

**TITLE: Approval of School Librarian Performance Standards Review Panel**

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The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board approves the following appointments of licensed school librarians and school librarian preparation faculty to a review panel which will review the Hawai'i Standards for School Counselors based on the Hawai'i Librarian Standards which were adopted from the American Library Association (ALA) and the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) Standards and make recommendations for final adoption to the Board no later than May 30, 2012. Biographies are attached.

Panelists are:

**Violet Harada**, Professor of Library and Information Science, Department of Information and Computer Sciences, University of Hawaii-Manoa;  
**Julie Kiwa Tomomitsu**, Librarian, Farrington High School;  
**Audrey Okemura**, Librarian, Pearl City High School;  
**Sandra Yamamoto**, Librarian, Kapolei High School;  
**Christine Kapololu**, Librarian, Keaukaha School

**Submitted by:** Terry Holck

**Referred to:** Teacher Standards Committee

## Panelist Biographies

**Violet Harada** is a professor of library and information science in the Department of Information and Computer Sciences. She has been a secondary teacher, curriculum writer, elementary school librarian, and state specialist with the Hawaii Department of Education before joining the University of Hawaii teaching faculty. In addition to her teaching duties, she coordinates the school library specialization for the Library and Information Science Graduate Program. Her major areas of research involve inquiry-based approaches to information seeking and use and on the study of teacher and librarian collaborative partnerships. She examines how K-12 students learn best and teaching practices that help students achieve their learning goals. She works closely with school librarians and teachers to bring these “best practices” into classrooms and school libraries. She has published articles and books on these topics and is a frequent speaker at state, national and international conferences.

**Julie Kiwa Tomomitsu** is currently a National Board Certified Teacher and a librarian at Farrington High School. She has been a school librarian since 1982. She holds two Master Degrees from the University of Hawai'i -Manoa. One is a Master's Degree in Secondary Art Education, and the other is a Master's Degree in Library Studies. Julie has a long list of services and staff development. Some of these include: Board of Examiner, National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE); Adjunct Instructor, City University of Seattle; Member of the National Advisory Library Media Standards Committee, Educational Testing Services, Princeton, NJ; and Cooperating Librarian, Library Practicum Training, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Graduate School of Library and Information Studies (since 1985). Julie is a member of the Hawaii Association of School Librarians, the American Library Association, and the American Association of School Librarians. She was a Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board member from 2003-2006.

**Audrey Okemura** is currently a librarian at Pearl City High School and has 27 years of experience with the Department of Education -- 20 years as a science teacher and 7 as a librarian. Her teaching degrees include a Professional Diploma in Secondary Education - Biological Sciences; MEd (Curriculum and Instruction); and an MLIS. Awards and recognition received include: 2003 Outstanding Biology Teacher Awardee (NSTA); 2009 National Board Certification (Library Media/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood); and 2010 Golden Key Awardee (award given to recognize an individual who has made significant professional contributions to school librarianship in Hawaii and (given) notable services to the Hawaii Association of School Librarians).

**Sandra Yamamoto** is a librarian at Kapolei High School. Kapolei High Library was recognized as a National School Library Media Program of the Year (SLMPY) in 2006. Sandra holds a B.A. in Psychology, P.D. in Secondary Education and MLIS in Library and Information Science from the University of Hawaii. She has 19 years of teaching

experience with the DOE and has been a social studies teacher at Leilehua High School and librarian at Waianae High and Pearl City High Schools. Sandra earned her National Board Certification in 2007 and is active in the Hawaii Association of School Librarians. She has jointly presented at state and national conferences and co-authored a publication, *Collaborating for Project-based Learning in Grades 9-12* (Linworth Publishing, 2008) with Carolyn Kirio and Dr. Violet Harada.

**Christine Kapololu** is a Librarian at Keaukaha School. She has been an elementary school librarian for 25 years, and an intermediate and high school librarian for 4 years. She holds an M.Ed in Elementary Education/ Curriculum & Instruction from the University of Hawaii, Manoa, [1999], a M.L.S. from the University of Hawaii, Manoa, [1970], and a B.S in Elementary Education/ Library Science from Edinboro College, Edinboro, PA [1967]. Christine is affiliated with the Big Island Council of Teachers of English [BICTE], the National Council of Teachers of English, the Hawaii Association of School Librarians, and Delta Kappa Gamma where she served a term as President and Vice President. Christine has also been a presenter in breakout session, at the International Reading Association Conference in Hawai'i.