

# Ethnic Studies

Colloquium, Monday, January 26th, 1:00-2:00 p.m., INTS 1111:

## **“Refusing ‘Queer Paradise’: Māhū Pedagogies of Queer Indigenous Re-Memory in Hawai‘i”**

Based on close readings of a queer Native Hawaiian ‘zine and LGBTQ+ travel writing about Hawai‘i, this talk develops the concept of “māhū pedagogies” to argue that while settler homonationalist tourism narratives enact cultural prostitution by figuring Hawai‘i as a “queer paradise” absent of Native resurgence, māhū and queer Indigenous cultural workers refuse colonial narratives by centering queer Indigenous relationalities that generate decolonial futures.



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