

HAUMEA: Protecting our Divine Feminine

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Accelerating Empowerment of Indigenous Women
and Girls in the Americas
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Pouhana O Nā Wāhine

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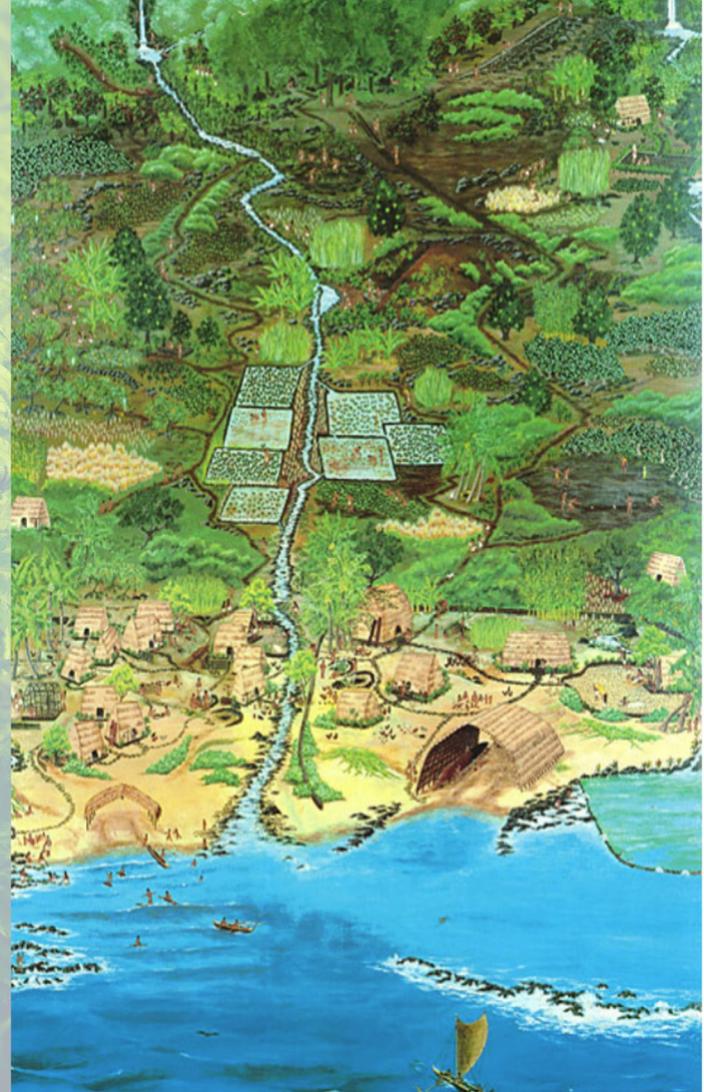
O NĀ WĀHINE
Pillars of Women



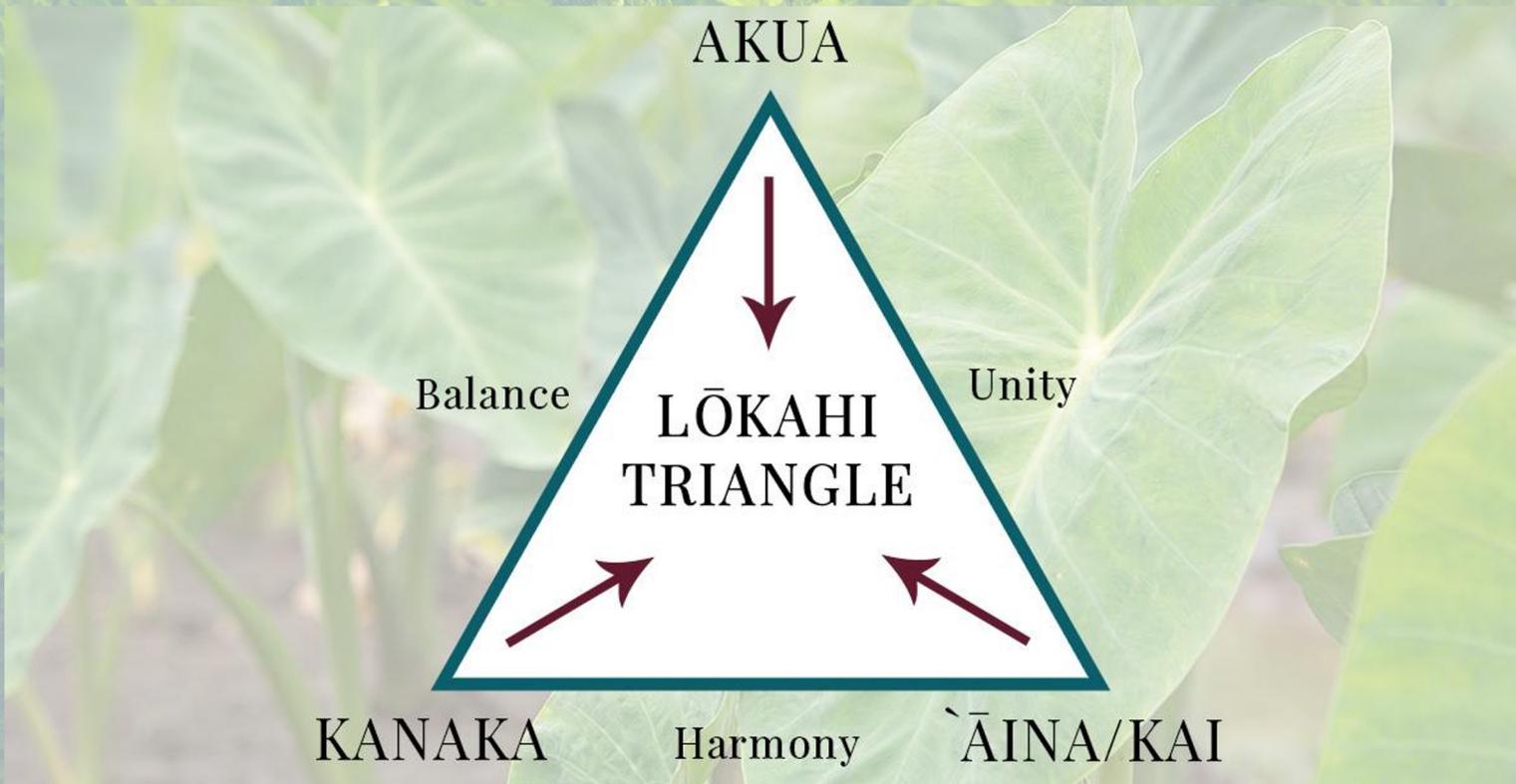
Haumea.
Ancient Hawai'i, Collin Anderson.

He Pilina Wehena'ole: The Unserverable Relationship

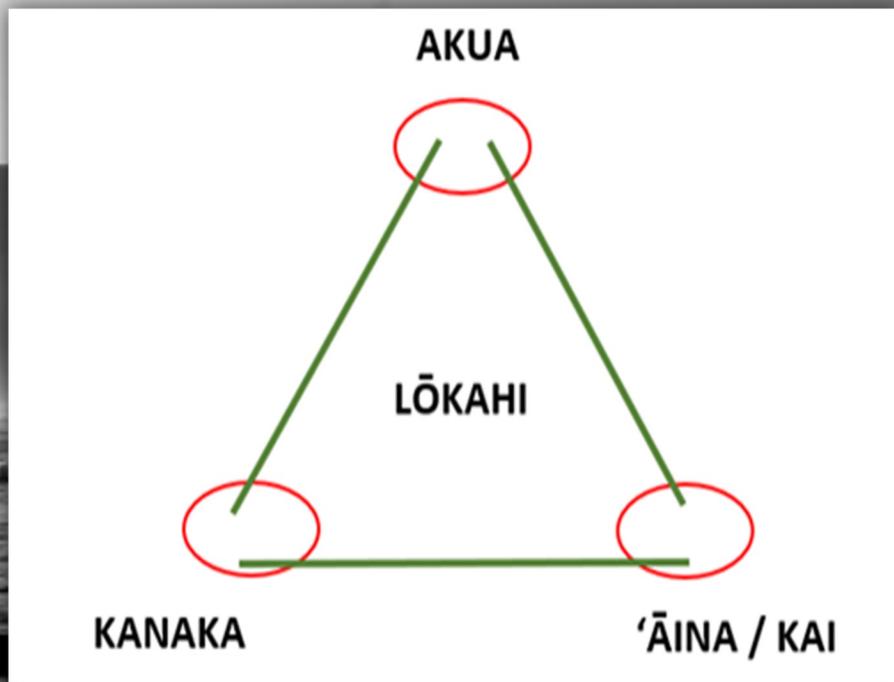
- Sacred is woman, as is land to life.
- Māhū & the power of duality.
- Interconnectedness of all forms of life.



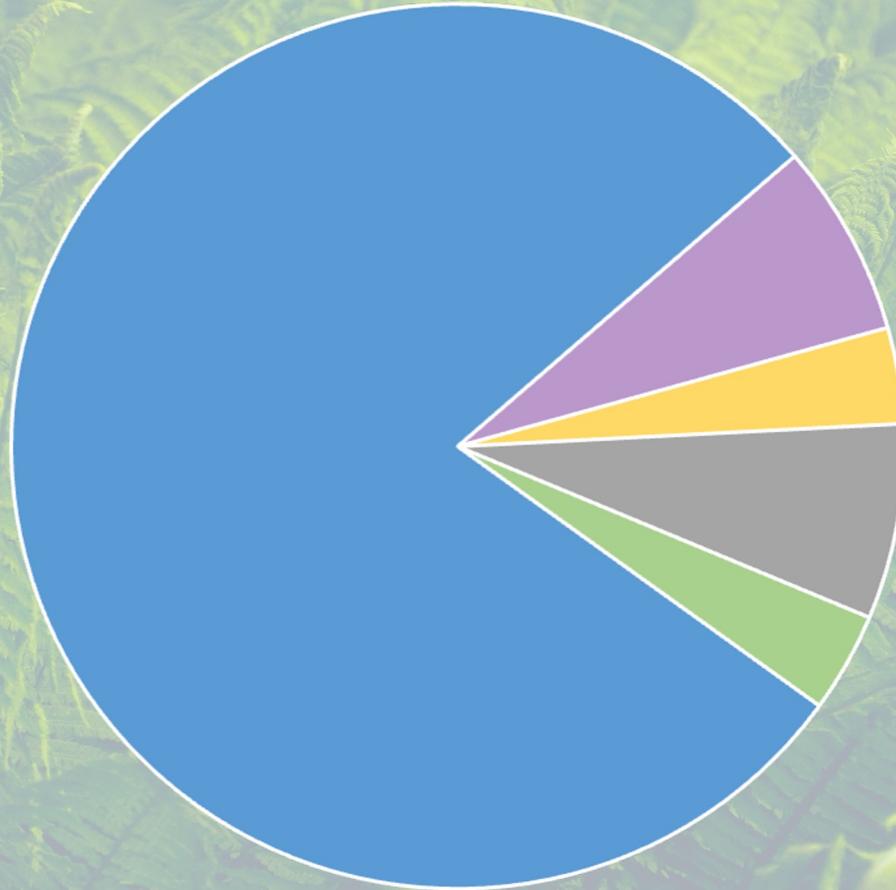
Ka Wā Mua:
The time before us (the past)



Colonization



Hawai'i NH pop. by sex and age as % of total pop.



(N= 1,455,271)
(US Census Bureau, 2021)

■ NH female 18+ ■ NH female <18 ■ NH male 18+ ■ NH male <18 ■ Non-NH

DV/ IPV against Kānaka ‘Ōiwi

- Native Hawaiian women and girls experience IPV across the lifespan at higher rates than non-Native Hawaiian women.*
- In 2019, 25% of contacts to the Domestic Violence Action Center Helpline were from Native Hawaiians.**
- 27% of all Helpline contacts requesting advocacy services were Native Hawaiian. Of these, 78% need housing services.**
- 22% of domestic violence survivors filing for a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) were Native Hawaiian.**
- Only 20% of Hawai‘i’s population is Native Hawaiian, indicating that Native Hawaiians are overrepresented in all reported data from the Domestic Violence Action Center’s Helpline.**

*OHA, 2018

**OHA et al, 2020

GBV against Kānaka ‘Ōiwi

- Average profile of a missing child in Hawai‘i is a 15-year old Native Hawaiian girl from O‘ahu (Cristobal, 2022).
- 64% of sex trafficking victims are Native Hawaiian (HSCSW, 2019).
- Native Hawaiian girls, grades 6-12, are more likely than Native Hawaiian boys and girls of all other races to be physically forced to have sex when they did not want to (YRBS, 2019).

GBV and Intersections with Displacement

- Domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women and children (NNEDV, 2022).
- Native Hawaiians are 50% of the homeless population on Hawai‘i Island, Kaua‘i, and Maui (PIT, 2023).
- In 2019, 22% of O‘ahu’s homeless Native Hawaiians report experiencing IPV compared to 18% for non-Hawaiians (HSCADV, 2019).
- 55% of Native Hawaiians live on the continent (U.S. Census, 2021).

The Root of the Problem & the Cost of Colonization

- Increase in long-term, non-resident remote workers and overseas investment property owners.
- Economic refugeeism:
 - More Native Hawaiians live on continent than in Hawai‘i (U.S. Census Bureau, 2021).
 - Highest cost of living Index in the nation (193.3), 2x the national average (WPR, 2023).
 - \$14 min wage. Living wage for family of four = \$35.41 (MIT, 2024).
 - Avg. family spends 40% of income on rent, higher than any other state (DBEDT, 2020).
 - Our lāhui are being run out our own ‘āina

Tourism, imperialism, cultural commodification, patriarchy, individualism, capitalism

- “Cultural prostitution” -Dr. Haunani Kay Trask (rest in power)
- Abuse of ‘āina = abuse of wāhine
- Keeping Kānaka‘Ōiwi home *practicing* genuine Kānaka ‘Ōiwi culture is the answer and is an ongoing struggle

Pouhana O Nā Wāhine's Kuleana (responsibility; privilege weighed with burden)

- MMNHWGM research
- Policy advocacy
- Training and Technical Assistance
- Community awareness/ education
- Papa 'Ōlelo/ Community Engagement Sessions:
 - 4 islands, 15 communities, >25 survivors, >30 direct services providers
- >50 community partners
- >350 community members directly reached

Solutions

Culturally responsive services/ providers

NH culturally grounded healing practices that include the whole 'ohana



Systems change to prioritize prevention over punitive measures

Safe and affordable housing

Abuser accountability/ culturally responsive prevention for kāne



Mahalo Nui Loa

(Thank you very much)

*“The world will turn to Hawai‘i as it searches for peace,
because Hawai‘i has the key and that key is ALOHA”*

-Aunty Pilahi Paki, 1986

- Nā Akua
- Nā ‘aumakua
- Nā ‘ohana
- Nā Kūpuna mai ka po mai a me ke ao
- Ke Kaiāulu
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