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***Cultural Reclamation of Midway Atoll***

KAMUELA, Hawai‘i—November 8, 2012—Three Hawaiian language scholars discuss “Kuaihelani: Cultural Reclamation of Midway Atoll” in an upcoming *Eia Hawai‘i* presentation in Hilo and a *Puana Ka ‘Ike* lecture in Kona.

The lectures by Aulani Wilhelm, Dr. Kalani Makekau-Whittaker, and Hawane Rios will be from noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, November 15, at the University of Hawai‘i Hilo, Campus Center (CC) 301, and from 5:30–7 p.m. Friday, November 16, at Keauhou Shopping Center, Suite 140 (next to Bianelli’s). This is a change of venue from a previously announced location.

Although a part of the Hawaiian Archipelago, the cultural history and significance of Midway Atoll has been forgotten along with its traditional name. In 2011, a group of Hawaiian language scholars embarked on a journey to recover some of the cultural history of Midway. A critical part of this process was a trip to Midway to connect the archival research to observations and experiences on the atoll and to re-connect that *‘aina* (land) to our culture through language and ceremony.

The presentation will share the process and outcomes of this unique project developed through a partnership between Kīpuka Native Hawaiian Student Center, University of Hawaii at Hilo (UH Hilo), Ka Haka ‘Ula o Ke‘elikōlani at UH Hilo and National Oceanic Atmospheric Association (NOAA).

For more information on this presentation, contact Joy Cunefare at (800) 842-4682, extension 25340, or e-mail [info@kohalacenter.org](mailto:info@kohalacenter.org). For lecture schedules and webcasts of previous lectures, visit <http://kohalacenter.org/puanakaike/about.html> or [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, Kamehameha Schools, The Kohala Center, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo: Kīpuka Native Hawaiian Student Center, and the Keauhou Shopping Center.