

**The Stone Soup Leadership Institute's
10th Annual Youth Leadership Summit 2014
Our Faculty Bios**



Ian Kitajima
Design Thinking Hawaii
Oceanit

Ian Kitajima is a senior executive at Oceanit, one of Hawaii's largest and most diversified privately-held technology company. Kitajima is responsible for corporate-wide marketing and venturing for Oceanit's award winning innovations, products, and services. He leads Oceanit into new emerging fields, discovers new superstar engineers and scientists and Oceanit's entry into nanotechnology, renewable energy, cyber security, homeland security, transportation security and social media. A founding member of Oceanit's two venture-funded companies and Oceanit's newest venture, introduce sensing "Smart" concrete for bridges, roadways, and critical infrastructure. Ian serves on the board of Design Thinking Hawaii, incorporates the Design Thinking process with Oceanit's Innovation Process, brings DT into Hawaii's educational system and champions numerous DT initiatives with government and business. Ian organizes the annual DT Bootcamp.

In 2013 Ian invited the Institute's Hawaii branch in, **Sustainable Hawaii Youth Leadership Initiative**, to develop a partnership which resulted in the three-month pilot DT program with the Lana'i Elementary and High School. **SHYLI's Design Sustainable Hawaii Forum** featured leaders from business, government, education and community organizations working alongside SHYLI youth leaders and Oahu schools. He is a board member for Public Schools of Hawaii Foundation and PBS Hawaii. Kitajima is an alumni of Windward Community College and the University of Hawaii at Manoa's Shidler Business School.



Jenna Ishi, Hokulea Crew

For Sam Low

Sam Low is a filmmaker and author of the award winning *Hawai'iki Rising*, *Hokulea*, *Nainoa Thompson and the Hawaiian Renaissance*. Sam is Nainoa's cousin and was a member of the original Polynesian Voyaging Society's journey. Sam is a resident of Martha's Vineyard. *Hawaiiki Rising* - has won the Samuel M. Kamakau award for best book published in Hawaii, two Ka Palapala Po'okela Awards, a Nautilus award, a Ben Franklin award, an IPPY award and finalist for Foreward Review's Best Book of the Year Award and the Next Generation Indie Book award in regional nonfiction.



Feliza Fenty
Public Affairs Director
Natural Resources, British Virgin Islands
Founding member
Virgin Gorda Youth Leadership Initiative

Generation Waking Up

Igniting a generation of young people
to bring forth a thriving, just, sustainable world



Lauren Olean

Lauren lives most of her time at Verdenergia, a permaculture community in Costa Rica. She calls herself a radical farmer, DIY activist (literally meaning "[do it yourself](#)," the DIY ethic promotes the idea that anyone is capable of performing a variety of tasks). She writes music, publishes a zine called Public Service Announcement, and studies yoga and meditation. Lauren regularly conducts workshops to empower people to be present as they work to become aware of how we can usher in healthy systems while changing structures of privilege and power. In December Lauren graduates from Northeastern University.



Greg Reinauer

Greg is a musician, activist, educator, and facilitator. Greg is a Berklee College of Music alumni, core member of the group Melodeego and co-founder of Tree Funk Music, LLC, an organization that employs music to fuel positive social change. As a workshop leader he combines all of these roles, grounded in creative passion and personal conviction. He has co-presented dozens of workshops and symposiums, including the **Awakening the Dreamer Symposium** at Power Shift '09.



Alexis Valauri Orton
Ocean Conservancy

Alexis Valauri-Orton harbors a lifelong love of all things marine. Whether searching for crabs under rocks or exploring planktonic gene expression in the lab, she has always loved learning about the ocean. When she first heard about ocean acidification and its impacts on marine life in 2006, her fascination took on a sense of urgency that shaped her life. In 2012-2013, Alexis traveled on a Thomas J. Watson Fellowship to Norway, Hong Kong, Thailand, New Zealand, Cook Islands, and Peru investigating human narratives of ocean acidification. She designs curricular tools for teaching about ocean acidification, and lectures on narratives in communicating about ocean acidification across language and cultural barriers. She works with Global Ocean Health and Ocean Conservancy, collecting narratives from coastal witnesses and facilitating projects to build adaptive capacity against ocean acidification in vulnerable communities around the world. Alexis was a speaker at the prestigious Our Oceans Summit hosted by Secretary John Kerry at the U.S. State Department. Born and raised in Seattle, she is a 2012 graduate of Davidson College in biology and a concentration in environmental studies.

Stone Soup Leadership Institute Faculty



Marianne Larned

Marianne is the Executive Director of the Stone Soup Leadership Institute. She has traveled to 34 islands, where she has researched best practices for island sustainability and developed green initiatives with youth leaders on the island communities of Martha's Vineyard, Hawaii (Lanai, Oahu, Big Island/Hawaii), the Philippines, Vieques, and Virgin Gorda. She has accompanied youth leaders from six islands to the Asian Pacific Economic Conference in (Peru 2008 and Oahu 2010. Secretary Kerry's Ocean Summit at the U.S. State Department with world leaders from government, business, NGO's, and celebrities. Her international work began in the Philippines in 1987 and then 2003, sponsored by Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt Institute. Marianne is the author of educational series, *Stone Soup for the World: Life-Changing Stories of Everyday Heroes*. She uses the Stone Soup metaphor to inspire people to work together to build a better world for our island and the world. Under Walter Cronkite's leadership as the Institute's honorary chairperson, Marianne developed educational media. The Institute's Annual Awards Ceremony honors his legacy. A graduate of Boston University's MBA in Organizational Development, Ms. Larned assisted Fortune 500 companies, healthcare systems, Chambers of Commerce, and education, government, civic and community leaders to develop public-private partnerships to improve education, health care and economic development.



Marsha Reeves-Jews

Marsha serves as the President of the Board of Directors of the Stone Soup Leadership Institute. Marsha has served as faculty for the Martha's Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative and Virgin Gorda Youth Leadership Initiative. Her presentation ***Making Dreams Come True & Networking 101*** prepares youth delegates to share their vision and their voice with leaders at major conferences and at the Institute's prestigious Walter Cronkite Awards Ceremony. Marsha served as event manager and mistress of ceremonies of the Institute's Celebration of Heroes with Walter Cronkite in New York City. She assisted the Institute's year long planning in Baltimore; the Institute's first technology grant from Microsoft for the Vieques Youth Leadership Initiative. Ms. Reeves-Jews Radio Show *Keep It Moving* is a one-hour weekly nationally syndicated show featuring leaders in education, political, social topical issues. Marsha is a leader in using technology for multicultural communities. She was the Project Director at Institute for Learning Technologies at Columbia University overseeing three government grants: 1. Department of Commerce NTIA Harlem Renaissance 2001 Project; 2. Department of Education grant New York Online Neighborhood Network – portal development for 110 community technology centers in the 5 boroughs of Manhattan; 3. New York City Council grant for Community Technology Center (CTC) banks for a viral online supply center. She develops culturally respectful educational programming and technology strategies for educational systems and community based organizations to address the digital divide and innovative STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education technologies. Marsha's clients include: The City of Annapolis' Minority and Small Business Economic Development Enterprise; The Baltimore Empowerment Zone; and National Urban League. She's served on boards and gubernatorial appointee commission for Maryland Public Television.

Youth Leadership Summit Co-Directors



Kassandra Castillo

Kassandra works with Trendlee, an E-Commerce start up company at the Harvard Business School community. Kassandra joined the Vieques Youth Leadership Initiative when 14 years old where she pursued her dreams of being a model. She then helped develop VYLI's Entrepreneurship Initiative, where they participated in the Caribbean Festival with 10 island nations. Kassandra realized her dream of becoming a top model in San Juan, Puerto Rico with many successful ventures. She returned to college to receive her Business Marketing Degree from Inter American University with a semester abroad at the Barcelona, Spain Business School. In 2012 and 2013 Kassandra served as faculty for the 2012 and 2013 Youth Leadership Summits where she inspired island youth with her presentation on Entrepreneurship. She mentored the 2012 and 2013 youth delegates from the Sustainable Hawaii Youth Leadership Initiative and SHYLI's Design Sustainable Hawaii Forum. In 2014 she worked with the Institute's Hawaii partner, Sustainable Hawaii Youth Leadership Initiative and made an inspiring presentation to students at the Lana'i Elementary & High School. She assisted with the SHYLI Design Sustainable Hawaii Forum.



Elise Quebec

Elise has been a seasonal resident of Martha's Vineyard for her whole life. For the last six summers she taught sailing at the East Chop Yacht Club where she developed her love for the ocean. A senior at University of Massachusetts, she studies Marketing and Geography with environmental studies. For her sophomore year she studied at Sonoma State University and was hired by Kaleidoscope, a start up marketing company, customizing marketing tools for physicians. For her junior year abroad, she interned in East Africa, first exploring field based research programs for wild life management and conservation in Tanzania and then implemented her research techniques to evaluate water management practices of the Kimana-Kikarankot river system at the Kenyan foothills of Mt. Kilimanjaro.

In 2014 Elise represented the Martha's Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative at **Secretary's Ocean Summit at the U.S. State Department** including ***The Power of the Marketplace in Promoting Stewardship***. Elise hopes to encourage a paradigm shift toward sustainable business practices around the world.



Tammaine Simpson

Tammaine is a recent graduate from the University of Massachusetts with a Bachelors of Arts in Psychology. She expanded her personal horizons at UMASS-Amherst by working with a broad cross section of the campus and neighboring communities. In addition, she interned at the Center for Women and Community on campus, where she earned a certification in Rape Crisis Intervention and Counseling Advocacy, from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Prior to her UMASS experience, she attended Cape Cod Community College and graduated with an Associate of Arts degree. At CCCC, she was a member of the Student Government Association and the Secretary. She was also certified as a student leader for three consecutive years. While at CCCC, she did a practicum at the Hyannis Charter School where she tutored kids from grades 1-4 who had reading difficulties. Over the years, by spending many summers on Martha's Vineyard, she has been able to meet people from a wide diverse background. She believes this unique exposure, knowledge and experiences she gained will help to succeed in my future endeavors. Tammaine has a passion for helping people and would like to be able to see them accomplish their dream/goals. She is pursuing her Masters/ PsyD program in Counseling Psychology.



Marika Viragh

Marika has been a seasonal resident on Martha's Vineyard for ten years. This summer she is working at the Farm Institute's summer camp. Marika is an adventurer with a passion for sustainability, responsibility, and creativity across disciplines such as health, leadership, the environment, and education. At Colorado College she majored in Political Science. She was co-captain of the women's soccer team and President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee. For the last year, Marika lived in India working with WaterHealth International where she helped launch their foundation, researched and drafted community development initiatives on the Ganga River, and coordinated environmental initiatives for the Woodstock School.

In addition, through her passion of soccer she has been able to travel to Central America with Soccer Without Borders and empower young girls through the sport while also teaching social skills. She has continued her work with Soccer Without Borders as well as other organizations such as the Special Olympics in the States through various camps and day programs, with the mission to provide opportunity and spirit to at risk youth. She has a wide array of interests and is continue to explore the intersection each of them, all while continuing to learn more and appreciating the natural beauty of this world!



Sustainable Hawaii Youth Leadership Initiative Lana'i



Lucy Gaceta

Lucy is the youngest member of her team working with the Nursery of the Pulama Lanai LLC. An incoming sophomore at University of Hawaii's Maui College, she graduated from Lana'i High School. Lucy was a founding member of the SHYLI-Lanai Youth Leadership Initiative. After returning from the Institute's 2013 Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development her passion for creating a more sustainable island was more refined and given a new sense of direction. As a SHYLI-Lanai Fellow Lucy assisted LHES Environmental Science Teacher Lisa Galloway to educate students and rebuild the compost. She hopes to awaken students to their own power to build a sustainable island. For SHYLI's Job Shadow Day was mentored by David Pulumbo, Nursery Director of Pulama Lanai. She was also mentored by University of Hawaii's Sea Grant College Program/ School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology. At SHYLI's Design Sustainable Hawaii Forum, Lucy inspired business and government leaders with her presentation: ***Green is the New Black***, featuring her experience of composting on Lanai. She presented her recommendations for her Design Thinking Team to Governor Abercrombie.



Makana Tavares
Waimea, Hawaii

Makana completed her first year at Brown University this past spring. She calls the distant shores of Moku o Keawe (Hawai'i Island) home and has enjoyed the challenges and excitement of adapting to life in New England. Makana attended Kanu o ka Āina New Century Public Charter School in Waimea where she first cultivated an appreciation for and a link to her Hawaiian ancestry. She attended the Youth Summit in 2012. Makana believes that ancient cultural models serve an invaluable purpose in helping to ground ventures in modern sustainable development. She has recently discovered a passion for engaging the minds of young people in her new community of Providence, Rhode Island. This year she began volunteering with two organizations that focus on mentoring youth in the Providence area, one of which aims to increase access to Environmental Science/Studies education among underserved populations. She is overjoyed to be spending her summer interning with a non-profit community arts organization that provides a productive creative outlet to Providence youth, with a focus on those in state custody. Makana hopes to facilitate the process of inspiring and connecting with island youth at the summit and is delighted to engage with the next generation of progressive thinkers and actors.

SHYLI-Lanai Advisor



Karen de Brum

Karen was born and raised in Mattapoisett, Massachusetts and spent her summers sailing with her family all over Buzzard's Bay and up East on the coast of Maine. My love for the beauty and wonder of this area runs deep.

After finishing her degree at Holy Cross she joined the Jesuit Volunteer Corps and moved to the Republic of the Marshall Islands for two years. She was a volunteer middle school teacher on Ebeye, a very small island on the Kwajalein Atoll. I fell in love with teaching in those two years and committed to the profession then. I also met Martin, a Marshallese man whose brothers and mother taught with her while he worked to build more classrooms and expand the school. In 1993 she came home to Massachusetts and earned a Master's of Teaching degree at Boston University. Though Martin enjoyed living for a while, and loves to play in the snow now and then, we both knew that we belonged on an island somewhere so we chose to move to Lana'i the summer after she finished graduate school. She has been teaching Language Arts and Media Literacy on Lana'i since 1995 and loves it. Martin works on a boat taking tourists out to snorkel, sail, and see the whales; he believes he has the best job in the world. All three of my kids have been raised on Lana'i, and they love it, too.



Lana'i Hawaii Youth Delegates



Adriana Sanches



Brooklyn Bradford



Emma de Brum



Martha's Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative

Visioneers



Lucy Norris

Future Translator/Social Entrepreneur

Lucy is a 2014 graduate of Martha's Vineyard Regional High School where she served on the National Honor Society and Student Council. Lucy's extracurricular activities include Model UN Club, Connect to End Violence, Peer Outreach. She also runs on the Cross Country Team & Track & Field Team. Lucy served as a youth delegate to MVYLI's Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development (2012), MVYLI's College Prep Program and Job Shadow Day (2013). For MVYLI's Job Shadow Day 2014 she was mentored by Erin Zaikis, social entrepreneur and founder of Sundara, (www.livesundara.com) In 2013 Lucy shadowed the Consul General of Spain in Boston, 30-year career diplomat who served in 8 countries. In 2013 Lucy studied abroad for five months in Argentina with American Friends Society. In the fall, Lucy will attend St. Louis University, Madrid Spain where she aspires to become a social entrepreneur with international business to give back to communities. She is developing a translation business.



Lucie Dougherty-Soares
Future Renaissance Woman

Lucie is an incoming junior at Martha's Vineyard Regional High School. She is on the Honor Roll and performs with the Minnesingers. Lucie was an 8th grade service ambassador with Governor Deval's Patrick's Project 351. She also visited her father's homeland of Cape Verde where she enjoyed the greater community spirit. She served as a youth delegate for MVYLI's Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development and Walter Cronkite Awards Ceremony. An active member of MVYLI's fellows program, Lucie participated in the College Prep Program and was hosted by seasonal resident Dr. James Wolff at Boston University's Department of International Health. Lucie is a member of the MVYLI Multicultural Project, where she speaks to middle school students. An excerpt of Lucie's essay was featured in the MV Times: *Why is Multiculturalism Important to You on Martha's Vineyard?* For MVYLI's Job Shadow Day, Lucie was mentored by Vineyard seasonal resident Barbara Macdonald, Executive Director, South Boston Neighborhood Housing. Like Barbara Macdonald, Lucie is a renaissance young woman, who is enjoying exploring her career options in the world. Whether it's a dermatologist, educator, event planner, entrepreneur, or non-profit organization director, all these occupations intrigue her! Lucie plans to go to college for at least four years, and be open to new ideas and opportunities. She'd like to make an impact and help the world.



Marcelle Alves
Future Immigration Lawyer

Marcelle is an incoming junior at MVRHS. In 2013 Marcelle served on the Brazilian delegation to the MVYLI's Youth Leadership Summit. She helped organize MVYLI's Brazilian Lunch to reach out and motivate 35 students to rise above the stereotypical image and attend college. In the 8th grade Marcelle was honored at the State House for a beautifully written essay; describing her first experience in school coming from Brazil. State Representative Tim Madden presented her an essay Award. Marcelle is actively involved with MVYLI Fellow participating in the Walter Cronkite Awards Ceremony and a member of MVYLI's Multicultural Project. She was the youngest MVYLI member to receive a year-round mentor, Rebecca McCarthy, an immigration lawyer on Martha's Vineyard. For MVYLI's College Prep Program, Marcelle visited Boston University's Law School. For MVYLI's Job Shadow Day she was matched with Trena Morrison, Martha's Vineyard Fashion Show.



Taynara Goncalves
Future Pediatrician

Taynara, an incoming junior at MRHS, is on the honor roll and plays on the soccer team. Her dream is to become a pediatrician. Taynara served on Brazilian delegation to the MVYLI's 2013 Youth Leadership Summit. For MVYLI's Job Shadow Day Taynara was mentored by Dr. John Lamb at Martha's Vineyard Hospital. Born in Brazil, Taynara moved to Martha's Vineyard when she was four. She speaks three languages: Portuguese, English and Spanish. She helps translate for Brazilian people when they visit the Emergency Room and/or Martha's Vineyard Hospital. For MVYLI's College Prep Program, Taynara was hosted by seasonal resident Dr. James Wolff at Boston University's Department of International Health. Taynara is a MVYLI Fellow and member of the MVYLI's Multicultural Project, where she speaks to middle school students.



Kristine Hopkins
Future Designer

Kristine is an incoming senior at MV Regional High School. Kristine is exploring a career in interior design or working with a magazine. For MVYLI's Job Shadow Day, Kristine was mentored by Paul Schneider, editor of *Martha's Vineyard Magazine* and by Jesse Hayes, Creative Director of Hayes Design At MVYLI's 2013 Youth Leadership Summit Kristine joined the Business & Entrepreneurship Group with Kassandra Castillo. Kristine participated in the 4th Annual Walter Cronkite Awards Ceremony. As a MVYLI year-round program, Kristine is involved with the MVYLI Multicultural Project. She wrote a powerful essay on her experience in the 4th grade at the West Tisbury School. She presented recognition to essay contest winners at the Edgartown School.