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Born and raised on Oahu, I am a futurist, strategist for non-profit organizations and freelance writer. I am currently pursuing a PhD in Futures Studies at the Political Science Department, UH Manoa under the guidance of Professor Jim Dator. My academic research looks at whether emerging biotechnologies will actually improve quality of life and environment in the 21<sup>st</sup> century by comparing synthetic biology with traditional Indigenous systems of natural resource management. I also work as the lead project director for the Omidyar Group's new initiative – Hawai'i Quality of Life - using systems mapping and understanding of complexity to help organizations with strategic planning. I received my undergraduate degree from UCLA in American Studies and returned home to Hawai'i in 1999 with a mission to improve the future of our islands. My futures consulting work as a researcher at the Hawaii Research Center for Futures Studies (HRCFS) has spanned the gamut from foresight training to preferred futures strategic planning and curriculum development. I have co-facilitated foresight workshops for the State Office of Planning on Oahu, West Maui Neighborhood Board, the Hawaii Futures Summit, Samsung Corporation, Kamehameha Schools, Oxfam's Asian Development Dialogue Series, the first annual Myanmar Futures Exchange and a variety of private businesses and non-profits. I currently serve as the board president of KANU Hawaii, a grassroots social change non-profit dedicated to increasing the quality of life in our islands through promoting island values. From 2011-2013, I consulted as a strategist and writer for the foundation Sustainable America, which seeks to create food and energy security in America. With my husband Brady, I helped to found the Hawaii chapter of After School All Stars, a non-profit serving Hawaii's at-risk middle school youth by providing free after school enrichment programs. In my scant free time, I enjoys writing, working on fine art photography and relaxing with my family in Kaneohe on the island of Oahu.