

Hawaiian History Month 2021
Week 3 Biographies

Dr. Isaiah Helekūnihi Walker was born and raised in Keaukaha, Hilo, Hawai‘i. Currently a professor and department chair in the History Department where he teaches World, Hawaiian, and Pacific Islands history, professor Walker is the author of the book *Waves of Resistance: Surfing and History in Twentieth-Century Hawaii*.

Dr. Jerry Walker is an ‘ōlohe lua, an historian, genealogist, retired public health administrator, and co-author of *Kamehameha’s Children Today* and *The Art of Lua*.

Deanna Espinas is a retired Librarian from the State of Hawaii, Department of Public Safety. She is on the board of Hawaii’s Plantation Village, PlayBuilders of Hawaii and the Filipino-American Historical Society of Hawaii. She enjoys participating in cultural activities celebrating life in Hawaii. Stories about the past are valuable memories to be shared with others and shared with future generations.

Lorenzo DeStefano is an American playwright, screenwriter, novelist, producer, director, and photographer. He is a member of the Directors Guild of America and past member of the Motion Picture Editor’s Guild. He has worked in U.S. and U.K. Theater, has written fiction & non-fiction, original screenplays, and adaptations, and produced and directed documentary and narrative films. Lorenzo is also the nephew of Hawaii’s celebrated leprosy activist, Olivia Robello Breitha.