

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Roadmap Symposium on Building a Multilingual Workforce for Hawai'i Office of Language Access (OLA) Afternoon Session

#### Meet the Presenters



**Kim Golis-Robello** is the Program Director for Parents And Children Together Family and Economic Development Center. Parents And Children Together helps families identify, address and successfully resolve challenges through its 16 statewide programs. She is responsible for the oversight and guidance of the Kalihi Family Center, Kaneohe Community Family Center and the Economic Development Center. Prior to joining Parents And Children Together, she worked for the State of Hawai'i, Waipahu Aloha Clubhouse, for 15 years assisting the mental health in achieving employment success and acclimating into the community. Kim was born and raised on the island of Maui and enjoys reading and spending time with her husband and 11 month old daughter Gabriella.

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**Jill Takasaki Canfield** brings 25 years of experience in K-12 schools, universities and educational non-profits in Honolulu, Denver and Beijing to her role as Director of International Programs. Prior to joining Maryknoll School in 2016, Jill served as Executive Director of the Pacific and Asian Affairs Council. Under her leadership, PAAC expanded its statewide global education program to include critical language programs, global leadership programs, and service learning programs or study tours to new destinations in Asia and the Pacific.

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**Justin Jansen** graduated from the University of Northern Iowa in 2003. He then served as an Americorps Literacy Volunteer for the Escondido Public Library Literacy Services. He then entered the Peace Corps and served as an integrated education specialist in Tiraque, Bolivia. After returning to the states, he became the Family Literacy Program Director for the Jane Addams Hull House Association's Lincoln Square and Uptown Programs. In Hawai'i, Justin has been a Union Organizer for UNITE HERE Local 5 as well as a program manager for their training program (H.A.R.I.E.T.T.) Justin is currently the Program Manager for Hawai'i Literacy's Adult Literacy and English Language Learner Programs.



**Hiromi Peterson** has taught Japanese language at Punahou School for 30 years. She is a recipient of the HALT Excellence in Teaching Award in 1990; the American Association of Teachers of Japanese Teacher Award (K-12 Category); and the 28<sup>th</sup> Kiyoshi Tanimoto Peace Prize in 2016. She is the Co-Author of "Adventures in Japanese" Vol. 1-4 and "Dekiru!". She also founded the Hiroshima Peace Scholarship in 2009.

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**Kendi Ho** is a Second Language Studies PhD student, ESL instructor and tutor, and Teacher Trainer for Certificate for English Language Teaching for Adults (CELTA) at the Hawai'i English Language Program (HELP) at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Her research interests include language assessment for program development and evaluation and cross-cultural communication in the workplace for adult immigrants.

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**Chris Ferry** is the ELD Department Chair in the high school at Mid-Pacific Institute. Originally from Pennsylvania, he has spent most of the past 20 years in New York City, South Korea and Honolulu. He has an MA in TESOL from HPU and a Bachelor's in Philosophy from Fordham University. He is passionate about language education, whether it be teaching English to others or learning Korean himself.

You can often find him speaking Korean to his daughter, although by age 4 he's pretty sure she'll be more proficient than him!

At Mid Pacific Institute he helps lead a small ELD department that averages about 30 students a year in the high school. As the school incorporates more project based education, he has tried to figure out best practices for project based language learning where outcomes are assessed by a demonstration of skills rather than discrete test items. He is also passionate about incorporating social emotional learning into the language curriculum and encouraging students to self-assess, reflect, collaborate, take risks, conduct research and develop empathy. This year he will be trying out some empathy interventions, convinced that one of the keys to efficient language learning is breaking down barriers between oneself and others.

If you have any tips for any of the above please talk with him. Kim was born and raised on the island of Maui and enjoys reading and spending time with her husband and 11 month old daughter Gabriella.