



**Bicentennial Speaker Series**  
**Sunday, September 20, 2020 4:00 – 5:30 PM**  
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**“He Leo mai Ka Lani: Harieta Keōpūolani and  
the Early Christian Mission in Hawai‘i”**  
**Speaker: Dr. Ronald Williams, Jr.**

This illustrated research presentation will explore the critical role played by Mō‘īwahine (Queen) Keōpūolani in building the foundations of a Christian Mission in the Hawaiian Islands. It will highlight and display primary-source documents in both ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i (Hawaiian language) and ‘ōlelo Beretania (English language) that shed light on Her actions that led to the establishment of a church under Her guidance and the supporting roles played by those She most trusted, including ka po‘e (Tahitians) that served as Her kumu (teacher), kahunapule (priests), and advisors. A question and answer period following the hō‘ike will offer an opportunity to explore other areas of this history.



Dr. Ronald Williams Jr. holds a PhD in History with a specialization in Hawai‘i and Native-language resources. He is a former faculty member within the Hawai‘inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge at UH Mānoa and a past president of the 127-year old Hawaiian Historical Society. He currently works as an archivist at the Hawai‘i State Archives and serves as Ho‘opa‘a Kū‘auhau (Historian) for Ka ‘Ahahui Hawai‘i Aloha ‘Āina. He has published in a wide variety of academic and public history venues including the Oxford Encyclopedia of Religion in America, the Hawaiian Journal of History, and Hana Hou! Magazine.

*The Bicentennial Speaker Series celebrates Kawaiaha‘o Church - from 1820 – 2020. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month at 4:00 PM, Hawaii time, we will broadcast with a live Q&A chat following the presentation. The program will be re-broadcast the following Sunday at 12 noon on our YouTube: Kawaiahao Church TV. We invite you to continue to join us throughout the year.*