

Finau

PHD EDITOR

Greeting and welcome to the Native Hawaiians. This issue has outdone the previous issue on the health of Native Hawaiians. The organisations involved have been collaborative and lean. The content is very comprehensive and very Hawaiian, and *Pacific Health Dialog* is honoured to promote the health cause of indigenous Pacificans. In the past it has opened its pages to the Maori of New Zealand and the *Kānaka Maui* of Hawai'i. Others that have taken to these pages include the Fijians, Samoans and Tongans and soon Guam will have its own issue. We are now waiting for Palauans and the Australian aborigines to rise from their slumber.

This issue is the road from Hawaiians to Hawai'ians. The editorial staff apologise for this palangi oversight due to ignorance and assume knowledge. The island of Hawai'i we now know is the home of Hawaiians not Hawai'ians.

Pacific Health Dialog (PHD) is honoured by the participation of the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) especially Dean Cadman and Satori Izutsu. The latter was there when this journal was conceived at the JABSOM program—the Pacific Basin Medical Officers Training Program (PBMOTP)—in Pohnpei. Now that the PBMOTP has passed into history, perhaps JABSOM will take its rightful place as a permanent sponsor of PHD. It would be the most affordable PHD that the University of Hawai'i can offer!!

A range of papers, thoughts and emotions grace this issue reflecting the depth of commitment to the health of Native Hawaiians by Hawaiians. The cry echoes Winston Churchill's appeal to the world, "Give me the tool and we will finish the job."

This issue has again made PHD matter! Welcome and thanks to all labourers of love. ■



'Alani. Painting by Mari Sakamoto, MFA from University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

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