Aloha ‘Āina, Aloha Kānaka: Protecting Cultural Sites for the Well-Being of Native Hawaiian Communities

Professor Linda Krieger graduated from the New York University School of Law in 1978 and then practiced as a civil rights lawyer in San Francisco for 13 years. She taught at Stanford Law School and the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law. She returned home to Hawai‘i in 2007 and serves as the Director of the Ulu Lehua Scholars Program. Her research focuses on subjects at the intersection of law and social science, equality law and policy, and theories of law and social change.

Kealoha Pisciotta is a traditional cultural and religious practitioner who worked for the observatories as a telescope system specialist for more than 12 years. She has advocated for greater protections of Mauna Kea for more than a decade. She has delivered interventions and submissions before the United Nations Human Rights Commission, the Economic and Social Council’s Working Group and the Unrepresented Nationals and Peoples Organization, on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples at the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

Dr. Maile Tauailii is the first Native Hawaiian Assistant Professor at the Office of Public Health Studies at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. Dr. Tauailii is also the Chair of the newly established Native Hawaiian and Indigenous Health Masters in Public Health program, and the Director of the Native Hawaiian Epidemiology Center. Prior to returning home to Hawai‘i, Dr. Tauailii developed the Urban Indian Health Institute, a Tribal epidemiology center under the Seattle Indian Health Board.

* Moderated by Shaelene Kamaka‘ala -- 3L at William S. Richardson School of Law. She analyzed expert witness evidentiary issues within the Thirty Meter Telescope contested case for her second-year seminar scholarly legal article.

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