True Sovereignty?
The Akaka Bill and Its Implications

Thursday, September 3, 2009  12:45 - 1:55pm

Maoli Thursday is lunchtime forum and speaker series held every first Thursday of the month.

Dr. Lynette Cruz is from Pālolo, O'ahu, has her Ph.D. in Anthropology and teaches at Hawai'i Pacific University. Dr. Cruz is a recognized Hawaiian activist with years of community organizing. She has been affiliated with several grassroots organizations including the Ahupua‘a Action Alliance, the Living Nation, and of the Hawaiian Independence Action Alliance (HIAA). She also serves as President of Ka Lei Maile Ali‘i Hawaiian Civic Club. Dr. Cruz, with HIAA, organized a march on August 21, 2009, in support of Hawaiian independence and in opposition to the commemoration of 50 years of statehood and the related conference at the Hawai'i Convention Center.

Ms. Robin Danner was born on the island of Kaua‘i where she also resides in a Hawaiian homestead community in Anahola. Ms. Danner is the founder, president and CEO of the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement where she oversees corporate programming, including the Policy Center, Community Capacity Building, and the Hawaiian Way Fund supporting Hawaiian culture and knowledge. Ms. Danner’s background in public administration, business, corporate finance & lending, and working with Native peoples demonstrates her commitment to advancing the self determination and self-sufficiency of all Native peoples.

Ms. Esther Kiaʻāina received a B.A. in Political Science & International Relations from USC and a J.D. from George Washington University Law School. Ms. Kiaʻāina spent 21 years in Washington, D.C., where she served in a variety of public policy positions, including Chief of Staff to Congressman Ed Case and Legislative Assistant to Senator Daniel Akaka. Ms. Kiaʻāina worked closely with Senator Akaka on passage of the 1993 Apology Resolution. Ms. Kiaʻāina is known for her effective advocacy of U.S. policy towards Native Hawaiians and other indigenous peoples. Currently, Ms. Kiaʻāina is a Land Asset Manager for Kamehameha Schools.

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Refreshments served
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