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EDUCATION

Victoria University of Wellington
New Zealand

- Master of Marine Conservation

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

- Bachelor of Business Administration in Management
- Marine Option Program Certificate in Hawaiian Monk Seal Research

American Business School in Paris
2009 Study Abroad

University of Massachusetts Amherst
2006 National Student Exchange

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- Hawaii Cattlemen's Council Cattleman of the Year - 2022
- Pacific Business News 40 Under 40 - Class of 2021
- Hawai'i Audubon Society Service Award 2012
- Shidler Business Night Award-Outstanding Senior in Management, UH Mānoa 2009
- Gilman International Scholar, Paris, France 2008
- Oscar and Rosetta Fish Scholarship for Excellence, UH Mānoa 2007-2009

WORK EXPERIENCE

MANAGING DIRECTOR

April 2019 - Present

Hawai'i Cattlemen's Council 501(c)(6)

- Provide leadership and strategic administration to support our local cattle industry. Ensure that ranchers are part of important community conversations, educate county, state, and federal decision makers, and provide resources and connections to help the cattle industry thrive as land stewards and food producers.
- Engage with all members of the cattle industry supply chain to ensure a sustainable industry to continue perpetuating the paniolo culture
- Member of the State of Hawaii House subcommittee on Food and Ag Stream - 2020 to 2021
- Member of State Technical Advisory Committee for USDA NRCS and the CTAHR Advisory Council.
- Served on Producer Engagement Team of the Hawaii Climate Smart Commodities project

Hawai'i Beef Industry Council 501(c)(5)

- Support for beef promotion and research
- Host Beef Quality Assurance workshops throughout the state
- Engage in public education and communication

Hawai'i Rangeland Stewardship Foundation 501(c)(3)

- Perpetuate sound stewardship of Hawaii's rangelands through advocacy and education.
- Develop partnerships to improve practices
- Support research to understand the benefits of well-managed rangelands
- Graduate of the 2024 Hawaii Investment Ready Food Systems Accelerator
- Administer Grazinglands Conservation Initiative partnership grants with NRCS

SEABIRD PROJECT LEADER - RESEARCHER

Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands

Nov 2014 - Mar 2019

- Designed and implemented project to discover the first active Band-rumped Storm Petrel colony in Hawaii, used variety of techniques to locate and observe including song meters, night vision, and detector dog searches. Adept at using ArcGIS to create maps for analysis and presentation and working with stakeholders with various objectives.

NONPROFIT BOARDS

South Oahu County Farmers Association

Nov 2020 - Present

- Assist in following legislation important to farmers and ranchers. Organize monthly meetings and keep board on track. Served as President from 2021-2024.

Oahu Resource Conservation & Development

Jan 2022 - Present

- Oversees management of the organization that provides resources to farmers. Currently serving as Vice President

Friends of Hawaiian Island National Wildlife Refuge

Oct 2012 - Dec 2023

- Founding member of non-profit organization to connect the public with the natural and cultural resources of the Hawaiian Islands National Wildlife Refuge through environmental education and advocacy. Developed board protocols, established policies, led strategic plan development and implementation. Served as board member, Treasurer, and Chair.

SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS

- PADI Scuba certified
- Hunting license (bow hunter)
- Helicopter A-100 Basic Aviation Safety and A-219 & Transport of External Cargo certification
- Motorboat Operator Certification & NOAA Small Boat Training
- Occupancy Modeling using R program, National Conservation Training Center

PUBLICATIONS

- GALASE, N.K. 2019. First confirmed Band-rumped Storm Petrel *Oceanodroma castro* colony in the Hawaiian Islands. *Marine Ornithology* 47: 25-28.
- Antaky, C. C., Galase, N. K., & Price, M. R. (2019). Nesting ecology in the Hawaiian population of an endangered seabird, the Band-rumped Storm-Petrel (*Oceanodroma castro*). *The Wilson Journal of Ornithology*, 131(2), 402–406.