The Effects of U.S. Occupation and Acculturation on the Health and Well-Being of Kānaka Maoli

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Dr. Keawe‘aimoku Kaholokula will discuss how the health and well-being of Kānaka Maoli are strongly impacted by their social status rather than genetic factors and personal choice.

Dr. Keawe‘aimoku Kaholokula is currently the Chair for the Department of Native Hawaiian Health and Deputy Director for the Center for Native and Pacific Health Disparities Research in John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. He is the Principal Investigator of a National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities funded community-based participatory research (CBPR) project called, the PILI ‘Ohana Project: Partnerships to Overcome Obesity Disparities in Hawai‘i. His research interests include 1) the effects of biological, psychological, and socio-cultural factors (and their interplay) on the etiology and management of chronic illnesses among Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders; 2) the role of acculturative stress and ethnic discrimination on Native Hawaiian health; and 3) designing and testing culturally-informed and community-based health promoting interventions for Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders, using CBPR approaches. He has authored many scientific publications related to obesity, diabetes, hypertension, and tobacco use in Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islander populations.

The public is invited to attend.

Refreshments will be served. Please bring your own cup, plate/bowl and utensil.
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