

Mālama Honua, Aloha 'Āina



Photo by Sam Low

a presentation by Hōkūleʻa navigator Kaleomanuiwa Wong

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Kapiʻolani Community College, 'Ōhiʻa 118

Hōkūleʻa is deeply rooted in aloha 'āina and to talk about her is to talk about aloha 'āina. The presentation will begin with an introduction to Hōkūleʻa, her origins and the impacts she has had on Hawaiʻi, the Pacific, and the world throughout her history. The talk will then travel to the ongoing Mālama Honua Worldwide Voyage and provide an update of where she is now and plans for the remaining two years. Special attention will be made to the most recent voyage, the historic transatlantic voyage from Cape Town, South Africa to Natal, Brazil which Kaleo was the Navigator for.



Kaleomanuiwa Wong is an alumni of KCC where he obtained an AA in liberal studies. He then attended UH Mānoa and received a bachelor's degree in Hawaiian Studies and Hawaiian Language and is close to finishing his MA in Hawaiian Language from UH Mānoa.

He currently works for the Kailua based 501(c)3 Hikaʻalani where his primary duty is to work with the community to restore Kawainui, Kūkanono, and Ulupō to a food producing area that will once again sustain our Kailua community culturally, spiritually, intellectually, and nutritionally. A member of the Polynesian Voyaging Society since 1998, he is a student of Pwo Navigator Bruce Blankenfeld on both Hōkūleʻa and Hikianalia as a crew member, a captain, and a navigator, and serves as a member of the Cultural Engagement Committee.

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