### Special Alumni Series!

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| 9/6  | Pua’ala Pascua, Coordinator, Ahupua’a Accelerator Initiative, Hawai’i Conservation Alliance Foundation  
NREM M.S. Alumni Class of 2015  
Community and Culturally-centered Pathways in Natural Resource and Environmental Management  
[Link to recording](#) |
| 9/13 | Clay Trauernicht, Extension Specialist in Ecosystems and Fire in NREM  
Fire and the History and Future of Land Care in Hawai’i  
[Link to recording](#) |
| 9/20 | Mehana Vaughn, Associate Professor in NREM, UHM MEd Alumni Class of 2003  
‘Āina ho‘i: Case studies in land returns  
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| 9/27 | Gwen Sisior, Ocean Advisor, Permanent Mission of Palau to the United Nations  
NREM M.S. Alumni Class of 2010  
Small Island Developing States (SIDS): Environment at the National, Regional & International Levels  
[Link to recording](#) |
| 10/4 | Derek Risch, NREM Spatial Planner, NREM B.S. Class of 2017; NREM M.S. Class of 2019  
Wild Ungulates in Hawai’i: Distribution & Abundance  
[Link to recording](#) |
| 10/11 | Luka Zavas, Outreach Manager for Birds Not Mosquitoes, American Bird Conservancy  
NREM B.S. Class of 2017; NREM M.E.M. Class of 2021  
Hawaiian Forest Birds on the Brink: Wolbachia to the Rescue?  
[Link to recording](#) |
| 10/18 | Emily Cadiz, Community Programs Director - Hui Maka‘āinana o Makana, Limahuli Gardens, Na Maka Onaona  
NREM M.S. Alumni Class of 2017  
From NREM to Hā‘ena (Kaua‘i): Life in Community-based Natural Resource Management  
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| 10/25 | Noelani Puniwai, Associate Professor Kamakakūokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies  
NREM PhD Alumni, Class of 2015  
‘Oiwi Stories; Climate change, management, and re-story-ation  
[Link to recording](#) |
| 11/1  | Stacey Torigoe, Ecologist, Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park  
NREM M.S. Plan B Alumni Class of 2018  
Invasive Species Management at Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park  
[Link to recording](#) |
| 11/8  | Michael J. Walker, Hawai‘i Division of Forestry and Wildlife  
The Futures of Wildfires in Hawai‘i, and the Role of the Hawai‘i Division of Forestry and Wildlife  
[Link to recording](#) |
| 11/15 | Don Drake, Interim Director, Lyon Arboretum  
UHM Botany PhD Alumni, Class of 1993  
Research and education opportunities at Lyon Arboretum  
[Link to recording](#) |
| 11/22 | Hi’ilei K. Casco, Law Clerk for Chief Judge Lisa M. Ginoza of the Hawai‘i Intermediate Court of Appeals  
NREM M.E.M. Alumni Class of 2020  
Exploring ‘āina advocacy: A student’s path bridging pono science, policy, and law  
[Link to recording](#) |
| 11/29 | Gina McGuire, UHM PhD Geography alumni c/o 2023  
[Link to recording](#) |
Mo’olelo & Caring for Coast
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**To celebrate our alumni and connect with other attendees, please join us for pau hana after seminar each week!**

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