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You are invited to the following Candidate Talk for the Indigenous Cluster Hire.

Monday, May 17, 2021 3:00 p.m. – 4:30pm Via Zoom – Registration link is below.

Title: Exploring Ola on a Rocky Coastscape, Hawaiian Healing Practice as Lens

Gina McGuire

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Bio: Gina McGuire is a kupa 'ai au (Native Hawaiian) researcher and cultural practitioner from Puna, Hawai'i Island. She is currently an ethnographer and geospatial analyst for Keala Pono Archaeological Consulting and the Biocultural Initiative of the Pacific as a Pacific Islands Climate Adaptation Science Center fellow. Her work includes map-making and composing of Cultural Impact Assessments



with communities and modelling of the potentials for Indigenous agroforestry restoration across Hawaii. Her doctoral research focuses on applying a traditional Hawaiian healing approach to understand coastal ecology in Hawai'i, foundationally acknowledging the reciprocal relationships of the local and Indigenous peoples to their coastscape and the ongoing negotiations of health and wellbeing from a biocultural approach. Her work on Kuaihelani (Midway Atoll) grounded her in a commitment to bring a critical lens to traditional understandings of landscape ecology and land planning. She is a student of Hawaiian medicinal practice, Lā'au Lapa'au, and an active participant in the revival work of traditional healing with the 'Ēwekea Pi'i Mo'o project. With master's degrees from University of Hawai'i Hilo in Tropical Conservation Biology & Environmental Science and Lancaster University in Creative Writing, she thrives when she can bring her passions for story-telling, particularly Indigenous peoples and places, together with narratives of environmental change and ethno-ecological knowledge. Gina is passionate about working with Indigenous communities, inspired largely from her time with the diverse American Indian community at Stanford University and previous work with members of the Noonuccal Nation in Queensland, Australia.

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