

Hawaiian History Month 2021

Week 2 Biographies

Alongside a skilled team in the Kealaiwikuamo‘o Division at Kamehameha Schools, **Kēhaunani Abad** (and Ryan “Gonzo” Gonzalez) support collaboration among the seventy-plus schools and organizations of Kanaeokana. One of their primary kuleana is to amplify mo‘olelo of, by, and for the lāhui through media, design, and technology. In relation to Maunakea, the authors and Kanaeokana are part of a larger Nā Leo Kāko‘o team, whose collective efforts are referred to in this essay.

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Rev. David Baumgart Turner is pastor at Church of the Crossroads in Honolulu, a place that resonates powerfully with his passions for Caring for God’s Creation, and creating a just and peaceful world. He has served as the director of Camp Mokulē‘ia, a pastor of local churches, a school chaplain, and consultant on issues of sustainability locally and nationally.

Aiko Yamashiro was raised in Kāne‘ohe, O‘ahu, and is lucky to live near enough to see her mother Aileen, brother Daniel, sister Amy, niyok, kalo, ha‘u ‘oi, and the Ko‘olau mountains almost every day. She is also lucky during this lockdown to sometimes get to visit Okinawa, Guāhan, and other loved ones in her dreams. Aiko writes and shares poetry, admires her friends, and is thankful for song in times of joy and grief. She is the executive director of the Hawai‘i Council for the Humanities.