



Kohala Center Plans Book Talks, Nature Walks

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The Kohala Center is hosting a series of provocative Book Talks this fall and Nature Walks through some of Hawai'i Island's most breathtaking native forests next spring.

The book talks feature three of The Kohala Center's Mellon-Hawai'i Doctoral and Postdoctoral Fellows, considered among Hawai'i's preeminent writers and thinkers, said a Kohala Center release.

Dr. Keao NeSmith kicks off the series on Sept. 20 with a reading of *Ke Keiki Ali'i Li'ili'i*, his Hawaiian translation of the classic children's book *The Little Prince*, at the Jacaranda Inn in Waimea.



NeSmith, an instructor of Hawaiian and Tahitian languages at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, is currently translating *The Hobbit*, and has translated *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking Glass* and *What Alice Found There* to expand the library of reading materials for Hawaiian-language immersion schools.

On Oct. 4, Dr. Noelani Goodyear-Ka'ōpua will read from and lead a discussion about her latest book, *A Nation Rising: Hawaiian Movements for Life, Land, and Sovereignty*, which chronicles the history of the Hawaiian sovereignty movement from the 1970s to the present.

Goodyear-Ka'ōpua is an associate professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. She will be joined by co-editor Dr. Erin Kahunawaika'ala Wright, a professor of educational administration at the Hawai'i inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

Dr. Kamanamaikalani Beamer rounds out the Book Talks on Nov. 1 with readings from and discussion of his new work, *No Mākou Ka Mana: Liberating the Nation*, which examines how the Hawaiian Kingdom's ruling ali'i selectively appropriated Western tools and knowledge to strengthen and maintain the Hawaiian people.

Beamer is an assistant professor in the Hui 'Āina Momona program split between the School of Hawaiian Knowledge and the Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

The Book Talks are sponsored in part by Hilo Bay Books and Kona Bay Books. Local tea and refreshments will be served after each talk.

In the spring, wildlife biologist and award-winning photographer Jack Jeffrey will guide three Nature Walks beginning on Feb. 21 with a two-and-a-half-mile bird watching adventure through forests along the Pu'u 'Ō'ō Trail.

The second walk is a two-mile expedition into the Maulua Tract of Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge on April 25.

The series concludes with a nature photography clinic and hike in the Pu'u Pili Biodiversity Preserve on Kohala Mountain on May 23.

Admission to each of the Book Talks is \$15 per person for members of The Kohala Center's Circle of Friends. The Pu'u 'Ō'ō and Pu'u Pili Nature Walks are each \$25 per person for members and include lunch; the Hakalau Walk, which includes four-wheel-drive transportation to and from the Refuge, is \$50 per person.

To become a member of The Kohala Center's Circle of Friends, visit kohalacenter.org/circle-of-friends or contact Cortney Okumura at 887-6411.

Advance registration is encouraged. Visit cof14.eventbrite.com or call The Kohala Center, 887-6411.

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