Editor for the Journal of Drug Issues, and an Assistant Editor for Addiction. Dr. Iguchi is a Principal Investigator (PI) of a treatment research grant and a health disparities supplement awarded by NIDA; PI of a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant to examine the impact of Proposition 36 (treatment rather than prison for drug offenders) in Orange County, CA; and PI of the Coordinating Center grant for NIDA's multi-site Sexual Acquisition and Transmission of HIV Cooperative Agreement Program.

**Ronald K. Ikejiri** was elected to the Gardena City Council in March 2001. He is currently serving as Mayor Pro Tem. Mr. Ikejiri is a highly respected attorney and an experienced legislative and governmental affairs advisor. He has served as the President of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association in Washington, DC, as a member of the Department of Commerce Committee and the Department of Labor Advisory Committee on the Census and Occupational Safety, respectively, and is a member of the Policy Institute at University of California, Los Angeles. He holds both a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of California, Los Angeles, and has a Juris Doctorate Degree in Law from Northrop University.

**Francisco Irigon** has worked for 28 years in the social services arena, including 13 years for the Department of Social and Health Services, 10 years at the Center for Career Alternatives, four years at the International District Community Health Center, and one year at Washington Asian Pacific Families Against Substance Abuse prior to retiring in 2002. Mr. Irigon received his Masters in Social Works and his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Washington. His community involvement include: NAPAFAASA Board Member; Regional Alcohol and Drug Awareness Resources Network Steering Committee Member, NASW Partnership in Program Planning for Adolescent Health Steering Committee Member; International District Community Development Association Board Member; among others. Mr. Irigon was appointed to the Renton Technical College Board of Trustees in November 2002.

**Sam Joo** is currently the Prevention Director with the Asian American Drug Abuse Program and has been involved in working in the social service community for past fifteen years in the field of substance abuse, mental health, and youth development. He serves as Treasurer and Co-Chair of the Alcohol and Other Drugs Committee (ATOD) of the Asian Pacific Policy & Planning Council (A3PCON), a Los Angeles County organization.

**Kalani Kahalioumi**, Pulama Project Coordinator, has extensive experience with grassroots drug prevention efforts. Previously employed by the Coalition for a Drug Free Hawai'i, and also a co-founder of a men's health program, "Waianae Men in Recovery," Mr. Kahalioumi joined the Bay Clinic Inc. in April 2003. With at-risk youth as the priority, The Pulama Project and Pulama Partnerships provide: unique training opportunities in Hawaiian-based curriculums addressing self-esteem and communication, a drug education in intermediate school classrooms, instruction for youth at an alternative learning center, teen and family-focused mental health counseling at community health centers, the empowering of small local communities to create teen-centered activities and events, specialized outreach and tutoring in the last Hawaiian fishing village, increasing transportation options for rural youth, certified substance abuse counselors in high schools, ho'oponopono (traditional Hawaiian counseling), a special Hawaiian-values based program for teen children of users, and a teen center and entrepreneurial program for product and job development.

**Evelyne Kim** graduated from Rutgers University with a Bachelors Degree in Liberal Arts. She has been employed at Asian American Drug Abuse Program for eight years. Her experience as a counselor for the adult residential program, the Therapeutic Community, has led to her current position, TC Director. In the past two years, her attention has been toward working with the Korean/Korean American community to bring about awareness, education, and dialogue about substance abuse and treatment. Ms. Kim has also been leading the speaking engagements at the UCLA Extension program for Drug and Alcohol Counseling regarding Asian and Pacific Islander substance abuse and treatment for the past six years.

**Glenn I. Masuda** is a native of Los Angeles, CA. He received his undergraduate degree in Psychology at the University of Southern California. His Masters and Doctorate degrees were earned at the University of Washington in Seattle, WA. He is currently a Licensed Psychologist in the state of California. Now in his 19th year, he is a staff member at the Asian Pacific Family Center in Rosemead, CA, Division of the Pacific Clinics. His specialty areas are in adolescent psychology, Asian American mental health, family therapy, and community interventions. Dr. Masuda is also currently a part-time core faculty member at the California School of Professional Psychology. He has made numerous presentations and has given training seminars to mental health, education, medical and law enforcement professionals.

**William A. Mousser**, CSAC, ICADC, has been certified in the field of substance abuse since 1996 and has been working with the population for the past 12 years: 2 years with adolescents, school-based program; 2 years at Ho'omau Ke Ola, a

program that uses culture as one of their healing components; and 8 years currently at Hina Mauka Waipahu Outpatient Program as the clinical supervisor. Seventy-eight percent of the clients at Hina Mauka are from the AAPI community. Mr. Mousser is also currently on the Lieutenant Governor's Recovery Task Committee and the ADAD Ethics Complaints Committee. Personally, he has been active in recovery for 13 1/2 years, is a member of Waianae Men in Recovery, and is a member of PAI (People Against ICE) that help spearhead drug-free events in the community. He enjoys surfing, music, and spending time with his wife and grandchildren.

**Rosita Nardo** is from Honolulu, Hawaii and is currently attending Remington College for a degree in Criminal Justice. She is also a loss prevention agent for Kmart Corporation. She grew up in Mayor Wrights Housing around much drugs, gangs, and violence. Ms. Nardo currently serves as the Vice President of Dances of Paradise, a group that consist of Polynesian and Asian Pacific Islanders. Rosita enjoys serving the youth in her community.

**Tooru Nemoto** is an Associate Professor at the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies, Department of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco. He is currently serving as the Principle Investigator in several research studies on substance abuse and HIV/AIDS, particularly focusing on APIs, and has authored numerous articles on the topics. He also serves on the review committee for the *AIDS Education and Prevention* journal. Dr. Nemoto has previously worked with the Asian American Recovery Services in San Francisco and Addiction Research and Treatment Corporation in New York. He received his Ph.D. in Psychology from New York University and completed his Postdoctoral work on Health Policy at the Institute for Health Policy Studies, UCSF.

**Victor Kaiwi Pang** is a community organizer serving the Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander communities throughout Southern California. He is the President of Pacific Islander Health Partnership (PIHP), a Pacific Island collaborative of CBO and FBO working to eliminate health disparities for all Pacific Islanders in communities of Los Angeles, Orange County and surrounding communities. Mr. Pang is also a founding member and a past President of the Pacific Islander Community Council.

**Alan H. Shinn, M.S.W.** is the Executive Director for the Coalition For A Drug-Free Hawaii (CDFH). Since 1987, CDFH's mission is to prevent or reduce substance abuse through awareness, education, and action in Hawaii. Prior to this, he was the Executive Director of Asian Community Mental Health Services, a multi-cultural Asian specific mental health service agency in Oakland, California, for 11 years. Mr. Shinn has over 25 years of experience in all aspects of direct service provision, supervision, management, and evaluation involving programs serving multicultural and multiethnic populations of children, adults, and families. He and his wife reside near Kailua Beach with their two dogs, Mele, a poodle mix and Emie, a Portuguese Water Dog. He is currently serving on the NAPAFASA Board of Directors and was recently appointed to the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention's National Advisory Council.

**Sean Spriggs** is the Youth Counselor/Sports Coordinator for Palama Family Service Center. He has worked with Palama for five years. He has been dedicated to helping the youth island-wide stay away from drugs and gangs. Mr. Spriggs has volunteered his efforts in drug prevention and education by conducting hundreds of sessions for public schools and nonprofit organizations. He also currently works as a coordinator with Waianae Men in Recovery. Mr. Spriggs has devoted his life to helping others change because if he can, anybody can...

**Antony P. Stephen** is a license clinical social worker providing mental health services to patients with diverse cultural backgrounds. He is also the current Executive Director of the New Jersey Asian American Association for Human Services. In this capacity he has organized and chaired three major statewide conferences on Asian American Health, Substance Abuse and Mental Health. He has also given numerous presentations at the national and international level particularly on mental health and substance abuse issues for Asian Americans. Dr. Stephen is a member of NJ Office of Minority and Multicultural Health Advisory Committee and a NAPAFASA Executive Board member. A graduate of Fordham and St. John's Universities in New York, Dr. Stephen has played many roles in his career such as program director, coordinator, supervisor, adjunct professor, consultant and writer. He has published three books in his native language in India.

**Mike Watanabe** began work at AADAP (Asian American Drug Abuse Program) in 1975 and has continued for 30 years. He started as a Counselor in the Therapeutic Community, and progressed through the ranks in several positions. He has served as President and Chief Executive Officer for the past 23 years. He has served as a Commissioner for the Los Angeles County Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Commission for the past 12 years. He is the past President of Asian Pacific Policy & Planning Council (A3PCON), a past chair and current member of the Asian and Pacific Islander Constituent Committee, advisory to the California department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, and a founding Board member of NAPAFASA.

**Frank Y. Wong, Ph.D.,** is an Associate Professor in the Department of International Health at the School of Nursing and Health Studies at Georgetown University and a Visiting Faculty in the Department of Health Promotion and Health

Education at the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences at the University of Cape Town, South Africa. Presently, his research focuses on the social epidemiology of HIV risks and substance use/abuse among vulnerable populations (many are linguistic and sexual minorities), including Asian immigrants and refugees in the U.S., Black and Coloured people in townships in Cape Town, South Africa, and male migrants in Shanghai, China. In the past, Dr. Wong has conducted intervention research funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) targeting Asian and Pacific Islanders living with HIV/AIDS in New York City. He also has significant history in providing technical consultation and programmatic development on health care related interventions for less educated and acculturated Asian Americans, as well as for African- and Hispanic/Latino-Americans, who utilize inner city health centers and community based organizations.

**Francis Yuen, DSW**, is a Professor for the Division of Social Work at California State University, Sacramento. He is also a consultant for government and private organizations on program evaluation, grant development, and diversity issues.

## Workshop Panelist Biographies

**Brenton Agsalda** is a sophomore at Waiakea High School in Hilo Hawaii. He is a funny, outgoing person who enjoys meeting new people, going to the movies, bodyboarding, science, and computers. He and his mentor frequently visit the gym and enjoy lifting weights together. His hope for the future is to go on to college and become a computer engineer.

**Elizabeth B.** is a retired dentist who has been volunteering for Gamblers Anonymous for the past 18 years. She has also served as an adult school instructor for older Korean Americans in Orange County, CA. After overcoming her own gambling addiction, she uses her experience to help others overcome their addiction. She is also actively involved in fighting the social stigma attached to seeking counseling among AAPIs.

**Joseph Baltazar** is a graduate from Asian American Drug Abuse Program's residential treatment program. After participating in other programs and relapsing, Mr. Baltazar was accepted to AADAP's program in 1989 and has been clean for the past 14 years. He is now married to a wonderful woman who supports him in what he is doing. Mr. Baltazar has also recently decided to become a substance abuse counselor. He has completed the CAAAR Institute class and is in the process of accumulating the hours needed to test and become a Certified Substance Abuse Specialist.

**Richard Q. Calamba** is a Program Coordinator/Prevention Education Specialist. He is of Filipino ancestry and graduated from John F. Kennedy High School. Mr. Calamba also attended Oakland City University, Oakland City, Indiana and the University of Guam. He is certified in Non-violent Crisis Intervention, Stress and Anger Management. He is a member/coordinator of the Guam Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Disaster mental health response team and serves as the Department representative to the Guam Homeland Security.

**Magdalen Chang** has been Program Manager and Counselor at the Bill Pone Memorial Unit of the Haight Ashbury Free Clinics since 1980 and has nearly 40 years of experience in providing social services to underserved populations. Ms. Chang is involved in planning and developing specific Asian outpatient drug treatment services and also does outreach to monolingual and homebase clients and their families. She is a past Board Member of NAPAFASA and currently serves as a member of: API Constituent Committee, DADP; NIPAMP; SAAY Consortium; and Cultural Competency & Diversity Network, API work group.

**C. Rocco Cheng** has been a licensed clinical psychologist since 1995. He has been working in Asian Pacific Family Center since 1994 as a crisis counselor, team leader, project coordinator, and program director. He has been directing several prevention projects in the APFC. Currently, he functions as a program director responsible for the APFC satellite offices in El Monte and Rowland Heights. He has implemented and completed 4 federal substance abuse prevention and youth violence prevention projects since 1995. Presently, he is directing a mentoring project, a substance abuse and HIV prevention project, a youth violence prevention project, as well as a parenting program and a gang education program. Dr. Cheng also directed a gang affiliation prevention project from 1998-2002. Dr. Cheng is very interested in working with immigrant youths and their families and has successfully led successful parenting classes for over 1,000 Chinese parents.

**Eddie Chiu, Ph.D.**, California Licensed Clinical Psychologist, is the project director of Chinese/Asian Gambling Treatment Project at Richmond Area Multi-Services, San Francisco. He is currently a teaching faculty at the California School of Professional Psychology of Alliant International University in San Francisco. He is interested in conducting research and training in problem gambling and multicultural mental health, and providing psychological evaluation, and individual, couple and family therapy.

**Tom Chung** serves as the Executive Director for Asian Rehabilitation Services, Inc. (ARS). ARS is a vocational training, rehabilitation, personal, and social adjustment and employment assistance program for people with developmental disabilities. In 1974, Mr. Chung established the Asian American Drug Abuse Program (AADAP), the first Asian program of its kind. In addition to numerous awards from various agencies and elected officials, Mr. Chung has served as a special consultant to the White House Domestic Council under Presidents Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford on substance abuse. Mr. Chung and his wife, Wen Tao Han, live in Downtown Los Angeles.

**Zaneta Salde Encarnacion** is an Outreach Specialist for the California Smokers' Helpline focusing her efforts on the Asian American Pacific Islander communities. The California Smokers' Helpline is the state tobacco quitline operated out of the University of California, San Diego Cancer Center and funded through the California Department of Health Services. Ms. Encarnacion has worked at the University for 13 years in the field of health education and API-specific violence prevention.

**Brad Estrin** recently came on board to APAIT as the new Men's Health Educator, with an extensive background in HIV and Substance Abuse volunteer work both in San Francisco and Los Angeles. Born and raised in the Bay Area, Mr. Estrin received his BA in Film Production, with a minor in the Psychology of Human Sexuality Studies, from San Francisco State University. He is half Filipino, and took an active leadership role in SFSU's Pilipino American Collegiate Endeavor (PACE) to raise API awareness and advocacy on campus. He is currently using both educational backgrounds to tackle HIV and drug abuse related issues within the Asian/Pacific Islander community from a Social Marketing standpoint; hoping to raise the level of awareness on HIV and drug abuse issues lacking in current pop-culture media. He is actively involved with the West Hollywood Drug and Recovery Center, is a recovering Crystal Meth addict, and is preparing for the launch of APAIT's new Men's Health Education Program, H.E.R.O. (The HIV Endeavor for Reaching Out).

**Timothy W. Fong** is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute and Hospital. Dr. Fong completed his undergraduate and medical school at Northwestern University in Chicago. He then came to UCLA and finished his residency in general psychiatry in 2002 and was the first accredited addiction psychiatry fellow at the UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute (2002-2004). Currently, he is the co-director of the UCLA Gambling Studies Program. The purpose of the UCLA Gambling Studies Program is to address the basic questions in understanding problem and pathological gambling. It does this through a collaborative network of academic researchers and treatment providers located throughout the state and at a national level. Current research projects include drug development trials and studies that examine how stress and substance abuse affect the neurobiology of pathological gamblers.

**Nancy Fa'asiu Glass** has over 15 years experience in advocacy for health, social, and economic issues as they relate to Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders (NHOPI), both mainland and in the Pacific Basin. Ms. Glass is a board member of NAPAFAASA and for Hawaii Team 4 Youth and Family. Ms. Glass is also Co-founder of the Advocate Initiatives for Grassroots Access (AIGA) located in San Francisco, a grassroots non-profit national advocacy organization that focuses primarily on the needs of Pacific Islander communities. Ms. Glass served as the AAPI Community Coordinator and was instrumental in the production, marketing and distribution of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Asian American and Pacific Islander 2003 science-based resource calendar on the health effects of drugs of abuse and on drug addiction, its prevention, and its treatment. Ms. Glass also served as the Project and Content Coordinator for the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Report to the President and Nation, "*Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Addressing Health Disparities: Opportunities for Building a Healthier America*".

**Mariko Iwamoto, M.A.**, is the Project Director for the Asian and Pacific Islanders Health Intervention Projects (APIHIP), University of California, San Francisco, Center for AIDS Prevention Studies (CAPS). She is currently overseeing 3 active projects: 1) Health Project for Asian Women, 2) Drug use and HIV-Risk Related Behaviors Among Sex Workers in Thailand and Vietnam, and 3) Targeted Expansion Project for Outreach and Treatment. She received her Masters degree in Social Psychology, focusing on cultural issues among Asian immigrants. She is the co-founder of the Domestic Violence Support Group for Japanese Victims at the Asian Women's Shelter in San Francisco. Ms. Iwamoto has had extensive experience working with women and minority populations and is bilingual and bicultural in Japanese.

**Kalei Ka'ilihewa**, descendent of Pua'ahiwa, hails from a small valley called Waihe'e that sits above the Bays of Pi'ikea on the island of Maui. She is the Substance Abuse and Violence Prevention Specialist for the Extension Education Division, Health, Wellness, and Family Education Department of Kamehameha Schools. Ms. Kailihewa has worked for seven years in prevention with youth, families, and communities in the state of Hawaii.

**William Punapaia'alaikahala "Billy" Kenoi** was born in Kalapana and raised in Waiakea on the Big Island of Hawaii. He graduated from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 1993 with a degree in Political Science. Billy received his Law Degree from the University of Hawaii's William S. Richardson School of Law in 1996, and was selected as the commencement speaker for his graduating class. In 1997, he began serving as a Deputy Public Defender in the District, Family, and Felony trial divisions on Oahu. Billy was asked by Mayor Harry Kim to return to Hawaii Island and serve as his Executive Assistant in September 2001. One of his primary assignments is to coordinate the County of Hawaii's Anti-Meth initiative.

Because of his personal background, Billy feels a tremendous obligation to advocate for the youth of Hawaii. He barely graduated from high school with a 1.8 GPA, and after school found himself unemployed, living at the beach, and facing a lengthy prison sentence. Billy is committed to inspiring others by sharing his story that it is possible to achieve your dreams with hard work and determination. He speaks frequently to youth groups and community organizations to share his message of hope, perseverance, and triumph. He is married to Takako, his college sweetheart. They are blessed with 3 children - Liam-7, Justin-4, and Mahinalani-3, and are proud to call Hawaii Island home.

**Misun Kim** is a Parent Leader for Walnut High School Parent Corps. Parent corps is a network of parents preventing their children and teenagers from engaging in alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drug use. Ms. Kim educates parents in her child's school, telling them about the risks of drug abuse. She also helps them form parent drug prevention groups to keep children safe and drug-free.

**Naomi Kubo** is a graduate of Asian American Drug Abuse Program's Olympic Academy, a program focused on treatment for youth. She started using drugs at the age of fifteen, primarily crystal methamphetamine and Ecstasy. During her stay at Olympic Academy, she learned to communicate with her family, how to let go of the past, as well as understanding who she was. Ms. Kubo is proud to be a role model to her peers. She is currently 20 years old and will be joining the Olympic Academy team as a Night Case Worker.

**Chris Kuk** graduated from UNC-Greensboro in 1975 with A.B. S.C. degree in Business Administration. He joined the Los Angeles County Probation Department in 1989 and was assigned to the Asian Gang Unit and has been working with Asian gangs since. He participates in many operations such as search warrant services, investigations, sweeps and other high profile operations in dealing with the Asian gangs. One of his most significant operation was the participation in the Operation "Back Door" with the FBI and other law enforcement agencies in the San Gabriel Valley in the take down of the "Black Dragon" gang in August, 2003. Mr. Kuk also works with community-based organizations, schools, churches and parents who have problems with at-risk children. Mr. Kuk's service, knowledge, and experience in Asian gangs are widely sought not only on a local level, but also on national and international levels.

**Angela L.** has been a tour guide for sixteen years and because of her occupation, she often traveled to Las Vegas. While she started gambling for enjoyment, she eventually crossed the line into irresponsible, uncontrollable gambling. Unknowingly, she had become a compulsive gambler. She lost her house in 1999, divorced, and filed for bankruptcy. Although she was bankrupted financially, she was also bankrupted mentally, physically, and spiritually. On April 11, 2000, Ms. L. joined the Gamblers Anonymous 12 Step Program. As time progressed, she discovered that recovery was beautiful. She also quit smoking after twenty years of heavy smoking. Ms. L. established the first Chinese GA meeting in the 48 years of GA history. It has now been running for over two years in the city of Rowland Heights. She is grateful for her newfound life and has learned to have compassion not only for people, but also for herself.

**May Ting-Fun Lai**, LCSW, CASAC, has been the director of Asian American Recovery Services of Hamilton-Madison House for over 16 years. She was also involved in providing training of social workers and substance abuse counselors. She is the co-chair of the Manhattan Committee on Alcoholism & Substance Abuse of New York City. She is also a board member of NAPAFA. Her publications address the issues of substance abuse among Chinese Americans. Ms. Lai is the co-chair for the upcoming TIP (Treatment Improvement Protocols) on cultural competence in substance abuse treatment.

**Thao N. Le**, Ph.D., M.P.H. is currently Senior Researcher at the National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD) and Director of Research for the Asian/Pacific Islander Youth Violence Prevention Center (API Center), an academic center of excellence funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She has been involved in several national evaluation studies for at-risk youth including the process and impact evaluation of the Intensive Aftercare Program and the Community Assessment Center. Her current work focuses on cross-cultural differences in youth development including examining social and cultural factors that are associated with youth violence.

**Edgy Lee** is a fifth generation Hawaii-born artist and filmmaker. Her most recent work, "The Hawaiians – Reflecting Spirit," premiered at the national opening of the Smithsonian's Museum of the American Indian 2004. Ms. Lee also recently produced two films on methamphetamine, in unprecedented prime time simulcast (eleven television stations) throughout the State of Hawaii. Her feature documentary work includes "Waikiki In the Wake of Dreams" and "Paniolo O Hawaii ~ Cowboys of the Far West," a tribute to America's first cowboys. Ms. Lee studied Fine Arts at the San Francisco Art Institute while contributing as a west coast illustrator for the *National Observer*. In 1987, she began to independently produce and write. Her work has been incorporated in national curricula as she continues to work with colleagues in New York and Los Angeles, while residing in Honolulu where she is happy to be back home.

**Peggy Lee**, B.A. is a member of the health education team for the TEPOT project through the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies. She received her B.A. from U.C. Berkeley with a degree in Social Welfare, concentrating in Sociology. She became interested in HIV prevention among the Asian and Pacific Islander population while studying in Beijing, China, volunteering for the China's Center for Disease Control. Ms. Lee currently volunteers at Project ADAPT, a substance-abuse center for healing through Asian American Recovery Services.

**Mark Manzo** was 35 years old when he came to the Asian American Drug Abuse Program (AADAP). He began using cocaine and marijuana at the age of 17. Being half Asian and half-Latino, he struggled with his dual ethnicities. Mr. Manzo's drug abuse and addiction finally caught him, as he had to face legal consequences or go to a program. He had wanted to quit before, but was unable to. This time, he was forced to make a choice. Through AADAP's Therapeutic Community, Mr. Manzo re-learned the values and tools his family had raised him with and gained insight about who he is and learned to accept his identity. Today, he has been clean for 14 years and is a successful general contractor. Mr. Manzo continues to support AADAP and is an advocate for the TC program.

**Bingo Marasigan** is a Youth Development Specialist for Asian American Recovery Services. She coordinates Project Lakas (Inherent Strength), a Daly City based program that specifically focuses on tailoring the youth developmental assets and finding relevance to the Filipino American history and experience. She is a Certified Trainer on Youth Developmental Assets and the Strengthening Families Program and has conducted numerous trainings for schools, parents, youth and community members in Daly City. She received her Bachelors Degree in Liberal Arts from San Francisco State University.

**Al and Jane Nakatani** established Honor Thy Children, Inc. in 1999 to promote the acceptance of human diversity through the understanding and management of human and self-denigration. Living the "American Dream," Mr. and Mrs. Nakatani were the proud parents of three bright children, but like millions of other parents, were blind to the strains that family, culture and society had placed on the lives and self-esteem of their sons. Unaware and ignorant that multi-layered discrimination, racism and homophobia plagued their sons' search for identity and self-acceptance, Mr. and Mrs. Nakatani ended up losing all three of their sons (Glen and Guy to HIV/AIDS and Greg to murder). Following the death of their last and youngest son Guy in 1994, Al and Jane developed an educational program that led, in 1999, to the creation of Honor Thy Children, Inc.

**Le Nguyen** is a Coordinator at Indochinese Youth & Community Center (IYCC). IYCC is a consortium agency with the Asian American Drug Abuse Program, Inc. (AADAP) and its mission is to create a healthy and safe environment to serve the API immigrant youth and families in Los Angeles County. Mr. Nguyen has more than twelve years experience working with refugees and immigrants in the substance abuse, HIV/AIDS and mental health fields. He began as a Counselor and Community Organizer, was promoted to Prevention and Early Intervention Specialist before becoming IYCC Coordinator.

**Sunnyo Pak** is a California certified gambling counselor and California licensed marriage and family therapist. Ms. Pak is a Program Director of the Union of Pan Asian Communities, Alcohol and Drug Treatment Program in San Diego County. Ms. Pak also serves as a member of the Executive Committee of County Alcohol and Drug Services Providers Association.

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**Allen Salavea** is the Coordinator of the Ohana Mentor Network, a program designed to open doors of opportunity for Hawaii Island youth by matching them with a caring role model. Formerly, Mr. Salavea worked for Hawaii County's Prosecutor's Office coordinating the development of a strategic plan for the Juvenile Justice system. Mr. Salavea is a passionate advocate for youth issues and hopes that his work in this field will lead to a healthier community.

**Kathryn McGraw Schuchman, MA, LP**, is a Licensed Psychologist who specializes in integrated health services with refugees and immigrants. Her clinical specialties include the therapeutic assessment, child and family services, and the management of medical conditions, disability and pain. Ms. Schuchman is the Executive Director of the Multicultural Center for Integrated Health which provides health related services to a diverse population using in a holistic approach to assessment and care. She is the clinical project manager for the Southeast Asian Problem Gambling consortium, a project authorized through state legislation and administered through the Department of Human Services. She is also the Co-Chair of the Hmong Mental Health Providers Network. In her clinical and community work, Ms. Schuchman facilitates and conducts research on cross cultural mental health concepts and interventions and language interpretation.

**Anthony D. Williams** was assigned to his present position as Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Honolulu District Office, Los Angeles Field Division for the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in March 2005. He is responsible for DEA operations in the Hawaiian Island Chain, American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas (CNMI). Mr. Williams began his career with DEA in 1988 at the Philadelphia Field Division. He was

responsible for supervising several international illicit drug trafficking investigations involving Asian and African organizations during the mid-1990s while assigned in India. During his assignment in Kingston, Jamaica, he also participated in several international investigations and developed and reported on tactical and strategic intelligence related to U.S. impact investigations leading to the dismantling and prosecution of Jamaica based narcotics trafficking organizations. In May 1985, while serving in the U.S. Air Force, Mr. Williams received a B.S. in Criminal Justice from Wilmington College in Wilmington, Delaware.

**Sherrie Chinn Yee** is an advocate who is passionate about helping others, especially youth, in the education, prevention, and fight against substance abuse. She currently resides in Alameda, CA and is the mother of two very athletic and active teenage sons. Her passion for substance abuse prevention/intervention/recovery, was born out of the hard knocks of life and unfortunate personal circumstances that she was faced with. Her hope is to share her story and have a positive influence on her sons and/or their friends and acquaintances. She dedicates all of her hard work to her friend from Seattle who also experienced recovery and shared his story to help others.