HAWAI'I STATE CAPITOL
50th Anniversary Commemoration
Aloha Kakou:

On behalf of the Hawai‘i State Legislature’s Task Force to Commemorate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Capitol, welcome to the Democracy By Design Symposium.

The Symposium is part of the commemorative activities marking the 50th anniversary of the formal opening of the Hawai‘i State Capitol. Dedicated on March 15, 1969, the building stands as a public symbol of Hawai‘i, with its openness and forthright accessibility, as well as its symbolic surrounding body of water, volcanic allusions, and soaring palms. Our Capitol is more than simply a building where our Legislature meets. It is a work of art and gives fitting architectural expressions to the importance and dignity of government. Unique among all of the state and territorial capitols, the Hawai‘i Capitol stands not only as a permanent, tangible symbol of the authority and stability of government, but also as an embodiment of the spirit of Hawai‘i and a source of public pride.

The Democracy By Design Symposium offers our community the opportunity to explore the role of design in fostering open government and democratic engagement. The Symposium will include sessions on the history of the site and how it was selected for the capital, an overview of the building and landscape features and characteristics, and the role it has played in urban planning and the development of the Honolulu civic center. Historians will also discuss other sites that have been government and civic centers in the Hawaiian Islands during the pre-Statehood era, and ways in which design supports civic engagement and democracy.

We express our thanks to the speakers, researchers, designers, organizers, and all who have made this event possible. We look forward to the ongoing conversation.

With aloha,

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Hawai‘i State Legislature’s Task Force to Commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Capitol

March 16, 2019

The Senate
STATE CAPITOL
OLILOU, HAWAI‘I

Democracy By Design
The Hawai‘i State Capitol at 50 Symposium
Saturday, March 16, 2019
State Capitol Auditorium

8:15 – 9:00 am Registration
9:00 – 9:20 Welcome Remarks
9:20 – 10:00 Session 1: How the State Capitol Came to Be
10:00 – 10:45 Session 2: Architecture and Design of the Capitol
10:45 – 11:00 BREAK
11:00 – 11:45 Session 3: Civic Center and Urban Planning
11:45 – 12:15 LUNCH
12:15 – 1:00 Session 4: Hawai‘i’s Former Capitol
1:00 – 1:15 BREAK
1:15 – 2:00 pm Session 5: Legislative Milestones of Past 50 Years
2:00 – 3:15 Session 6: The Future of Civic Engagement
3:15 – 3:30 Wrap up & Next Steps
3:45 – 6:00 Reception at Washington Place

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Richard Borreca has been a reporter and columnist on television news in Hawaii since 1971. He came to Hawaii in 1971 from Texas as an undergraduate to attend the University of Hawaii, took off his shoes, discovered Kuhio Grill and never left. Along the way he has won awards throughout the Pacific and Asia and has served as an associate professor at the University of Hawaii, is interim Dean of the School of Architecture at University of Hawaii at Manoa. Educated at Columbia (M.S. in Historic Preservation), Chapman has worked extensively on television, radio and in print magazines since 1971.

Don Hibbard, Ph.D., has worked as an architectural historian on television news, while raising money to preserve the University of Southern California Solar Price School of Public Policy. He has been an active member of AIA Honolulu and International Chapters, and the Urban Land Institute (ULI). In 2016, he was named a Fellow in the American Institute of Architects (AIA). A licensed architect in her native country Germany, in Hawai‘i and Guam, she is an active member of AIA Honolulu and International Chapters, and the Urban Land Institute (ULI). Bettina Mehnert is the executive director of the City of Honolulu’s new Honolulu Climate Change Commission. As the only commissioned member with an architecture and engineering background, Bettina utilizes her expertise in the built environment to advocate for a new era of resiliency.
Kelema Lee Moses, Ph.D.


Katie Stephens is an Architectural Historian. She has 26 years of experience in historic preservation projects and architectural history. Katie received a Bachelor in Science in Architectural Engineering from the University of Colorado at Boulder, and Master of Architecture degree from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. She completed restoration, adaptive reuse, and rehabilitation projects as well as historic documentation, overview surveys, cultural resource management plans, determination of eligibility projects, master planning, and historic register nominations. She currently is a member of the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board, and Secretary of the Hawai'i/Pacific chapter of the Association for Preservation Technology.

Carolyn Tanaka has spent more than 20 years as a communications professional. She worked more than 10 years in front of the camera as a television journalist at KGMV and KHON TV. In 1987, she went to the “dark side,” as her former KHON TV colleague Richard Borreca once proclaimed, to serve as Press Secretary and Communications, Associate Vice President of University Relations at the University of Hawai'i and currently serves as Chair of the Arts and the Arts, Vice Chair of the Committee on Ways and Means. Senator Taniguchi is a graduate from Roosevelt High School and received a B.A. from the University of Hawai'i in 1973. He continued his education at the University of Hawai'i Richardson School of Law in 1978.

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holds a doctorate in History with a specialization in Hawai'i and the Pacific region. He has published in a variety of both academic and community resources. He is a former faculty member of the Hawai'i/Nei School of Hawaiian Knowledge at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa and is the past President of the Hawaiian Historical Society. Without raising the general excise tax. He continues to be committed to economic growth, especially by balancing the needs of business and labor.

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