

FROM THE EDITOR

Hūi! ‘Ano‘ai me ke aloha,

Sharing this volume of *Hūlili* with you fills me with much gratitude and joy. Despite the recent financial crisis, there is much to be thankful for. I trust readers will discover the strength of hope woven throughout the following pages as authors share stories about resilience, reclamation, and renewal of Hawaiian well-being.

On a personal note, I am grateful to Shawn Malia Kana‘iaupuni and Kamehameha Schools for the opportunity to serve as editor of *Hūlili* for this season. Dr. Kana‘iaupuni’s leadership for the first five volumes has helped put our journal on the map and to establish a vibrant, critical discourse on Hawaiian well-being that will continue to grow and flourish.

He mai‘a ke kanaka a ka lā e hua ai. It is said that a person is like a banana tree on the day it bears fruit. In a similar way, people are often judged by what they produce. This year’s collection of writing reflects a community ripening with boldness and diversity. Strong continuity exists between Volume 6 and previous volumes with regard to the transformative potential in culture-based education and the persistent need for culturally relevant tools to understand critical outcomes like leadership. At the same time, fresh topics such as the integration of ancient mo‘olelo into modern geology, the historical criminalization of Hawaiians, and the resurfacing of ancestral names for the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands point to new horizons of understanding.

We take great pride in featuring Aunty Ilei Beniamina’s essay on the traditional learning style of tēnā as well as our first article written entirely in Hawaiian. We hope each successive volume of *Hūlili* will feature kūpuna voices and include content written in kā kākou ‘ōlelo makuahine (our Hawaiian language).

Although this year marks an editorial transition for *Hūlili*, our goals to “foster new connections and shared insights and mobilize greater Hawaiian well-being” remain constant.

‘A‘ohe hua o ka mai‘a i ka lā ho‘okahi. We are reminded that bananas do not fruit in a single day. Therefore, we honor our contributors and peer reviewers for their passion and years of committed work that make sharing this research and knowledge possible.

Mahalo he nui,

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Editor