



HAWAI'I STATE CAPITOL
50th Anniversary Commemoration



The Senate
STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

March 16, 2019

Aloha Kākou:

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 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,

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

Democracy By Design

The Hawai'i State Capitol at 50 Symposium

Saturday, March 16, 2019
State Capitol Auditorium



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



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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 Kūhio 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 Journalism 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*.



a visiting lecturer at numerous universities in Southeast Asia. He has written on subjects ranging from the historic Volcano House Hotel in Hawai'i to the Wright Brothers National Memorial at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. His latest publication is *Ancient Sites of Southeast Asia: A Traveler's Guide through History, Ruins, and Landscapes*. A four-time Fulbright scholar, he received the Frank Haines Award for Lifetime Contributions to Historic Preservation from the Historic Hawai'i Foundation in 2011. Chapman previously served as the Chair of the Department of American Studies and as the Director of the Graduate Certificate Program in Historic Preservation at UHM.

Robbie Dingeman has worked as a reporter, writer and editor telling the stories of Hawai'i in newspapers, television at KHON, and magazines for more than 25 years. The award-winning journalist is a graduate of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and co-authored two books. She serves as one of the co-artistic directors for the semi-annual Gridiron news parody show, which



allows her to obsess over and joke about local news while raising money to pay for internships under the Hawai'i chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. 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-



suing a master's degree 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.



Speaker Biographies

Don Hibbard, Ph.D. has worked as an architectural historian in the historic preservation field since 1975, in both the private sector and with state governments. He administered the Hawai'i State Historic Preservation Office from 1982 through 2002, and has subsequently served as a heritage specialist assisting a number of architectural, cultural resource management, and legal firms, as well as government agencies. He has taught courses on historic preservation and architectural history at both the University of Hawai'i and Hawai'i Pacific University, and has authored several books on Hawai'i's architectural history. He received the Frank Haines Award for Lifetime Contributions to Historic Preservation from the Historic Hawai'i 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 served as a research fellow at Yale University's Center for the Study of American Politics and as a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Fellow in Health Policy Research at the University of California, Berkeley. He received his Ph.D. from the Department of Government at Harvard University.



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 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 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. He represents Hawai'i's 11th Senatorial District, which includes the areas of Mānoa, Makiki, Punchbowl, and Papakōlea in Honolulu, O'ahu. Senator Taniguchi presently serves as Chair of the Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts; Vice Chair of the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism; and is a member 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 receiving his J.D. from the University of Hawai'i Richardson School of Law in 1978.

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'i Inuiakaa School of Hawaiian Knowledge at the University of Hawai'i



at Mānoa and is the past President of the Hawaiian Historical Society. He currently serves as Ho'opa a Kū'auhau (Historian) for the 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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