

## **FINALISTS**

### **HONOLULU COUNTY SEAT**

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## **William F. Haning, III, M.D., DFASAM, DLFAPA (“Bill”)**

**Education & Positions:** Bill Haning is Emeritus Professor of Psychiatry at the John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawai‘i, having served as the Director of M.D. Programs for the medical school until retirement (2017); he remains Director of Addiction Psychiatry/Addiction Medicine Residency Training Programs, Principal Investigator for the Pacific Addiction Research Center (PARC), and a member of the Boards of Directors of both the University of Hawai‘i Alumni Association and the Pacific Health, Research & Education Institute (PHREI). President-elect of the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) and the Editor-in-Chief of the *ASAM Weekly*, he is also the immediate past Chair of the Examination Committee, Addiction Psychiatry, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (ABPN). In 1967 he graduated from Punahou School; then received his A.B. (Philosophy) from Princeton University (1971), and his M.D. with the first graduating class of the John A. Burns School of Medicine of the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa (1975). Originally in general and emergency medical practice, he trained and became certified in Psychiatry, Addiction Psychiatry, and Addiction Medicine. He has been a clinician, educator, and researcher with the University of Hawai‘i since 1989.

**Affiliations & Awards:** Bill has been very fortunate. He is a Member of the American College of Psychiatrists (ACP), a Distinguished Fellow of the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM), and a Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association (APA). His teaching awards include the APA’s Nancy C.A. Roeske Certificate, the John M. Hardman Award for Mentorship from the John A. Burns School of Medicine of the University of Hawai‘i, the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award, and the University of Hawai‘i Regents’ Medal for Excellence in Teaching. In 2014, the Hawai‘i Medical Association designated him Hawai‘i’s Physician of the Year. In 2018, he received the Hon. James S. Burns Award for Community Service. In 2019, he received the ASAM Annual Award for contributions to the field of addiction medicine. The Force Surgeon for both U.S. Marine Forces Pacific and Marine Forces Central Command in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Bill subsequently served as Division Psychiatrist, 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Division. He retired from the Navy as a Captain in 2009; his awards include the Legion of Merit.

**Present State:** He spends much time trying to defeat age through exercise, which only wears him out; and an equal interval trying to understand humanity by reading history, which only raises more questions. He lives in Honolulu and is the undeserving spouse of Dr. Libby Char. He regards himself as primarily a career educator. Consequently, his hopes for the University of Hawai‘i are that it be internationally recognized as a sanctuary for all forms of education, to include physical and psychological fitness; and in so becoming, adding materially to the economy of Hawai‘i. This is perhaps less a novel concept than it is one whose time has arrived.

## **William C. Melohn**

Bill Melohn has led the design and engineering of key aspects of Internet protocols, software, and network security for over 30 years. His teams produced the first commercial IPSec VPN, a technology that has been widely used to enable secure teleworking over the Internet.

Bill has worked as an engineering executive in a number of technology companies in Silicon Valley, most recently as Vice President/Chief Technology Officer for Network Systems at a Dow 30 company. He currently serves as a technology and strategy adviser for a number of early stage tech companies, not for profit groups, and public institutions.

Bill is a member of the Dean's Advisory Council for the UH College of Engineering, and a board member and mentor for XLR8UH, the award winning venture program. He also serves on the Director's council for the UH Cancer Center.

Bill is a Flight Examiner/Aircraft Commander in the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, which has delivered PPE and supplies to first responders throughout the islands. He and his wife Trudi, who works in the performing and media arts, have lived full time in Hawaii since 2012.

Bill is a graduate of Iolani school and the University of Southern California. While he's travelled the world, Hawaii has always been his home.

## **Diane S.L. Paloma, MBA, PhD**

Diane Paloma is the CEO for the King Lunalilo Trust and Home. She oversees the Trust and the operations of the residential care home and its programs for kupuna. She is the former Director of The Queen's Health Systems, Native Hawaiian Health Program. She worked at the John A. Burns School of Medicine as faculty, HMSA and its subsidiaries, and started her career as a medical assistant for a private physician.

She received her undergraduate degree from UCLA, MBA from the UH Mānoa, and PhD from Capella University. She currently serves as 'alaka'i (halau leader) for Ka Pā Hula O Ka Lei Lehua. Dr. Paloma serves on the boards of the Partners in Development Foundation, UH Foundation, the Asian-Pacific Islander American Health Forum, and the Bishop Museum Association Council. She recently was selected as an Omidyar Fellow in its eighth cohort.

## **Laurie A. Tochiki, JD, Ph.D**

As a student, graduate, professor, administrator and parent Laurie Ariel Tochiki has both a professional and a personal commitment to the University of Hawai'i System and a deep appreciation of its important role in promoting social and economic prosperity and social justice. From 1999 to 2011, Dr. Tochiki served as Assistant and Associate Dean for Student Services at the William S. Richardson School of Law. As Associate Dean, she was responsible for all aspects of student life from recruitment, admissions, academic support, disciplinary matters, financial aid and career services. Laurie Tochiki taught briefly at Kapi'olani Community College, and as Assistant Professor from 1994 to 1997 she developed a live family law clinic at the law school. Over the years, she also served as lecturer and has taught Children and the Law, Family Law, Higher Education Law, Second Year Seminar and Lawyering Skills.

Laurie Tochiki is a proud recipient of public education in Hawai'i. She grew up in Waipahu and graduated from Waipahu High School. She graduated from Whitman College with a double major of Sociology and Psychology. After receiving her BA she returned to Hawai'i and was a member of the 5<sup>th</sup> graduating class of the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai'i. While working at the University she studied higher education administration and policy through the University of Hawai'i College of Education earning a Ph.D in Education Policy in 2015. Her dissertation described the Ulu Lehua program and in particular the work of Chris Iijima, a professor who led the program in many exemplary ways in the early 2000's. She studied the program through a race equity lens examining the program's foundation of providing opportunity for under-represented individuals. Dr. Tochiki also earned a Masters in Administration, with an emphasis on Public Administration from the Hawai'i campus of Central Michigan University.

With a goal of breaking down silos in the complex child welfare system, and to have people partner and communicate, Laurie Tochiki co-founded EPIC 'Ohana in 1998. Currently the president and CEO, EPIC 'Ohana is a nonprofit organization serving families in the child welfare system and vulnerable transitioning youth. EPIC, which stands for Effective Planning and Innovative Communication, reflects the organization's goal of breaking down barriers between social workers, families, government systems and others to make better connections. EPIC's programs are national models for giving voice to birth parents, families and young people. EPIC 'Ohana currently has 90 employees and an annual budget of \$5.5 million dollars. EPIC is the backbone organization for an innovative and collaborative network of agencies and foundations called Na Kama a Hāloa, which seeks to improve outcomes for native Hawaiian children touched by the child welfare system.

She is a co-founder of the Kids First program at the First Circuit's Family Court. She is a co-recipient of the Hawaii State Bar Association's "Golden Gavel" award, recipient of the Volunteer Legal Services of Hawaii Niu Award, the Hawai'i Women Lawyers Distinguished Service Award, the Hawai'i Women's Legal Foundation's Rhoda Lewis Community Service Award and the William S. Richardson School of Law Alumni Association Service Award. Laurie Tochiki is a volunteer mediator with the Mediation Center of the Pacific.

## **Benjamin E. Treviño**

Ben Treviño is President and CEO for the Hawaii Institute for Public Affairs (HIPA) and joined the organization in 2020. Treviño is an experienced executive, entrepreneur and technologist, and is a committed advocate for the public sector and civic engagement.

Prior to joining HIPA, Treviño served as Sustainability Planner with Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) where he developed a community-driven sustainability program as one of Code for America's first Community Fellows in 2018. Treviño was the founding President and Chief Operating Officer of Bikeshare Hawaii, which launched the Biki bikeshare system in Honolulu in 2017. Prior to that, Treviño was with the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization (UHERO) where he was the architect of the UHERO Dashboard Project, a community data visualization portal for Hawaii data. Additionally, he was a co-founder of Interisland Terminal, a Honolulu-based, non-profit organization with projects including community spaces, the Kaka'ako Agora, and R&D Bookstore and Cafe. Treviño also has held previous positions with Pacific Resources for Education and Learning, the Hawai'i International Film Festival, and Google.

Treviño earned a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Computer Science from Stanford University and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree from the Shidler School of Business at University of Hawaii at Manoa. He is a member of the inaugural class of Obama Leaders Asia-Pacific, the 6th Cohort of Omidyar Fellows, and was recognized as a member of the Pacific Business News Forty under 40 Class of 2016. Treviño serves as the co-chair for the National Advisory Council with Code for America as well as on serving on the boards of The Entrepreneur's Foundation, The SEEQS (The School for Examining Essential Questions of Sustainability) Foundation, the organizing committee for the Code for Hawaii brigade, and the advisory boards of Common Cause Hawaii, and Sustainable Transportation Coalition of Hawai'i. He has been commuting by bike in Hawaii for fourteen years and is committed to deepening his understanding of and drawing attention to indigenous knowledge systems as solutions to Hawaii's most difficult challenges.