



*The Department of Philosophy Colloquium  
Series For Indigenous Philosophy Presents*

# **Ka 'Āina, ke Kapu a me ke Kanaka: The Social-Natural Metabolism in the 'Ōiwi Mind**

Kānaka Maoli are disproportionately affected by attacks on 'āina in that it directly affects our means of production (especially of subsistence and housing), the onslaught on 'āina is inevitably an attack on Kānaka Maoli. With this identification of kānaka and 'āina, Kanaka Maoli responses to these issues are largely founded on a language of identity. Is this identification, however, consistent with 'Ōiwi thought? In this presentation I will argue categorically "no." I will demonstrate that 'Ōiwi thought is founded on non-identity: the emergence of kānaka from nature is conceived primarily as a constitutional estrangement and alienation in the 'Ōiwi mind.



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