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Keanu Sai speaks on Hawai‘i’s land tenure system

KAMUELA, Hawai‘i—[March 9, 2010]—In celebration of the birthday of King Kamehameha III, Kauikeaouli, the *Puana Ka ‘Ike* Lecture Series presents Dr. Keanu Sai at 5:30–8 p.m. Friday, March 12, 2010 in the Bayview Meeting Rooms of the Sheraton Keauhou Bay Resort & Spa.

In his presentation, “Kamehameha III and the Transformation of Hawaiian Land Tenure,” Sai will recount the events that transformed Hawai‘i’s land tenure system during the reign of His Hawaiian Majesty King Kamehameha III. He will cover the establishment of the Board of Commissioners to Quiet Land Titles; the Great *Mahele* (Division) between the Government, Chiefs/*Konohiki*, and the Native Tenants; and the meaning of the clause “reserving the rights of native tenants.” His presentation includes a viewing of the documentary *Ua mau Ke Ea: Sovereignty Maintained*.

Sai received his Ph.D. in political science from the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa in 2008, specializing in international relations and public law. His doctoral research centers on the legal and political history of Hawai‘i from Kamehameha I to the present. Before receiving his Ph.D., he was a land title abstractor and a principle of Perfect Title Company. He currently teaches political science and Hawaiian studies at Kapi‘olani Community College. Sai is the author of numerous journal articles and will have two books published by the University of Hawai‘i Press, one of which is on Hawaiian land law.

For more information on the lecture, contact Natalie Deisroth at 808-322-0088, ext. 100 or e-mail info@kohalacenter.org. Seating is limited; light refreshments will be available.

Sai’s presentation is sponsored by Kamehameha Investment Corporation, Hui Kaha Pōhaku & Kia‘i ‘Āina Kualoia of Keauhou-Kahalu‘u Education Group, Kamehameha Schools, Royal Order of Kamehameha I, Daughters of Hawai‘i, Betty Kanuha Foundation, Kaniohale Community (Homesteaders) Association, and The Kohala Center.

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