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Free Ho`oulu Hawaiian Lecture Series In March
"Unveiling the Kumulipo: A Hawaiian Creation Chant"

Event Info: Friday, March 12, 2010 – Lecture Presentation
"Unveiling the Kumulipo: A Hawaiian Creation Chant"
6pm to 8pm
Free Admission, Donations Welcome

Saturday, March 13, 2010 - Workshop
"Chanting the Universe: Reverberating the Intellect of Ancestral Voices"
9am to 12noon
\$35 Workshop Fee includes instruction and materials. Space is limited.
Advance registration required on-line at www.kaieie.org.

Place: Aloha Beach Resort – Ali`i Room
3-5920 Kuhio Highway - Wailua

Presenter: Kehaulani Kekua
Kumu Hula, Halau Palaihiwa O Kaipuwai
Also featuring guest presenters: `Aikane Alapa`i, Na`u Kamali`i and Pi`ilani Smith

Description: In excess of more than 2000 lines long, the Kumulipo is a reflection of ancient Hawaiian kahuna who were able to articulate the rhythm, sequence and continuum of procreation and birthing cycles of organic life forms. Situated at a sensory threshold, the Kumulipo maintains the genealogy and initiation of family systems throughout the Hawaiian universe. Everything was a part of another being guided towards balance in the collective environments of the earth and the atmosphere. The myriad of elemental deities were manifestations of this greater understanding that enabled life to be regenerated again and again. The Kumulipo presents an intricate illustration that expresses upon Wailuanuiaho`ano's role as a religious center of ancient Kaua`i. The relationships and genealogies fluently cataloged in this profound creation chant offer inspiring perspectives of indigenous life ways, religious beliefs and practices of the Native Hawaiian. It is testimony to an impressive plethora of ancient wisdom and knowledge. The Kumulipo continues to be applicable and necessary for our understanding today...so that we can properly co-exist, garner from, and care for the fragile environments and natural resources of Wailuanuiaho`ano and all of Hawai`i Nei.

Now in its second year, the 2010 Ho`oulu Hawaiian Lecture Series aspires to the health and regeneration of Native Hawaiian life-ways and the nurturing of land wisdom and environmental kinship. It is a special project of the Ka`ie`ie Foundation and Makawalu Foundation offering special Hawaiian cultural teach-in opportunities for the community. Ho`oulu is also sponsored by the Aloha Beach Resort and Papa Ola Lokahi. For information and to register for the March 13 workshop, log on to www.kaieie.org.



Aspiring to the Regeneration of Native Hawaiian Life-Ways & the Nurturing of Land Wisdom and Environmental Kinship

2010 Hawaiian Lecture Series

Unveiling the Kumulipo A Hawaiian Creation Chant

March 12 – March 13, 2010

Aston Aloha Beach Resort at Wailuanuiaho`ano, Kaua`i

Accompanying Cultural Workshop on March 13

Chanting the Universe Reverberating the Intellect of Ancestral Voices

Cultural Program Presenters

Kehaulani Kekua

Kumu Hula, Halau Palaihiwa O Kaipuwai

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Cultural Programs Analyst

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Native Hawaiian Attorney

Lead Expert on Federal Consultation with Native Hawaiians

Pi`ilani Smith

Native Hawaiian Cultural Practitioner

Technical Expert on Western and Traditional Knowledge Interface



ho`o.ulu

To enter in and inspire

To grow, sprout, propagate

To cause to increase

To possess and inspire, as for artistic creation;

To protect

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2010 Hawaiian Lecture Series

The 2010 Ho'oulu Hawaiian Lecture Series *aspires to the regeneration of Native Hawaiian life-ways and the nurturing of land wisdom and environmental kinship*. This year's theme was inspired by experiences revealed during and subsequent to `Aha Ho'ano – a 24 hour traditional ceremony and vigil that was held at Hauola and Hikinaakala Heiau in November 2009. We have chosen to focus on the ancient paradigm of Wailua as a religious and political center of Kaua'i. Supported by a system of wahi pana or storied and celebrated places that stretched from the highest point of the island, all the way out to the sea, Wailua was regarded as one of *the* most sacred places in all of Hawai'i. The emphasis of the Ho'oulu Series this year is on the profound importance of indigenous understanding and practices of sacred histories and places of oral-based traditions.

HO'OULU SUPPORT OF THE GREAT SACRED WAILUA

The Ho'oulu Hawaiian Lecture Series will enable us to educate and raise awareness of ancestral knowledge, religious practices and beliefs, importance of environment and natural resources...we will also share of traditional relationships we hold with iwi kupuna and all that we view as sacred and essential to Native Hawaiian wellbeing. `Aina`ike or "Land Wisdom" is essential for the protection, preservation and perpetuation of Hawai'i's Native people, places and practices.

Recent and ongoing development projects in Wailua (including Kuhio Highway improvements, Cane Haul Bridge, and the Bike Path) and throughout Kaua'i, has spurred a crisis of discord and conflict throughout the Native Hawaiian community. Known ancestral burial grounds, historic properties, sacred places and natural resources that are intrinsic to our religious, spiritual and cultural practices are at risk. There is a sense of urgency to understand that traditional knowledge and practices and traditional places are inseparable. The responsibility to hold meaningful consultation with Native Hawaiians is a shared kuleana or obligation of all levels of County, State and Federal Government agencies.

The Ho'oulu Hawaiian Lecture Series will also include teach-ins that will provide an overview and discussion of existing NHPA (National Historic Preservation Act) Laws as indicated in Section 101(d)(6)(b).

Where Wailua is concerned...the sacred is what it is, and it needs to be addressed. Meanwhile, development projects that pose great threat and desecration to one of the most sacred places in all of Hawai'i and Polynesia continue to forge ahead.

Our entire offering of the 2010 Ho'oulu Hawaiian Lecture Series will stand with a presence in and for Wailua. Our goal is to set the precedence for protection of our rights as Native Hawaiians to perpetuate ancestral traditions and religious practices, relationships, environments and resources that are sacred -- not only in Wailua, but throughout the pae `aina of Hawai'i Nei. It is essential to the preservation and continuation of Hawaiian traditions and cultural practices.