



# INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL STUDIES GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

## Fall 2019 Faculty Speaker Series

### **A Special Interdisciplinary Conversation on Mauna Kea**

by

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Aurora Kagawa-Viviani

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Noelani Goodyear-Ka'ōpua is Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Her research centers on Indigenous and Native Hawaiian politics, with an emphasis on culture-based education, social movements, Indigenous resurgence, and Indigenous futures. She is a prolific writer concerning issues of Hawaiian sovereignty movement and Native Hawaiian education initiatives. In addition to her publications and research, she is an award-winning teacher at UH Mānoa and a dedicated volunteer in the Hawaiian community.



Kahikina de Silva is an Instructor of Hawaiian language under Kawaihuelani. She focuses her teaching on comprehension of and creativity in various forms of Hawaiian composition and performance. She is commencing research and theorization of mele in the politics of struggle and seeking a doctorate in the Indigenous Politics program at UH Mānoa.

Kawēlau Wright is instructional faculty at the Kamakakūokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies and a PhD student in Geography at UH Mānoa. She specializes in Hawaiian land tenure and law changes during the post-overthrow period.



Aurora Kagawa-Viviani is a PhD candidate in the Department of Geography and Environment who studies climate, plants, and water. As kanaka o'iwi trained in engineering and sciences, she views this movement for Mauna Kea as an opportunity to discuss the legacy of how research and STEM enterprises at UH Manoa have failed to meet the concerns of the Hawaiian community, and on the flipside, a chance to transform this relationship and the dominant (often assumed "acultural") norms of institutions of science and research.

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