



School of Nursing Advisory Board
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Erik Anderson, RN, MBA

Castle Medical Center

Erik Anderson, RN, MBA, is the Chief Nursing Executive at Adventist Health Castle in Kailua, HI. He has over 10 years of leadership experience in healthcare, having initially started his nursing career in the Emergency Department. Erik's expertise extends to quality and risk management, key areas he has leveraged to drive patient-centric strategies as a nursing executive. Under his leadership, teams have achieved notable recognitions, including the CMS 5 Star and the Malcolm Baldrige National Award, highlighting Erik's commitment to providing excellent care and impactful healthcare leadership.



Wailua Brandman, MSN, APRN, PMHCNS/NP MC CHMRP, FAANP

Private Practice


A Mover/Shaker in Hawai'i nursing since his return from graduate school in 1995, Wailua has been at the forefront of bringing the state to Full Practice legislative status as he pioneered the clinical role of the psychiatric nurse practitioner. He has served HAPN as its founding President for 2 terms, a Director for 2 terms, Acting President-Elect, and now as Treasurer in his second term. He has precepted masters and doctoral PMHAPRN students from 10 mainland universities, UHM, and HPU. He is a well-known designer of award-winning fine jewelry pieces included in the collection he is bequeathing to his Alma Mater, Yale University School of Nursing, to create an endowed scholarship for PMH APRN students without access to financial aid. Re-elected to the Yale School of Nursing Alumni Association board of directors, he has 2 more years in this term. Wailua was inducted into the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Fellows in 2011 and serves on the Awards Committee for AANP. He is the recipient of the 2021 Distinguished Alumni Award from the Yale University School of Nursing and other awards for his leadership and clinical practice. He is the author of *Misery or Happiness: It's ALL ABOUT ENERGY*.



Jennifer Chee, PhD, RN, CHSE, NPD-BC

Clinical Education and Professional Development Manager, Queen's Health System.

Jennifer Chee is the Queen's Health System's Clinical Education and Professional Development Manager. She is certified in nursing professional development and healthcare simulation. She was instrumental in developing the standardized process and framework, which defines initial and annual job requirements based on current best evidence, designed to achieve desired clinical outcomes, and aligned to the evolving nature of the healthcare system. She has collaborated with her team on various programs and projects, including but not limited to earning accreditation as a provider of NCPD contact hours, an ANCC-accredited Nurse Residency Program, and the Lauhala Simulation Program. She enjoys collaborating with community partners from Hawaii and across the United States to provide an environment for students to obtain the necessary clinical experience and advance their careers. She has been a lecturer at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing, leading graduate-level nursing research and evidence-based practice courses.





Zach Drury, DNP

Advanced Practice Clinician & Adjunct Faculty at the University of Utah, HPU Alumni

Zach Drury, DNP, graduated as valedictorian from Hawaii Pacific University in 2015 and later completed his Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), emphasizing adult gerontology acute care at the University of Utah in 2020. During his academic career, he founded the Hawaii Student Nurses Association during his undergraduate studies. He completed a critical care internship at the University of Utah and the Huntsman Oncology Nurse Residency.

Zach was a bedside nurse and nurse educator in a high-acuity oncology unit for five years. He has since expanded his career into academic nephrology, critical care, and adjunct faculty roles at the University of Utah. His clinical interests encompass electrolytes, acid-base disturbances, and volume examination. He has authored numerous publications and presented at national conventions focusing on nephrology, critical care, and mentorship. Outside work, he enjoys spending time in Utah's mountains with his wife and two daughters.



Marianne Hultgren, DNP, RN, CNE

UCSF Associate Clinical Professor of DNP and Vice Chair of Family Health Care Nursing

Dr. Marianne Hultgren is an Associate Clinical Professor, Vice Chair for Academic Affairs in the Department of Family Health Care Nursing, and prior Omterm Co-Director of the Master of Science in Healthcare Administration and Interprofessional Leadership. She teaches two core courses in Post-Master's Doctorate in Nursing Practice (DNP) program and an elective course for DNP and PhD students. "Dr. Hultgren builds strong relationships with students in the online environment through the use of best practices in online education and relying heavily on presence as a major component of her online teaching, which she demonstrates through her frequent trips to participate in every DNP on-campus event," says Dr. Jyu-Lin Chen, Chair of the Department of Family Health Care Nursing. Dr. Hultgren is the Chair of the DNP Program Council and a Committee on Course of Instruction member. She is also co-chair of the SON Academic Transition Task Force, guiding the transition of existing Master of Science degree nursing specialty curricula to completion with the DNP degree.



Marianela Jacobs, MSN, APRN-Rx, FNP-BC, RN

CEO and Training Coordinator, Healthcare School of Hawaii, LLC, HPU Alumni

Marianela Jacobs is a highly accomplished healthcare professional with a nursing, clinical practice, and education background. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Far Eastern University in Manila, Philippines, in 1978, followed by a Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Phoenix in 2006. In 2009, she completed a Post Graduate Certificate in Advanced Practice Nursing with a specialization in Family Nurse Practitioner from Hawaii Pacific University. Marianela is a published author and presenter, sharing her expertise in community-based participatory research and lifestyle interventions. She holds a Board Certified Family Nurse Practitioner designation from the American Nurses Credentialing Center.


Marianela is actively involved in volunteering activities, most notably in the Filipino community. She has held leadership positions in the Philippine Nurses Association of Hawaii (PNAH) and is the President-elect for the term 2022-2024. Her volunteer work includes medical missions in the Philippines and involvement in the Oahu Medical Reserve Corps and the American Cancer Society. Marianela Jacobs has received numerous awards and recognitions for her outstanding contributions to nursing, education, and community service, including the Walden University Appreciation for preceptorship and the Mayor's Award of Appreciation in 2019. Her passion for healthcare and dedication to improving patient outcomes make her a respected figure in the healthcare community.



Glenn Kawabata, MSN, RN

Vice President of Hospital Operation, Staub Medical Center

Glenn is the Vice President of Hospital Operations at Straub Medical Center, with responsibilities including Peri-Operative Services, Imaging, Pharmacy, Food and Nutrition Services, and the Rehabilitation Department. He is a Registered Nurse by training and has worked in telemetry, burns, and intensive care settings. He has been with Straub since 2009 in a variety of roles. Before moving into health care, he enjoyed a career teaching photography and digital imaging at the collegiate level.

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Elsa Medeiros
Clinician, Kuakini Medical Center

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Roen “Kanani” Ornellas

Executive Director of Hale Ki’apu at Korean Care Center, HPU Alumni



Rayne Soriano, Ph.D., RN, NE-BC

Regional Director, Operation and Nursing Professional Practice, Kaiser Permanente, Hawaii

Currently, in his 26th year at Kaiser Permanente (KP), Rayne Soriano serves as the KP Hawaii Regional Director of Operations and Nursing Professional Practice. He served as the Regional Director of Professional Development and Education at Kaiser Permanente, Northern California, where he worked with regional and local leaders to design and implement residency, specialty educational initiatives, and development programs for nursing leadership roles. He is also certified in Performance Improvement and recently graduated from the Strategic Leadership and Advanced Management Programs. Rayne teaches in the Master's Programs for Informatics at Chamberlain University and the Master's Program at the University of San Francisco School of Nursing.

Rayne graduated from the University of San Francisco with his BSN in 1997 and received his MS in Nursing Education from Sacramento State University in 2001. In 2015, he received a Ph.D. in Nursing Science and Healthcare Leadership from the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing at UC Davis. Rayne is Board Certified Nurse Executive through ANCC after getting his Ph.D. Rayne continues to mentor Doctorate and Master's nursing students, speak at professional conferences, and publish contributions to the nursing leadership and informatics communities. He is currently the President-Elect of the Hawaii American Organization of Nurse Leaders (AONL). He is also proud to have won the KP Excellence in Nursing Leadership Award in KP Hawaii in 2022!



Lynette Tsai, MD

Founder of Oahu OB/GYN

Lynette W. Tsai, MD, is the founder of Oahu OB/GYN. For over 24 years, she has applied her passion and talent for women's health in the private practice. She provides women with complete obstetric and gynecologic care and is skilled in minimally invasive laparoscopic surgery.

Dr. Tsai graduated summa cum laude from the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) with a bachelor's degree in Biology with departmental honors. She earned her MD degree at the UCLA School of Medicine. She is a member of the Delta chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. In 1999, she completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine. Dr. Tsai performs minimally invasive surgeries, such as robotic-assisted laparoscopic hysterectomies, using the da Vinci Xi® surgical system. This surgical system leaves only 8mm scars, and patients may go home on the same day. She is one of the few female gynecologists on the island to use the latest da Vinci Xi robotic system for operations.

At Oahu OB/GYN, Dr. Tsai performs routine gynecological exams, Pap smears, and colposcopies, assisting women through every step of pregnancy and birth. She performs all the deliveries and surgeries for her patients.



Lori Wichman, DNP, RN, PHN, CMSRN, NPD-BC, NE-BC

Walden University, Minneapolis, MN

Dr. Lori Wichman received her DNP in Nursing Leadership and Management at Walden University in February 2018. She obtained her MSN in Nursing Education and Post-Masters in Nursing Leadership and Management from Walden University. She received her BSN from California State University, Sacramento. Dr. Wichman served as an active-duty Air Force Nurse and retired from the Air Force with the rank of Major in 2014. During her Air Force career, she worked in many areas, from Med-Surg, Pediatrics, flight medicine, Perioperative, Infection Prevention, and Education. She also served as a PACU nurse in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

She has served as the Director of Nursing and Emergency Medical Services at a college in her community. She is the Clinical Programs Coordinator- Project Management and Simulation for the 9 Ascension Florida and Gulf Coast hospitals. She has been a contributing faculty member at Walden in the School of Nursing since August 2018. Dr. Wichman is an active member of the National League of Nursing and the Association for Nursing Professional Development member. She is also a licensed public health nurse in California, an ANCC certified Nursing professional development specialist (NPD-BC) and Nurse Executive (NE-BC), and a nationally certified medical-surgical nurse (CMSRN).