

# Dr. Renee Pualani Louis

Kanaka 'Ōiwi from the Island of Hawai'i



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Mondavi Center's

Jackson Hall

(Rm 114)

10:30-12:00

## Mauna Kea: Protecting the Sacred.

### A Kanaka Hawai'i Cartographic Perspective

*The facts that led to the standoff, the current situation,  
and future possibilities*

Dr. Renee Paulani Louis is passionate about storied place names and their role in Hawai'i cartographic expressions, increasing awareness of Indigenous perspectives of science, and promoting Indigenous research sovereignty. She has been working in all these areas since receiving her degree from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Geography Department in 2008. Her book, *Kanaka Hawai'i Cartography: Hula, Navigation, and Oratory* (2017) is a journey into the basics of Kanaka Hawai'i cartographic philosophy and knowledge. Dr. Paulani Louis volunteers with the State of Hawai'i Board on Geographic Names and is currently serving on the Permitted Interaction Group assigned to work with the Puna Community in naming Fissure 8, the newly formed and most prominent volcanic feature from the 2018 eruption. She is also currently completing a draft Guideline on Indigenous Research Sovereignty, a collaboration with Indigenous communities.

Co-Sponsors: the Department of Native American Studies, North Pacific Studies Research Group, the Environmental Justice Project of the John Muir Institute for the Environment, the Department of Asian American Studies, the Department of Chicana & Chicano Studies, the Geography Graduate Group, and the Davis Humanities Institute