

## **Hawaiian History month, September 2021**

### **WEEK TWO**

The focus for this week will be the remarkable collective work being done within the larger community through the recent publication of *The Value of Hawai'i 3—Hulihia, the Turning*. It has also become for the greater public. Because it covers a wide range of pressing and important environmental, and social justice issues affecting all who live in Hawai'i and call this remarkable place home, it has become an open source reference and important resource freely available to those interested in learning about and in determining Hawai'i's priorities. The timeliness and range of this remarkable collection of essays (65 in all), remind us of the powerful agency possessed by We, the people—Hawai'i Kākou.

To obtain a free downloadable copy of *The Value of Hawai'i 3—Hulihia, The Turning*, go to <https://scholarspace.manoa.hawaii.edu/handle/10125/70171>

#### **Resources and Values—Turning to Our Strengths WEDNESDAY, SEPT 8th, 10:00 am HST**

Responding to this time of Hulihia, the turning over of all things, this panel of community builders—Kamana Beamer, Kehau Abad, Keani Rawlins-Fernandez, and Aiko Yamashiro—will discuss where the threats we face to our health, safety, and sense of right action, or pono, might lead us during these most difficult times. Ikaika Hussey will moderate, challenging the group with the following question: Pehea lā ke kanaka i 'apo 'ia ai e ka 'āina? How are we Kānaka perceived by the 'āina (land)? Might we arrive at novel and productive insights if indeed we ask how we might be viewed by the most sentient being of all--papa honua, or mother earth? How can we respond to her, through the work that we do on a daily basis, and turn her strengths and our own into the resources needed to let the values of care for the land and one another flourish?

#### **Community Building —Turning Toward Each Other FRIDAY, SEPT 10th, 6:00 pm. HST**

Also responding to the challenge of Hulihia, of the turning up of things, this panel of members from various faith communities and traditions--Jon Osorio, David Turner, and Dawn Morais—will take a deeper dive into the question of what it means to turn toward each other, in these times that call for agency and change. Maya Soetoro-Ng will be this panel's moderator.

Many churches and faith communities are seeking leadership and support to help navigate this painful time of apparent chaos. A key question for this panel to address will be “What will it take to begin again now, in ways that open futures rather than continue to foreclose them?”