

2024 HLSA CONFERENCE

ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

<b>Alika Garo</b> started working as a field technician with Sam O. Hirota, Inc. in 2007 and is currently employed there as a project surveyor. He has been a Licensed Professional Land Surveyor in the State of Hawaii since 2022 and Certified Registered Land Court Surveyor in the State of Hawaii since 2024.
<b>Andy Harada</b> is a Licensed Professional Land Surveyor since 1986 and licensed to practice in the Land Court in 1990. Presently employed with Engineers Surveyors Hawaii, as their senior land surveyor. Former Survey Branch Chief of the Division of Land Survey and Acquisition, Department of Design and Construction, City and County of Honolulu. Active member of the Hawaii Land Surveyors Association and National Society of Professional Surveyors.
<b>Becca Fricke-Croft</b> is a Senior Project Manager for AtkinsRéalis and the Floodplain Management Team Lead for STARR II. As a former elected official and local floodplain manager, she possesses a unique perspective of the communication and training needs of local community officials, engineers, and surveyors (her favorite group!). In 2021, Becca sold her house and truck and everything in them and bought a motorhome, which she now lives in full time. She travelled to 48 states in 2021...Unfortunately, the border to Canada was closed and the bridge is out to Hawaii.
<b>Beverly Pascual</b> is currently a Construction Manager, LPLS and PE at Engineers Surveyors Hawaii, Inc.
<b>Carl C.de Baca</b> is currently the Principal Land Surveyor at R.E.Y. Engineers, Inc.
<b>Craig Clouet</b> works in the Governor’s office with the State Disaster Recovery Coordinator.
<b>Dan Hirota</b> is a Professional Engineer and a Licensed Professional Land Surveyor. Dan currently serves on the State of Hawaii Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects (EASLA) as the Land Surveyor Representative. <b>Sheena Choy</b> is the Professional & Vocational Licensing (PVL) Executive Officer for the State of Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.
<b>David Sanford</b> is a Registered Professional Civil Engineer with nearly 20 years of experience in Land Development. He has 35 years of experience with CAD. He joined Carlson Software in 2007.
<b>Dustin Gaessner</b> is currently an Employee at Dudek.
<b>Ed Carlson</b> is the Pacific Region Geodetic Advisor which provides training, guidance and assistance to constituents managing geospatial activities that are tied to the United States National Spatial Reference System (NSRS), the framework and coordinate system for all positioning activities in the United States. The Geodetic Advisor serves as a subject matter expert in geodesy and regional geodetic issues, collaborating across federal, state, county, city, and local users to ensure that all geospatial activities are properly referenced to the NSRS.
<b>Gavin Hirano</b> is currently a Land Boundary Surveyor V at State of Hawaii - DAGS Land Survey Division
<b>Jeff and Jeremy Grad:</b> The Grad Law Firm is a father-son legal team with expertise in Hawaii real-estate matters. Jeff and Jeremy have over 60 years of combined experience of legal practice in Hawaii.
<b>Linda Foster</b> oversees Esri’s worldwide strategic vision for land records, cadastre, surveying, and land administration. A leader in professional organizations, she is currently VP of the National Society of Professional Surveyors. Foster is a registered land surveyor and certified GISP. She also holds a B.S. degree in Geological Engineering, and a Master’s degree in GIS from Penn State University.
<b>Lorrin Hirano</b> is Sr.Vice President and Legal Counsel for Title Guaranty of Hawaii, LLC. Prior to joining Title Guaranty in 1999, Mr. Hirano was in private practice with the law firm of Ashford & Wriston where he concentrated in the areas of real property transactions, title insurance claims defense, quiet title, and eminent domain litigation. He is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law (Berkeley Law). He has served as the Chairperson of the Real Property and Financial Services Section of the HSBA, and has been a member of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers since 2012.
<b>Marc Ericksen</b> has been conducting hydrographic surveys with Sea Engineering since 1991. He d as Vice President of the company from 2008-2023. At Sea Engineering, Mr. Ericksen has specialized in hydrographic and geophysical surveying, marine environmental analysis, coastal analysis, and oceanographic data collection. Mr. Ericksen is a National Society of Professional Surveyors/Hydrographic Society of America certified hydrographer, one of only three in Hawaii. Survey experience includes hydrographic surveys for dredging and condition assessments, high resolution surveying for mapping benthic resources, and subbottom profiling and side scan surveying for nearshore mapping, resource assessment and cable landings. He has completed numerous surveys in Honolulu Harbor, other Hawaii State harbors, and Pearl Harbor, and in locations all over the world.
<b>Matt Rice</b> is currently an Employee at Dudek.
<b>Matt Vernon</b> is currently a Principal, Geospatial Services at Stantec.
<b>Mel Philbrook</b> has been with Frontier Precision since 2012 as a geospatial solutions provider. He has been a Trimble certified instructor in mapping and land survey systems since 1995. Over the past three decades, he has been involved in civil engineering implementation and managing geographic information systems, as well as providing consultation for geospatial solutions to a myriad of public and private companies. His 30+ years of field surveying, civil engineering and assisting GIS professionals in the public and private sector enables him to offer unique and valuable insight on the ever-changing geospatial market and provide advice or consultation to avoid potential pitfalls when implementing their geospatial applications.
<b>Meyer Cummins</b> is a licensed land surveyor He is the son of licensed land surveyors, Pat and Mary Cummins. Meyer has been surveying for over 25 years. Meyer is a past president of HLSA and is currently serving as the HLSA legislative liaison, passing and testifying on legislation to support the land surveying community. Meyer is also J.D. candidate at the William S. Richarson School of Law at Manoa. Meyer wants to expand his knowledge and skills in real property law to further the goals of Hawaii’s land surveying community .
<b>Rebecca L. Anderson</b> is the Shoreline Specialist for DLNR who manages shoreline certifications and shoreline land dispositions statewide and is part of Land Division's legislative team, focusing on easement approvals and legislation related to land dispositions. Prior to joining DLNR, Rebecca served the Hawaii Legislature for over a decade as a legislative analyst in the Senate Majority Office and Assistant Director of the House Majority Staff Office, with a policy focus on land use and consumer protection. Rebecca holds degrees from the William S. Richardson School of Law at UH Manoa and Rhodes College. Rebecca's favorite part of her job is conducting shoreline inspections at Hawaii's amazing beaches and her least favorite part is having to leave her surfboard at home.
<b>Victor Rasgado</b> loves maps almost as much as he loves living and working in Hawaii. A 30-year professional surveyor, he’s passionate about map perfection. Victor pushes the boundaries of traditional surveying and is a pioneering force in Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), or drone, surveying within Stantec.