Aloha ʻĀina: Kahoʻolawe and the Hawaiian Renaissance

Join us for a panel discussion on the movement to stop the bombing of Kahoʻolawe and return the island to the people of Hawai‘i. This panel will explore the early days of the Hawaiian renaissance and the impact of Kahoʻolawe on current struggles to aloha ʻāina and protect the natural and cultural resources of Hawai‘i.

Tuesday, February 12, 2019 • 5:15-6:15pm • Classroom 3
William S. Richardson School of Law

Refreshments will be served. RSVP to: https://goo.gl/forms/9znYVq7n8l8bNFSWT2

John D. Waiheʻe III, a 1976 graduate of the Law School, served as Hawai‘i’s governor from 1986 to 1994. He was one of the attorneys who represented those charged by the U.S. with trespassing on Kahoʻolawe in 1976. As a delegate to the 1978 ConCon, he was instrumental in the creation of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), the adoption of ʻŌlelo Hawai‘i as an official language of the State, and the protection of traditional and customary Hawaiian practices. During his time as governor, the island of Kahoʻolawe was returned to the State of Hawai‘i.

Dr. Noa Emmett Aluli is a founding member of the Protect Kahoʻolawe ʻOhana. In 1976, Dr. Aluli led a group of Native Hawaiians in occupying Kahoʻolawe to protest the bombing by the U.S. and recognize Kahoʻolawe as a symbol of the Hawaiian renaissance. Dr. Aluli was appointed to the congressionally created Kahoʻolawe Island Conveyance Commission in 1990 to set the conditions for the return of the island to the State and, in 1993, became the first chair of the the State’s Kahoʻolawe Island Reserve Commission. Dr. Aluli graduated in the class of 1975 from the John A. Burns School of Medicine and practices family medicine on Moloka‘i.

Jocelyn M. Doane is a 2007 graduate of the Law School, was one of the first to receive a certificate specializing in Native Hawaiian Law, and was a Post-JD Legal Fellow with Ka Huli Ao. She was a leader of a group of law students and graduates who called for action to stop the State’s attempts to alienate public trust lands—the Crown and Government lands of the Hawaiian Kingdom. Jocelyn is currently the Public Policy Manager at OHA where she plays a crucial role by directing the agency’s policy, legislative, lobbying, and legal advocacy efforts—all of which are designed to fulfill OHA’s fundamental mission of improving the lives of Native Hawaiians.

Moderated by Prof. Melody Kapilialoha MacKenzie