

Welcome New Certified Planners in Hawai' i

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Please congratulate the following local planners who passed the AICP written examination in November 2015!

Bryan Esmeralda

Bryan Esmeralda is an Associate with Munekiyo Hiraga in their Wailuku, Maui office. Bryan has a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with Minors in Hawaiian Studies and History from the University of Hawaii at Hilo, and a Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree with a specialization in Environmental Planning from Eastern Washington University. Bryan's responsibilities at Munekiyo Hiraga include assisting clients with the processing of land use entitlement permits as well as preparing various land use studies and state and federal environmental review documents. Bryan also has prior experience working with the County of Maui and City of Spokane (WA) Planning Departments. Bryan enjoys taking on new responsibilities and expanding his knowledge of the planning and related fields. Bryan is a member of the County of Maui's Real Property Assessment Board of Review and sits on the Board of Directors for the Maui Historical Society and Bailey House Museum. When not at work, Bryan enjoys engaging in outdoor activities such as hiking, dancing hula for Hālau O Ka Hanu Lehua, and spending time with his family, friends, and dog - Murray.



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Rena Schlachter is a planner and landscape designer with The Urban Collaborative, LLC. She oversees management at the firm's Honolulu office and has over six years of experience working on military planning and urban design projects within the Pacific and worldwide. She has also served as an instructor for several form-based code and sustainable planning courses and practicums. She holds dual Masters degrees in Landscape Architecture (MLA) and Community & Regional Planning (MCRP), and a Certificate in Ecological Design from the University of Oregon. When not working, Rena enjoys hiking, scuba diving, gardening, cooking, and spending time with friends and family.



AICP Membership

The American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) is the professional arm of the American Planning Association (APA). AICP certifies practicing city, regional, and rural planners and promotes continuing education, ethics, and professional development. To join AICP, members must submit an application to APA to see if they qualify to take the written examination. The exam is routinely offered during a two-week period in May and November of each year.

For eligibility requirements and other information about AICP and the exam, please visit the national APA website: www.planning.org/aicp. If you are eligible to take the exam and need assistance in preparing for it, please contact Professor Peter Flachsbaart, Ph.D., AICP, either by telephone (956-8684) or email (flachsba@hawaii.edu) at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa. As APA Hawaii Chapter's Professional Development Officer, Peter typically offers review sessions several weeks prior to the exam, if there is sufficient demand.