

CURRICULUM VITAE

KAMALANI MICAH JOHNSON

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

- Hawaiian language and literature.
- Hawaiian language newspapers of the 19th and 20th centuries.
- Hawaiian philosophy.
- Indigenous politics including political theory, sovereignty, self-determination, and alternative futures.

EDUCATION

- 2023- Graduate Certificate, Advanced Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
- 2022- Ph.D., Political Science, All But Dissertation (ABD)
Department of Political Science
University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
Foci: Indigenous Politics and Political Theory
Chair: Noenoe K. Silva
Dissertation Title: “He Pūku‘i Aloha: J. W. H. I. Kihe and Looking Back to Envision Liberated Futures”
- 2022 M.A., Indigenous Language and Culture Education
Ka Haka ‘Ula o Ke‘elikōlani, College of Hawaiian Language
University of Hawai‘i at Hilo
Focus: Hawaiian Language and Literature
Thesis Title: “‘Ikuā ka Leo o ka Hekili: He Noi‘ina i nā Mele Malama o ke “Kaa Hooniua Puuwai no Ka-Miki” (The Sound of Thunder Reverberates: An Analysis of Ethnoecological Chants of “Kaa Hooniua Puuwai no Ka-Miki”)
- 2015 B.A., Linguistics
Ka Haka ‘Ula o Ke‘elikōlani, College of Hawaiian Language
University of Hawai‘i at Hilo, Honors
- 2015 B.A., Hawaiian Studies,
Ka Haka ‘Ula o Ke‘elikōlani, College of Hawaiian Language
University of Hawai‘i at Hilo, Honors
Concentration: Oratory

PUBLICATIONS

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Forthcoming

“KANU Theory.” In *Cultural Diversity & Ethnic Minority Psychology*. Edited by Enrique W. Neblett Jr. In Development.

“Kīpuka: Towards a Representative Model of Hawaiian Philosophy” in “Response to Michael Kaulana Ing’s “An Outline of Hawai‘i Philosophy.” Edited by Monika Kirloskar-Steinbach. In *Journal of World Philosophies*. Honolulu, Indiana University Press. Accepted.

“He Mo‘olelo mai nā Kūpuna: Ancestral Lessons of Liberation in J. W. H. I. Kihe’s “Kaaoo Hooniua Puuwai no Ka-Miki.” Edited by Ākea Kahikina and Jamaica Heolimeleikalani Osorio. In *Hūlili: Multidisciplinary Research on Hawaiian Well-Being*. Honolulu, Kamehameha Publishing. Accepted.

“Mele Malama: A Socio-Historical Political Analysis of Early 20th Century Climate Chants as Kanaka Maoli Literary Resurgence in the “Ke Kaaoo Hooniua Puuwai no Ka-Miki” literature in the *Ka Hoku o Hawaii* newspaper from 1914-1917.” Edited by Bryan Kamaoli Kuwada. In *Hūlili: Multidisciplinary Research on Hawaiian Well-Being*. Honolulu, Kamehameha Publishing. Accepted.

BOOK CHAPTER IN AN EDITED VOLUME

Forthcoming

“Mo‘okū‘auhau as Philosophy.” Edited by Michael Kaulana Ing. In *Approaches to Hawai‘i Philosophy*. University of Hawai‘i Press. In Development.

“Kānaka Maoli Intellectual Sovereignty and the ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i Newspapers.” Edited by Jill Doerfler, Ananya Mishra, and David Stirrup. In *Indigenous Literary Studies*. Bloomsbury Academic. In Development.

ORAL HISTORY IN AN EDITED VOLUME

2023

“He Mo‘olelo Ola: Aukahi Ho‘ōla ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i.” Edited by C. M. Kaliko Baker and Tammy Haili‘ōpua Baker. In *Mo‘olelo: The Foundation of Hawaiian Knowledge*. Hawai‘inuiākea, University of Hawai‘i Press. Written in the Hawaiian language.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE COMMUNITY PUBLICATIONS

2025

“Return to Our Mo‘olelo: Ancestral Lessons of Liberation.” In *Visions and Voices*. Pacific Islands Report, East-West Center and Center for Pacific Islands Studies, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.

HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE COMMUNITY PUBLICATIONS

2022

Kā‘eo: He Puke Ho‘okuana‘ike Māhele Kino. Hale Kuamo‘o, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

He Lei Mokupuni: He Puke Ho‘oheno Mele. Hale Kuamo‘o, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

‘O Ke Kahua Ma Mua, Ma Hope Ke Kūkulu: No Ka ‘Oihana Wilikī Kīwila. Hale Kuamo‘o, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

He Hale Ke Kino No Ka Mana‘o: No Ka ‘Oihana Ho‘opuka Lole. Hale Kuamo‘o, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

Ka‘upu Hālō Moana: No Ka ‘Oihana Pena Kīkina. Hale Kuamo‘o, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

He Welo Noelo Ko Ka Hawai‘i. Hale Kuamo‘o, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

2021

“Ke Kūlia e Kāmau ai.” *Ka Wai Ola*, Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Ke Kūlia e Kāmau ai: He Hō‘ili‘ilina Holomua ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i. Hale Kuamo‘o, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

Holo Mai ‘o Pele Mai Kahiki Mai. Hale Kuamo‘o, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

‘Oni ‘Ia A Pa ‘a. Hale Kuamo‘o, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

Kīlauea ‘Āina Aloha. Hale Kuamo‘o, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

‘O Pele Ka Wahine ‘Ai Lehua: He Puke ‘Ike Kahua ‘Ike Honua. Hale Kuamo‘o, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

2017

“5 Ke‘ehina Ho‘opalekana.” *Rapid ‘Ōhi‘a Death.*
www.rapidohiadeath.org.

2006

Moe ‘o Makali ‘i. Nā Kamalei Ko‘olauloa Early Childhood Education Program.

PRESENTATIONS

PEER REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Forthcoming

“Mo‘okū‘auhau: Kanaka Maoli Intellectual Sovereignty in Historical Context.” Native American and Indigenous Studies Association’s Fourteenth Annual Conference. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

2024

“Kaulana Mai Nei Nā Kona: The Politics of Place Names and Place Name Histories as Indigenous Ethics.” Native American and Indigenous Studies Association’s Thirteenth Annual Conference. Bådåddjo/Buvvda/Bodø, Norway.

“‘O Haumea Nui Āiwaiwa: J. W. H. I. Kihe’s Intellectual Sovereignty and the Biopolitics of Kānaka Maoli Wāhine Disenfranchisement in the Territory of Hawai‘i.” Global Indigenous Studies from Multiple Perspectives Conference. Bloomington, Indiana.

2023

“Mele Malama: Kanaka Maoli Literary Resurgence in the Early 20th Century.” 8th Annual International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation. Honolulu, Hawai‘i.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2025

“Storying and Being Storied by the ‘Āina: Hilo Mo‘olelo of Survivance.” Presenter, Eia Hawai‘i Lecture Series, Kīpuka Native Hawaiian Student Center. University of Hawai‘i, Hilo.

“Breaching the Archive: Writing and Being Written by Kānaka Maoli Lives.” Presenter, Hui ‘Āina Pilipili Social Sciences Colloquium. University of Hawai‘i, Mānoa.

2024

“The Cultural Memory of Mōkaulele.” Presenter, ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai‘i. Hilo, Hawai‘i.

“Kū‘auhau: Indigenous Intellectual Sovereignty for Indigenous Futurities.” Presenter, University of Washington. Seattle, Washington.

“Kama ‘ia ma Hawai‘i: Articulations of Kanaka Desire Through Time.” Presenter, Kū Ānuenue. Hilo, Hawai‘i.

2023

“Waiwai ka ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i Panel Discussion.” Panelist, OHA Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Hilo, Hawai‘i.

“Kūkā a Kīkī: Ea Through Kuana‘ike Māhū.” Panelist. Honolulu, Hawai‘i.

“Hawaiian Language Revitalization in Context.” Presenter, University of Washington. Seattle, Washington.

“Mo‘olelo: ke kīpaipai e kūkulu ai ka hale kanaka.” Panelist, Brown Bag Biography. Honolulu, Hawai‘i.

2022

“‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i Curriculum and Books.” Children’s Literature Hawai‘i Conference. University of Hawai‘i at Hilo. Hilo, Hawai‘i.

2021

“Welo Noho Papa: The Development of Contemporary Mo‘olelo Hawai‘i Children’s Literature from 1980-Present.” Children’s Literature Hawai‘i Conference. University of Hawai‘i at Hilo. Hilo, Hawai‘i.

“Ulukau and Hua Maka,” He ‘Ōlelo Ola Conference. University of Hawai‘i at Hilo. Hilo, Hawai‘i.

“Ola ka ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i: ‘O ka ho‘ōla a ho‘okuluma i ka ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i ma ka Limalau Kumuwaiwai Papahānaumokuākea,” Hanauma Bay Reserve Webinar Series.

“He Kahawai ke Mele: Mele as Cartography.” Kūkulu Research Workshops Series. University of Hawai‘i at Hilo. Hilo, Hawai‘i.

“Nā Puke Wehewehe ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i.” Kūkulu Research Workshops Series. University of Hawai‘i at Hilo. Hilo, Hawai‘i.

“He Mo‘okū‘auhau o ka Mo‘okalaleo Hawai‘i.” Kūkulu Research Workshops Series. University of Hawai‘i at Hilo. Hilo, Hawai‘i.

“He Aupuni Palapala Ko‘u: Nūpepa ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i Research.” Kūkulu Research Workshops Series. University of Hawai‘i at Hilo. Hilo, Hawai‘i.

“He au nui ke au iki: Āina Research.” Kūkulu Research Workshops Series. University of Hawai‘i at Hilo. Hilo, Hawai‘i.

“Kū‘auhau: he ‘ike ka ‘ike: Mo‘okū‘auhau Research.” Kūkulu Research Workshops Series. University of Hawai‘i at Hilo. Hilo, Hawai‘i.

2017

“Hawaiian Language Normalization,” He ‘Ōlelo Ola Conference. University of Hawai‘i at Hilo. Hilo, Hawai‘i.

2014

“4 Pillars of Native Hawaiian Student Leadership.” Native Hawaiian Education Association Conference. University of Hawai‘i at West O‘ahu. Honolulu, Hawai‘i.

COURSES TAUGHT

Administration of Justice

AJ 361, Advocacy And Criminal Justice

Hawaiian Studies

HWST 111, Hawaiian ‘Ohana

KHWS 463, Introduction to Hawaiian Literature

KHWS 465, Traditional Oratory

KHWS 494, Mo‘olelo ‘Āina
KHWS 496, Hawaiian Studies Seminar

Hawaiian Language

KHAW 104, Elementary First Year Hawaiian
KHAW 133, First Level Hawaiian For Speakers
KHAW 203, Intermediate Second Year Hawaiian
KHAW 204, Intermediate Second Year Hawaiian
KHAW 208, Accelerated Intermediate Second Year Hawaiian
KHAW 233, Second Level Hawaiian For Speakers
KHAW 303, Intermediate Third Year Hawaiian
KHAW 304, Intermediate Third Year Hawaiian
KHAW 490, Base-level Fluency Hawaiian Medium Education
KHAW 494, ‘Ōlelo Ola

Interdisciplinary Studies

IS 194, Special Topic: Academic Success Through Ka‘ao Hawai‘i

University

UNIV 101, Paths to Academic/Lifelong Success

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2023

He Ala Kū Ola Project, ‘Aha Kāne, Researcher.

2020

“Koholālele.” Hale Ulana.

“No Nā Hau o Mā‘ihi.” Hale Ulana.

“Ka Mo‘olelo o Hanakahi, ke Kaulana ‘Āina Kaulana o Hilo.” Hale Ulana.

2016

Ho‘okawowo, Hawaiian Language Capacity Building Pilot Project. University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

2013

“Ke Ka‘ao Ho‘oniua Pu‘uwai no Kamiki.” Hawaiian Language Newspaper Project, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

EXHIBIT DESIGN PROJECTS

Forthcoming

Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Exhibit. EDX Seattle.

HAWAIIAN TRANSLATION PROJECTS

2025

“Hawai‘i Triennial 2025.” Hawai‘i Contemporary.

2022

“He Kino Hou o ka Waihona Puke Uila Hawai‘i ‘o ka Ulukau.” *Ka Wai Ola*, Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

“Hō‘ulu‘ulu Mana‘o.” *Hawaiian Forest Bird Conservation Strategies for Minimizing the Risk of Extinction: Biological and Biocultural Considerations*.

Hawai‘i Cooperative Studies Unit, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

“DEM Tsunami Flyer.” JN Productions.

2021

“Hawaiian Education.” *Ke Kūlia e Kāmau ai*. Hale Kuamo‘o, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

“Nahele Koa.” Exhibit. ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai‘i, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

“A Hua He Inoa.” Exhibit. ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai‘i, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

“Nā ‘Ohana Hōkū ‘Ehā.” Exhibit. ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai‘i, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

“Hurricanes in Hawai‘i.” JN Productions.

“Ironman 2022.” Ironman Hawai‘i.

2020

He Lā Le‘ale‘a ma ke Kahua Hō‘ike‘ike Holoholona. Linguacious LLC.

“Nā Hō‘ailona Kaupale Ma‘i COVID-19.” Ka Haka ‘Ula o Ke‘elikōlani, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

Kā Dylan Makana Lā Hānau. Linguacious LLC.

“‘Āko‘ako‘a.” Conservation International.

“Laupa‘i A‘e ko Ulukau ‘Ohina Inoa ‘Āina.” *Ka Wai Ola*, Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

2017

“5 Ke‘ehina Ho‘opalekana.” *Rapid ‘Ōhi‘a Death*. www.rapidohiadeath.org.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

2016-2018

Hawaiian Lexicon Committee, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

2016-2023

Nāwahīokalani‘ōpu‘u Language Competency Evaluation Committee, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

2015-2023

Hawaiian Language Proficiency Exam Committee, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

EDITING PROJECTS

2022

E Mahi i ka ‘Āina. Hale Kuamo‘o, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

He ‘Onipa‘a, He Kūpa‘a Mau. Hale Kuamo‘o, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

Lapa‘au ke Kauka a Ola ke Kanaka. Hale Kuamo‘o, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

He Kumu, He Aloha i ka ‘Imi Na‘auao. Hale Kuamo‘o, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

Maha ka Na‘au i ke A‘oa‘o. Hale Kuamo‘o, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

Ō ka ‘Āina i ka Ikehu Mauō. Hale Kuamo‘o, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

Hua ka Hana a nā Mō‘ī Hawai‘i. Hale Kuamo‘o, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

No ka ‘Oihana Ha‘ilono: Nā Mamo ‘Onipa‘a o ke Kuana‘ike Hawai‘i. Hale Kuamo‘o, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

No ka ‘Oihana Ho‘onanea: Nā Mamo ‘Onipa‘a o nā Kula Kaiapuni. Hale Kuamo‘o, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

No ka ‘Oihana Ho‘omaluō: Nā Mamo ‘Onipa‘a i ke Aloha ‘Āina. Hale Kuamo‘o, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

2021

Ke Kūlia e Kāmau ai: He Hō‘ili‘ilina Holomua ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i. Hale Kuamo‘o, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

2019

Ke Ka‘ao no Kamiki. Hale Kuamo‘o, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

2018-2022

Nā Maka o Kana. Ka Haka ‘Ula o Ke‘elikōlani, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

COPYEDITING PROJECTS

2022

No ke Kuene Mokulele. Hale Kuamo‘o, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

No ke Kanaka Hulikoehana. Hale Kuamo‘o, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

No ka Loio. Hale Kuamo‘o, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

No ke Kuleana. Hale Kuamo‘o, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

He ‘Onipa‘a i ka Meheu: He Puke ‘Ike Kahua Pilikanaka. Hale Kuamo‘o, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

2021

Ke Kūlia e Kāmau ai: He Hō‘ili‘ilina Holomua ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i. Hale Kuamo‘o, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

2019

Ke Ka‘ao no Kamiki. Hale Kuamo‘o, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

2018-2022

Nā Maka o Kana. Ka Haka ‘Ula o Ke‘elikōlani, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS

2021

“‘Ōlelo Ho‘olauna.” *Ke Kūlia e Kāmau ai.* Hale Kuamo‘o, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

“Mokuola Honua.” *Ke Kūlia e Kāmau ai.* Hale Kuamo‘o, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

2017

Shott, Brian. “Forty Acres And A Carabao: T. Thomas Fortune, Newspapers, And The Pacific’s Unstable Color Lines,” Cambridge University Press. *Home Rula Repubalika*, Sept. 2, 1901, Translation; and *Ke Aloha Aina*, Dec. 27, 1902, Translation.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2025-Present Association for Political Theory
2024-Present American Studies Association
2023-Present Indigenous Literary Studies Association
2023-Present Modern Languages Association
2022-Present Native American and Indigenous Studies Association
2022-Present Japanese Chamber of Commerce
2015-2022 Hanakahi Council
2015-2017 National Association of Student Affairs Professionals and Administrators in
Higher Education (NASPA)
2015-2022 University of Hawai‘i Professional Assembly (UHPA)
2011-Present
Ko‘olauloa Hawaiian Civic Club
Kahana Community Association

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2021-2023 Executive Member of the Hanakahi Council
2019-present UH Hilo Marketing and Social Media Advisory Group

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

2022 Ho‘āla ‘Āina Kūpono
I serve as a board member to fulfill the mission through advocacy, community-
based economic development projects, and cultural and sustainability education in
my experience in education, curriculum design, and ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2016
IUCN Hawai‘i
2016 NASPA Annual Conference

2015 56th Annual Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs Convention

2014
55th Annual Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs Convention
4th Annual International Conference on Language Documentation and
Conservation (ICLDC)
15th Annual Native Hawaiian Education Association Conference

HONORS & AWARDS

2025

Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Best Graduate Paper Essay Contest Award, “He Mo‘olelo mai nā Kupuna: Ancestral Lessons of Liberation in J. W. H. I. Kihe’s “Kaao Hooniua Puuwai no Ka-Miki,” University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.

2024

Hawai‘i Pacific Foundation Doctoral Research Award, Hawai‘i Pacific Foundation, Fellow

Pacific Islands Report Fellowship, Pacific Islands Development Program, Fellow

Department of Political Science Achievement Scholarship, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

2023

Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship

Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Best Graduate Paper Essay Contest Award, “Mele Malama: A Socio-Historical Political Analysis of Early 20th Century Climate Chants as Kanaka Maoli Literary Resurgence in the “Ke Kaao Hooniua Puuwai no Ka-Miki” literature in the *Ka Hoku o Hawaii* newspaper from 1914-1917,” University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.

Partners for Democracy Cohort 2 Fellow 2023-2024, Pacific Resource Partnership

Māhuahua Ka Lae Research Fellow 2023-2024, Kamehameha Schools, KS Kaiāulu, Kalaeloa Cohort

Summer Institute for Global Indigeneities, 2023 Fellow

Department of Political Science Achievement Scholarship, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES

2023

Research Consultant, Hālau Kala‘akekauikawēkiu, 60th Annual Merrie Monarch Festival, “He Lei no Kamiki me Maka‘iole”

2017

5th Annual Kumukahi ‘Ukulele & Hula Festival, Hawaiian Language Judge.
2nd Annual ‘Aha Aloha ‘Ōlelo “A Hiki I Ke Aloha ‘Āina Hope Loa,” Hawaiian Language Judge

CERTIFICATIONS

11/2016 Safe Zone LGBTQ Trained

REFERENCES

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Division of Academic Affairs
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Craig Howes, Ph.D
Department of English and Center for Biographical Research, UHM
Division of Academic Affairs
2500 Campus Road, Honolulu, HI, 96822
Occupation: Professor of English and Director for the Center for Biographical Research
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