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### ***Kamana Beamer lectures on living ahupua‘a***

KAMUELA, Hawai‘i—November 9, 2010—Kamanamaikalani (Kamana) Beamer, Ph.D., will present a Hawaiian perspective on thriving in a living *ahupua‘a* (Hawaiian land division usually extending from the mountains to the sea) in a *Puana Ka ‘Ike* (Imparting Knowledge) lecture in Kona and an *Eia Hawai‘i* presentation in Hilo.

Beamer will speak on “*Living ahupua‘a*” from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Friday, November 19, at the Keauhou Beach Resort Kahalu‘u III in Kona and in Hilo from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Monday, November 22, at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo, UCB 127.

Beamer received a doctorate degree in geography in 2008 from the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa and currently serves as the Land Legacy Education Manager of the Land Assets Division at Kamehameha Schools. Beamer was a member of the inaugural cohort of Mellon-Hawai‘i fellows as a post-doctoral fellow, and he is the author of several articles on Hawaiian land tenure. Beamer’s extensive research of maps and land records has afforded him a unique insight into the historical shaping of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

Beamer has been an active member of the Native Hawaiian community through his involvement with traditional Hawaiian resource management initiatives, political activism, and Hawaiian music. He has worked with family restoring *lo‘i* (traditional wet-land taro fields) in Waipi‘o, Hawai‘i, and is a songwriter and composer for the Hawaiian music band Kāmau, whose most recent album is titled “Live From the Lo‘i.” Beamer comes from a long line of Native Hawaiian educators and composers, and he cites his grandmother Nona Beamer as his greatest mentor.

For more information on Beamer’s presentations, contact Joy Cunefare at 808-534-8528, or email [info@kohalacenter.org](mailto:info@kohalacenter.org). For lecture schedules and webcasts of previous lectures, visit <http://kohalacenter.org/puanakaike/about.html> and [www.keauhouresort.com/learn-puanakaike.html](http://www.keauhouresort.com/learn-puanakaike.html).

The Puana Ka ‘Ike and Eia Hawai‘i lecture series are presented in partnership with Keauhou-Kahalu‘u Education Group of Kamehameha Schools, The Kohala Center, the Kīpuka Native Hawaiian Student Center at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo, and Keauhou Beach Resort.

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[photo caption] Kamana Beamer