

Senate Nomination Statement:

Hökūlani K. Aikau (Kanaka ʻŌiwi) is a professor at the University of Victoria in the School of Indigenous Governance. As a relatively new faculty member to UVic, Aikau is learning to be a good visitor to the lands of the ʻlōkʷəŋən peoples and the Songhees, Esquimalt, and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples. As such, she is committed to equity, justice, anti-racism, and decolonization at all levels at UVic. As a senator, Aikau will uphold the values and goals of UVic while also being accountable to the lands and peoples of this place. Aikau is an interdisciplinary scholar with training in American Studies and Sociology and teaching experience in Political Science, Indigenous Politics, Native Hawaiian Politics, and Pacific Islands Studies. Aikau has published three books: *A Chosen People, a Promised Land: Mormonism and Race in Hawaiʻi* (University of Minnesota Press, 2012), *Feminist Waves, Feminist Generational Cultures: Life Stories from Three Generations in the Academy, 1968-1998* (co-edited with Karla Erickson and Jennier L. Pierce, University of Minnesota Press, 2007) and *Detours: A Decolonial Guide to Hawaiʻi* (co-edited with Vernadette V. Gonzalez, Duke University Press, 2019). With Vernadette V. Gonzalez, she edits the *Detours Series* with Duke University Press. Aikau has a forthcoming co-edited volume (with Heidi Kiiwetinepinesik Stark and Aimeé Craft) *Indigenous Resurgence in an Age of Reconciliation* is published with University of Toronto Press. Aikau currently serves as editor for the Pacific Monograph Series, with the University of Hawaiʻi Press. She has also served as associate editor of *American Quarterly* and serves on editorial boards for book series at the University of Arizona Press. While at the University of Utah (2017-2021), Aikau served as director of the Pacific Islands Studies program and with funding from the Andrew W. Mellon foundation, created new curricular and research opportunities for Pacific Islander students.