

# Kamanamaikalani Beamer PhD

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## Education

Kamehameha Schools	1996
A.A. Marymount College	1998
B.A. University of Hawai'i <i>Hawaiian Studies &amp; Philosophy</i>	2002
M.A. University of Hawai'i <i>Geography</i>	2005
Ph.D. University of Hawai'i <i>Geography</i>	2008
Certificate, Stanford University <i>First Nations Futures Institute</i>	2010

## Awards

Book of the Year Excellence in Hawaiian Language, Culture, and History Excellence in Nonfiction Honorable Mention <i>Hawai'i Book Publishers Association, Ka Palapala Pookela</i>	2015
20 leaders for the next 20 years <i>Hawai'i Business</i>	2014
Mellon-Hawai'i Fellowship <i>Postdoctoral</i>	2008
H.J. Weins Memorial Award <i>Best dissertation in geography at UH Mānoa</i>	2008
'Ōiwi Ake Akamai Fellowship <i>Predoctoral</i>	2007
'Imi Na'auao Graduate Scholarship	2006
Native Hawaiian Leadership Project	2004

## Professional Experience

Director, Kamakakūokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies, UH Mānoa	2022– Present
Dana Naone Hall Endowed Chair In Hawaiian Studies, Literature, and the Environment, UH Mānoa	2021– Present
Full Professor <i>Kamakakūokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies University of Hawai'i, Hawai'i inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge and Richardson School of Law, Hui 'Āina Momona Program</i>	2012 – Present
Watada Chair <i>Church of the Crossroads</i>	2023
Commissioner <i>State Water Resource Management Commission</i>	2013 – 2021
Board of Directors <i>University of Hawaii Professional Assembly</i>	2020 - Present
Board Chair <i>Aloha Kuamo'o 'Āina</i>	2015 - Present
Director <i>Kamehameha Schools, First Nations Futures Program</i>	2010 – 2018
President & CEO <i>The Kohala Center</i>	2015 – 2016
Chair <i>Waimea Middle School Local Advisory Panel</i>	2012 – 2014
Director <i>Kamehameha Schools, 'Āina Based Education Department, Community Education Division</i>	2011 – 2012
Manager <i>Kamehameha Schools, Land Assets Division, Land Legacy Education</i>	2010 – 2011
Adjunct-Assistant Professor <i>University of Hawai'i, Hawaiian Studies</i>	2009
Overseer <i>University of Hawai'i, Kamakakūokalani Land Research Project</i>	2009
Assistant-Coordinator <i>Kamehameha Schools, Ho'olauna Ko'olaupoko</i>	2009
Lecturer <i>University of Hawai'i, Geography Department</i>	2005 – 2007

<b>Teacher</b> <i>Hakipuu Learning Center</i>	<b>2005</b>
<b>Hawaiian Language Teacher</b> <i>Kaimukī High School</i>	<b>2004 – 2005</b>
<b>Research Assistant</b> <i>University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, for Dr. Kaeo Duarte</i>	<b>2002 – 2004</b>

## Book Publications

- K. Beamer. *Waiwai—Water and the Future of Hawai‘i*, (March 2025, University of Hawai‘i Press).
- K. Beamer, P. Vitousek, T. Tau. **Islands and Cultures: How Pacific Islands Provide Paths toward Sustainability**, Yale University Press (2022).
- K. Beamer, *No Mākou Ka Mana—Liberating the Nation*, Kamehameha Publishing, (2014).

## International & National Peer Reviewed Journals

- K. Beamer, Charles Fletcher, William J Ripple, Thomas Newsome, Phoebe Barnard, Aishwarya Behl, Jay Bowen, Michael Cooney, Eileen Crist, Christopher Field, Krista Hiser, David M Karl, David A King, Michael E Mann, Davianna P McGregor, Camilo Mora, Naomi Oreskes, Michael Wilson, **Earth at risk: An urgent call to end the age of destruction and forge a just and sustainable future**, *PNAS Nexus*, Volume 3, Issue 4, (2024), <https://doi.org/10.1093/pnasnexus/pgae106>
- K. Beamer, Kawena Elkington, Pua Souza, et.al. **Island and Indigenous Systems of Circularity: How Hawai‘i can inform the development of Universal Circular Economy Policy Goals**. *Ecology and Society*. (2023) 28(1):9. URL: <https://www.ecologyandsociety.org/vol28/iss1/art9>
- K.Beamer, Axel Tuma, Kawena Elkington, et. al. **Reflections on Sustainability Concepts: Aloha ‘Āina and the Circular Economy**. *Sustainability*. (2021) 13 (5) 2984. URL: <https://doi.org/10.3390/su13052984>
- K. Beamer, Kawika Winter, Et. Al **Engaging Indigenous Agency Through Collaborative Management to Achieve Effective Conservation in Hawai‘i**. *Pacific Conservation Biology*. (2021)
- K. Beamer, Kawika Winter, Et. Al. **The Moku System: Managing biocultural resources for abundance within social-ecological regions**. *Sustainability, Sustainable Use of the Environment and Resources*, Special Issue on Biocultural Restoration in Hawai‘i. (2018).
- K. Beamer, J. Osorio, **Sullying the Scholar’s Craft: An Essay and Criticism of Judge James S. Burns’ Crown Lands Trust Article**, *University of Hawai‘i Law Review*, vol. 39 No.2 (2017).
- K. Beamer, W. Tong, **The Mahele Did What? Hulili Multidisciplinary Research on Native Hawaiian Well Being**, vol. 10 (2016).

- K. Beamer, L. Gonschor, **Toward an inventory of ahupua'a in the Hawaiian Kingdom: A survey of nineteenth- and early twentieth-century cartographic and archival records of the island of Hawai'i**, *The Hawaiian Journal of History*, vol. 48 (2014).
- K. Beamer, **Ke ao na'auao maoli**, *Aboriginal Education World*, No. 47. (2012).
- K. Beamer, **Ali'i Selective Appropriation of Modernity—Examining Colonial Assumptions In Hawai'i Prior to 1893**, *AlterNative An International Journal of Indigenous Peoples* (5) pp. 138-155. (2009).
- B.K. Beamer, T.K. Duarte, **I palapala no ia aina—Documenting the Hawaiian Kingdom, A Colonial Venture?** *The Journal of Historical Geography* (35) pp. 66-86. (2009).

## Book Chapters

- Kamanamaikalani Beamer, **“He Ali'i Ka 'Āina, E mau kona Ea,”** in *Routledge Handbook of Critical Indigenous Studies*, Edited by Brendan Hokowhitu, Aileen Morton-Robinson, Linda Tuhiwai Smwith, Steve Larkin, and Chirs Anderson. Routledge Press (2020)
- Kamanamaikalani Beamer, **“An Aloha 'Āina Economy, Give, Take, Regenerate”** in, *The Value of Hawai'i 3: Huihio the Turning*. University of Hawaii Press, Honolulu: (Goodyear-Ka'opua et.al. eds., 2020).
- Kamanamaikalani Beamer, **“The Kingdom of Hawai'i,”** in *Voting and Political Representation in America: Issues and Trends*, Edited by Mark P. Jones. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO (2020)
- Kamanamaikalani Beamer, **“Only 20 Ahupua'a Away,”** In *Detours: A Decolonial Guide to Hawai'i* Aikau, Hokulani K. and Vernadette V. Gonzalez, editors. (Duke University Press, 2019)
- Kamanamaikalani Beamer, **“Tūtū's aloha 'āina grace”** in, *The Value of Hawai'i 2: Ancestral Roots, Oceanic Visions*. University of Hawaii Press, Honolulu: (Goodyear-Ka'opua & Yamashiro eds., 2014).
- Kamanamaikalani Beamer, **“'Ōiwi Leadership and 'Āina”** in, *I Ulu I Ka 'Āina: The Hawai'inuiākea Monograph Series Vol II*, University of Hawai'i Press & HSHK, Honolulu: (Osorio, Andrews, & Benham eds., December 2013).
- Kamanamaikalani Beamer and Peter Vitousek, **“Traditional Ecological Values, Knowledge, and Practices in Twenty-First Century Hawai'i”** in, *Linking Ecology and Ethics for a Changing World*, Cary Conference Proceedings, Springer Press, New York: (Rozzi, Pickett, & Palmer eds., December 2013).

## Select Conference Presentations 2024-2015

- Keynote Speaker, The Role of Nature in Redefining the Economic Model* (w/ Kate Raworth), Nature-Based Solutions Conference, Oxford University, England, (2024)
- Keynote Speaker, Islands Water Congress*, Faroe Islands, (2024)
- Invited Lecture, Maui Economic Recovery Commission*, Maui, HI (2024)
- Keynote, Watada Lecture*, Oahu, HI. (2024)
- Keynote Speaker, Made in Hawai'i: A Regenerative Economy that Works for Us* (w/ Kate Raworth), Kamehameha Schools and Hawai'i Business Roundtable, Oahu, HI (2023)
- Invited Lecture, Globalization and Sustainable Development Seminar*, Hasselt University, Belgium, (2022)
- Presentor, Island and Indigenous Systems of Circularity: How Hawai'i Can inform the Development of*

- Universal Circular Economic Policy Goals*, International Society for Industrial Ecology Conference, Vienna Austria, (2022)
- Panel Presenter, Aloha ‘Āina and the Circular Economy*, Hawai‘i State Bar Association Convention, Virtual, (2021)
- Panel Moderator, Circular Economies for Hawai‘i*. Hawaii Book and Music Festival, Virtual, (2021)
- Keynote Moderator, How Circular Economies can make Hawaii more just and Sustainable*. UH Better Tomorrow Speaker Series, Virtual, (2021)
- Panel Presenter, Reflections on Sustainability Concepts-Aloha ‘Āina and the Circular Economy*, Association of American Geographers, Virtual (2021)
- Keynote Speaker, Hawai‘i Zero Waste Summit*, Virtual, (2021)
- Keynote Speaker, Hawai‘i Island Food Summit*, Virtual (2021)
- Panel Presenter, Reflections on Sustainability Concepts-Aloha ‘Āina and the Circular Economy*, International Conference on Environmental, Cultural, Economic, and Social Sustainability, Virtual (2021)
- Panel Presenter, ‘Ōiwi Agency, Aloha ‘Āina and Circular Economies, Ka Waiwai o nā Kūpuna—Treasure from the Ancestors, Hawaiian Culture-based Education for All*, Virtual, (2021)
- High Level Expert Seminar Speaker, Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations*. Virtual (2020)
- Keynote Speaker, Lahui Hawaii Research Center Conference*, Oahu HI (2019)
- Keynote Speaker, He Au Honua Indigenous Research Conference*, Maui, HI (2019)
- Keynote Speaker, Ho‘oulu Hawai‘i—King Kalākaua Era at Honolulu Museum of Art*, Honolulu (2018)
- Graduation Speaker, First Nations Futures Institute Stanford University*, Palo Alto, CA, (2018)
- Science, Culture, and Agriculture: using the past to inform our future*, **Stanford University**, Palo Alto CA. (2018)
- Aloha ‘Āina and Circular Economies Presenter**, University of Augsburg Germany (2018)
- Plenary Speaker, 2nd Annual Hawaii-Germany Clean Energy Symposium*, Honolulu, HI (2018)
- Panelist, “Balancing Competing Water Demands Under the Public Trust Doctrine—Exploring the Decision to Amend East Maui’s Interim In-stream Flow Standards*. **Hawaii State Bar Association**, Honolulu, HI (2018)
- Plenary Speaker, Pīko‘oko‘o Hawaiian Place of Learning Conference*, Honolulu, HI (2018)
- Keynote Speaker, USGS Water Conference*, Honolulu, HI (2017)
- Panel Presenter, Hawai‘i Congress of Planning Officials*, Honolulu, HI, (2017)
- Plenary Speaker, Ike Wai Water Conference EPSCOR Hawaii State Conference*, Honolulu, HI (2017)
- Plenary Speaker, American College of Trial Lawyers*, Wailea, Maui (2016)
- Plenary Speaker, Hawai‘i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations Conference*, Honolulu, Hawai‘i (2015)
- Keynote Speaker, Hawai‘i Conservation Conference*, Hilo, Hawai‘i (2015)
- Indigenous Forum Panelist, Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations*, Rome, Italy (2015)
- Hawai‘i’s Ahupua‘a: Mapping a Nation*, **The Hawaiian Historical Society**, Honolulu, Hawai‘i. (2015)

## Popular Media Publications 2021-2009

OP-ED author, *Give Take Regenerate: A Circular Economy is Vital to Hawai‘i’s Future*. Civil Beat, July 25,

2021

Guest on Hawaii Public Radio, Aloha Aina and Evolving a Circular Economy, May 27, 2021.

Interviewed for OP-ED, 'Āina Aloha Economic Futures: A Vision for Hawai'i's Future. Ka Wai Ola, Jan 1.

2021.

OP-ED co-author "Forge a More Resilient Society based on the 'āina and one another" Honolulu Star-Bulletin. October 13, 2020.

<https://www.staradvertiser.com/2020/10/13/editorial/island-voices/column-forge-a-resilient-society-based-on-the-aina-and-one-another/>

Guest on "Arts and Culture," *Leadership and Strategy in Old Hawai'i*, Hawaii Public Radio, August 10, 2018

NBC News, Personal interview as quoted in, "Hawaiian Language finds new prominence in Hawai'i's courts decades after near disappearance," by Frances Kai-Hwa Wang, Feb, 28, 2018.

[https://www.nbcnews.com/news/america/hawaiian-language-finds-new-prominence-hawaii-s-courts-decades-after-n851536?fbclid=IwAR2Fr-gz7CyLCdpxAiZXtkRXSnWIS8wBj6zaBpOB49a6Lxww\\_suwS6HlyHE](https://www.nbcnews.com/news/america/hawaiian-language-finds-new-prominence-hawaii-s-courts-decades-after-n851536?fbclid=IwAR2Fr-gz7CyLCdpxAiZXtkRXSnWIS8wBj6zaBpOB49a6Lxww_suwS6HlyHE)

Guest on "The Conversation," Hawaii Public Radio, March 24, 2016

NBC News, Personal interview as quoted in, "Some Protest US rule for recognition of Native Hawaiian Government," by Frances Kai-Hwa Wang, Sept, 22, 2016

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/asian-america/some-protest-us-rule-recognition-native-hawaiian-government-n654501>.

Co-author and Producer of *Aloha 'Āina Series*, Hawaii Public Radio, September 21 - December 18, 2016

Guest on "The Conversation," Hawaii Public Radio, June, 3, 2015.

Guest on "The Conversation," Hawaii Public Radio, May, 16, 2014.

Letter to Editor, Honolulu Star Advertiser, May 13, 2014.

Letter to Editor, Hawaii Tribune Herald, May 13, 2014.

Native Hawaiians Navigating Future in a Sea of Change, Live televised broadcast panel on the commemoration of 50 years of Hawai'i Statehood. August 21, 2009.