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PROFFESIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- 1991-Present [University of Hawai'i at Manoa](#)
- Associate Professor of Journalism
 - Chair, School of Communications, 2004-2007
 - Teaching concentration: Broadcast News, Public Affairs Reporting, Media Law, Politics and the Press.
 - Director, Parvin Journalism Program, 2004-Present
 - Affiliate Faculty, College of Social Sciences Public Policy Center, 2003-Present
 - * Daniel K. Inouye Center for Democratic Leadership.
- 1991-1992 KHET, Hawai'i Public Television, Special Correspondent
- 1988-1990 KGMB-TV News, Honolulu, Hawaii
- Chief political reporter/political analyst, and general assignment reporter.
- 1985-1988 KITV News, Honolulu, Hawaii
- Political editor/political analyst and assignments editor.
- 1974-1985 Honolulu Advertiser, Honolulu, Hawaii
- Government and courts reporter
- 1973-1974 San Bernardino Sun, San, Bernardino, California
- General assignment reporter.

EDUCATION

National Endowment for the Humanities Journalism Fellow, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, 1980-81. Field of study: American constitutional law.

M.A., Journalism, University of Missouri at Columbia School of Journalism, December, 1972. Concentration: Government and legal affairs reporting.

B.A., Journalism, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, May, 1971.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications. Divisions: Civic Journalism Interest Group; Law; Minority; Broadcast; Newspaper.

Online News Association

Asian American Journalists Association

Media Council Hawaii

Investigative Reporters and Editors

Society of Professional Journalists

Michigan Journalism Fellowship Alumni Association

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Online News Association Annual Conference, Los Angeles, CA, September 2015.

Investigative Reporters and Editors Watchdog Workshop, University of Hawaii, November 2013.

Investigative Reporters and Editors Annual Conference, Orlando, Florida, June 2010.

Online News Association Workshop, Honolulu, February 2010.

National Institute for Computer-Assisted Reporting Conference, Philadelphia, PA, March 2002.

Computer-Assisted Reporting Boot Camp, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, June 2001.

Computer-Assisted Reporting for College Educators, Poynter Institute for Media Studies, St. Petersburg, Florida, May 2000.

The Future of Writing Conference, Poynter Institute for Media Studies, St. Petersburg, Florida, January 1997.

Civic Journalism Interest Group Conference, Poynter Institute for Media Studies, St. Petersburg, Florida, February 1995.

National Press Photographers Association Photojournalism Seminar, Honolulu, Hawaii, December 1994.

Regional Institute on Critical Thinking Strategies, Seattle, Washington, May 1992.

Poynter Institute for Media Studies Teaching Fellowship in Broadcast Journalism, St. Petersburg, Florida, June 1991.

Poynter Institute for Media Studies Power Reporting Fellowship, St. Petersburg, Florida, May 1990.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Bronze Award in Student TV Program, 36th Annual Telly Awards, for Ka Hui Ho'olauna No. 15 (a production of Journalism 402).

David Eshelman Outstanding Campus Adviser Award, presented by the national Society of Professional Journalists, October 1995.

Freedom of Information Award, Society of Professional Journalists, Hawaii Professional Chapter, March 1995.

National Endowment for the Humanities Journalism Fellow, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, 1980 - 81.

ACADEMIC COURSES

Courses Taught

Fundamentals of Journalism (Journalism 301): Theory and Extensive Practice in reporting writing and editing news stories across multiple media platforms.

Journalism Tools and Platforms (Journalism 302): Tools for contemporary newsgathering; emphasis on broadcasting.

Journalism Projects (Journalism 401): Intense problem-based applications of skills and knowledge for production of major journalism project.

Intellectual Foundations (Journalism 402): Intellectual, historical, social and cultural contexts of contemporary journalism. This course was included as an example of placed-based writing in a paper presented by Prof. Jim Henry of the Manoa Writing Program to the Association of Writing Across the Curriculum conference in June 2014.

Press and Society (Journalism 150): Introduction to the press and its role in a democratic society.

News Writing (Journalism 205): Introductory course to basic news writing techniques.

Reporting (Journalism 300): Introduction to techniques of information gathering for news.

Public Affairs Reporting (Journalism 315): Writing about governmental affairs, contemporary issues by using techniques of interviewing and of analyzing library materials and government records.

Media and the Law/Communication and Law: (Journalism 365/Communication 451): Basic survey of the rights of reporters focusing on issues of libel and privacy.

Broadcast News Writing (Journalism 366): Introductory course to writing for the electronic news media.

Broadcast News Reporting (Journalism 436): Basic techniques in reporting for the electronic media.

Advanced Reporting (Journalism 415): Applied techniques of writing and reporting for the print media.

Specialized Reporting (Journalism 445): Techniques in Computer-Assisted Reporting and Computer-Assisted Research

Advanced Broadcast News (Journalism 466): Applied techniques focusing on television news presentation and production.

Supervise Broadcast News Internships (Journalism 485)

Supervise Directed Research (Journalism 499)

Course Development

Special Topics: Journalism, New Media, Public Engagement and the 2012 Hawai'i State Legislature (JOUR/COM 451): Pilot project developed with Public Policy for students interested in policy making at the Legislature.

Special Topics: The Law and Digital Media (JOUR/COM 451): Course focuses on application of contemporary law to new media technology.

Parvin Journalism Program

Since 1981, the Journalism Program has been the academic center of the Parvin Fellows Journalism Program. This program, funded by the Albert Parvin Foundation, brings journalists from the People's Republic of China to the Manoa Campus for an academic year to study American journalism and culture. I have been Director of the program since 2004, and conduct a special seminar with the journalists. I supervise activities and serve as liaison with the foundation president, Mrs. Phyllis Parvin.

Research Interests

Mass communication and American constitutional law. Telecommunications policy. Politics and the press. Multiculturalism and the news media.

CURRENT RESEARCH FOCUS

Currently conducting Oral History interviews on the late U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye in conjunction with the Daniel K. Inouye Institute. Interviews with personal friends and political allies in Hawaii. Work includes interviews and editing of transcripts which will become part of the permanent Inouye Archives at the Manoa Campus. Work on the Oral History will be the basis for future research and publication on the life and times of Sen. Inouye.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Publications

Gerald Kato , *No Law Is Better Than the One Passed by House Panel*, Honolulu Civil Beat, March 9, 2015.

Gerald Kato and Chris Conybeare, *Facts and Fantasy About Hawaii TV Consolidation*, Honolulu Civil Beat, January 22, 2015.

Gerald Kato, *A Chilly Wind Blows for Hawaii Press and Public*, Honolulu Civil Beat, June 9, 2013.

Gerald Kato and Jeffrey Portnoy, *Hawaii's Shield Law Set to Lapse on June 30th Under Sunset Provision: Legislature Fails to Agree on Renewal*, Media Law Letter, May 2013

Gerald Kato, *Health exchange board needs to be accountable to public*, Honolulu Star-Advertiser, April 4 2012.

Gerald Kato and Jeffrey Portnoy, *Hawai`i Shield Law: Lessons Learned*, Media Law Resource Center, Media Law Letter4, December 2008.

Gerald Kato and Jeff Portnoy, *Shield law, good for public, journalists*, Honolulu Advertiser, July 14, 2008

Jeffrey Portnoy and Gerald Kato, *Hawai`i Enacts Reporters' Shield Law: New Law Protects Confidential Sources and Unpublished Information*, Media Law Resource Center Media Law Letter, May 2008,

"Book Reiview: Assessing Civic Journalism" Mass Communication & Society, 2000, Vol. 3, No. 2&3.

"Wanted: Asian Pacific American Men in Broadcasting," News Watch Project Quarterly Journal, Center for Integration and Improvement of Journalism, San Francisco Statue University, November 1997.

"OPEN CITY TV: An Investment in Civic Capital," National Association of Counties training division research journal. 1995.

"Re-living News of the Internment: A Study of Contemporary Japanese-American Experience," with B. Keever. In S. Biagi (Ed.) Media Reader. (Wadsworth Publishing, 1995)

"Military Secrets: Introduction, Military Secrets: A case of government misconduct in the wartime Internment of Japanese Americans. (Asian American Journalists Association, Hawaii Chapter, 1992)

Unpublished work

"Hawaii Statewide Civic Affairs Network—HI-SCAN: A proposal of the Honolulu Community-Media Council.: A policy planning document prepared for the Honolulu Community-Media Council and the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, 2003.

"The Quintessential U.S. Press/Policy Failure: The Japanese American Internment Issue From Pearl Harbor to Executive Order 9066," with B. Keever. Pending.

"Minorities in the Media in Hawaii: An Oral History" University of Hawaii Department of Journalism, 1992.

Newspaper Articles

Kato, Gerald and Christopher Conybeare, *Doing Less With Less*, Honolulu Civil Beat, March 17, 2011.

Gerald Kato, *Believe It Readers Still Want Hard News*, Honolulu Advertiser, June 6,

Gerald Kato, *How to Renew Civic Life*, Honolulu Advertiser, July 7, 1997.

Gerald Kato, *Is Local Television News Serving the Public Interest?* Honolulu Advertiser, Feb. 11, 1996.

Gerald Kato, *Secrecy is Openness*, Honolulu Weekly, May 1995.

Gerald Kato, *Student journalists: 'Delays amount to censorship'* Honolulu Advertiser, October 1994.

Gerald Kato, *Why Americans Hate Politics* book review, Hawaii Monitor, October 1991.

CONFERENCE AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Panelist, Open Records Law in Hawaii, Investigative Reporters and Editors Watchdog Workshop, November 2013.

Guest Panelist, *The News Media*, Insights on PBSHawaii, August 5, 2010.
A panel of experts discusses the current state of the news media and what to expect in the future.

Guest Panelist, *The State of the Print Media*, Insight on PBSHawaii, September 10, 2009.
Educators and editors discuss the future of news in Hawai'i in the aftermath of the closing of The Honolulu Advertiser.

Guest Panelist, *Hawai'i's Shield Law*, Town Square, Hawai'i Public Radio, April 2009.

Panelist, "Prior Restraints," The First Amendment in Crisis Symposium, William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawaii, February, 2006.

Panelist, "Media Disclosure and its Impact on Law Enforcement," Hawaii State Law Enforcement Officials Association Conference, South Kohala, Hawaii, Aug. 7-9. 1996.

Paper presented, "A Critical Retrospective: Did the U.S. Press Contribute to the World War II Internment of Japanese Residents," Association for Asian American Studies, Hawaii/Pacific and Pacific Northwest Joint Regional Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii, March 24-26, 1996.

Panelist, "News Councils: Too Much? Too Little? Too Late?" Society of Professional Journalists National Convention Town Meeting, St. Paul, Minnesota, Oct. 11 - 14, 1995.

Chairman, "Newspapers of Hawaii: Historical and Cross-Cultural Perspectives," American Historical Association Pacific Coast Branch, Kihei, Maui, August 4 - 7, 1995.

Paper presented, "Re-Defining News about Hawaiians in the Age of Information," Ethnic Studies Community Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii, May 20 - 21, 1995.

Panelist, "Educational Access: Mapping Out Oahu's Future," `Olelo: The Corporation for Community Television Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii, Sept. 13, 1994.

Paper presented, "Cable Access, First Amendment and a New Nation," Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Atlanta, Georgia, Aug. 10 - 13, 1994.

Panelist, "The Fame Game," Alliance for Community Media Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii, July 20 - 23, 1994.

I have contributed articles on media law and journalism issues for local news outlets, Media Law Resource Center, Society for Professional Journalists and the Asian American Journalists Association.

Public Presentations

I have contributed articles on media law and journalism issues for local news outlets, Media Law Resource Center, Society for Professional Journalists and the Asian American Journalists Association. I have been interviewed for numerous publications, including China Daily, Xinhua News Agency, Broadcast and Cable, The Quill, The Honolulu Star-Advertiser and radio and television news stations in Hawai'i and nationally.

GRANTS/EXTERNAL FUNDING

Faculty coordinator for Social Sciences Public Policy Center Commitment to Liberal Education grant proposal for "New Models in Civic Engagement and Public Policy Development." Funding for pilot project at the Hawai'i State Legislature in Spring 2012. Award: \$7,000

Student Equity, Excellence, and Diversity (SEED) grant to sponsor Freedom of Information Day program featuring Sheila S. Coronel, director of the Toni Stabile Center for Investigative Journalism, Columbia University, former director of the Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism, Spring 2008. Award: \$2,500 (with matching funds from Media Council Hawai'i)

Albert Parvin Foundation in support of the Parvin Journalism Fellows Program, \$50,000 annual funding.

Society of Professional Journalists Legal Defense Fund grant in support of the University of Hawaii Campus Chapter's court case to disclose the names of disciplined police officers, June 1994. \$5,000.

College of Social Sciences to attend Regional Institute on Critical Thinking Instructional Strategies in Seattle, Washington, May 14 - 18, 1992. \$904.

Poynter Institute for Media Studies Broadcast Journalism Teaching Fellowship. \$2,100.

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY SERVICE

Executive Committee Hawaii Shield Law Coalition. 2008-Present. Work with members of the committee for passage of News Privilege law in Hawaii.

Board of Directors, Media Council Hawaii, 2004-Present, a group representing members of the public concerned about news and access to government information.

Debate Panel, The Race for Governor Debate, American Association of Retired Persons, KHON TV, October 7, 2014.

Moderator, Gubernatorial Debate: Neil Abercrombie and David Ige, American Association of Retired Persons, Kona, July 229, 014.

Debate Panel, U.S. Senate Debate Brian Schatz and Colleen Hanabusa, American Association of Retired Persons, KHON TV, July 14, 2014.

Debate Panel, US Senate General Election Debate, Mazie Hirono and Linda Lingle, American Association of Retired Persons, October 2012.

Moderator, US Senate Primary Debate, American Association of Retired Persons, June 2012.

Public Member, American Judicature Society Committee on Judicial Selection, Fall 2011-2014

Guest Commentary, *Backstory: The Making of Hiki No*, PBSHawaii, March 7, 2011.

Moderator, Where Journalism Meets Technology: Civil Beat's Model for Investigative News in Hawai'i, American Marketing Association Hawai'i Chapter, May 26, 2011.

Moderator for a panel discussion with John Temple and Dan Zelikman of Honolulu Civil Beat on new technology and news.

Debate Panel, First Congressional District Debate (DjouHanabusa), American Association of Retired PersonsKHON TV, October 2010.

One of two panelists who questioned Djou and Hanabusa in the Congressional debate.

Consultant, Federal Courts Media Workshop, U.S. District Court, April 8, 2010. U.S. Circuit Court Judge Richard Clifton and U.S. District Judge Michael

Seabright co-chaired the committee that convened the workshop for an open discussion among judges and journalists on issues involving court coverage.

Moderator, Media Justice Conference, March 14, 2009

I served as moderator for a panel on Freedom of Information and Sunshine Laws.

Moderator, Honolulu Advertiser-Olelo City Council 5th District Candidates Forum, July 23, 2009

This was a forum on Olelo's public access channel featuring 14 candidates in the special election to fill the 5th District City Council seat.

Co-moderator, KHVH Radio Town Hall Forum, City Council 3rd District Candidates, April 16, 2009.

Shared moderating duties with host Mike Buck for a forum with candidates running in the special election for council district 3.

Moderator, Gubernatorial Debate, Society of Professional Journalists-KITV, October 2006.

Moderator for a panel of journalists who questioned Republican Linda Lingle and Democrat Randy Iwase in a debate sponsored by SPJ.

Moderator, Daniel AkakaEd Case Senate Debate, American Association of Retired PersonsPBS Hawai'i, August 2006.

This was the only debate in the hotly contested Democratic Primary that year between Akaka and Case. I was chosen by AARP to serve as

moderator for the event.

Board of Directors, Media Council of Hawaii, 2004-Present

Panelist, Hawaii's Shield Law, Town Square, Hawaii Public Radio, April, 2009.

Presenter, Prior Restraints Panel, The First Amendment in Crisis: A Symposium, William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, February, 2006.

Consultant, Hawai'i State Judiciary, Reporting on the Courts: A Dialogue Between Judges and Journalists, November 1997.

President, Board of Directors, Olelo: Corporation for Community Television, Honolulu, Hawai'i, 1992-1996

Judge, Pacific Air Force Newspaper Contest, January 2006.

Panelist, Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar, "Media and the Environment," May 28, 2005, University of Hawaii.

Chair, Akaku Media Advisory Committee, Maui Community Television, 2003-2005.

President, Board of Directors, 'Olelo: The Corporation for Community Television, Honolulu, HI, 1996 - Present.

Treasurer and Vice President, Honolulu Community Media Council, Honolulu, HI, 1998 - 2004.

Moderator, Panel discussion on "The Dark Alliance: The CIA-Crack Cocaine Connection," Hawaii Black History Task Force, December 1996.

Planning Committee, State Bar-Media Conference, Honolulu, HI, 1996-1997.

Keynote speaker, 'Olelo dedication of new headquarters, Honolulu, HI, January 1995.

Planning Committee/Moderator, Hawaii State Judiciary, "Reporting on the Courts: A dialogue between Judges and Journalists," November 14, 1997.

Guest Speaker, The Honolulu-Community-Media Council, "Current Development in the News Business -- Local and National", April 15, 1997.

Guest Speaker, State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, 1997 Regulated Industries Complaints Office Workshop, Honolulu, Hawaii, Jan. 24, 1997.

Consultant, First Hawaiian Bank, Public Relations Division, writing workshop, June 1996.

Panelist, The Bob Rees Show, KGU Radio, Honolulu, HI, Dec. 8, 1995.

Consultant, Hawaii Department of Health Goals Outreach Project, October 1995.

Consultant, League of Women Voters Project on project for monitoring political spots, September 1995.

Consultant, POP 94 and Power 94, two community-news media partnerships to encourage discussion of issues during the 1994 election, January - November 1994.

Co-chair, Asian American Journalists Association, Hawaii Chapter Program Committee for national convention, 1993 - 95.

Workshop Coordinator, "Get Your Hawaiian Right," sponsored by the University of Hawaii Committee for the Preservation and Study of Hawaiian Language, Art and Culture, June - August 1994.

Conducted staff training session on dealing with the news media for `Olelo: The Corporation for Community Media, Oct. 2, 1994.

Chairman, Program Committee, `Olelo: The Corporation for Community Television, Honolulu, HI, 1992 - Present

Judge, State of Hawaii Voter Registration Slogan Contest, Honolulu, HI, June 1991.

Judge, Hawaii Adult Education Teacher of the Year, Honolulu, HI, April 1991.

Guest Speaker, journalism ethics, Fall Workshops of the Hawaii Schools Publications Association, Sept. 26, 1992.

Workshop Coordinator, "The ABCs of Health Insurance," The Second Economics/Media Workshop, co-sponsored by the Hawaii Council on Economic Education and the College of Social Sciences, Sept. 12, 1992.

Consultant, Americans for Impartiality in the Middle East (AIME) study of textbook coverage of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, January 1992.

Workshop Coordinator, "The First Hawaii Economics/Media Workshop," Jan. 18, 1992.

Conducted critiques of student broadcast stories, Asian American Journalists Association convention, Aug. 21 - 24, 1991.

Judge, Bicentennial of the Bill of Rights Project, Commission on the Status of Women, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications, Honolulu, HI, June 1991.

Panelist, "Access In Media," Public Access Programming, "Insight," Honolulu, HI, May 1991.

Guest Speaker, "The Press and the Political Process," University of Hawaii Political Science legislative interns, Honolulu, HI, April 1991.

Panelist, "Legislative Overview," KHET "Dialog," Honolulu, HI, March 1991.

Panelist, "The 1991 Legislature," KHET "Dialog," Honolulu, HI, January 1991.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

School of Communications Program Review, Spring 2009
I gathered data, wrote, edited and organized the School of Communications Program Review, which was included as of the program review for the College of Social Sciences.

School of Communications FiveYearPlan, Spring 2007.
In collaboration with the faculty, I wrote, edited and organized the school's Five-Year Plan submitted to the College of Social Sciences.

Jim Murray Memorial Foundation Journalism Scholarship Program,
March 1, 2007.

I worked with Linda McCoy-Murray of the Jim Murray Foundation and Cindy Luis, Honolulu Star-Bulletin sports writer, to bring the Jim Murray Journalism Scholarship to the University of Hawai'i.

Presenter, Forum on NSA Surveillance, Richardson School of Law,
September 14, 2006
Richardson Law School panel discussing the press and NSA surveillance.

Adviser, Honors Program senior thesis, 1999-2003. Advised three senior honors thesis in the Honors Program. . Students graduated with high honors.

Member, Department of Kinesiology and Leisure Studies Program Review Committee,
University of Hawaii, 2005.

Member, University of Hawaii Board of Publications, 1998-2003.

Member, Curriculum Planning Committee, University of Hawaii Film School, 2002.

Undergraduate Chair, Journalism Program, School of Communications, 2000-2004.

Co-chair, Personnel Committee, School of Communications, 2002-2004.

Member, Department of Political Science Program Review Committee, University of Hawaii,
1999-2000.

Chair, Curriculum Committee, Department of Journalism, University of Hawaii, 1996 - 1998.

Journalism Department Representative, Task Force on Communications, Information and Library Studies, Nov.-Dec. 1995.

Consultant to Associate Dean, College of Social Sciences internship program, Nov. 14, 1995.

Moderator, Media Focus Panel: "What is it like to be in the media spotlight?" Department of Journalism Career Day, Oct. 18, 1995.

Journalism Department Representative, UH Rainbow Night, Oct. 17, 1995

Chair, ad hoc department committee on review of intern program, Summer 1995; Department Library Committee, 1993.

Outside evaluator, University of Hawaii Undergraduate Honors Program, May 1995.

Instructor in print and broadcast journalism, Summer Program for the Enhancement of Basic Education (SPEBE), Honolulu, Hawaii, June 20 - July 1, 1994.

Consultant, Office of University Relations on broadcast programming of information relating to the university system, January 1994.

Coordinator department Aloha United Way campaign, January 1993.

Consultant, Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs on review and revision of the University of Hawaii General and Graduate Information Catalog, March 1992.

Member of the College of Social Sciences Multimedia Group formed to develop a plan to enhance college media resources to enrich instruction, research, and service across the college, 1991 - 92.

Instructor, broadcast news writing, Summer Program for the Enhancement of Basic Education (SPEBE), Honolulu, Hawaii, June 19 - 20, 1991.

Judge in the department's annual Carol Burnett Media Ethics Competition, since 1991.

Judge in the department's annual Journalism Day Competition, since 1991.