

# Diversity Matters 2020

## ADVOCATING FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES



**Friday, September 4, 2020**

**11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

**via ZOOM**

**Violet E. Horvath, PhD, MSW, MFA**

Dr. Violet Horvath is the Director of Pacific Disabilities Center at the John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. She has a PhD in Social Welfare, Master's degrees in social work and theater, and Bachelor's degrees in psychology and theater. She was previously Assistant Professor at the Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work, Chair of the Bachelor of Social Work Program, and Program Coordinator for the Distance Education Option. Dr. Horvath has been a Lecturer at Honolulu Community College, Adjunct Faculty in Social Work at The Brown School at Washington University in St. Louis, and Grants Administrator at Washington University in St. Louis. Dr. Horvath is a researcher, educator, project and program coordinator, consultant, and practicum instructor and has worked on numerous grants and contracts. She is honored to be on the combined research / human subjects committee at Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, and a board member of the Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB), along with serving on the legislative and parking committees. Dr. Horvath is a planning committee member for the Annual Hawai'i Summit for the Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma (IVAT). Since 1999, she has volunteered for 79 professional golf tournaments, including PGA, LPGA, and USGA events in Hawai'i and in several other states.



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**Malia Perreira, MA**

Malia Perreira is a Counselor and Learning Disabilities Specialist with the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa KOKUA Program. Ms. Perreira has provided student services in the KOKUA Program for over 12 years, specializing in providing disability access counseling and services to students with disabilities on the University of Hawai'i Mānoa campus. Prior to her work with KOKUA, she served within the Hawai'i Department of Education conducting evaluations for special education eligibility for students in grades Pre-K to 12, promoting the academic success of students with specific learning and mental health disorders. Ms. Perreira serves as the liaison for the John A. Burns School of Medicine, promoting access to services for medical students at all training levels.

