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Dear Friends,

We are pleased to invite you to join a virtual discussion with Laura Williams, a Ph.D. candidate from Kaua'i who used Senator Inouye's papers from the University of Hawaii's Congressional Papers Collection.

The discussion is titled "*Stories from Kaua'i: A Changing Agrarian Landscape*" and will be held on Friday, February 13th, at 3:00 pm via Zoom.

[Please click here to register prior to the event.](#)

Aloha,
Jennifer and Sara

STORIES FROM KAUA'I: A CHANGING AGRARIAN LANDSCAPE

AMENITY MIGRATION ACCELERATED TO PLACES LIKE KAUA'I, HAWAII DURING THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC. THE IMPACTS OF THIS MIGRATION AND THE MASSIVE LAND ACQUISITIONS BY BILLIONAIRES AND BILLIONAIRE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS IS A VISCERAL EXPERIENCE THAT CONTINUES TO EVOLVE. WHILE SCHOLARS HAVE ADDRESSED AMENITY MIGRATION AND BILLIONAIRE CONSERVATION, MUCH LESS ATTENTION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THESE SOCIETAL SHIFTS IN INDIGENOUS AND POST-PLANATION LANDSCAPES. IN THIS RESEARCH, I PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO GROUNDED, EVERYDAY MATERIAL REALITIES AS WELL AS THE MULTI-SCALAR AND MULTI-TEMPORAL ASPECTS THAT HAVE LED TO THIS PARTICULAR MOMENT IN TIME AND WHAT THE IMPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026

3PM

JOIN VIRTUALLY

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Laura Williams

Laura Williams is a PhD candidate in the Geography and Environment Department. She has undergraduate training in Geography and Environmental Resources and Outdoor Education. She has lived on Kaua'i for thirteen years.

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