Hawai’i 78: Where We Went and Where We Go From Here

Talk #1: ‘ĀINA

As we consider the upcoming 2018 vote for a constitutional convention, John Waiheʻe III will open a series of critical dialogues on the impacts of Hawaiʻi’s 1978 Constitutional Convention (ConCon), bringing together delegates, scholars and community leaders. The first discussion on ‘Āina will focus on how the ConCon continues to affect the governance of land, water and other natural resources.

Moderated by Hawai‘inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge Interim Dean Jonathan K.K. Osorio

Former Governor John D. Waiheʻe III ‘76

Governor Waiheʻe served as the fourth governor of Hawaiʻi, from 1986 to 1994, and also served in the State House of Representatives and as Lieutenant Governor. He began his political career as a delegate to the 1978 ConCon, where he was instrumental in the adoption of ‘Ōlelo Hawaiʻi as an official state language and creation of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Walter Ritte Jr.

Walter Ritte is a Native Hawaiian activist, practitioner, homesteader and educator from Molokaʻi who embodies Aloha ‘Āina. He was an integral part of the 1978 ConCon and has been on the front line of several movements to protect land and water, including Kahoʻolawe, Mauna Kea and Mālama Hāloa.

Professor Malia Akutagawa ‘97

Malia is an Assistant Professor with a joint appointment in the Richardson School of Law and the Hawai‘inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge. Her current work focuses on state and federal laws protecting iwi kūpuna (ancestral burials), preserving cultural and historic sites, and engaging Native communities and stakeholders in consultation on these matters.

Professor Kamanamaikalani Beamer, Ph.D.

Kamana is an Associate Professor with a joint appointment in the Hawai‘inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge and the Richardson School of Law. His research concentrates on governance, land tenure, and Hawaiian resource management. Kamana is currently serving his second term on the State Commission on Water Resource Management.

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