

HAWAI'I STATE CAPITOL 50th Anniversary Commemoration



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Aloha Kākou:

n 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 architecture 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 gov-

ernment and democratic engagement. The Symposium will include sessions on the history of the site and how it was selected for the capitol, 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 eras, 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.

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

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Saturday, March 16, 2019 State Capitol Auditorium



8:15 - 9:00 am 9:00 - 9:20 9:20 - 10:00	Registration Welcome Remarks • Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair of the 50th Anniversary Task Force • Kiersten Faulkner, Historic Hawai'i Foundation Session 1: How the State Capitol Came to Be • Don Hibbard, Architectural Historian	1:15 — 2:00 pm	 Session 5: Legislative Milestones of Past 50 Years Robbie Dingeman, Editor at Large, HONOLULU Magazine Richard Borreca, Political Columnist, Honolulu Star-Advertiser Carolyn Tanaka, Director of Communications, Hawai'i State House of Representatives
10:00 - 10:45 10:45 - 11:00 11:00 - 11:45	Session 2: Architecture and Design of the Capitol • Bettina Mehnert, AHL • David Miller, AHL BREAK Session 3: Civic Center and Urban Planning • Kelema Moses, Occidental College	2:00 — 3:15	 Session 6: The Future of Civic Engagement William R. Chapman, Interim Dean, UH School of Architecture Luke A. Evslin, Councilmember, County of Kaua'i Colin Moore, Director of the Public Policy Center, UH School of Political Science
11:45 – 12:15 12:15 – 1:00	Katie Stephens, AHL LUNCH Session 4: Hawai'i's Former Capitol	3:15 – 3:30	 Wrap up & Next Steps Representative Kyle T. Yamashita, Task Force Member
1:00 – 1:15	• Ronald C. Williams, State Archives BREAK	3:45 — 6:00	Reception at Washington Place Hosted by Governor David Ige and Mrs. Dawn Amano-Ige



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The Hawai'i State Capitol at 50 Symposium

Asia: A Traveler's Guide through History, Ruins,

and Landscapes. A four-time Fulbright scholar.

Contributions to Historic Preservation from the

of American Studies and as the Director of the

Robbie Dingeman has worked as a reporter,

newspapers, television at KHON, and maga-

zines for more than 25 years. The award-win-

ning journalist is a graduate of the University of

She serves as one of the co-artistic directors for the

semi-annual Gridiron news parody show, which

Hawai'i at Mānoa and co-authored two books

writer and editor telling the stories of Hawai'i in

he received the Frank Haines Award for Lifetime.

Historic Hawai'i Foundation in 2011. Chapman

previously served as the Chair of the Department

Graduate Certificate Program in Historic Preserva-

Richard Borreca has been a reporter and columnist on television, radio and in Hawai'i newspapers and magazines since 1971 He came to Hawai'i in 1968 from Texas as an undergraduate to attend the University of Hawai'i,



took off his shoes, discovered Kühio Grill and never left. Along the way he has won awards from the Hawai'i Publishers Association, the Society of Professional Journalists, Small Business Hawai'i and the Scripps Howard National lournalism Foundation. After having worked at KHVH News, KHON TV and written for Honolulu Magazine, today Richard is a part-time political columnist for the Honolulu Star-Advertiser

William Chapman is interim Dean of the School of Architecture at University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Educated at Columbia (M.S. in Historic Preservation) and at Oxford University (D.Phil. in Anthropology), Chapman has worked extensively throughout the Pacific and Asia and has served as

a visitina lecturer at numerous universities in Southeast Asia. He has written on subjects ranging from the historic Volcano House

tion at UHM.



and joke about local news while raising money to pay for internships under the Hawai'i chapter of the Society of Professional lournalists. She currently serves as editor at large of Honolulu Magazine.



Luke Evslin was elected to serve on the Kaua'i County Council in 2018. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in history with coursework towards a minor in business from the University of Hawai'i. In 2007 he co-founded Kamanu



Composites, the O'ahu based outrigger canoe manufacturing company. Before being elected to the Kaua'i County Council, Luke served on the County Open Space Commission, the Community

Advisory Committee for the General Plan, the board of directors for Malama Hulei'a, and wrote as a regular columnist focusing on energy, land use, and public policy for Civil Beat. Luke is pur-

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Preservation Office from 1982 through 2002,

and has subsequently served as a heritage spe-

cialist assisting a number of architectural, cultural

aovernment agencies. He has tauaht courses on

historic preservation and architectural history at

University, and has authored several books on

Hawai'i's architectural history. He received the

Frank Haines Award for Lifetime Contributions to

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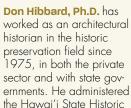
resource management, and legal firms, as well as

both the University of Hawai'i and Hawai'i Pacific

suina a master's dearee in public administration with a focus in public policy from the University of Southern California Sol Price School of Public Policy.



Kiersten Faulkner is the executive director of Historic Hawai'i Foundation. She holds a Master of Arts in Urban and Environmental Policy from Tufts University and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP), Her community service has included terms on the boards of Honolulu Firefighters Foundation, Foundation of the Rotary Club of Honolulu, Hawai'i Ecotourism Association, Mālama Mānoa, Honolulu Culture and Arts District, the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's Design Advisory Panel, the Hawai'i State Department of Transportation's Scenic Byways Advisory Group, and the Honouliuli Confinement Site Advisory Group.



Foundation in 2017



Bettina Mehnert, FAIA. **LEED AP** is AHL's president and chief executive officer. Mehnert has been honored with numerous awards and



in 2016 was named a Fellow in the American Institute of Architecture (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). She also serves on numerous nonprofit boards including the Public Broadcasting System (PBS) Hawaii, and is a Trustee of St. Andrew's Schools. In 2018, Bettina was appointed by the mayor as one of five commission members of the 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.

David A. Miller received a Bachelor of Architecture at Carnegie Mellon University and a Masters of Architecture at Harvard Graduate School of Design. Mr. Miller has designed and directed a



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wide range of projects in Hawai'i, US Mainland and the Pacific Rim for more than 50 years. Miller joined AHL in 1971, became a Principal in 1975, was appointed CEO in 2000, and currently serves



as an active Principal and Chairman of the Board A registered architect in Hawai'i, Massachusetts, and Guam, he was awarded a Professional Design Fellowship from the U.S. National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, D.C. in 1978. Miller is past President of the American Institute of Architects Honolulu; past District Council Chair of Urban Land Institute Hawai'i and currently serves as Chair for Mission Advancement. Other recent and current memberships and affiliations include the East-West Center Foundation Board, Lambda Alpha International, Air Force Civilian Advisory Council, Federal Law Enforcement Foundation, and University of Hawai'i School of Architecture Advisory Council.

Colin Moore, Ph.D. is an Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of the Public Policy Center at the University of Hawai'i. Prior to joining the faculty at UH, he



Kelema Lee Moses, Ph.D. is an assistant professor of art history at Occidental College in Los Angeles. Her teaching and research combine historical perspectives with discussions about critical contemporary issues related to the built environment of the United States and Asia-Pacific region. Her work has been supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, National Endowment for the Humanities, the Society of Architectural Historians, the East-West Center at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, and the Institute for the Arts and Humanities at Penn State. She has published in Colonial Frames/Nationalist Histories: Imperial

Legacies, Architecture and Modernity, eTropic: Journal of Studies in the Tropics, The Chicago Art Journal, and The Oxford Encyclopedia of American Cultural and Intellectual History.



Katie Stephens is an

Historic Architect at AHL. She has 26 years of experience in historic preservation projects and architecture. 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 Mānoa. She has 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 nomina-

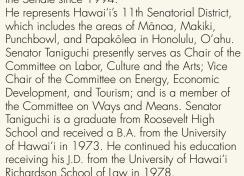
tions. She currently is a member of the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board, and Secretary of the Hawai'i/Pacific chapter of the Association for Preservation Technology.

Carolyn Tanaka has spent more years than she can

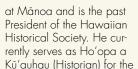
remember as a communications professional. She worked more than 10 years in front of the camera as a television journalist at KGMB and KHON TV. In 1987, she went to the "dark side," as her former KHON TV colleague Richard Borreca once proclaimed, to serve as Press Secretary and Director of Communications for Governor John Waihe'e. In 1995, Tanaka briefly returned to broadcast journalism until she got tired of eating Big Macs in a news car while heading to cover stories. Since then she has been employed as: Vice President of Public Affairs at McNeil Wilson Communications, Associate Vice President of University Relations at the University of Hawai'i and is currently the Director of Communications for the Hawai'i State House of Representatives. Tanaka first worked at the State Capitol as a legislative session hire when she was 18 years old. She cannot believe that she is back here again!



Senator Brian T.
Taniguchi has served as an elected member of the Hawai'i State Legislature since 1980 - in the House of Representatives from 1980 to 1994, and in the Senate since 1994.



Ronald Williams, Ph.D. holds a doctorate in History with a specialization in Hawai'i and native-language resources. He is a former faculty member of the Hawai'inuiakea School of Hawaiian Knowledge at the University of Hawai'





community organization, Ka 'Ahahui Hawai'i Aloha Āina. Dr. Williams has published in a wide variety of both academic and community resources including the Oxford Encyclopedia of Religion in America, the Hawaiian Journal of History, and Hana Hou! Magazine.

Representative Kyle Yamashita has served the residents of House District 12 [Pukalani, Makawao, Olinda, Pulehu, Kula, Ulupalakua] since his election in 2004. Recently, Sprecklesville has been added to House District 12 in the



2012 Reapportionment.
As a senior member of the House Finance Committee, Representative Yamashita was able to assist in crafting a balanced State budget 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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