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## The Hawaiian's connection with the universe

KAMUELA, Hawai'i—[February 23, 2010]—Kaleikoa Ka'eo shares his perspective of the Hawaiian's connection to the universe in this month's *Puana Ka 'Ike* (Imparting Knowledge) lecture in Kona and *Eia Hawai'i* presentation in Hilo.

Ka'eo will speak from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Friday, February 26, at the Keauhou Beach Resort Kahalu'u III in Kona and in Hilo from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Monday, March 1, at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo Campus Center Plaza.

The *Kumulipo*, a Hawaiian creation chant, is a  $mo'ok\bar{u}'auhau$ , or genealogy. In this lecture, "Mo'oku'auhau: The development of environmental kinship," Ka'eo describes the mo'ok $\bar{u}$ 'auhau as the epitome of man and our familial connection to one another, to the gods and to the environment.

Ka'eo, a Hawaiian studies instructor at Maui Community College, is a kama'aina of Maui whose passion is his family, family lands, and elevating the Hawaiian consciousness through education and action.

For more information on Ka'eo's presentations, contact Natalie Deisroth at 808-322-0088, ext. 100, or e-mail <u>info@kohalacenter.org</u>. For lecture schedules and previous lectures, visit <u>http://kohalacenter.org/puanakaike/about.html</u> and <u>www.keauhouresort.com/learn-</u>puanakaike.html.

The Puana Ka 'Ike and Eia Hawai'i lecture series are presented in partnership with Kamehameha Investment Corporation/Kamehameha Schools, The Kohala Center, Kīpuka Native Hawaiian Student Center at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo, Keauhou Beach Resort, and Hawai'i Tourism Authority.

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