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She was a member of the U.S. delegation that participated in the drafting of the U.N. Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

She oversees a multi-million-dollar center, which conducts research, training, demonstration, evaluation, and dissemination activities to build capacity and systems change in Hawaii and Pacific Island Nations, so that individuals with disabilities participate in community life – in education and through access to employment, housing, transportation, health care, and leisure activities.

Her strengths are strategic relationship building, project management, design and evaluation, and disability policy development.

She views herself as a problem solver. She believes everyone is entitled to a full, satisfying life. She is committed to making it happen for the full range of individuals with disabilities.