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'AHA BEGINS ON MONDAY

Scholar Presentations Televised

HONOLULU – The scholar presentations during the first week of the 'aha will be televised on Ōlelo Community Media and streamed live on olelo.org, said organizers of the event that will discuss Native Hawaiian self-governance.

“We support and look forward to the participants, who are from varied backgrounds and with a wide range of beliefs, coming together to discuss and find common ground on manners in which to advance self-governance,” said Kuhio Asam, president of Na'i Aupuni. “This is really an historic event and the scholar presentations will provide a strong overview of the many issues for discussion.”

“In order to foster a good dialogue, at this time the 'aha discussions are not open to the public or the media*. However, these televised presentations will provide a good understanding of the complexity of the issues,” Asam added. “Ultimately, the participants will determine their own parameters for sharing the content of the discussions with the public and the media.”

The schedule and speakers for the televised presentations are as follows:

Monday, February 1, 2016

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Introductions

Agenda Recap

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

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Presentation #1:

Constitution Building:

Process and Contents

Zachary Elkins

1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Presentation #2:

Federal Indian Law

Federal Recognition

Rebecca Tsosie

9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 3, 2016

Presentation #3:

International Law: De-occupation, Decolonization,

Indigenous Rights

Catherine J. Iorns Magallanes

12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Thursday, February 4, 2016

Presentation #4:

U.S. Constitutional

Issues & Ceded

Lands

Melody Kapilialoha MacKenzie

9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, February 5, 2016

Presentation #5:

Kingdom Law

Davianna McGregor

12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

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The Na'i Aupuni Board of Directors decided that the 'aha will convene for four weeks in February and will involve more than 150 participants from Hawaii, the continental U.S. and other countries. The 'aha is being held at the Royal Hawaiian Golf Course meeting rooms in Maunawili.

Peter Adler, Linda Colburn and Ku'umeaaloha Gomes of The Mediation Center of the Pacific will serve as facilitators to foster discussions and to assist the participants in organizing themselves.

Information on the presenters, as well as readings for participants on the discussion subjects, can be found on the Na'i Aupuni website: naiaupuni.org.

(*Limited media access to the grounds is available. Please contact Lloyd Yonenaka.)

About Na'i Aupuni

Na'i Aupuni is an independent organization made up of a volunteer board of directors from the Hawaiian community. It exists solely to help establish a path to an 'aha, where Hawaiians can discuss and explore various options of self-determination. Na'i Aupuni was formed in December 2014 and is separate and independent from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the State of Hawaii. Further information about Na'i Aupuni and the 'aha can be found at <http://www.naiaupuni.org/>.

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