

## Lyndall Ellingson, PhD



Dr. Lyndall Ellingson has newly joined HPU Public Health faculty as Chair coming from California State University, Chico. She has been teaching, mentoring, and publishing in public health, health education and health promotion for over 25 years. Dr. Ellingson earned her doctorate from Indiana University, and her Bachelor and Master of Science degrees from the University of Oregon. She is a proud graduate of Kailua High, Kailua Intermediate, and Lanikai Elementary schools, and is overjoyed to be back home in Hawai'i.

Her professional life encompasses working as developer and CDC evaluator of culturally competent health promotion programs among indigenous, and sexual and gender minority, communities; as a Maternal and Child Health Peace Corps Volunteer in Zaire, and as sexuality educator across the age span. Dr. Ellingson's scholarly pursuits include research and publication in sexual health and sexuality education, women's health, and evidenced-based culturally competent program development and evaluation. These experiences and foci highlight Dr. Ellingson's commitment to community development, participatory research, and reduction of health disparities among vulnerable populations.

In her spare time, Dr. Ellingson enjoys family time in the ocean and exploring hidden valleys on O'ahu, singing in church and community choirs, and playing the ukulele, guitar and banjo.