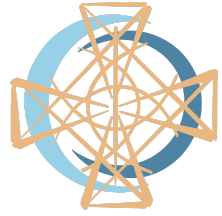


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Dr. Aileen Duldulao (she/her/siya pronouns) is the REALD & SOGI Data Equity Measurement Methodologist for the Equity & Inclusion Division for the Oregon Health Authority. Prior to working at OHA, she served for 9 years as the Maternal, Child, and Family Health Epidemiologist and Research Scientist for the Multnomah County Health Department (MCHD). In 2018, she was awarded the National Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology Award for Effective Practice at the Community Level by the Coalition for Excellence in MCH Epidemiology (which includes CDC, NIH, APHA, etc.). Dr. Duldulao earned her BA in English & Sociology from the University of California at Berkeley, and her MSW and PhD in Social Welfare from the University of Washington. Dr. Duldulao currently serves as the Data Advisor for the Oregon Pacific Islander Coalition and is on the Board of Directors for the Filipino Bayanihan Center.



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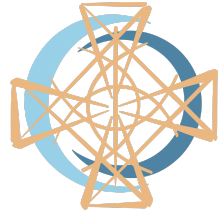
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Cruzko Ward was born and raised in Salem, Oregon. He is a bilingual Marshallese who is second generation. He has a background in social services, workforce development, and mental health. Cruzko experienced the difficulties of adjusting to American society firsthand as a result of his upbringing here in the United States; he frequently had to serve as the primary source for relatives who had difficulty blending two cultures. He has two years of social services experience and ten years of experience in mental health and workforce development. Cruzko was able to coach many people into long and secure careers while also addressing the issues of the work/life Balance throughout his work as a Job Developer and Career Coach for those who have been diagnosed with Mental Health illnesses. Cruzko is now the current Health Director for Living Islands Organization. He has always been in the business of serving people but has always been most passionate about being able to make an impact on his own community.



Lynda Riklon

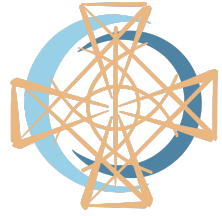
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Lynda was born in the Marshall Islands and was raised in Kosrae, Micronesia. She's married to her wonderful husband, Sheldon. They have 7 kids and 11 grandchildren. She moved to Northwest Arkansas from Hawaii to work with the Marshallese community in 2016. She speaks fluent English, Marshallese, and Kosraean. Lynda serves her role as a CHW, an interpreter and an advocate for her people while working at UAMS-NW. Her title at the UAMS office of Community Health and Research is Program Coordinator-Intermediate and she is the Marshallese Liaison for Heartland Regional Genetics Network. She is a producer of 2 Marshallese videos (Newborn Screening and Early Hearing and Detection Intervention) and is doing awareness classes in her community on NBS and EHDI as part of her work with HRGN. She's been at the UAMS-North Street Clinic as a CHW/Interpreter and been involved in various projects since she started with UAMS.



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Kianna Angelo

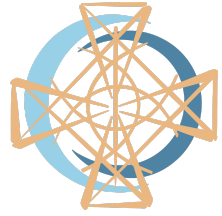
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Kianna Juda Angelo was born in the Republic of the Marshall Islands and was adopted and raised in America. Kianna is the Founder and Executive Director of Living Islands. She also co-founded COFA Alliance National Network (CANN) and served as President while the organization passed the Premium Assistance Program for the Micronesian Communities; She's a Board Member at Oregon Pacific Islander Coalition, a Member on the OHSU Knight Cancer Institute Community and Research Advisory Council, served as Consulting Member for the Pacific Resilience Fund, Pacific Peoples' Partnership in Canada, a representative in the Multnomah County Pacific Islander Community, and a coalition member of the Oregon State Disaster Resilience Learning Network. Kianna is a firm believer in integrated community work. She works with governments, organizational partners, commercial interests, Native Americans, and indigenous communities worldwide on NHPI cultural health justice, education, and awareness programs, with a strong focus on the cross-cultural aspect, bringing education to our NHPI communities and equally educating agencies and the general population on the history, needs, and strength of the Micronesian people. Kianna is married to a Dane and is a mother of four. She currently lives with her tri-cultural family in Lake Oswego, Oregon. With their full support, Kianna is committed to bringing development, opportunity, and cross-cultural education to everyone. She is dedicated to promoting and inspiring those she meets. Her biggest aspiration is to lead by example for her children.



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Neritha Kelani Silk

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Founder & Executive Director, Marshallese Youth of Orange County Reliability Engineer, Crisis Counselor, Entrepreneur

Kelani has worked with community-based organizations in Southern California for over 20 years, mostly focused on assisting with higher education, cultural education and preservation, health advocacy and data collection. She represented the Marshallese community at: The National Council of Asian Pacific Americans Policy Summit to shape and integrate Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (NHPI) community voices and priorities, Washington DC; NHPI National Convening meeting with policymakers, Washington DC; The Stakeholder's Convening, Mainlanders for Education, Las Vegas, NV; NHPI National Census 2020; National NHPI Civic Engagement; WH OPE & WHIAANHPI AA and NHPI Stakeholder Briefing, Washington DC; WHIAANPI Briefing – 2022 Hunga Tonga Eruption and Tsunami, Washington DC; Asian Pacific Islander Moving Forward Food distribution/Resourcing Programs; SoCal NHPI COVID Response Team; Evening Talk Speaker, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles; Tapa/Jaki Blessing, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles; UCLA Youth Health Fair; PIFA and HBPIF.



In addition, Kelani has taught traditional weaving and dance workshops at the Pacific Island Ethnic Art Museum; is the current COVID-19 point of contact for RMI citizens residing in the Americas - US west coast; event coordinator for RMI delegate convenings held in SoCal; California Department of Human Services – COFA population, Medi-Cal and in language scribe.

Kelani is a board member of the Pacific Islanders Community Council (PICC), Pacific Islanders Health Partnership (PIHP), Southern California COVID Response Team (SoCal PICRT) and Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Alliance (NHPIA) and is an Entrepreneur -Ja'Nei Island Goods and Services. She was born in Chicago, Illinois and is the daughter of Deaconess Neibaj and Deacon Jack Silk and brought up with a traditional Marshallese upbringing, descends from Ribit Clan with islands of origin: Ebon, RMI; Namdrik, RMI and Tarawa, Kiribati.

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Sheldon Riklon, MD

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Dr. Riklon is a native Marshallese family physician, born and raised in the Marshall Islands. He is one of only two Marshallese in the world, who has completed medical school and residency training from US accredited programs. Dr. Riklon served as family medicine clerkship director and as a faculty member in the University of Hawai'i Family Medicine Residency program at the John A. Burns School of Medicine. He is a 2001 graduate of that residency program and a 1998 graduate of the Burns A. School of Medicine. He holds a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo.



Dr. Riklon is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) and also a co-investigator in the UAMS Office of Community Health and Research/Center for Pacific Islander Health at UAMS Northwest Campus. He is the inaugural recipient of the Peter O. Kohler, M.D., Endowed Chair in Health Disparities, and the recipient of the 2021 Dr. Edith Irby Jones Excellence in Diversity and Inclusion Lifetime Achievement Award. He also serves as a primary care physician at Community Clinic in Springdale that serves a large patient population of Marshallese and underserved populations in Northwest Arkansas.

Dr. Riklon's research encompasses culturally competent health research, health care services, and palliative care for indigenous Pacific Islanders. He has also worked toward creating health equity for Pacific Islanders living in the US. Ongoing research with UAMS includes increasing patient centered research with underrepresented Pacific Islander populations, a family model of diabetes self-management education to reduce disparities, and increasing the access the Marshallese community have to healthy food options and culturally competent health care services.

His background and experience as a Marshallese migrant, along with 20+ years of experience as a primary care physician treating Marshallese patients in the Pacific and the United States, and advocating for Pacific Islanders, provides a unique and robust perspective on the Pacific Islander culture in Western Society. Dr. Riklon is a board member of the Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families, the National Council of Asian & Pacific Islander Physicians, and the Asian Pacific Islander Health Forum.

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Veronica "Nika" Wase is the former Mayors of Likiep Atoll in the Marshall Islands. Previous and on-going affiliations, associations and relations include but are not limited to: Secretary - Marshall Islands Mayors Association (MIMA); President to own NGO Wut Emelu; President - Jidrik Kake Club and an Insurance consultant. Madame Mayor also retains membership to not only the RMI Red Cross and Women United Together Marshall Islands (WUTMI), an outreach organization driven by women in the Marshall Islands; but also the Marshall Islands Breast Cancer Society of which she wears the hats of both a member and a survivor.

As an advocate for cultural edification, Mrs. Wase can be found displaying her DriMwejor Clan tattoos or adorned in traditional Marshalllese garments in numerous RMI cultural forums both locally and internationally.



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Dr. Eric Rasmussen is the CEO of Infinitum Humanitarian Systems, an international consulting firm focused on the Calakmul International Biosphere Reserve in the Yucatan, and on Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands. He's an Internal Medicine physician with an additional Master's in Disaster Medicine, and spent 25 years on active duty with the US Navy, including seven years on nuclear submarines, nine years at DARPA, and multiple wartime deployments to Bosnia, Afghanistan, and Iraq. He was later selected to be founding CEO for Dr. Larry Brilliant's TED Prize and remains the Chair of that Board. He's currently the Research Director for the Kwajalein Atoll Sustainability Laboratory on Ebeye Island, an international effort led by the Marshalllese and sponsored by the US Office of Naval Research, exploring climate impact mitigation strategies for atoll nations.

