KINOHI ABAFO

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EDUCATION

PHD STUDENT
University of Cincinnati
2026 – PRESENT

MASTER OF T.E.S.O.L.
Hawai'i Pacific University
2021 – 2023

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS
University of Cincinnati
2016 – 2021

POST-SECONDARY
University of Cincinnati Clermont
2014-2016

RESIDENT EDUCATOR LICENSE
Ohio State BOE, TESOL
2025-2027

CPR CERTIFICATION
American Red Cross
2026

PUBLICATIONS

FROM READING COMPREHENSION TO MAGAZINE COVER CREATION (PP. 146-150)
TESOL Working Paper Series, 19
2021

COMFORT (PP. 5-6)
AND
OCCUPY ME (PP.34-35)
The Hiding Place Journal
2020

PRESENTATIONS

HAWAI'I TESOL CONFERENCE
Laie, HI, USA
2023

LANGUAGES

ENGLISH | HAWAIIAN PIDGIN
Fluent

SPANISH
Beginner – Intermediate

JAPANESE | AMERICAN SIGN
Beginner

CAREER SUMMARY

Hapa-Haole multidisciplinary educator, creative, and service industry pink-collar worker with a strong background in visual arts, teaching, branding, and serving the general public. Equally comfortable instructing a classroom, designing an event, or carrying a tray with 10+ glasses on it, I carry with me a passion for creating community, engaging in storytelling, and educating those around me about the intersections of art, language, culture, and the social and political aspects of those cross-roads.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

GRADUATE ASSISTANT - QUALITATIVE RESEARCHER — JULY 2026 – PRESENT
Children's Hospital | OH

BARTENDER & GRAPHIC DESIGNER — JUN 2021 – PRESENT
West Side Brewing | OH

FREELANCE PHOTOGRAPHER / DESIGNER / EVENT PLANNER — AUG 2016 – PRESENT
HI | IN | KY | OH

LEARN-WELL EDUCATOR — FEB 2026 – JULY 2026
Glenwood Behavioral Hospital| OH

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER — JAN 2025 – JAN 2026
Symmes & Blue Ash Elementary | OH

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STUDENT TEACHER — JAN 2023 – JUN 2023
Farrington High School | HI

BARTENDER & SERVER — AUG 2022 – JUN 2023
The Surfing Pig | HI

TESOL INSTRUCTOR — MAY 2022 – JULY 2023
Hawai'i Rainbow Academy, HI

BARTENDER & SERVER — JUN 2020 – JUN 2021
The Summit Hotel | OH

CREATIVE DIRECTOR — OCT 2019 – OCT 2025
Kealoha's Kitchen | KY

PHOTO EDITOR & STUDIO ASSISTANT — 2020 – 2021
Wings Modeling Agency | OH

SERVER — 2018 – 2020
Buca de Beppo | OH

AUDIO PRODUCTION ASSISTANT — 2018
Blacklite Productions | OH

CAKE DECORATOR — 2017
Sam's Club | OH

PRODUCT PHOTOGRAPHER — 2017
The Cupboard | OH

TATTOO APPRENTICE — 2016
Silent Wave Designs | OH

LIFEGUARD — 2014 – 2016
Coney Island | OH

TUTOR & SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTOR — 2014 – 2016
University of Cincinnati Clermont College | OH