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Primary Profession:

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, Hale Na`au Pono, aka The Wai`anae Coast Community
Mental Health Center, December 1997 to present**
ATTORNEY AT LAW (Private Practice), 1976 to present,

Other Positions:

Founder and Lead Attorney to Legal Services for Children – to present
**Executive Director – Wai`anae Coast Community Alternative Development
Corporation - 2000 to 2005**
CHAIRMAN: Native Hawaiian Convention (Aha Hawai`i `Oiwī) 2002- present
**DIRECTOR: INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF HAWAIIAN
AFFAIRS (IAHA)**
**PRESIDENT: PACIFIC & ASIA COUNCIL OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
(PACIP)**
PRESIDENT: HAWAII COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1993 & BEYOND
**RADIO HOST: "A SECOND GLANCE" and KUA`AINA- voices from the land
(Hawai`i Public Radio) 1993 to 2000**
"Hawaiian Potpourri" (KWAH 1080AM) 1996 to present
**TELEVISION HOST: "A Second Glance" Olelo Public Access Television since
1999**

Education:

Graduate
Waianae High and Intermediate School
Wai`anae, Hawaii 1964

B. A. Political Science
University of Hawaii (Manoa)
1968

Juris Doctorate
William Richardson School of Law
University of Hawaii (Manoa)
1976

**Individual study under tutorship of Pilahi Pahi on
Fundamental Hawaiian beliefs (1980-1982)**

Licenses:

To Practice Law in all the courts and administrative proceedings the State of Hawaii,

To Practice Law in the Federal District Court for the District of Hawaii, the Federal 9th Circuit Court, and the United States Tax Court.

Cultural and Racial Ancestry:

Hawaiian
Chinese
Caucasion

Nationality:

Hawaiian

Family Information:

Date of Birth: May 5, 1946

Place of Birth: Hawaii

Parents: Nora Lee Burgess (Mother - deceased)

Ned E. Burgess (Father - deceased)

Spouse: Puanani Burgess (Married in 1968)

Children: Pua`Ena Fern Burgess (DOB 5/14/72)

Pohaokalani Sonoda-Burgess (DOB 11/20/82)

La'amea O Mauna'ala Burgess (DOB 12/18/87)

Experience:

Organizer of the People's Ceremony for the Ehime Maru Tragedy. Ceremony consisted of a traditional native Hawaiian observation of the 9 lost lives at sea due to a U.S. nuclear powered submarine crashing into the Japanese High School Training vessel Ehime Maru. Hawaii residents and others across the world sent leis and flowers which were carried on the Hokule'a for dispersal on the ocean surface at the spot in which the ship went down.

Appointed by Governor John Waihe'e as a Commissioner to the Hawaiian Sovereignty Advisory Commission, August 1993. Council member to the Hawaiian Sovereignty Elections Council, July 1994. Chairperson: Visioning Beyond the Legislative Mandate Committee. Served on the Sovereignty Advisory Council 1992-1993.

Organizer of the Hawaiian Sovereignty Economic Symposium, June 5, 1993, William S. Richardson School of Law.

Private practice of law covering a wide field of legal concerns including: Tort, Contract, Civil Rights, Human Rights, Criminal, Bankruptcy, Family, Estate Planning and Transfer, Real Estate, Tax, Commercial Transactions, Business Planning, Worker's Compensation, Landlord/Tenant,

Vice-President, WORLD COUNCIL OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
Primary Responsibility - International Human Rights Advocacy; Served as V.P. of the WCIP from 1984 to 1990.

Legal and Practical Counselor for various groups of peoples active in advancing the rights of the indigenous people of Hawaii including the Institute for the Advancement of Hawaiian Affairs and the Sovereignty for Hawaii Committee.

Expert to the United Nations' Seminar on the Effects of Racism and Racial Discrimination on the Social and Economic Relations between Indigenous Peoples and States on behalf of the World Council of Indigenous Peoples (Geneva-Switzerland 1989)

Indigenous NGO Expert to the International Labor Organization's (ILO) Meeting of Experts to redraft Convention 107 "Concerning the Protection and Integration of Indigenous and other Tribal and Semi-Tribal Populations in Independent Countries". (Geneva-Switzerland 1986) The final result was the "Convention Concerning Indigenous and Tribal peoples in Independent Countries" ILO Convention 169.

Representative of the World Council of Indigenous Peoples and Pacific Asia Council of Indigenous Peoples to the ILO General Conference (75th & 76th) (1988 and 1989) on the Committee to redraft Convention 107 which resulted in the production of ILO Convention 169 (Geneva-Switzerland)

Representative of the World Council of Indigenous Peoples before the United Nations' Working Group on Indigenous Populations and the United Nations Commission on Human Rights. (Geneva-Switzerland 1985, 1986, 1987, & 1988)

Representative of the Pacific Asia Council of Indigenous Peoples before the U.N. Working Group on Indigenous Populations. (Geneva-Switzerland 1992)

Representative of the WCIP-Hawaii to the Third Working Committee on the drafting of a Pacific Human Rights Charter under the sponsorship of the Law Association of Asia and the Pacific. (Apia, Free (Western) Samoa 1989)

Steering Committee member on Museums and Indigenous cultures sponsored by the International Commission on Museums, Swedish National Commission for UNESCO, and UNESCO. (Jokkmokk-Sweden 1986)

Participant: Law Association of Asia and the Pacific Conference on the Development of a Pacific Human Rights charter. (Fiji 1985)

Observer/Guarantor--Peace Negotiations between the government of Nicaragua and MISURASATA, an indigenous organization of Miskito, Suma and Rama Indians. (Bogota-

Colombia and Mexico City-Mexico 1984 & 1985)

Organizer/Negotiator for indigenous peoples--10th International Indigenist Institute of the Organization of American States (New Mexico-United States of America 1986)

Host of Interactive Radio program: A Second Glance produced by the Hawaiian National Broadcast Corporation (HNBC), A weekly 1/2 hour program covering topics of local and international importance broadcast to all islands over Hawai'i Public Radio; Hawaiian Potpourri produced by HNBC. a weekly two hour program covering topics of specific Hawaiian interest, especially Hawaiian sovereignty and the law broadcast to various islands on KWAI; Kua`aina- Voices from the Land produced by HNBC, a weekly hour program on Sunday mornings on public radio broadcast to all islands; Hawaiian Potpourri - The Television Series produced by HNBC, a twice weekly ½ hour program on Olelo Public Access Television

Instructor: The Indigenous Pacific: Sovereignty, Independence and then?, Poli Sci 646F, Political Science Department, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Spring 1995, Graduate Seminar for a degree leading to a Masters or a PhD. degree.

Paper/Monograms/Articles

Walking the Crooked Path Straight, (Grassroots Community Organizing) to be printed in Asian Pacific American Law Journal, UCLA School of Law, 2002

Hawaiian Statehood Revisited, (Western Door; Chapter 3), and Processes of Decolonization, (Eastern Door; Chapter 11) Reclaiming Indigenous Voice and Vision, Marie Battiste, University of British Columbia Press, 2000

An Introduction to some Hawaiian Perspectives on the Ocean, Chapter 7 of book entitled Freedom for the Seas in the 21st Century: Ocean Governance and the Environmental Harmony, Island Press, 1993

The Rediscovery of Hawaiian Sovereignty, American Indian Culture and Research Journal, 17:1 (1993) 79-101

Culture in Contemporary Society, Canadian Journal of Native Education, Vol. 14, Number 3, 1987, University of British Columbia

Hawaiian Indigenous Rights, Decolonization & Democratic Ideals: A tough balancing Act!, 1994 scheduled for inclusion in publication by COVICO, contact Professor Fred Riggs, University of Hawai'i, Department of Political Science

Digression from the Spirit of Self-Determination and Hawaiian Sovereignty, an intervention to the United Nations Working Group on Indigenous Populations, July, 1994

Interventions at U.N. WGIP from 1984 to 1996

Presentations

Keynote Speaker: Museums and Indigenous cultures Conference, sponsored by the Swedish chapter of the International Commission on Museums, (Jokkmokk-Sweden 1986) On the roles of Museums to education and cultural continuity of indigenous peoples,

Keynote Speaker: World Conference on Indigenous Peoples - Education, (Vancouver, Canada 1987) On Indigenous Education as a method of liberation,

Keynote Speaker: National Indian Education Conference - Kanawake, (Montreal, Canada 1988) On developing clearly indigenous methods of education,

Keynote Speaker: Peace and the Planet, Native Wisdoms, Native Rights. Topic: International Perspectives of Indigenous Peoples rights; (Eugene, Oregon 1992) On Indigenous Rights from a Pacific and Asian perspectives,

Keynote Speaker: 4th of July in Hawaii - The American Farce, July 4, 1992, Iolani Palace, Honolulu, Hawaii, Covering the History of Hawai`i and the importance of July 4 as a day in our national consciousness,

Keynote Speaker: Covering the Bases- Military Toxics Project for Citizens' Base Closure Network, "Communities in Transformation - Crisis & Opportunity" September 17-20 1993, Washington D.C.

Keynote Speaker: Indigenous People's Day 1993 "Indigenous People and their Relationship to the Environment" Multi-Cultural Center, California State University, Sacramento, October 11, 1993

Keynote Speaker: Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs Annual Convention, "Hawaiian Sovereignty, the Challenges for us all" October 1993, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Lecturer: University of Hawai`i, East-West Center in Hawai`i, University of Guam, State University of New York (at Palais de Nations, Geneva, Switzerland), University of the South Pacific in Fiji, University of Ottawa in Canada, University of Washington at Bothell, Hawai`i Pacific University, Hawai`i Tax Institute,

Speaker: First American Indian Tribunal, (D.Q. University, Davis, California 1982) Introducing the "Cause for Hawaiian Sovereignty" paper and issue on the question

Speaker: Law Association of Asia & the Western Pacific conference on the establishment of a Pacific Human Right document (Suva, Fiji 1985) on the subject of Indigenous Peoples Rights and the Hawai`i Decolonization question

Speaker: International & Constitutional Law Conference on the Small Nations of the North (Kautokeino, Norway 1985), on the Process of Democracy in colonial territories and the potential for abuse,

Speaker: United Nations Working Group on Indigenous Populations (Geneva Switzerland 1985, 1987, 1988, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1996) On a multitude of topics affecting indigenous peoples rights, and on behalf of a multitude of organizations including indigenous peoples organizations of Burma, India, Bangladesh, Taiwan, Belau and Hawai'i, as well as the Pacific Asia Council of Indigenous Peoples and the World Council of Indigenous Peoples;

Speaker: United Nation's Sub-Commission on the Prevention and Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (Geneva, Switzerland 1986), On Science, Technology and Human Rights,

Speaker: Indigenous Peoples' International Conference (Uluru, Australia 1985; Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 1988) On the development of international indigenous rights.

Speaker: United Nations Commission on Human Rights (Geneva, Switzerland 1986) on the perspective of the World Council of Indigenous Peoples

Speaker: Saskatchewan Indian Federated College 10th Anniversary Banquet and graduation (Saskatchewan, Canada 1986) On the challenges of Indigenous Peoples in Health and Welfare, Education, etc.

Speaker: World Commission on Environment and Development (Ottawa, Canada 1986) On the shifting of environmental appreciation from a cultural rather than a technological or economic approach.

Speaker: Inuit Circumpolar Conference General Assembly (Kikiktegruk, Alaska 1986) for the World Council of Indigenous Peoples on developing Indigenous Peoples Rights

Speaker: American Society of International Law's annual conference (Boston, Massachussettes 1987) on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and International Law

Speaker: WCIP Pacific/Asia Empowerment Conference (Manoa, Hawaii 1987) On the formation of the Pacific Asia Council of Indigenous Peoples

Speaker: World Council of Churches' Program to Combat Racism (Los Angeles, California 1988) On the situation of Hawai'i and among indigenous peoples across the world,

Speaker: Area Conference of the World Health Organization (Ka'ala, Hawaii 1988)

On indigenous peoples health and the comparison of approaches from western to traditional medicine.

**Speaker: Hawai'i's role in the Pacific & Asia (State Capitol, Honolulu, Hawaii 1988)
On developing different economic values and systems consistent with the culture of the people of the land,**

Speaker: University of Guam on Self-Determination applied to indigenous peoples of the Pacific (Agana, Guam 1988)

Speaker: Pirmasen and Bonn, W. Germany on the environmental impact and violation to human rights by the transport of chemical weapons into the Pacific. (September 1990)

Speaker: Freedom for the Seas: A New Look at Ocean Governance and Stewardship on the theme "An Introduction to Some Hawaiian Perspectives on the Ocean" (Manoa, Hawaii December 1990) Paper eventually published,

Speaker: University of Hawaii School of Social Work on the Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the implications for Social Workers in Hawaii (Manoa, Hawaii 1991)

Speaker: Museums Alive Conference on the considerations to be taken in working with indigenous peoples and their cultures. (Alawai, Hawaii, May 1991)

Speaker: "The Fallacy of Eurocentrism: An indigenous Peoples Perspective" sponsored by the Tulalip Tribes, the Center for the Humanities, University of Washington, and the University of Washington, Bothell. (Tulalip, Washington, May 1991)

Speaker: "Continuity of Consciousness - Practice or Perish" Workshop at the conference of World Peace and the Planet - Native Rights, Native Wisdoms sponsored by the World Peace University. (Eugene Oregon, March 1992)

Speaker: "Hawaiians and the Commemoration of the Pearl Harbor Anniversary" Workshop of the East-West Center Institute of Culture and Communication on Cultural Identities and National Histories: the Politics of Remembering. (U.H. Manoa, 27 May 1992)

Speaker: "A New Partnership with Indigenous Peoples" on the occasion of the opening of the International Year for the World's Indigenous Peoples before the United Nations General Assembly in New York City, U.S.A. (December 10, 1992) Recognized by Madame Erica-Irene Dias, Chairwoman of the United Nations Working Group on Indigenous Populations, as one of the five pioneers of indigenous peoples rights in the world. Presentation eventually published by the U.N.

Speaker: "Is there an Indigenous seat at the Communications Luau?" presented to

the 6th MacBride Roundtable on Global Communications, Honolulu, Hawaii, 22 January 1994.

Speaker: "Hawaiian Indigenous Rights, Decolonization, and Democratic Ideals - a tough balancing act!" Lecture at the East-West Center, Manoa Campus, University of Hawai'i, Occasional Lectures series, Summer 1994

Speaker: Viable Constitutionalism Hawai'i Conference, (COVICO) Chaired by Professor Fred Riggs, Professor Emeritus, University of Hawai'i, Department of Political Science, January 1995,

Speaker: Symposium on Indigenous Peoples: Rights, Lands, Resources, Autonomy, addressing the issues of Indigenous Peoples in International Law and Indigenous Peoples Land Rights, Vancouver, B.C., March 20-22, 1996

Panelist: World Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) Discussion on Indigenous People's Rights at the invitation of the United Nations Center for Human Rights; Istanbul, Turkey, June 10, 1996.

Speaker, Asian Pacific Americans and Our Political Involvement, Access & Future, UCLA School of Law, March 8, 2001, "Walking the Crooked Path Straight" to be reprinted in the Asian Pacific American Law Journal, 2002.

Speaker: Federalism and the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; Comparative Perspectives and Strategies, William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i, January 9-10, 2007

Publications:

The American Society of International Law: Proceedings, Eighty-First Annual Meeting. International Human Rights Standards-Settings: The Case of Indigenous Peoples; Boston, Massachusetts, April 8-11, 1987

American Indian Culture and Research Journal 17:1 (1993) 79-101 The rediscovery of Hawaiian Sovereignty

Contemporary Pacific 2:2, dialogue, Page 85 The World Council of Indigenous Peoples An interview with Poka Laenui (1990) University of Hawaii Press

EAST WIND Politics and Culture of Asians in the U.S. Hawaiian Sovereignty Spring/Summer: 1984 (pp 4 - 7) Hawaiian Sovereignty Fall/Winter 1982 (pp 13 - 16)

Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems, University of Iowa College of Law, June 1993 Speech by Poka Laenui to the United Nations General Assembly

Three Days in January published for the Centennial Observation of the overthrow of the Hawaiian nation; January 1993 accompanied by live broadcast

Elected Positions:

Delegate, Native Hawaiian Convention (Aha Hawai'i `Oiwi) 1999; Served as chairperson of the International Relations Committee since 1999, and as Chairman of the Convention since August 2002.

Delegate: Constitutional Convention (1968) State of Hawaii Representing the Wai`anae District of the Island of `Oahu.

Trustee: Office of Hawaiian Affairs (1982-1986)

Elected by indigenous peoples of Hawaii as the trustee from the island of Oahu to represent the interest of the indigenous peoples of Hawaii.

Vice President: World Council of Indigenous Peoples (1984) Panama City, Panama and (1987) Lima, Peru (Term expired in 1990 and did not seek re-election)

President: Pacific Asia Council of Indigenous Peoples (1992-) an international indigenous non-governmental organization. (1992, Geneva, Switzerland)

Professional Associations:

Hawaii Bar Association

American Bar Association

American Trial Lawyer's Association

International Association of Democratic Lawyers (Brussels, Belgium)

Union of Third World Journalists

Professional Recognitions:

Marquies' WHO'S WHO IN THE WORLD

WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN LAW

WHO'S WHO IN EMERGING LEADERS OF AMERICA

WHO'S WHO IN THE WEST

Before the U.N. General Assembly as one of five "Pioneers in Indigenous People's Rights"

Indigenous Expert by the International Labour Organization

Indigenous Expert by the United Nations Center for Human Rights

Expert witness before the U.S. Tax Court in the case of Marsh v. IRS

Hale Na`au Pono recognized as the best in the nation by the National Managed Health Care Congress due to its cutting edge style of delivery of behavioral health care service integrating cultural and social values in its service to clients, 1999, Atlanta, Georgia