**KATHY JETÑIL-KIJINER**

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**WORK**

2019 Ministry of Environment

**Climate Envoy**

2014 – now Jo-Jikum, Majuro

**Director**

2014 - 2016 College of the Marshall Islands, Majuro

**Faculty**

2012-2013 Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, University of Hawai‘i Mānoa, Honolulu, Hawa‘ii

**Community Liason**

2010-2012 College of the Marshall Islands, Majuro, Marshall Islands

**Communications Officer**

2007- 2010 Mills College Fitness Center, Mills College, Oakland, California  
 **Fitness Center Supervisor**

2006Coaching Corporation, Mills College, Oakland California

**Tennis Coach**

2004- 2005 Potpourri School Uniforms, Honolulu, Hawai‘i

**Cashier/Sales Associate**

**EDUCATION**

2014 University of Hawai’i at Manoa, Honolulu, Hawai‘i

Master of Arts in Pacific Island Studies

2010 Mills College, Oakland, California

Bachelor of the Arts in English with an Emphasis in Creative Writing

**COMMUNITY WORK EXPERIENCE**

2010 – 2016 Jo-Jikum

Non-Profit Organization: Majuro, Marshall Islands

**Co-Director, Co-Founder**

2012-2014 Pacific Tongues

Non-Profit Organization: Honolulu, Hawai‘i

**Poet Facilitator**

**PUBLIC SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

2019 Pacific History Association at the Asia Pacific Triennial, Australia

**Performance Artist**

2018 Laudato Si Conference on Climate Change in the Vatican, Italy

**Opening Performer**

2018 Asia Pacific Triennial

**Featured Artist**

2017Conference of the Parties 23 (COP23), Bonn, Germany

**Performer, Delegate of the Marshall Islands**

2017 PREL Storyteller’s Workshop, Saipan

**Workshop Facilitator**

2017 Pacific Education Conference, Palau (Presenter, Workshop Facilitator): 2017‘Ae Kai Culture Lab, Honolulu

**Artist**

2017 Climate Action Network Japan Debriefing Event on Bonn Conference, Japan

**Speaker**

2017Rhodes Scholars Trust: Generation 1.5 C An Intergenerational Climate Workshop, London

**Speaker**

2016 Climate Generation 10th Anniversary Celebration, Minnesota

**Keynote Speaker**

2016 Conference of the Parties 22 (COP22), Morocco

**Performer, Delegation Member**

2016 Portland State of Mind, Oregon

**Keynote Speaker**

2016 Asian Pacific Islander Network of Oregon (APANO) Rolling Tides 2016, Oregon

**Panelist, Performer**

2016 Pacific Asia Tourism Association Annual Summit 2016, Guam

**Opening Speaker**

2015 Conference of the Parties 21 (COP21), Paris

**Performer, Marshall Islands Delegation Member**

2015 European Union African Caribbean Pacific Islands Conference, Fiji

**Performer, Panelist**

2015 University of Guam Presidential Speaker Series, Guam

**Speaker**

2013 United Nations Secretary General’s Climate Summit, New York

**Civil Society Representative**

2012 ‘Aha Mo’olelo Hawaii Literary Conference, Hawai‘i

**Panelist, Performer**

2012 Leaves Keep Falling: The Asian/Pacific Basin & Sustainability After Empire, Film Screening, Panel and Performance, Hawai‘i

**Panelist, Performer**

2012 Native Voices Reading, Hawai‘i

**Featured Poet**

2012 International Poetry Parnassus Festival, London

**Marshall Islands Representative, Performer, Panelist**

2011 Queer Pacific Islanders Sustaining Community, California

**Performer**

2011 Poetic Crossroads: An Open Mic with Swag, California

**Featured Poet**

2010 Sisters Rising, The Garage: San Francisco, California

**Performer**

2010 The Kaleidoscope Reading Series, California

**Featured Poet**

2010 Third Roots Art Collective, California

**Solo Performance Artist**

2010 City Solo, Off Market Theater, California

**Solo Performance Artist**

2010 Words First, California

**Solo Performance Artist**

**AWARDS**

2019 MIT Director's Media Lab Fellowship

2016 Nuclear Age Peace Foundation’s 2016 Barbara Mandigo Kelly Peace Poetry Contest: 1st Place

2014 University of Hawai’i Ian MacMillan Writing Award: 3rd Place

2009 Mills College **Mary Merritt Henry Prize Undergraduate Poetry** Contest: 1st Place

2007 Mills College **Mary Merritt Henry Prize Undergraduate Poetry** Contest: 1st Place

2007 California College Media Association Awards Best Sports Action Photo:

3rd Place

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

2013-2014 East-West Center Graduate Degree Fellowship

2013-2014 Glenna Eshleman Scholarship

2013-2014 Sumi Makey Scholars Award

2012-2013 Republic of the Marshall Islands National Scholarship

2006-2010 Republic of the Marshall Islands National Scholarship

2006-2010 Mills College Presidential Scholarship

**WRITING WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION**

2011 Voices of Our Nations Arts Foundation, University of California at Berkeley

2009 Voices of Our Nations Arts Foundation, University of San Francisco

**JOURNALISM INTERNSHIPS AND MEDIA TRAINING**

September 2015 Women's Media Center/Lear Family Foundation

**Participant** during customized media training program for climate change women leaders from the Global South

2007 August -2009  *The Campanil*

**Staff Writer**

**Assistant News Editor**

**Sports and Health Editor**

**Online Editor**

2007 May- June Secretariat of the Pacific Community

**Reporter during the 10th Triennial Conference for Pacific Women**

2006 July –August *The Marshall Islands Journal*

**Reporter**

**BOOK PUBLICATION**

*Iep Jāltok: Poems from a Marshallese Daughter*, expected publication February 14, 2017

University of Arizona Press

**PRINT PUBLICATIONS**

“Tell Them,” *The Value of Hawaii 2: Ancestral Roots, Oceanic Visions,* 2014

“The Monkey Gate,” *Hawaii Review Issue 80: Voyages,* 2014

“My Rosy Cousin,” *Hawaii Review Issue 80: Voyages,* 2014

“Tell Them,” *Hawaii Review Issue 79: Call & Response,* 2014

“Lessons from Hawai’i,” *Hawaii Review Issue 79: Call & Response,* 2014

“History Lesson,” *Storyboard 12: A Journal of Pacific Imagery,* 2012

“Lessons from Hawaii,” *Storyboard 12: A Journal of Pacific Imagery,* 2012

“Tell Them,” *Storyboard 12: A Journal of Pacific Imagery,* 2012

“Tell Them,” *Kurangabaa Magazine: A Journal of Literature, History, and Ideas from the Sea*, 2012

*Jitdam Kapeel* June 2012

*Jitdam Kapeel* May 2012

*Jitdam Kapeel* March 2012

*Jitdam Kapeel* December 2011

*Jitdam Kapeel* October 2011

*Jitdam Kapeel* August 2011

*Jitdam Kapeel* May 2011

*Jitdam Kapeel* June 2011

*Jitdam Kapeel* March 2011

*Jitdam Kapeel* November 2010

“Project to Stop Kids from Dropping Out,” *The Marshall Islands Journal* 13 February 2012: 15.

“Private Bosses Join Forces with CMI,” *The Marshall Islands Journal,* 13 January 2012: 15.

“These Students Are On FYRE,” *The Marshall Islands Journal,* 30 December 2011: 29.

“Good Students Can Get Better,” *The Marshall Islands Journal,* 18 February 2011: 36.

“College Pumps Health Academies,” *The Marshall Islands Journal,* 18 February 2011: 36.

“CMI Brings Down GED Price,” *The Marshall Islands Journal,* 18 February 2011: 36.

“Maritime Vocational Training Program,” *The Island Voice,* 13 October 2011: 10.

“Maritime Training for Marshallese,” *The Marshall Islands Journal,* 23 September 2011: 5.

“CMI takes action on dropout rates,” *The Marshall Islands Journal,* 23 September 2011: 5.

“Jaluit Overflows with “Dirty” Catchments,” *The Marshall Islands Journal,* 23 September 2011: 8.

“Agriculture Gift for High Schools,” *The Marshall Islands Journal,* 23 September 2011: 8.

“CMI To Improve Retention,” *The Island Voice,* 22 September 2011: 10.

“Land Grant In Jaluit: 150 Water Catchments Contaminated,” *The Island Voice,* 22 September 2011: 10.

“GED Aims to Meet Big Ebeye Adult Ed Demand,” *The Marshall Islands Journal,* 12 August 2011: 18.

“Maritime Training Planned,” *The Marshall Islands Journal,* 12 August 2011: 18.

“WASC Okays First CMI Voc Course,” *The Marshall Islands Journal,* 5 August 2011: 17.

“Nurses Head for Graduation” *The Marshall Islands Journal,* 11 February 2011:6.

“Maritime Vocational Training Program Moves Forward,” *Yokwe Online* 8 October 2011

“The Future of the Marshallese Pearl: How a Hatchery Revived a Dying Industry,” *Yokwe Online,* 10 January 2011

“CMI Goes Outer Island” *The Marshall Islands Journal,* 11 February 2011: 14.

“Carl Heine Remembered: A Marshall Islands Legacy” *Yokwe Online,* 14 April 2011

“CMI Aims for Vocational Ed” *The Marshall Islands Journal* 10 October 2010

“history project, ” *Yellow Medicine Review,* April 2010

“SAMEAPI Fails to Acknowledge Cultural Differences,” *The Campanil,* 6 April 2009

“Spring…and Pollen Are in the Air,” *The Campanil,* 17 March 2008

“Pow Wow Brings Community Together at Mills,” *The Campanil,* 21 April 2008:7.

“Pulling the Plug on Tampon Myths and Facts,” *The Campanil,* 21 April 2008

“Will Mills Become a No Smoking Campus?” *The Campanil,* 19 November 2007: 6.

“A Heavy Promise,” *The Womanist,* Spring 2008

“Stressed? Frazzled? Try Meditation,” *The Campanil,* 5 May 2008: 9.

“Crewtons Medal in Humboldt Race,” *The Campanil,* 7 April 2008: 6.

“Fall Tuition to Rise 5 Percent,” *The Campanil,* 17 March 2008: 7.

“Mills Athletes Score Community Service Points Off the Field,” *The Campanil,* 11 February 2008: 3.

“Spring Brings a Fresh Season for Cyclones,” *The Campanil,* 28 January 2008: 3.

“More Students Attend Mills Now than any other Year,” *The Campanil,* 12 November 2007

“Swimmers Fundraise for Women With Cancer; Mills College Hosts,” *TheCampanil,* 15 October 2007: 1.

“First Home Game Shows Team’s Promise,” *The Campanil,* 1 October 2007: 7.

“New Athletic Trainer Steps Up to Bat,” *The Campanil,* 17 September 2007:1.

“Everyone At Risk For HIV In RMI,” *The Marshall Islands Journal,* 20 June 2007: 28.

“HIV Myths,” *The Marshall Islands Journal,* 20 June 2007: 26.

“Ministers: Uplift Women’s Status,” *The Marshall Islands Journal,* 8 June 2007: 7.

“WUTMI Praised for Action,” *The Marshall Islands Journal,* 8 June 2007: 7.

“Is RMI ready for a Ministry of Women?” *The Marshall Islands Journal,* 8 June 2007: 11.

“UNIFEM Approves of Women’s Organization,” *The Marshall Islands Journal,* 6 June 2007: 20.

“RMI Fails to Budget for Women’s Affairs,” *The Marshall Islands Journal,* 6 June 2007: 17.

“10th Triennial Conference For Pacific Women,” *The Marshall Islands Journal*, 5 June 2007: 23.

“Rien Morris Leads RMI to Women’s Conference,” *The Marshall Islands Journal,* 1 June 2007: 3.

“Stories From My Mother,” *The Womanist,* May 2007: 17.

“Chicano Vibrance,” *The Mills Weekly,* 11 September 2006: 7.

“Talk About Texting,” *The Marshall Islands Journal,* 28 July 2006: 21.

“DES Summer School A Big Success In ’06,” *Marshall Islands Journal,* 28 July 2006: 20.

“Health Program Working,” *The Marshall Islands Journal,* 4 August 2006: 32.

“Are Our Kids Hungry?” *The Marshall Islands Journal*, 4 August 2006: 32.