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## EDUCATION

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**Master of Social Work**, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI, August 1991  
Concentration: Child and Family (Focus on research/evaluation and macro level practice).

**Bachelor of Arts in Sociology**, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, January 1987  
Honors Thesis Title: "Preventing the Prevalence of Child Sexual Abuse in America"

## PRACTICUM EXPERIENCE

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- September 1990 – May 1991      **MSW STUDENT INTERN**  
Coalition for A Drug-Free Hawaii, Honolulu, HI.  
Assisted in the evaluation of agency programs. Developed evaluation instruments; collected, coded, and analyzed data. Participated as agency team member in providing consultation to a private research firm contracted to conduct a statewide drug survey. Executed special projects for executive director.
- September 1989 – May 1990      **MSW STUDENT INTERN**  
Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Honolulu, HI.  
Matched adult volunteers with children, ages 6 - 16. Provided direct counseling, referral, and case management.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- November 2008 – Present      **JUNIOR SPECIALIST**  
Center on the Family, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI.
- Lead indicator selection and data collection and maintenance for of social indicator projects focused on tracking the well-being of Hawaii's families and tracking the impact of economic conditions on Hawaii's children and families; work as team member to conduct data analysis and write issue papers based on social indicator data; participate as a domain expert on policy team to determine the direction of other social indicator data collection efforts at the Center and development of outreach data products (both electronic and printed publications).
  - Work as team member to evaluate the state's comprehensive and multi-level drug prevention effort; design and oversee qualitative study; conduct qualitative data analysis and prepare progress and final reports.
  - Lead and participate in the design, implementation and management of other research and outreach efforts relating to family well-being and aimed at improving conditions for children and families in Hawaii.
- January 1995 – October 2008      **PROJECT OPERATIONS COORDINATOR**  
Center on the Family, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI.

- November 2004 – **PROGRAM EVALUATION CONSULTANT**  
 April 2005  
 Maternal and Child Health Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (MCH-LEND) Program, University Affiliated Programs – Center on Disabilities Studies, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI.
- December 1991 – **YOUTH GANG PROGRAM SPECIALIST**  
 January 1995  
 Office of Youth Services, Hawaii Department of Human Services, Honolulu, HI.
- November 1989 – **RESEARCH ASSISTANT/SPECIALIST**  
 November 1991  
 Center for Youth Research, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI.
- September 1989 – **RESEARCH ASSISTANT**  
 October 1989  
 School of Social Work, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI.

## RECENT AND RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

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### Journal Articles

- DeBaryshe, B.D., Yuen, S., Nakamura, L., & Stern, I.R. (2006). The roles of family obligation and parenting practices in explaining the well-being of Native Hawaiian adolescents living in poverty. *Hulili: Multidisciplinary Research on Hawaiian Well-being*, 3, 103-125.
- Stern, I.R., Yuen, S., & Hartsock, M. (2004). A macro portrait of Hawaiian families. *Hulili: Multidisciplinary Research on Hawaiian Well-being*, 1, 73-91.

### Book Chapters

- DeBaryshe, B., Ripke, M.N., & Stern, I.R. (2010). Multiethnic families in Hawai'i: Strengths and challenges. In *multiethnicity and multiethnic families: Development, identify and resilience*. Ed. McCubbin, H., Ontai, K., Kehl, L., McCubbin, L., Strom, I., Hart, H., DeBaryshe, B., Ripke, M., Matsuoka, J. Honolulu: Le'a Publications. 97-115.

### Educational Outreach Publications

- Stern, I.R. & Nakamura, L. (2011). *Hawai'i KIDS COUNT E-Bulletin*, January – December (monthly issues).
- Yuan, S. & Stern, I.R. (2011). *Homeless services utilization report: Hawaii 2011*. Honolulu: University of Hawaii, Center on the Family.
- Stern, I.R., Yuan, S., Hwang, S.Y., Kole, S. (2011). *Hawaii community stabilization initiative indicator report*. Honolulu, HI: University of Hawaii, Center on the Family.
- Stern, I.R. & Min, H. (2010) *Hawaii family touchstones*.
- Stern, I.R. (2010). Connections to Communities - Hawai'i Family Touchstones Feature III. In *Hawai'i KIDS COUNT E-Bulletin*, February 2010 issue.
- Stern, I.R. (2010). Family Relationships - Hawai'i Family Touchstones Feature II. In *Hawai'i KIDS COUNT E-Bulletin*, January 2010 issue.

Stern, I.R. (2009). A Snapshot of Hawai'i's Families – Demographic Profile. In *Hawai'i KIDS COUNT E-Bulletin*, December 2009 issue.

Yuan, S., He, S.J., Tom, A., Yuen, S., Schmidt, K., Kadir, A., Ripke, M., Taniguchi, K., Mastrobuono, S., & Stern, I. (2005). *Aloha United Way quality of life report*. [Brochure]

Stern, I.R., Yuen, S., & He, S.J. (2004) *Portrait of Hawai'i's families*.

Stern, I.R., Yuen, S., & He, S.J. (2004) *Hawai'i's strong families*.

Stern, I.R., Yuen, S., & He, S.J. (2004) *Families in their communities*.

### **Proceedings and Other Publications**

Fong, G.F., DeBaryshe, B., Yuan, S., Stern, I.R., Nakamura, L., & Yuen, S. (2005). Family resiliency and chronic financial strain. In P. Olson (Ed.), *Papers of the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Western Family Economics Association*. [Abstract].

Yuen, S., Hartsock, M., Stern, I.R., & He, S.J. (2002). Using data to build programs and policies. *Family focus*, FF14, p. F3-4.

### **Technical Reports**

Stern, I.R. (2010 – 2011). *Hawaii kids count: Final Report*. Annual final report to the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Stern, I.R. (2009). *Hawaii environmental scan*. Report to the Hawaii Community Foundation and the Victoria S. and Bradley L. Geist Foundation.

Stern, I.R. & Yuen, S. (2009) *Hawaii communities empowering youth project evaluation report*. Report to the Hawaii Youth Services Network.

Stern, I.R. & Yuen, S., (2008). *Compassion capital – Hawaii moving forward 2005: Final Report*. Report to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Stern, I.R. & Yuen, S., (2006). *Compassion capital – Hawaii moving forward 2002 – 2006: Final Report*. Report to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Yuen, S., Stern, I.R., (2003). *Data center on children and families: Final report*. Report to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Yuen, S., Stern, I.R., & He, S.J. (2003). *Hawaii performance partnership board: Final report*. Hawaii Performance Partnerships Board, Office of the Governor.

Yuen, S., DeBaryshe, B., Fong, G., Hartsock, M., Stern, I.R., Yuan, S., Nakamura, L., Pobutsky, A., Wei, Y.S. (2003). *Financial strain and family resiliency: A comparison of welfare and working poor families*. Report to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

## RECENT AND RELEVANT PRESENTATIONS

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### Conference Presentations

- Stern, I.R. & Nakamura, L. (2012, January). *Hawaii kids count and other data resources*, Presented at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual School Based Transition Conference 2012, Honolulu, HI.
- DeBaryshe, B., Ripke, M., & Stern, I. (2006, February). *Strengths and resources among low-income families in Hawaii: Does multiple ethnicity make a difference?* Presented at the Multiethnic Families conference: University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, HI.
- Stern, I.R., & Miller, P. (2005, August). *Capacity-building for grass roots and faith-based organizations*. Presented at the Fourth Conference on Purchase of Health and Human Services “The Business of Health and Human Services, Evolving and Emerging Trends,” Honolulu, HI.
- DeBaryshe, B.D., Fong, G., Yuan, S.C., Yuen, S., Stern, I.R., & Nakamura, L. (2005, June). *Economic strain and resiliency in Native Hawaiian and Asian American/Pacific Islander families: The role of coping strategies, parenting practices, family communication, and cultural beliefs*. Paper presented at the Pathways to Resiliency conference, Halifax, Nova Scotia.
- DeBaryshe, B.D., Ripke, M., & Stern, I.R. (2005, February). *Family strengths and life satisfaction: Does multiple ethnicity make a difference?* Paper presented at the conference, “Multiethnic families: Development, identity and wellbeing,” Honolulu, HI.
- DeBaryshe, B.D., Fong, G., Nakamura, L., Stern, I.R., Yuan, C.W., & Yuen, S. (2004, October). *Struggles and strengths: Identifying risk and protective factors for Native Hawaiian and non-Hawaiian families living in poverty*. Paper presented at the Kamehameha Schools 2004 Research Conference on Hawaiian Well-being, Kea‘au, HI.
- Hartsock, M., & Stern, I.R. (2003, January). *Making sense of the data scene: Results-based accountability and your part of the equation*. Presented at the Third Conference on Purchase of Health and Human Services, Honolulu, Hawaii.
- Hartsock, M., & Stern, I.R. (2002, November). *Development and use of community QOL indicators*. Paper presented at the International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies Conference on Planning, Developing, and Using Community Quality-of-Life Indicators, Williamsburg, Virginia.
- ### Poster Sessions
- Min, H. & Stern, I.R. (2010, May). *Social capital and health in Hawaii*. Poster presented at *He Huliau: A Turning Point* Eliminating Health Disparities in Native and Pacific Peoples, Honolulu, HI.
- Fong, G.F., DeBaryshe, B., Yuan, S., Stern, I., Nakamura, L., & Yuen, S. (2004, October). *Family resiliency and chronic financial strain*. Poster presented at the 2004 Western Family Economics Association Conference, Honolulu, HI.
- DeBaryshe, B.D., Fong, G., Hartsock, M., Stern, I.R., Yuen, S., Yuan, S.C., Pobutsky, A., Wei, Y., & Nakamura, L. (2003, June). *Resiliency processes in low-income Asian American/Pacific Islander families*. Poster presented at the Family Research Consortium Annual Summer Institute, Santa Ana Pueblo, NM.

## Workshop and Training Presentations

- Stern, I.R., & Nakamura, L. (January 2012). *2011 Kids count data book findings and other resources*. Presentation of 2011 Kids Count data book findings and recommendations, and other national and state-level social indicators to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.
- Stern, I.R., & Nakamura, L. (October 2011). *2011 Kids count data book: Promoting opportunity for the next generation*. Presentation of 2011 Kids Count data book findings, recommendations, and strategies implemented in Hawaii to the Hawaii Keiki Caucus.
- Stern, I.R., & Nakamura, L. (October 2010). *2010 Kids count data book and online resources*. Presentation of 2010 Kids Count data book findings and recommendations, and other Kids Count data resources to the Hawaii Keiki Caucus.
- DeBaryshe, B. & Stern, I.R. (August, 2009). *Resilient families: Nurturing each other in tough times*. Human resources workshop provided to employees of the University of Hawaii – Manoa.
- DeBaryshe, B. & Stern, I.R. (September, 2009). *Resilient families: Nurturing each other in tough times*. Human resources workshop provided to employees of the University of Hawaii – Manoa.
- Hartsock, M., & Stern, I.R. (2001, June). *Data center for children and families*. Community presentation to prospective recipients of Department of Health State Incentive Grant funds, Lihue, HI.
- Hartsock, M., & Stern, I.R. (2001, June). *Data center for children and families*. Community presentation to prospective recipients of Department of Health State Incentive Grant funds, Kahului, HI.
- Hartsock, M., & Stern, I.R. (2001, June). *Data center for children and families*. Community presentation to prospective recipients of Department of Health State Incentive Grant funds, Kaunakakai, HI.

## RECENT AND RELEVANT GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

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- Stern, I.R. *Hawai'i KIDS COUNT*, funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, January – December 2012, \$75,000.
- Stern, I.R. & DeBaryshe, B. *Hawaii Youth Opportunities Initiative Data Analysis*, funded by EPIC Ohana, Inc., April 2011 – January 2013, \$10,000.
- Stern, I.R. *Hawai'i KIDS COUNT*, funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, January – December 2011, \$75,000.
- DeBaryshe, B. & Stern, I.R. *Evaluation of Socioeconomic Impacts of the Hamakua Hydroelectric Project on Families and Communities*, funded by the US Department, October 2010 – September 2012.
- Stern, I.R. & Yuan, S. *Community Stabilization Initiative Indicators Project*, funded by the Hawaii Community Foundation, April 2010 – March 2012, \$30,000.
- DeBaryshe, B., Edmonds, C., Bhutada, S., He, S., Kim, J., Min, H., Nie, Y., Stern, I.R., Yuan, S., Yuen, S. *Understanding the Well-being of Hawai'i's Families*, USDA Hatch, October 2009 – September 2014. \$10,900 (first year award).

- Kim, J., DeBaryshe, B. & Stern, I.R. *Family Financial Challenges and their Implications for the Quality of Family Relationships and Individual Adjustment*, USDA Hatch, October 2009 – September 2012. \$30,000.
- Stern, I.R. *Youth Opportunities Initiative Readiness Assessment*, funded by the Hawaii Community Foundation, February 2009 - December 2009, \$20,000.
- Yuen, S., & Stern, I.R. *Memorandum of Agreement Between Hawaii Youth Services Network and the University of Hawaii Center on the Family*, funded by the Hawaii Youth Services Network, March 15, 2007 – September 30, 2009, \$60,000.
- Yuen, S., DeBaryshe, B., Hartsock, M., Fong, G.F., & Stern, I.R. *Financial Strain and Family Resiliency: A Comparison of Welfare and Working Poor Families*, funded by the DHHS—Administration for Children and Families, September 30, 2001-March 29, 2002, \$59,675.
- Yuen, S., Hartsock, M., Stern, I.R., & He, S.J. *Memorandum of Agreement Between the Hawaii Performance Partnerships Board (HPPB) and the University of Hawaii Center on the Family*, funded by the Hawaii Performance Partnerships Board, Office of the Governor, August 15, 2001-June 30, 2003, \$100,000.
- Yuen, S., Hartsock, M., Stern, I.R., & He, S.J. *Data Center for Children and Families*, funded by the DHHS—Administration for Children and Families, July 1, 2001-June 30, 2002, \$100,000.
- Yuen, S., Hartsock, M., & Stern, I.R. *Community Needs Assessment – Family Strengthening and Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Resources*, funded by the Hawaii Children’s Trust Fund of the Hawaii Community Foundation, October 1, 2001 – April 30, 2003, \$60,000.
- Stern, I.R., Yuen, S., Hartsock, M., DeBaryshe, B. *Hawaii Family Touchstones*, funded by the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources Special Grants, January 2001 – September 2001, \$20,000.

## AWARDS

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- Yuen, S., He, S.J., Kadir, A., Stern, I., Kim, S.Y., & Ripke, M. (2004). Association for Communication Excellence Silver Award for Center on the Family Web site.
- Yuen, S., He, S.J., Ripke, M., Stern, I., Kadir, A., & Yuan M.Y. (2006). Excellence in Extension Award from the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, University of Hawai‘i.