What does quality mean in the context of education? While there may be some consensus existing around the basic dimensions of a quality education, how we get there and how far we have to go inspires numerous debates and perspectives. The issues and answers are so diverse, we wonder how we can possibly answer this question in 75 minutes. In this keynote conversation, co-sponsored with the Learning Disabilities Association of Hawaii, we are taking broad sweeps across the educational landscape – from the impacts of poverty and educational privatization on classroom learning and teaching to educational reform to teaching for all students, we want to shine the light on the most pressing educational issues of the day. The intent is to look at how we arrive to our educational destination where every child thrives and lives to their full potential. Join us for an inspiring discussion led by Hawaii Public Radio’s own, Beth-Ann Kozlovich.

**About the Conversation Discussants**

**Beth-Ann Kozlovich, Moderator**
Beth-Ann is Hawaii Public Radio’s Talk Shows Executive Producer and oversees HPR’s five locally produced talk programs. Her attraction to public radio began when it was the only car-accessible, parent-approved station...so all this is really her mother’s fault.

**Paul McKimmy Ed. D.**
Paul McKimmy is a faculty member in the University of Hawai‘i-Manoa department of Learning Design & Technology. He serves as Director of Technology and Distance Programs for the College of Education where he herds the cats in instructional support, technical services, and distance learning design teams.

**Kiele Pennington**
Kiele is the parent of three children, one with severe autism. Ms. Pennington is the Hawaii Chapter Coordinator of the national nonprofit, Talk About Curing Autism (TACA). She is also a “Parent as Partners” volunteer with Learning Disabilities Association of Hawaii, Hawaii’s Parent Training & Information Center.

**Darlene Robertson**
Darlene Robertson is the Director of Teacher Training and Outreach Program (ATTOP) at Assets School for students with learning disabilities. Ms. Robertson has served on the boards of several agencies involved with exceptional learners including the Council for Exceptional Children-Hawaii Chapter and the Hawaii Branch of the International Dyslexia Association.

**Dennis McDougall**
Dennis McDougall, from Baltimore, MD, started his career as a public school teacher. As Professor of Special Education at the UH Manoa, since 1995, his professional interests include teacher training and self-management techniques.