

Kūlana o Kapolei

Fall 2024 Newsletter #1

August-September only - highlights and preparations

The “One-Truth” epistemology is now transforming throughout the world (!)
Translation to Transformation. Competition to Complimentarity. Anthropocentric to Biocentric.
(Idea summation from multiple Fall meetings, projects and events!)



Army volunteers @ Kūkaniloko with Ioane

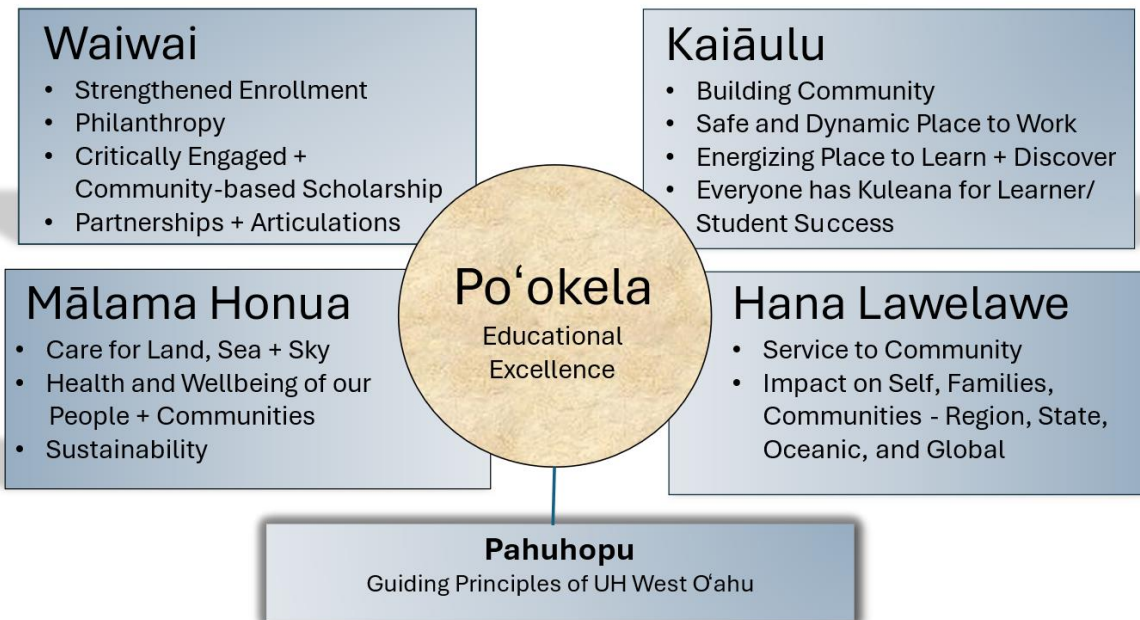


Auntie Lynette @ Dinner honoring NHL



Pili'āina huaka'i to Mele Honouliuli sites

Fall Semester here at UH West Oahu started off with many exciting events, projects and collaborations. We here at Kūlana o Kapolei would like to share why and how we can accomplish these things – it is through an ancient and on-going understanding of our 'ike kupuna – ancestral knowledge. And where can this be found in our modern world? Here at UH West Oahu (!) These principles/practices are found in our Pāhupōhū, our Institutional Guiding Principles we work to embody and transmit to our students....



These Principles guide and inspire our work here at Kūlana o Kapolei. They are offered here as a way to ground our New UHWO School Year (2023-2024). May we continue to embody these values for our beloved Hawai'i!

Please bring water and wear a hat + covered shoes!

ULUNIU WORKDAYS!

Fall Semester, 2024

8:00 am - 12 noon

4TH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH!
IN OUR UHWO ULUNIU!

Pot-Luck Lunch is a highlight!



OUR UH WEST OAHU 'ULU AND COCONUT GROVE!

COME! BE A PART OF A VITAL
CULTURAL AGROFORESTRY
MOVEMENT DEDICATED TO THE
LIFE AND LOVE OF COCONUTS
(NIU) AND ULUNIU - COCONUT
GROVES HERE ON CAMPUS!

- **Saturday, Sept. 28**
- **Saturday, October 26**
- **Saturday, November 23**

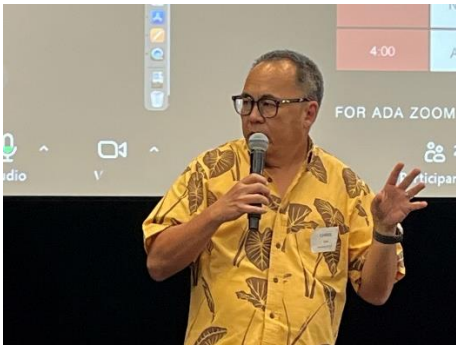


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Building a Sustainable Innovation Ecosystem in the Pacific Rim by Integrating Indigenous Knowledge and Creative Computational Media (August 12-13, 2024)



Chris Lee: Creative work/employment



Kamuela Enos: Indigenous Knowledge



Jason Leigh: Computer Science

What a powerful and engaging two days to explore the infinite potential of Hawaiian cultural-centered knowledge and understanding within a world-wide movement in creative computational sciences! UH West Oahu hosted a vibrant and unique collaboration of three distinct areas of our New Earth: Indigenous Knowledge, Computational Media/Computer Science, and Work/Employment within a growing creative media sector. ACM – the Academy of Creative Media hosted 40+ creative media/computer scientists, cultural practitioners, Hawaiian community workers, and creative media workforce giants to two full days of dialogue, collaboration and collective effort to help NSF – National Science Foundation – enter the implication of genuine Indigenous Knowledge within this era of A.I. Three profound thinkers/doers helped produce clear evidence that the future has an ancient heart. At the center of this is the Director of Indigenous Innovations at the UH Systems Level, Kamuela Enos. He worked to ground our time within a Hawaiian ethic centered around cultural practices linked to land, family, oli, and to the vibrant understanding that Indigenous knowledge should be at the center of coherence, not at the periphery. It was well received by all participants as the group worked to detail what that coherence would look like. Here is the process we are now all in: How to encourage creative and cultural continuity in all our actions + thoughts.



Chancellor Maenette Benham describing Pahuho



What an exciting collaboration for all!



Senator Carol Fukunaga with our Heather Giugni

Mō'ike Aloha

Hawaiian Thinking in Modern Times

*with aunty
Manu Aluli Meyer*

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Sponsored by
Papahāna
Wailau Ola @ UH
West Oahu

- **August 28**
- **Sept 25**
- **Oct 23**
- **Nov 27**

9:00 - 10:00 am

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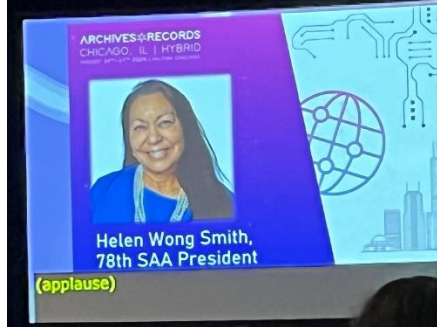


Every Fourth Wednesday of the month!

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“Change is a complicated effort.”

Helen Wong Smith, SAA President



Helen Wong Smith, UH Mānoa Archivist and SAA President invited Aunty Manu to speak. Hawai'i Archivists with SAA President mentor!

Collaboration and Introspection: (K)new Ethics in our Collective Work

One hour keynote speech for Society of American Archivists – SAA

Friday, August 16, 2024, Hilton Hotel, Chicago - 1,200+ present

We are living in mythic times where ancient sensibilities return to serve our collective awakening. This talk will dive into the heart of Hawaiian epistemology to give dimensionality to what we are seeing + perhaps seeking in our work, and in our world. Ho'oponopono, a Native Hawaiian healing practice through ritual communication, will be shared: Kūkulukumuhana, ho'opono/oia i'o, mihi, hihia, ho'olohe/ho'olono – or the pooling of energy for a shared purpose, practicing truth with care and awareness, forgiving/mentoring, understanding positive + negative energy and our role in its creation, listening/hearing. Time to heal and deepen our lives beyond Reparative Description work and see why organizing cultural information and securing historical knowledge helps humanity evolve. Time to see what knowing our history and understanding our past means in our everyday lives, and to the future of our world. Pūpūkahi i holomua. We progress through unifying our hearts.

Some ho'oponopono vocabulary, practices, values:

Kūkulukumuhana – the pooling of energy for a shared purpose

- Cultural Competency vs. Cultural Humility vs. Cultural Embodiment
- The function of radical collaboration and the purpose of effective cooperation

Ho'opono/Oia i'o – the many layers of truth; truth that heals; genuineness

- The evolution of our current “One-Truth” epistemology
- The Change that has already arrived in the World

Mihi – forgiveness; mentoring

- The gold, dimensionality, and function of Community
- Reparative Description work embodied in form/essence

Hihia – understanding positive/negative energy and our role in its creation

- What has the Past taught us? Why do we care?
- The purpose of conflict in our lives

Ho'olohe/Ho'olono – the difference between listening and hearing

- How DO we communicate with different people?
- Passive/Active listening as an act of presence + consciousness



Welcoming the Makahiki Season!

PEACE, GRATITUDE, EXCELLENCE

ULUNIU WORK @ KŪKANILOKO Saturday, November 2, 2024

PEACE

Come ready to mālama the uluniu - coconut grove - at Kūkaniloko! We do this to mark our winter awareness of how best to practice peace in our world.

GRATITUDE

Please bring a pot-luck food item to share for lunch and make sure you bring water and wear shoes and a hat. We will have all tools + gloves needed for work.

EXCELLENCE

Excellence is through our steady choices we prioritize within our lives. Please come to link in with a growing cultural agroforestry movement dedicated to coconuts! We are stoked you may be interested! E komo mai!

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Gate will open by 8:00 am

Contact Aunty Manu for more details:
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Lono-i-ka-makahiki!

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“We acknowledge and call upon those higher powers who have control over life and death. Those who promote aloha, pono behavior, caring, sharing, compassion, protection, and healing....”

Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation - <https://nativehawaiianlegalcorp.org/>

Pule wehe for NHLC 50th year Anniversary Dinner

Aunty Lynette Paglinawan



Aunty with haku ho'oponopono



Summer Sylva, ex-director of NHLC



Ruby, Angelique, Johanna, Georgia

On August 10, 2024, Aunty Lynette Paglinawan, a loea practitioner of Ho'oponopono, filled a table to honor 50 years of NHLC – Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation. She was then able to introduce five lawyers who she had been working with on a unique project to expose them to the principles, practices and philosophy of this ritual communication process to heal relationships. The five lawyers who graduated to haku ho'oponopono are: Malia Akutagawa, Ruby Hamili, Johanna Chock-Tam, Georgia McMillen and Summer Sylva. Aunty Manu was also recognized as haku ho'oponopono. It was a rich and memorable evening for all of us because of aunty's commitment to a “Healer in every home.” She also acknowledged the cultural and historical trauma of our Hawaiian lifeways and invoked the practices of ho'oponopono for all: Aloha, Pono, 'Oia i'o, Kūkulumuhana, Mihi. 500 people were present that evening to hear aunty's ho'upu'upu – her clear and inspiring articulation of our shared purpose as haku ho'oponopono. It was a mythic moment that set the stage for another 50 years for NHLC. Here is a quick summation of what begins an effective ho'oponopono (healing process through ritual communication):

Five conditions that set the stage for Ho'oponopono

1. Each individual in the 'ohana (family) must share a common commitment to be part of the problem-solving process.
2. All words and deeds that are part of a ho'oponopono will be shared in an atmosphere of 'oia i'o (the essence of truth).
3. The 'ohana must share a common sense of aloha for one another or be committed to reinstating that spirit.
4. Everything that is said in a ho'oponopono is done in confidence and will *not* be repeated when the session is complete.
5. The haku (facilitator) must be commonly agreed on as a fair and impartial channel through which the ho'oponopono is done.

Advocacy for Social Justice Talk Story Series
Explore organized efforts and mechanisms for social change



HEALING IN DIVIDED TIMES

WITH

**AUNTY LYNETTE PAGLINAWAN, DR. MANULANI
ALULI MEYER, DR. MAYA SOETORO, AND
MODERATED BY JOSÉ BARZOLA**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

11 AM HAWAI'I TIME, VIA ZOOM

REGISTER AT [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/10172024](https://tinyurl.com/10172024)



Join us for a conversation on how to build relationships and connections with those who have different perspectives & across conflict and difference (i.e. at home, on campus, with loved ones, with the election, etc.). Lost trust in people and institutions? This session explores personal experiences and offers a call to action for individual change and rebuilding trust through human connection and collective action.

Lynette Paglinawan, Loea Ho'oponopono

Aunty Lynette Kaopuiki Kahekili Paglinawan is a loea practitioner of the Ka'ū style of ho'oponopono - the healing of relationships through ritual communication. Hawaiian history, culture, and language scholar, Mary Kawena Pukui mentored both she and her husband, Richard Likeke Paglinawan. Aunty Lynette has been a haku ho'oponopono for 50+ years, and for countless families. She has also taught ho'oponopono via Zoom classes throughout the pandemic, and recently graduated haku ho'oponopono who were also lawyers. She is dedicated to the clarity and purpose of 'ike kupuna - and to the power and potential of aloha and pono. She has been a Social Worker for the Queen Liliuokalani Trust and educator at UH Mānoa, and then at UH West Oahu where she helped found the Hawaiian and Indigenous Health and Healing concentration - HHH. Aunty Lynette believes in the potential of a "Healer in every home" and is dedicated to bringing this about through all her talks, panels, community work, and classes. Ho'okahi la'au, he mihi. The first medicine is forgiveness.

Pili'āina

Honoring our storied landscape

Huaka'i with UHWO faculty/staff (Monday, August 19, 2024)
Visiting all the sites of our Mele Honouliuli



Pili'āina huaka'i to three beloved wahi pana.



Dr. Ric Custodio came!

MELE HONOULIULI – by Pu'u Zablan

Eō Pālehua ke kuahiwi la
Ke kuahiwi i noho i ka lani
'O Kapolei ka pu'u la
Ka pu'u i noho i ka 'āina
'O Kapapa'apuhi ka loko ia
Ka loko i noho i ke kai
'O Honouliuli la
He 'āina aloha o 'Ewa
Aloha mai e nā pua la
Nā pua ha'aheo o ka 'āina

Pālehua is the mountain,
The mountain that dwells in the heavens.
Kapolei is the hill,
The hill that sits on the land.
Kapapa'apuhi is the pond,
The pond that resides at the sea.
Here is Honouliuli,
A land of great affection in 'Ewa.
Greetings to our descendants,
The proud children of the land.



Pu'u O Kapolei – pā hula



Kapapa'apuhi - loko i'a



Pālehua - misty mountain

Palehua Village Presents

Nā Mea Makahiki!

Our Season of Peace, Gratitude, and Excellence

Saturday December 7, 2024

Waolama - Lot C



11:00 am - 2:00 pm

AGENDA FOR THE DAY

10:30 am Arrive/help prepare
11:00 am Prepare lele for ritual
11:30 am Welcome elemental forms
12:00 pm 'Ai pono - lunch time
1-2:00 pm Enjoy, Craft Fair, wala'au

WHAT TO BRING

- Home made + organic ho'okupu (offering) for lele
- Ritual intention to help us welcome our Winter Season
- Ono Pot-Luck Lunch item to share (recipe please)
- Hand-made craft items you wish to share or sell for Holiday Gifts! (ie: cards, food, napkins, earrings, etc)

More information : contact Manu Aluli Meyer - manulani@hawaii.edu

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Ho'okahi la'au, he mihi.
The first medicine is forgiveness.



UH Mānoa Children's Center Ho'oponopono Training 101 August 21, 2024 (9:00 – 11:00 am)

It has been said that if aloha is the essence of Hawai'i then ho'oponopono is one of the forms. What this means is that healing the relationships we have with others helps us maintain a sense of balance within ourselves. Aloha begets aloha begets aloha begets aloha. This is accomplished when we work on seeing our own behavior and recognize our own involvement with the heavy issues that give us grief. Kupuna have taught us: "Aia i loko nei." The answers are within us. This means that we are both the cure and that which created the disease. Ma loko nei. Look inside. *Work on yourself.*

Fall Convocation (August 22, 2024) – What a morning we had!! There was something special in the air and it began with a deep and meaningful Hō'ōia 'Āina - Land Recognition. Rouel Velasco spoke from his heart as did our Chancellor and our three Vice Chancellors. It was an expression of the pilina (quality relationality) that aunty Lynette was asking for and from us. Mahalo to all who helped make this a truly rejuvenating event.



Mele Honouliuli 'ohana sings in harmony!



20-year honoring with lei iwi kukui!



Kihei ritual to honor our 10-year gang

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Kupu ka niu kupu ke kanaka.
When coconuts grow, humanity flourishes.



Our Chancellor planted this ulu maoli 3 years ago - here is the first fruit! Donna Shaver's ulu ma'afala is strong!



The Uluniu Project (coconut and ulu grove) @ UH West Oahu is creating excitement! On Saturday, August 24th, a small group of dedicated niunates came to witness special inflorescences (male/female procreative process) in our niu poko (dwarf niu). It was quite thrilling to see them healthy and strong, especially after our CRB – Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle - infestation (!) Indrajit was on hand to harvest the first ulu from our Chancellor's ulu maoli. We gave it to Hau'ula niunate: Kahanu Ah Puck. It was a special monthly workday because Indrajit returned from his 3 weeks visit to Sri Lanka where his family and friends fed him special Sri Lankan foods. He was able to share them too – and they were deliciously hot and spicy! Mahalo to Landon Rone, our SCFS kia'i and Uluniu Club President for his care of our beloved uluniu.

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Ichariba choodee.

Once we meet, we are family. (Okinawan saying)



The Parade of 50 Uchinachu Clubs of Hawai'i with Lions!



Auntie Manu, Ryan McCormack + mom + Chancellor Takabayashi

42nd Okinawan Festival (Aug 31 – Sept 1, 2024) @ Hawai'i Convention Center, Honolulu

Uchinanchu, the cultural term used by Okinawan immigrants and their descendants in Hawai'i to identify themselves as a distinct ethnic group, was the vibrating essence of the Okinawan Festival held at the Hawai'i Convention Center. The Parade of 50 Hawai'i Clubs dedicated to rejuvenating Okinawan culture with village and place names on colorful banners where Uchinanchu migrated from began with an oli from kumu hula Ryan McCormack through the invitation of Kapi'olani Community College Chancellor Misako Takabayashi. Dr. Takabayashi was a marine scientist specializing in coral reef molecular ecology. She has been serving as the associate vice president/vice dean of the graduate school at the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University in Japan. Previously, she was interim associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, associate dean for the College of Arts and Sciences, and department chair for marine science at the University of Hawai'i Hilo. The Hawai'i United Okinawan Association (HUOA) hosts 40,000+ visitors in this annual event with 3,600+ Volunteers. Uchinanchu first came to Hawai'i in 1900 and HUOA will honor that 125-year mark in 2025. What a special, emotional and unforgettable event!

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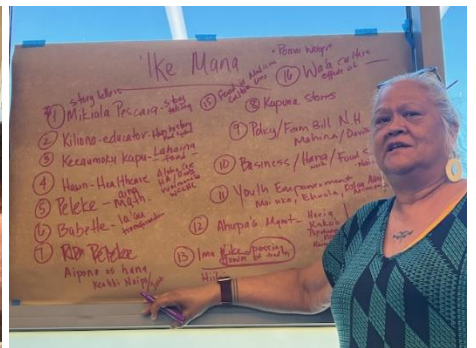
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Aha 'Ai Pono!

Planning Team Meeting – September 11, 2024

A gathering to share our kanaka foods

Set for: November 15-16, 2024



On Wednesday, September 11, a group of dedicated cooks, colleagues, Health Center administrators, cultural practitioners, and community leaders dedicated to the health/wellness of our larger lāhui gathered to plan an Aha 'Ai Pono – a two-day sharing of our love of healthy foods. Set for November 15-16, the Aha 'Ai Pono will be a large gathering of food security and cultural practitioners dedicated to the idea that food is medicine. Led by beloved and seasoned Cultural Food Security kumu, Kaiulani Odom

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Army Replacement Company Cultural Briefing, September 17, 2024. Introducing Kamaka Cardines of Nanakuli to Army personnel. Kamaka will be doing weekly Cultural Briefings for the Army starting in October. We are all excited for the caliber of this exchange.

Sovereignty 360 invites you to a Zoom Webinar
PEACEMAKING COLLOQUIUM 2024:
Our Circle and Words are Medicine to Heal the Heart
September 19, 2024 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Speaker Michelle Schenandoah
*<https://www.indigenous-concepts.com/michelle-schenandoah>



Register in advance for this webinar:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ap5QLTTJSECGCqlo7Cck4w
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

September 19, 2024
Peacemaking Colloquium
5:00 am – 2:00 pm Hawaii Time via Zoom

Kūlana o Kapolei was asked to summarize 7 hours of speakers, workshops and keynote speeches for a Peacemaking Colloquium. It was a gathering of dedicated, intentional Native and Allies in the field of social justice, law, healing, and community work. Speakers were from all around the globe and represented many Indian Nations and their sacred allies within the field:

- **Rhonda Anderson**, Iñupiaq Athabascan from Alaska
- **Christy Chapman**, Shiwi (Pueblo of Zuni)
- **Ariel Clark**, Odawa Anishinaabe
- **Victoria Dushane**, Magicaleghia
- **Rainey Enjady**, Mescalero Apache Tribe
- **Cheryl Fairbanks**, Tlingit-Tsimshian, Ketchikan, Alaska
- **Wakanyi Hoffman**, Kenya
- **Mike Jones**, Kasaan Village in Alaska
- **Gracelynn Lau**, Hong Kong
- **Cameron Rasmussen**, UH Mānoa School of Social Work
- **Pauline Rogers**, African American
- **Manulani Aluli Meyer**, Hawaiian
- **Michelle Schenandoah**, Onlayota, (Oneida)
- **Victoria Sukhomlinova**, Russia
- **Chief Justice Robert Yazzie**, Dine

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‘Aha Kumulā‘au

Kaulunani Urban Forestry Summit @ UH West Oahu!

Friday, September 20, 2024



Tasia, Indrajit, Kehau - ‘āina momona; Nalu Andrade - ‘ohe kapala; Kekaula - ‘ike niu; Kealiiho‘omalu printing with Nalu’s ‘ohe kapala



Matt Lau, Kehau Kahele-Madali, Indrajit, Roxanne Adams



Noa Lincoln, Heather McMillen, Indrajit + UHWO alum, Jesse!

Dr. Matt Lau and SCFS alumni: Kehau Kahele-Madali, Jesse Mikasobe Kealiinohomoku, and Ioane Jahn, along with our very own Indrajit Gunasekara and Tasia Yamamura, played vital roles in hosting and teaching within the ‘Aha Kumulā‘au – an Urban Forestry Summit organized and produced by a creative group led by Dr. Heather McMillen. It was a rich and productive day for 100+ participants dedicated to the care, context and cultural rejuvenation of our kumu lā‘au – our trees of Hawai‘i! Emma Broderick of Ke Ana Hala was also on-hand to teach the rudimentary skills of cleaning hala. Jesse shared his ‘apu knowledge and Nalu Andrade had a magical space to have people experience the beauty of stamping w/hand-carve bamboo - ‘ohe kapala. Indrajit, now the Director of “Community Coconut Projects” for Hawai‘i, has hired SCFS Alumni: Kehau Kahele-Madali for his full-time kōkua. It is an exciting time!