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Center For Excellence in Native Hawaiian Law

# MAOLI THURSDAY November 6, 2008

William S. Richardson School of Law  
12:45pm - 1:45pm in Classroom 3

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## **BEYOND ELECTION 2008: What's at stake for Native Hawaiians**

Come and hear how elections at the county, state & federal levels will impact Native Hawaiians and our island communities.



Senator Colleen Hanabusa is president of the Hawai'i State Senate and is the first woman to lead either house in the Hawai'i legislature. Senator Hanabusa has dedicated herself to public service as a labor attorney, community organizer, and leader in the State Senate. Since first being elected in 1988, Senator Hanabusa has served as the Chair of several Senate committees including the Committee on Water, Land & Agriculture; Hawaiian Affairs; and as Vice-President of the Senate and Vice-Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. A graduate of St. Andre's Priory, Senator Hanabusa received her B.A. in Economics & Sociology in 1973 and her M.A. in Sociology in 1975 from the University of Hawai'i and in 1977 received her J.D. from the William S. Richardson School of Law. She represents the people of the Twenty-First District on the Wai'anae Coast.



Esther Puakela Kia'aina is a Land Asset Manager for the Kamehameha Schools and is responsible for the management of agricultural and conservation lands in Windward and Leeward O'ahu and on Moloka'i. A graduate of the Kamehameha Schools, she received a BA in Political Science & International Relations from USC and a J.D. from George Washington University Law School. Esther spent 21 years in Washington, D.C., where she served in a variety of public policy positions, including Chief of Staff to Congressman Ed Case, Chief of Staff and Legislative Director to Congressman Robert Underwood of Guam, and Legislative Assistant to Senator Daniel Akaka. Known for her expertise and effective advocacy work on improving U.S. policy toward Native Hawaiians and other indigenous peoples and advancing issues affecting the U.S. Pacific Territories, Freely Associated States, and Asian and Pacific Islanders, Esther worked closely with Senator Akaka on passage of the 1993 Apology Resolution.

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