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**EDUCATION**

B.A. in Biology, University of California, Riverside. 1965  
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**AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

Flora of the tropical Pacific Islands  
Tropical vegetation ecology  
Ethnobotany of Polynesia  
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Pacific herbal medicine

**RELATED EMPLOYMENT/RESEARCH**

- (1) Associate Professor of Biology, University of the South Pacific (2006–2007)
- (2) Independent consultant in botany, with projects completed in Hawai'i, Guam, Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, the Marshal Islands, Kwajalein, Samoa, American Samoa, Niue, Tonga, Fiji, Vanuatu, Okinawa, Korea, Indonesia, and Japan (1975–Present).  
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- (3) Consultant with Char and Associates (1986–1991). This included fieldwork on Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Statements throughout Hawai'i.
- (4) Ethnobotanist with the National Tropical Botanical Garden (1983–1992).
- (5) Lecturer in Botany, U.H. Botany Department (1979–1989).
- (6) Office manager, Environment Consultants (Texas) in Honolulu (1976–1978).
- (7) Teaching Assistant in Botany, U. H. Botany Department (1972–1976)

**OTHER RELATED ACTIVITIES**

- (1) Visiting Fellow, East West Center Program on Environment (1998–1999)
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