

# Kūlana o Kapolei

## Spring, 2023

*The aloha spirit and aloha 'āina is still around. It can be found, if you look for it. The traditions of the elders are passed down and a legacy is left. We are in a revolution of consciousness. What we are looking for is the truth.*

*George Helm*



*Aunty made a powerful video!*



*With Dr. Irvine + Dr. Patricia Fifita*



*Aloha 'Āina goes to Molokai!*



*Senator Mazie Hirono planting ulu*

Kūlana o Kapolei is a movement to bring cultural awareness and 'ike kupuna (ancestral common sense) to our UH West O'ahu campus, to our Hawai'i communities, and ultimately to the world. We do this in many ways: through talks, keynotes and panel discussions, by hosting conferences, class visitations, creative pedagogical and research work with faculty and students, by supporting our beloved kupuna Auntie Lynette Paglinawan, and through active engagement with aloha 'āina work via our uluniu (coconut grove) beside our Student Organic Garden. We also teach workshops on Mō'ike Aloha (Hawaiian epistemology) for our transfer students in the Wailau Ola program. We also dedicate time to native reforestation efforts in Palehua - "Waolama: Next Level Learning". It is truly exciting to envision a post-pandemic environment where 'ike kupuna (ancestral knowledge) and 'ike 'āina (knowledge from land) is once again infused into our thinking. Continuity, a synonym for Indigenous knowledge, is first and foremost embodied principles. These principles are found in our Pāhupōpu – our five UH West O'ahu Institutional Values:

### **Po'okela**

*We value excellence in education that meets the high aspirations of students, faculty, and staff, along with the needs of our community.*

### **Kaiāulu**

*We value viable, healthy communities where everyone feels included, welcomed, and respected.*

### **Hana Lawelawe**

*We value conscious service to community, both within and beyond our campus, that builds the capacity to offer one's excellence for the benefit of others and our environment.*

### **Mālama 'Āina**

*We value environmental responsibility that links our love and care of land, water, and people with the courses, concentrations, and interests of our UH West O'ahu campus community.*

### **Waiwai**

*We value abundance/wealth that develops a culture of philanthropy and sustainable use of resources through the cultivation of quality relationships, creativity, exploration, and transdisciplinary learning.*

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I'm letting you know that this knowledge has relevance for all others, not just Hawaiians.

*Aunty Lynette Paglinawan*



Aunty Lynette Kaopuiki Paglinawan had a rich and nourishing Spring, 2023 semester with her classes on Ho'oponopono because her 50+ years in Hawaiian Social Work gave her many opportunities to practice and understand 'ike kupuna. She was finishing up her final semester with us by teaching about Kaumaha – Hawaiian ideas of grief and resilience. Kūlana o Kapolei is dedicated to this kind of clarity infused in all aspects of knowledge production and delivery. Here are some nahenahe quotes from her class:

- *One you know the truth of aloha, move into action! Aloha is the basis for your life.*
- *The human style of living is not I or me, but we.*
- *Working the aina, loving the aina. You set up management controls so you don't deplete resources.*
- *When it comes to love, don't hesitate! Make time. The uhane is still here.*
- *Remember, aloha is something people appreciate. Verbalize it. Make the time.*
- *Pono allows aloha to be experienced mutually.*
- *Kukulukumuhana is an attempt to harness mana and aloha.... to send to loved ones in need of help.*
- *Use those powers that promote love, healing, kindness, humility.*
- *Cultural trauma disconnected us, but we are still connected.*
- *Live pono. Live aloha. That is how you honor your 'aumakua and the ancestors that have gone before you.*



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*Kūlana o Kapolei gives monthly "Cultural Briefing" to new US Army soldiers @ Schofield Barracks. Topic: Kumu Niu*

Kūlana o Kapolei began monthly cultural briefings in Spring, 2023 to Army soldiers at Schofield Barracks thanks through the invitation of Colonel Joe Katz from the Army Replacement Division. The documentary: Kumu Niu [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c\\_uT9I5Jbac](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c_uT9I5Jbac) is shown and a discussion of food security via cultural agroforestry, and therefore the truth about American occupation, is detailed with clarity and purpose. Each visit brings a lively response and the practice of 'radical collaboration' is thus animated through aloha and pono language.



*University of Saskatchewan MA in Indigenous Land-Based Education with Dr. Lelemia Irvine – Awa Welcome*

Land-Based Education is vital for the evolution of a growing food security movement within Hawai'i. Kūlana o Kapolei helps Dr. Alex Wilson every few years put on an intensive experience of Hawaiian land-based food practices with interested faculty and students. This year found the First Nations of Canada cohort in the lands of Ka'a'awa and Laie. BJ Kahawaii, Dr. Lelemia Irvine, and family members of the late Dr. Peter Hanohano taught this MA cohort about lo'i kalo, niu and lawai'a work. They then came to the West (Palehua) and participated in an all-day + night event/conference with members of the UHWO Aloha 'Āina Student Club. Kekaula Hanohano even helped them hunt for quail in the upper mauka lands of Palehua, and MA'O Farms mahi'ai shared stories of water and uluniu work. I'iwileo Pacarro also helped give mihi to every student!



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Native Professors of Canada (above) came to experience 'ike of BJ Kahawaii's 'ohana in hukilau work in Ko'olauloa.

**ĀINA-TO-'ŌPŪ  
WORKSHOP**

**'APU**

Join us to learn about coconut diversity and how to make cups using coconut shells. 'Apu are most often used when serving & drinking 'awa.

**SATURDAY MARCH 25, 2023  
1:00-2:30 PM  
HALE KŪAHUOKALĀ IN THE UHW GARDEN**

This workshop is in partnership with the UluNiu Project, a cultural landscaping and agroforestry initiative on campus. There is an UluNiu workday prior to this workshop, 8:00a-1:00p with potluck lunch. You're welcome (encouraged!) to attend both events!

For more information, see <https://niunow.org/the-ulu-niu-project/>

For RSVPs and inquiries, email [tasiyehawaii.edu](mailto:tasiyehawaii.edu)

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**march 19  
2023**

**2-4PM  
Mystical Rose Oratory**  
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Honolulu, HI 96816

Sponsored by the BDK-Fujitani Interfaith Program @ Chaminade University of Honolulu  
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Radical collaboration is a way of experiencing the “Self-Organizing Universe”. What this means is that the energies of world transformation begins and expands via intentional shared-purpose with others. Kūlana o Kapolei is committed to this idea through the work with the UH West Oahu Student Organizations dedicated to 'ike āina and 'ike kupuna. The Aloha Āina Club is now being expanded to include the UluNiu Student Service Club. UHWO Alumni, Jesse Mikasobe Kealiinohomoku returned to campus to teach students how to make 'apu – coconut cups. His workshop followed our monthly UluNiu Project work and it was well attended with 16 students from UH campuses.



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*Cheryl Fairbanks*



*Judge Abby*



*Fania Davis*



*Judge Rae Nell Vaughn*

### Indigenous Women and Restorative Justice

*Plenary Panel - Saturday, March 25 10:00 am New York - 5:00 am Hawaii (90 minute panel)*

#### Panel Members:

- Cheryl Fairbanks – Lawyer, Tlingit-Tsimshian (Alaska)
- Abby Abinati – Judge, Yurok Tribe – Northern California
- Fania Davis – West African Restorative Justice practitioner (sister of Angela Davis)
- Rae Nell Vaughn – Judge, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
- Manulani Aluli Meyer – Haku Ho’oponopono, UH West Oahu

What a massive and thrilling panel to be a part of! This panel laid the foundation for a Restorative Justice Conference at Cornell University in New York on March 25, 2023. It was the first time a panel of this nature was coordinated and the 200+ participants were grateful and eager to listen. Each speaker summarized their life work within their own world-view and it was the job of Kūlana o Kapolei to offer a mihi – a way to summarize, weave, and deepen collective ideas. Giving mihi is a powerful native oracy practice.



*Farm-To-School meeting at UH West Oahu 2.16.2023*



*Edd Cohort with lots of our beloved UHWO colleagues 3.4.2023*

So many ways to celebrate, honor and affirm the goodness of our community! Here are two pictures of events that continue to shape the future of education, learning and food security in Hawai‘i. Mahalo to Dr. Walter Kahumoku for spear-heading a brilliant movement in doctoral learning at UH Mānoa. Finishing their Edd from UH West Oahu are: BJ Kahawaii, Hoku Kwan, and Amy Bumatai Fairhart. Congratulations to all for their brilliant ‘ike kanaka.



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**ULUNI**  
Coconut Grove

**WORK DAYS!**  
NIU NOW

**HONORING OUR COCONUT HERITAGE.**



Spring + Summer Semester 2023

COME HELP US CARE FOR OUR COCONUT GROVE AT UH WEST OAHU!

**LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH!**

JANUARY 28: FEBRUARY 25: MARCH 25: APRIL 29: MAY 27: JUNE 24: JULY 29: AUGUST 26

Pot-Luck Lunch! Please bring food, gloves, water + wear hat & covered shoes.

**8:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Please contact Aloha 'Aina Student Club - ahaaina@hawaii.edu  
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or Aunty Manu - manulani@hawaii.edu

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*Mahalo to our UHWO Aloha 'Āina Student Service Club for their steady work in our uluniu project!*



*Onizuka Day on April 23 found us focusing on our Uluniu Project here on campus. Over 70 Volunteers showed up!*



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*Mālama Learning Center's Green Collar Institute 3.13*



*PIC – Pacific Islanders in Communication in Ulunui!*



*UHWO Pueo Mentors Training was a blast! 5.23.2023*



*Everyone learned "Juggling as a Metaphor for Life!"*



*MA'O Farms Auwai Work w/ SCFS ohana 4.15.23*



*Mana Wahine work in Koke'e, Kaua'i 3.18.23*

Kūlana o Kapolei is dedicated to 'ike kupuna and 'ike 'āina infused in all activities, projects, research, and pedagogy. We find ourselves deeply embedded in both campus and community events and within projects that seek this knowledge and prioritize it with a simple slogan: **Love land, serve people.**



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Niu Now heads to Molokai to plant uluniu – coconut groves! (February 9-12, 2023)



*'Ike Niu with Indrajit and the uncles/aunties in Kamalō*



*Jesse teaching about niu stages at Uncle Russell's*



*Kilia Purdy gathering niu for uluniu w/daughters*



*Niu Now with Uncle Kealoha after planting his uluniu*

The Uluniu Project of UHWest Oahu, along with the Aloha 'Āina Student Service Club, and students from SCFS and HIHH returned to Molokai to help plant uluniu (coconut groves) for Uncle Kealoha and Uncle Russell. We travelled to Kunani and Ipo Nihipali's home in Hawaiian Homes (Ho'olehua) and pulled from the Niu Nursery we had planted 9 months earlier. We have 100+ niu to choose from and everyone was ready and excited. We also gave 'ike niu (coconut workshops) in Kamalo.



*Dinner time de-brief was joyful + ono!*



*Gathering o'o and malo'o in Kamalō*



*Heading into the uluniu at Mapulehu*