

Oceanic Insights - A Weaving of Indigenous Ways of Knowing the Kai

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Insights into how we can use the rigor and methodologies of pono science, the foundational wisdom of our kūpuna, and our experiential daily practice of aloha 'āina to awaken responsible action for the future of our Hawai'i. The talk will focus on combining indigenous and ethical science, knowledge co-production, and seascapes to ensure the future of Hawaii's coastal ecosystems.

Noelani Puniwai is passionate about cultivating the next generation of students to mālama 'āina. She has been trained academically (PhD in Natural Resources and Environmental Management, UH Mānoa; MSc. in Environmental Science, Washington State Univ; BA in Marine Science, UH Hilo) to practice malama 'āina/kai. Yet through her culture, science training, and student mentorship, she's recognized that feeling aloha 'āina, he alo a he alo, face to face must be practiced. Her research interests include ancestral Hawaiian knowledge regarding the 'āina, coastal ecosystems, cultural geography, seascapes, climate change, and most definitely – Kanaloa.

