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Education

University of Hawai'i at Manoa: Master of Science in Meteorology, 2000; Bachelor of Science in Meteorology, 1997.
Punahou High School, Honolulu, HI: Graduated 1989.

Work Experience

National Weather Service / Central Pacific Hurricane Center

Warning Coordination Meteorologist

Honolulu, HI

June 2007-Present

- Serve as principal interface between the Weather Forecast Office / Central Pacific Hurricane Center and its local, regional, and international partners and customers who use NWS products and services.
- Lead the education and outreach program, designed to increase public awareness of local and regional natural hazards in order to save lives and property. Conducted nearly 200 education and/or outreach events in the past two years.

National Weather Service / Central Pacific Hurricane Center

Senior Forecaster

Honolulu, HI

June 2006- June 2007

- Provide leadership as shift supervisor, giving direction and guidance to staff in all aspects of operational weather forecasting. Assume responsibility for operational and administrative matters in the absence of station managements.
- Served as Aviation Program Leader. Led office involvement in local, national, and international aviation weather operations and polices.

National Weather Service / Central Pacific Hurricane Center

General Forecaster

Honolulu, HI

February 2003-June 2006

- Provide public, aviation, and marine forecasts for the State of Hawaii. Provide local, national, and international aviation and marine forecasts for the Pacific Ocean. Provide tropical cyclone forecasts for the central Pacific.
- Led the office involvement in the development of the National Volcanic Ash Operations Plan for Aviation and the Interagency Operations Plan for Volcanic Ash Hazards in the Pacific Region of the Northern Mariana Islands.

National Weather Service

General Forecaster

Honolulu, HI

July 2001-February 2003

- Provide weather forecasts for a wide range of weather hazards in a dynamic Weather Forecast Office service over 11 million people in Central and Southern California.
- Presided as the Asian / Pacific Islander Special Emphasis Program Manager for the NWS Western Region (WR) Diversity Action Committee. Coauthor of the FY2003 WR Diversity Action Plan.

Community Leadership

President, Waiialua Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization

2008-09 School Year

- Direct 100 member PTO to enhance and provide support for the education, health, character, and overall well-being of the 500 students attending Waiialua Elementary School.

Cubmaster, Pack 269, Aloha Council, Boy Scouts of America

2007-Present

- Provide leadership to 6 parent volunteers and 30 cub scouts. Organize and conduct monthly meetings and outdoor events.

Referee and Coach, American Youth Soccer Organization

2007-Present

- Coach and Referee for boys under 8 division and girls under 6 division

Awards

National

- February 2006. DOC Team Bronze Award for superior service rendered during the record-breaking rainfall, catastrophic flooding, dam break, tornadoes, hail, heavy snowfall, and high winds in Hawaii over a 6 week period in 2006.
- July 2005. NWS Aviation Services Individual of the Year for contributions to the NWS Aviation Program in 2004.
- December 2004. DOC Team Bronze Award for developing and implementing a new software setoff forecast tools which greatly improved NOAA aviation forecasts and are critical to maintaining a safe and efficient airspace.

Regional

- February 2007. NWS Regional Isaac Cline Award for contributions to NWS Honolulu operations.
- February 2005. Special Act Service Award presented by the Aviation Weather Center (AWC) for outstanding training provided to AWC International Operations Branch.

Local

- 2008. Quality Step Increase Award for Superior Federal Service.
- 2007. One Performance Recognition Award and one Special Act Service Award.
- 2006. Three Special Act Service Awards
- 2005. One Special Act Service Award.

Skills & Interests

Computer: Microsoft Office, NWS Operational Forecast Software, Tcl-Tk Programming

Language: Novice French

Interests: Hiking, camping, backpacking, hunting, fishing, surfing, paddling, running.