



The unifying thread of T. Ilihia Gionson's career in communications is bringing people together through the power of the stories we all share.

He has worked as a writer and producer in print, radio and television journalism with multiple local and statewide outlets in both English and 'Ōlelo Hawai'i. His work has appeared in *Hawai'i Island Journal*, *Honolulu Magazine*, *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*, *Ka Wai Ola*, *Ke Ola Magazine*, *Mana Magazine*, on radio's *Nā 'Ōiwi 'Ōlino*, and on television's *'Āha'i 'Ōlelo Ola* and *Indigenous Insights*.

He has done private sector and government public relations on the federal, state, and county levels, including service with the U.S. Census Bureau, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and as Communications Director for Hawai'i County Mayor Billy Kenoi and Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard.

Ilihia's creative work has been recognized with a Nā Hōkū Hanohano Award and selection as a show writer and lyricist for Aulani, a Disney Resort & Spa.

Born on O'ahu and rooted on Hawai'i Island, Ilihia currently serves his community as Board Chair of Hawai'i Island United Way, and serves private clients across Hawai'i through Hiehie Communications, the strategic communications firm he founded in 2010 that offers its services at the critical intersection of culture, commerce and community.