

Sociology provides a wide lens to study our social worlds. Sociologists are passionate about understanding the long historical development of societies, why and how social inequalities exist, and how to support liberty



and justice. My research focuses on coloniality and liberation and gender, sexuality, and nation in island societies: island feminism. I teach courses in the areas of global sociology, island studies, and gender and social inequalities. Uluakea is a program at the University of Hawai'i that facilitates faculty to bring their teaching and thinking in-line with the indigenous perspectives of Hawai'i. To me valuing local island thought is essential for helping us come up with better policies and better actions to stop the degradation of our seas and land, stopping the imperial practices of wealthy nations, and reclaiming community.



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