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Stories of Pu‘u Anahulu, Pu‘u Wa‘awa‘a, and Ka‘ulupūlehu
Ku‘ulei Keakealani is Puana Ka ‘Ike lecturer

KAMUELA, Hawai‘i—September 17, 2013—Ku‘ulei Keakealani shares stories of her North Kona homelands of Pu‘u Anahulu, Pu‘u Wa‘awa‘a, and Ka‘ulupūlehu in upcoming *Eia Hawai‘i* and *Puana Ka ‘Ike* lectures in Hilo and Kona.

Keakealani presents “*Nā mo‘olelo o nā ‘āina aloha: Stories of beloved lands*” from 2–3:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 26, at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo, Wentworth 1, and from 5:30–7 p.m. on Friday, September 27, in the Keauhou III Ballroom at the Sheraton Keauhou Resort and Spa at Keauhou Bay. Both lectures are free.

“*Nani wale Pu‘u Anahulu, beautiful indeed is Pu‘u Anahulu,*” reads the first line of a song that wells great affection for the natives of this land,” Keakealani said.

She was raised in a family of cowboys and fisherman in Pu‘u Anahulu where most of the residents were fluent native speakers of the Hawaiian language. Today, as curator for the Ka‘ūpūlehu Interpretive Center at Kalaemanō, she creates and develops educational programs that span the entire ahupua‘a.

Keakealani was part of a team of educators who opened Pūnana Leo o Waimea, a Hawaiian language immersion preschool, and later joined another group of educators in opening Kanu o ka ‘Āina New Century Public Charter School’s early childhood component, Mālamapōki‘i. After 12 years of classroom teaching, she took a position under the University of Hawai‘i’s Nā Pua No‘eau Center for Gifted and Talented Native Hawaiian Children, where she created culturally rich programs within three of Hawai‘i Island’s six districts.

For more information on this presentation, contact Joy Cunefare at (808) 322-5340 or e-mail info@kohalacenter.org. For lecture schedules visit <http://kohalacenter.org/puanakaike/about.html>. Webcasts of previous lectures are available at <http://keauhoresort.com/learn-puanakaike.html>.

The lectures are sponsored by Keauhou-Kahalu‘u Education Group, Kamehameha Schools, The Kohala Center, and University of Hawai‘i at Hilo, Kīpuka Native Hawaiian Student Center.

[Keakealani photo caption] Ku‘ulei Keakealani shares stories of North Kona.