



Dr. Lelemia Irvine + Jesse Kealiinohomoku, kahu 'awa



Beloved kupuna Auntie Lynette



Niu Now coconut give-away @ Waianae Comprehensive

## Pe'ahi Lono article for Kūlana o Kapolei Fall, 2022

Kūlana o Kapolei is preparing for our Hawaiian Makahiki Season (!) and we have many things, events and ideas to share. Here are some special highlights contextualized around our UH West O'ahu Pahuho - our five Institutional Values: *Waiwai, Po'okela, Mālama 'Āina, Kaiāulu, and Hana Lawelawe*.

### Waiwai

- True wealth is found in the *quality* of our relationships. This was felt during our 'Awa Ceremony held at the start of this semester at Kuahuokalā, our hale in the garden. Dr. Lelemia Irvine was assisted by UHWO alumnus Jesse Mikasobe Kealiinohomoku. Jesse polished 40 apu, coconut shells, for this special event, and new faculty + staff experienced something of true wealth.

### Po'okela

- *Excellence is its own reward*. Here is 'ike kupuna, elder knowledge, that sustains a growing sense of accomplishment and inward recognition of our own capacity. This was part of the lessons for PELP - President's Emerging Leadership Program. They came to visit our campus and played AKAMAI, a board game dedicated to 'ike Hawai'i. What an opportunity to work on what excellence *truly* means, especially when answers require the help of others! Be AKAMAI!

### Mālama 'Āina

- Our Uluniu Project beside the Student Organic Garden is an activating force on campus! Thanks to the work and dedication of our Financial Aid Advisor, Indrajit Gunasekara, and our new Aloha 'Āina Club President, I'iwileo Pacarro, we continue to care for this unique uluniu (coconut grove) filled with 10 niu poko (coconut dwarfs) + 10 ulu. Soon, a Tool Shed will arrive to help us all!

### Kaiāulu

- Auntie Lynette Paglinawan, our resident kupuna, is once again nourishing a large audience interested in Nohona Hawai'i – *Living a Hawaiian Way*. She is also teaching Ho'oponopono - a Hawaiian and Indigenous Health and Healing course dedicated to the Ka'ū family method of healing relationships through ritual communication introduced by Tutu Mary Kawena Pukui.

### Hana Lawelawe

- Who wants to lean into a Cultural Agroforestry movement? If you would like to be of service to our specific and wider community, please contact Auntie Manu ([manulani@hawaii.edu](mailto:manulani@hawaii.edu)) for information on a growing food security movement centered around the Tree of Life/Niu. We have monthly sessions in the uluniu. We are also gifting 300+ niu on November 26. This event will herald the start of our Makahiki Season dedicated to Peace, Gratitude, and Excellence.



## Kūlana o Kapolei activities – Fall, 2022



Pili 'Āina on campus welcomes new staff + faculty!



Kaiulani Akamine plays konane




Aunty Manu with awa ceremony kahu - Lelemia + Jesse



PELP – President's Emerging Leadership Program – came to UH West O'ahu to play AKAMAI + visit Creative Media!

*E komo mai*  
**NOHONA HAWAII**  
Living A Hawaiian Life





*with*  
**Aunty Lynette Paglinawan**

Fall, 2022  
Wednesday mornings  
August 24-November 30  
9:00 am - 10:30 am

Topics include:  
A healer in every  
home, 'ohana values,  
cultural resilience

Please register for this free  
community class  
manulani@hawaii.edu


Aunty Lynette Paglinawan is teaching two courses this semester: Ho'oponopono + Nohona Hawai'i - Living the Hawaiian Way





# NĀ PALE O KUALAKA'I

UHWO Aloha 'Āina Service Club

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## FALL 2020 WORKDAYS

UH West Oahu Student  
Garden

Bring a hat, covered  
shoes, water and a snack

### UHWO MALA

8am - 11am

RSVP [tasiay@hawaii.edu](mailto:tasiay@hawaii.edu)

- October 01
- November 05

### UHWO ULUNI

8am - Noon

Potluck to follow

- September 24
- October 22
- November 26

## NIU KINE THINGS in the WAIANAE MOKU

by Manulani Meyer

Aloha mai e Niunates!  
WHAT A DAY WE HAD!! WHAT A  
LIFE THIS IS!!

What a magical task we all  
accomplished with and for our

beloved lāhui! 93 degrees was warm for this mo'o wahine. It was truly  
the kind of day that inspires what is best in us to step forward.  
And step forward it did...

We successfully gave out 430 niu thanks to Aliah Irvine taking the final  
niu! (We also gave some niu from our Waolama niu nursery).

The Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center will receive 100 niu  
for their Ala Niu and for the growth of their Food Academy there on  
WCCHC aina. How special is that?!!

Christian Zuckerman of Kahumana received 66 for his uluniu (see  
pictures!), and Mauna Farms received 40 niu for their aina aloha. We  
have uluniu returning to Waianae! People were truly stoked and grateful  
to receive their niu. It was beyond heart-warming....it was life-changing.



Photos by Manulani Meyer

Left: Stoked Ohana  
Right: Niu Now Fashion



*What an amazing event this was! To give away over 400 coconuts to our beloved community felt like Christmas! There is growing food insecurity in Hawai'i and this Tree of Life, the niu/coconut, is one viable option. Because the niu is now seen as an ornamental liability in our yards and society, why not turn that around with 'ike 'āina – true understanding based on experiences with the palm tree? Why not drink wainiu, coconut water/milk, and eat daily from its miraculous fruits? E komo mai....become a niunate!*

## Kūlana o Kapolei activities – Fall, 2022



UHWO Aloha 'Āina Student Service Club, Nā Pale o Kualaka'i, gifted 400+ healthy niu from our Niu Nursery @ Waianae Comp!!



*Dr. Melanie Cheung of Aotearoa, New Zealand came to lecture on Neuroplasticity in Dr. Becca Romine + Dr. Olivia George's classes in September. She brought humor and honesty to how one can approach Science from an Indigenous/Māori female lens. Students were grateful for her candor and experiences with some of the worlds finest brain researches. Dr. Cheung collaborates with Kūlana o Kapolei on Indigenous AI Research.*



## Kūlana o Kapolei activities – Fall, 2022



*Kūlana o Kapolei collaborates with the Waolama Learning Center in Palehua for collective work in food security, native reforestation, leadership development, and water conservation. We are grateful for this community gem.*



*Many student and community organizations come to work in our UHWO Uluniu Project. Here they are with niu knowledge-holder Indrajit Gunaseskara at our Niu Nursery! Students and community members are always amazed at the topic of coconuts and love seeing the potential of this nursery of 300+ niu!*



## Radical Collaboration, Community events, Talks + Malama 'Āina work



Indigenous Resonance Work as “Radical Collaboration”. University of British Columbia, October, 2022



Mālama 'āina work at Palehua with GROW Externs + Blue Water Exchange. What a great workout!



## Aloha 'Āina Student Service Club goes to Molokai



*Members of the Aloha 'Āina Service Club went to Molokai to plant an uluniu in Hawaiian Homestead. Adam Hanohano, Bryceson Tugade, Jesse Kealiinohomoku and Indrajit Gunasekara went to prepare an uluniu (coconut grove) of 30 niu in the Hawaiian Homestead lands of Ho'olehua, Molokai. Pictured here are Ipo + Kunani Nihipali with two niu hiwa from the niu nursery Niu Now put in early this year!*



Pu'uhonua Society weavers - Keanahala - working on lauhala mat, 2021

### HPEA Keynote Frame

Transforming evaluation practices into an enlightened form is now both timely and inevitable. It will include a transpatial and quantum understanding of reality that honors the core essence of life - *joy, purpose and meaning*. Here is the *thela'au* (medicine) needed for our times. All we need now is courage, clarity and some collective re-framing.

*Kūlana o Kapolei gave the keynote for the Hawai'i Pacific Evaluation Conference, October 13, 2022  
Name of talk: Witnessing Joy, Purpose + Meaning: Re-Framing Evaluation*

Three main ideas for re-framing evaluation within Indigenous epistemology and FRAMERS (2021)

- CAUSAL thinking (Aloha aku, aloha mai)
- Create COUNTER FACTUALS (A'o aku, a'o mai)
- CONSTRAIN imagination for a goal ('Auamo Kuleana)