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Sustainability in a Hawaiian Context

KAMUELA, Hawai‘i—October 9, 2009—Dr. Manulani Aluli Meyer will speak on “‘*Ike ‘Āina: Sustainability in the context of Hawaiian epistemology*” in *Puana Ka ‘Ike* (Imparting knowledge) lectures this month in Kona and Hilo. She will focus on Hawaiian views of sustainability, beginning with Hawaiian fundamental ideas found in the differences between *mana ‘o ‘i‘o* (knowing through experience), *mana ‘olana* (knowledge through thinking), and *aloha* (liberation through action).

Her lectures are from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Friday, October 23, at the Keauhou Beach Resort Ballroom III in Kona and in Hilo from noon to 1:30 p.m. Monday, October 26, at the University of Hawaii at Hilo in University Classroom Building 127.

Meyer’s family has been dedicated to Hawaiian issues of land, health, justice, politics, economics, music, and education for many generations and through many world changes. Her work in indigenous epistemology (philosophy of knowledge) has now entered the research, science, and sustainability fields. She is currently working on understanding the impact of capitalism on all facets of knowledge production and exchange, and on documenting how money shapes even our ideas of intelligence.

Meyer helped found Halau Wanana, a teacher training site for the Hawaiian Charter School movement. She is also a part of ‘*Ike A ‘o: Quality Education/Sustainable Communities*, a grass-root network involved with such efforts as working in our women's prison, the offering of www.ahujournal.org, and *Hoea Ea: Return to Freedom* food sovereignty events and community gardens with and for youth. She is an associate professor of education (Ed.D. Harvard) at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo Education Department. Her book *Ho‘oulu: Our Time of Becoming-Hawaiian Epistemology and Early Writings* is now in its third printing.

The Puana Ka ‘Ike Lecture Series is 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, and Keauhou Beach Resort. For more information, the lecture schedule, and previous lectures, visit <http://kohalacenter.org/puanakaike/about.html> and www.keauhouresort.com/learn-puanakaike.html.