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A Journey Back in Time...

Walking into the room on the day of Aunty Momi Nakila's mo'okū'auhau (genealogy) workshop was like a journey back in time. Pictures of her kūpuna, and the kūpuna of many people in attendance, adorned nearly every inch of the room. What had once been a multipurpose room, had been transformed into an ocean of memories. After mo'okū'auhau packets were handed out, the day began with pule and oli from Leo Nakila and Kaulana Seto, recounting their own lineages. When their oli had come to a close, Aunty Momi shared with the group stories from her childhood and her own journey to learn her mo'okū'auhau. To many, her stories, and the sentiments they carried with them, were highly relatable. Perhaps this was because they reiterated the same meaning as the 'ōlelo no'eau "i ka wā ma mua, ka wā ma hope" (the future is in the past). Hawaiians yearn to learn their mo'okū'auhau not only as an act of memorializing their ancestors, but an endeavor to inform who they are in the present as Hawaiian people. That day, Aunty Momi provided the foundation for many to start or continue their research on their own mo'okū'auhau and gave attendees the opportunity to learn about their genealogical connection to others in the room. The day concluded with a brief presentation on online mo'okū'auhau resources by Kalani Heinz and a lunch before everyone went their separate ways, impassioned to continue their journey with their mo'okū'auhau.

Upcoming Events

- 7.20.19- Alondra Park Hoʻolauleʻa
 7.21.19 Alondra Park
 10.12.19 Annual Scholarship Lūʻau Garden Grove Community Center
- 3..28. 20 50th Anniversary Holokū Ball: Lei Halia





From Top to Bottom: Aunty Momi shows her collection of genealogical material. Noe Naluai and Aunty Lei research their genealogies online.