Honouliuli

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Honouliuli (which means "dark bay") is the name of the large ahupua‘a (land division) at the western extent of the ‘Ewa moku (district). This moku held and continues to hold great cultural significance for Native Hawaiians because of its historical, political and cultural foundations. During World War II, the upland area of Honouliuli became one of the largest and longest used of more than 13 internment and POW Camps in Hawai‘i, incarcerating hundreds of local Hawai‘i peoples as well as thousands of prisoners of war. Due to colonial pressures, the knowledge of Native Hawaiian histories and literatures and of wartime events were all but silenced and buried in Honouliuli. Drawing upon our recent issue of Social Process in Hawai‘i this panel presentation will discuss knowledge of the ancient Honouliuli ahupua’a, internment, and imprisonment experiences and the valuable lessons that Honouliuli continues to hold for democracy and social justice.

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Garyn Tsuru is an associate professor of Psychology. His research has focused on World War II internment on the US mainland. He currently directs the Psychotherapy Process and Treatment Outcome Lab at UHWO.

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