

Key Biographies

Bob Liljestrand Associate AIA President

Bob Liljestrand has had a life-long interest in architecture sparked from his family's engagement with architect Vladimir Ossipoff, designer of the Liljestrand House in the early 1950s. As president of Liljestrand Foundation, Bob is leading it through a time of growth and transition.

Born and raised in Hawai'i, Bob is an active member in Oahu's civic life and is deeply involved in the architecture and design community. He serves as a board member of the Hawai'i Architectural Foundation and a member of the Advisory Council to the School of Architecture, University of Hawai'i. He was a former five-term president and is a current board member at the Adventurers' Club of Honolulu.

In addition to his interest in architecture, Bob is an accomplished photographer and filmmaker. His documentaries have been featured in a variety of film festivals, including the Hawai'i International Film Festival, American Film Institute Festival Los Angeles (formerly known as the Los Angeles International Film Festival) and the Chicago Festival, where his film Moloka'i Solo won a Gold Plaque. His photography has been featured in a number of one-man gallery exhibitions and was published in the Los Angeles Times Sunday Supplement.

Prior to devoting his time to the Liljestrand Foundation, Bob worked as a hospital administrator at the Leeward Hospital and Clinic and as a designer and draftsman for a Honolulu architect.

Bob holds a Bachelor of Arts in Biology from California State University at San Jose, a Master in Public Health from the University of Hawaii, and a Master in Architecture from the University of New Mexico.

Vicky Durand Liljestrand Vice President

As a Board member of Liljestrand Foundation, Vicky Durand Liljestrand has been deeply involved in its transformation and growth over the past twelve years.

Vicky graduated from Punahou High School and spent her formative years in Hawaii as a young surfer. In 1957, she won The Makaha International Surfing Championships, an early surfing contest. Along with her mother, who was also an accomplished surfer, Vicky was invited to Club Waikiki in Lima, Peru as mother-daughter Hawaiian surfing ambassadors.

Her interest in fashion led her to establish a sportswear and textile design company that she directed for a number of years. Based in California and Hawaii, the company's products were distributed by boutiques, department stores and museum shops across the country.

Vicky also taught for many years at a Title I School in Waianae, Hawaii. While teaching, she collaborated actively with community groups to provide better education and services for her students.

Vicky received her AA from the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in Los Angeles and BS at California State University Long Beach in Family and Consumer Science, both with a focus on apparel manufacture and fashion design. She holds an MS from Oregon State University in Clothing and Textiles with a minor in Adult Education. Vicky is certified in Secondary teaching and Special Education.

Kristi Cardoso
Assistant Director

As Assistant Director of Liljestrand Foundation since 2018, Kristi has been working to develop partnerships, public programming, fundraising capacity and communications strategies.

Kristi received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in photography from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York, with a minor in Art History. After working for renowned interpretive design firm Ralph Appelbaum Associates in New York for two years, she moved to Hawaii and spent over ten years with Girl Scouts of Hawai'i, building its fundraising infrastructure from the ground up. As Director of Fund Development and then Director of Corporate Relations for the Girl Scouts, Kristi oversaw annual giving, major gifts, partnership development, grants and events.

Born in Hawaii, Kristi grew up in Indiana, Missouri, Virginia and Pennsylvania. When she isn't working at the most beautiful office in the world, Kristi can be found hiking or on the beach with her family.