

Press Release: Advance Notice for *The Value of Hawai‘i 2: Ancestral Roots, Oceanic Visions*

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The Value of Hawai‘i 2: Ancestral Roots, Oceanic Visions

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How can more of us protect and create waiwai, value, for coming generations? How will we feed ourselves? Take care of one another? Negotiate and celebrate differences? Share resources?

The Value of Hawai‘i 2: Ancestral Roots, Oceanic Visions is a collection of essays and poetry that chart out alternative futures for Hawai‘i, grounded in community work and research happening in the present. The book offers wisdom, passion, and personal stories from both experienced and young leaders, all innovators in their fields, from O‘ahu, Hawai‘i Island, Maui, Lāna‘i, Moloka‘i, O‘ahu, Kaua‘i, and the Pacific.

Each essay addresses urgent contemporary and historical issues, and together they explore the connections between:

- agriculture, aquaculture, and public and spiritual health
- rewriting history and education, and transformations in our bodies, and relationships
- sustainability, energy, and waste
- prisons, community healing, and urban and rural development
- Pacific migration in the present and long histories of Pacific voyaging
- activism, creative expression, and youth empowerment
- Native and non-Native identities
- food, sacred sites, and colonial pasts
- the economy, labor, Hawaiian culture, and inter-generational relationships
- kuleana, mo‘olelo, huaka‘i, and aloha

Whether shared in classrooms, community spaces, or within families, this book calls out to new and continuing aloha ‘āina, to those who love and struggle for Hawai‘i, to those hungry for creative change.

We are proud to be following in the footsteps of the first book, *The Value of Hawai‘i: Knowing the Past, Shaping the Future* (UH Press, 2010, <http://thevalueofhawaii.com>), edited by Craig Howes and Jon Osorio. This text served as a leaping off point for public forums, class lessons, political debate, community meetings, and other thoughtful and creative conversations about what we value about Hawai‘i, where we are going, and what we need to do to change course.

Following that first book's commitment, we will soon be inviting you to participate in meaningful public discussion with authors from *The Value of Hawai'i*. We will be sharing a list of events and curriculum materials for high school and college classrooms on our website (<http://thevalueofhawaii.com>) and seeking collaboration with other interested groups working for education, community health, and social justice.

See attachment for a Table of Contents, cover image, and Introduction to the book.