



I ulu no ka lala I ke kumu
 The branches grow because of the trunk.
 Without our ancestors we would not be here.

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AHA's Bimonthly Newsletter

May 2025



MAI KA PELEKIKENA..

Aloha mai kākou, and welcome to the first issue of our bimonthly newsletter!

We're excited to launch this new platform dedicated to celebrating and elevating the work of archivists across Hawai'i.

This newsletter is more than just an update—it's a space for connection, collaboration, and visibility. Every other month, we'll highlight the latest developments in our shared mission, spotlight the important work being done to preserve and perpetuate Hawai'i's rich history and collections, and honor the contributions of our colleagues and students in the archival field. Mahalo for being a part of this journey with us.

Given the current state of our profession, there is an 'Ōlelo No'eau that resonates deeply:

"He 'a'ali'i kū makani mai au; 'a' ohe makani nana e kula'i."

"I am a wind-resisting 'a'ali'i; no gale can push me over."
 ('Ōlelo No'eau #507)

Our kūpuna remind us through these words to be resilient in the face of adversity. Like the steadfast 'a'ali'i plant that bends but does not break, we too must remain rooted during the shifting winds that affect our work as archivists and cultural heritage workers.

In times of uncertainty whether through budget cuts, institutional changes, or threats to our values—it is vital that we lean on our collective strength and reaffirm the importance of preserving truth, memory, and mo'okū'auhau for future generations.

We hope this newsletter serves as both a resource and a reflection of the value we bring to Hawai'i's information landscape.

Mahalo nui for all that you do and being a part of this journey with us.

In this newsletter you can expect:

Organizational Updates

From the Archives

Student Spotlight

LIS Grads

Reminders

Next Issue: July

Hinano Tangaro



ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES

One of our goals this year is to build the capacity of this association by supporting our sub-committees. Our standing committees are:

- **Conference** (Hinano, chair)
- **Education** (Stasha, chair)
- **Social & Holiday** (Kate, chair)
- **Site visits** (Koa, chair)
- **Website** (Morgan, chair)
- **Public Relations** (Alyssa, chair)
- **Membership** (Hinano, chair)

GET INVOLVED

We are looking for member volunteers in the following sub-committees: Advocacy (ad-hoc), Public relations (chair: Anela Purcell), Social & Holiday (chair: Kate Marsi) Please consider being a part of a team, and contact the board if you would like more information.



Membership

We apologize to our members who are having trouble renewing their membership. Our immediate goal is to work closely with our website committee to find an affordable way to automate and streamline our membership renewal process. We thank you for your patience while we navigate this process.

Site Visits

Date: 23 MAY 2025

- **Time:**
 - 3:00p-5:30p
- **Location:**
 - 3pm-4pm - Kawaiaha'o Church
 - 4:05-5:30p - Hawaiian Historical Society & Mission Houses

• [See flyer here](#)

Advocacy (Ad-hoc committee)

Update: On February 21, 2025, we submitted a formal statement of support for Dr. Colleen Shogan to the offices of Senator Brian Schatz, Senator Mazie Hirono, Representative Ed Case, Representative Jill Tokuda, and Governor Josh Green.

We're pleased to share that both Senator Schatz and Governor Green responded with messages of support and acknowledgment of the concerns we raised on behalf of our profession.

Mahalo to everyone who quickly and thoughtfully responded to this call.

From the Archives - Honoring Queen Lili'uokalani and Mele Hawai'i

In the spirit of May's celebration of mele and custome, we turn our attention to one of Hawai'i's most enduring figures, Queen Lili'uokalani, whose legacy continues to inspire through her dedication to music, education and the preservation of Hawaiian identity.

As Hawai'i's last reigning monarch, Queen Lili'uokalani was not only a political leader but also a gifted song writer, educator, and cultural advocate. Her well-known compositions like Aloha 'Oe have transcended generations, but her impact goes far beyond melodies.

From an archival perspective, Lili'uokalani's life is documented in numerous letters, sheet music manuscripts, and institutional records held in collections across the state. These records reflect her profound belief in the power of education and self-determination. She helped establish the Lili'uokalani Educational Society, which supported Native Hawaiian girls pursuing schooling and professional opportunities at a time when such resources were scarce.

In 1909, she founded the Queen Lili'uokalani Trust, which continues to serve Native Hawaiian children and families today, a symbol of her vision for empowerment through education and care.

Archival sheet music from the late 19th century captures her voice not only as a composer but as a storyteller, using song to record the emotional and political shifts of her era. Correspondence between the Queen and allies during her imprisonment after the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom also reveals her unwavering commitment to her people's welfare and her efforts to protect their rights.

In celebrating Mele Mei this month, we honor our Queen, her love for her music and the role of archives in keeping her voice alive. These materials remind us that behind every document or composition lies the love she had for her people—and the responsibility we have as archivists to care for and share those legacies.



Music from Queen Lili'uokalani Manuscript Collections

Music from Queen Lili'uokalani Manuscript Collections Selections from several collections...

 Department of Accounting and General Services /



Student Spotlight

Experience

- Two and a half years working at a Hamilton Library's Hawaiian and Pacific Collection
- Department Upper School Library Assistant at 'Iolani Schools
- Intern, Kawaiaha'o Church Archives
- Two years as a Graduate Teaching Assistant for AMST 150 (America and the World)
- Roeselani Intern and AMIA Pathway Fellow at Henry Ku'ualoha Giugni Moving Image Archive



Ani Kawada

Pathway: Archives

Interest: Academic

Librarianship and Indigenous Librarianship

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Volunteer Roles

- Nā Hawai'i 'Imi Loa, President
- Society of American Archivist - Student Chapter, Social Media and PR Manager (2023-2025)





CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

Spring 2025

SUMMER 2025

Jhoanne Domingo

Lara Gamboa

Rachel Jacobson

Brooke Jones

Ani Kawada

Samantha Maza

Maile Morrell

Jody Nakasone

Jenny Paleracio

Johanna Rosette Sadorra

Morgan Schmidt

Maxine Surla

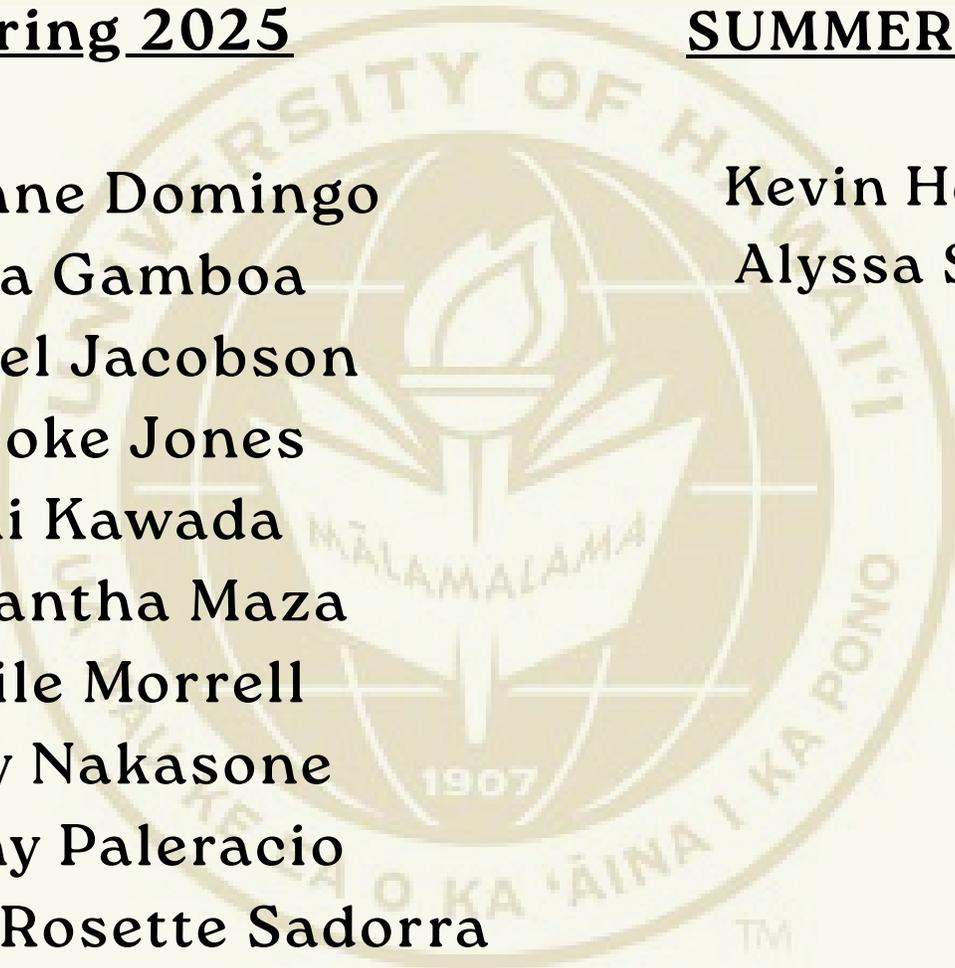
Kaylee Tokumi

Brendan Urayanza

Kelli Wong

Kevin Houck

Alyssa Silva



Reminders

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING	FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH
Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84420156629? pwd=EGXa68Qa4PNUMkVaNla17VhH9fDJ3t.1 Meeting ID: 844 2015 6629 Passcode: 785607	2:00p - 3:00p



MAY 23, 2025
Deadline to submit nominations for Vice President Elect

JULY 21, 2025
Moku 'o Lo'e site tour
Space is Limited
Contact: Koa

[Sign up here](#)

Dont forget to renew your membership

If you have any news, announcements or ideas that you'd like for us to share via newsletter, feel free to send us a message.