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# MANA WĀHINE:

NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND JEWISH  
PEOPLE OF COLOR CONVERSATIONS  
ON INTERSECTIONALITY

WITH MĀHEALANI AHIA, ALLISON SHIOZAKI,  
KOHENET DR. HARRIETTE WIMMS, AND  
MODERATED BY DR. MAYA SOETORO

WED. FEB. 22 AT 2 PM HAWAI'I TIME  
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Join a diverse group of women from the Native Hawaiian and Jewish communities as they discuss their experiences, community work, and thoughts on intersectionality. We welcome Māhealani Ahia, Kohenet Dr. Harriette Wimms from the JOC Mishpacha Project, and Allison Shiozaki to our second webinar, co-sponsored by Queer Mikveh Project.



**MAHEALANI**

**AHIA**

Māhealani Ahia (she/we/'o ia) is a Los-Angeles born Kanaka 'Ōiwi artist, scholar, activist, songcatcher and storykeeper with lineal ties to Maui. With a background in theatre arts, writing and performance from U.C. Berkeley and U.C. Irvine, Māhea is committed to creating artistic and academic projects that empower Indigenous feminist decolonial research. She's a PhD candidate in English (Hawaiian Literature) as well as a Graduate Certificate student in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Her dissertation, "Shapeshifting Hawaiian Biography: the Life and Afterlives of Kihawahine" inundates biography's genre boundaries as it theorizes feminist power, mana wahine, and leadership within the mo'ō reptilian water deity clan. She is a founding member of Pu'uhuluhulu University at Mauna Kea and a co-organizer for the Mauna Kea Syllabus Project.

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# ALLISON SHIOZAKI



Allison Nemenyi Shiozaki (they/them) is a farmer, cultivator and educator, living as a guest in Kanaka Oiwī lands in Hilo, Hawaii, striving to connect decolonial practice with sustainable production, while creating kinship and community. Shiozaki has created and been involved in many different projects, one being “Hooves, Hands, and Hearts,” a goat-infused wilderness and farming education camp for toddlers and elementary schoolers. They also took part in the formation of Decolonize Mycology to create space for the BIPOC & QT2SBIPOC community to explore relationships with the fungal kin-dom. In 2019, Shiozaki joined the lāhui to stand in solidarity to protect Mauna Kea with the Mauna Medic Healers Hui. More recently, in 2022, Shiozaki founded Kinshi-Tai Keshet, a company that specializes in flower essences and medicines. Shiozaki is dedicated to honoring their own ancestors, as well as those on whose lands they reside. In their free time, Shiozaki enjoys rollerskating, swimming in the ocean, spending time in the mountains and exploring artistic expression. They are currently learning Reiki and palm based energy work, which they approach from a decolonized/historically rooted perspective, and as an ancestral skill. They also enjoy being an active member within the Jewpanese community!

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# DR. HARRIETTE WIMMS

Kohenet Dr. Harriette E. Wimms is a Maryland licensed clinical psychologist who specializes in providing compassion-infused mental health care to children, adolescents, adults, and families across the age span. K'Harriette is a prayer leader in both the Kohenet community and at Hinenu: The Baltimore Justice Shtiebl. She is the driving force behind Hinenu JOC and the Baltimore JOC Community Havurah. Dr. Wimms is also the inaugural Jews of Engagement Fellow at The Associated, Baltimore Jewish Federation (the first type of position within any Jewish Federation System). A current Schusterman Fellow, Dr. Wimms is a Selah cohort 17 fellow, a contract trainer for Keshet, and is the founder and executive director of the Jews of Color Mishpacha Project as well as the organization's signature JOCSM Shabbatonim (JOCMishpacha.org). She is a proud Black, disabled, Jew by choice, and is most proud of being mother to her gender expansive, neurodiverse 18-year-old.

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# DR. MAYA SOETORO



Dr. Maya Soetoro is the Graduate Chair at the Matsunaga Institute for Peace at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. She was previously the Director of the Matsunaga Institute where, in addition to leading outreach and development initiatives, she also taught Leadership for Social Change, History of Peace Movements, Peace Education, and Conflict Management for Educators. Maya also serves as a consultant to the Obama Foundation, working closely with their international team to develop programming in the Pacific-Asia region.

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