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Hoomanao (Remember)

The Massie Case and Injustice, Then and Now

UH Manoa Architecture Auditorium Wednesday, October 21, 6 pm to 8 pm



Join us for this panel held in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Joseph Kahahawai.

Event is free & open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Parking on campus for \$5.

A nationwide sensation in 1931—32, the notorious Massie Case served as a touchstone for race, class, and injustice in Hawai'i for decades. The case began with an accusation of rape by European American naval wife Thalia Massie against five local young men, and ended with the vigilante killers of one of the men, Joseph Kahahawai, having their prison sentences commuted to one hour spent over drinks with the governor.

A distinguished panel will discuss the Massie Case and its relevance today, outlining the facts of the case, discussing the ways it affected the subsequent history of Hawai'i and its various communities, and its contemporary echoes in such issues as racial differences in prison sentencing:

- RaeDeen Keahiolalo-Karasuda, Ph.D., Research Analyst, Kamehameha Schools; Soros Justice Fellow '07
- John Rosa, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Hawai'i Mānoa
- Carrie Ann Shirota, J.D., Soros Justice Fellow '09
- David Stannard, Ph.D., Professor, American Studies, University of Hawai'i Mānoa, author of "Honor Killing: How the Infamous "Massie Affair" Transformed Hawai'i"

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