

Five Speaking Engagement Topics

How traditional Hawaiian Values are being applied today.

Since the 1970's there has been a movement to reinstate the ways of old Hawai'i. President Obama, who grew up in Hawaii during this revitalization of the Hawaiian culture, embodies the Aloha spirit of old. As interest in pre-contact Hawai'i blooms, many native healers have begun publicly teaching and practicing the ancient forms –lomilomi- the loving touch, ho'oponopono- the talking out of things and laau lapaau-holistic medicines. All are finding good results in the modern world. Linda explains what these values and traditions are, where you can witness them in action in today's world and how you can apply them yourself.

Everything you ever wanted to know about the ancient Hawaiian culture, but didn't know to ask.

- (1) Is it true that Hawaiians only had a one-way ticket from Tahiti to Hawaii in early migrations?
- (2) Is it true that the Hawaiians attacked Captain James Cook and stabbed him in the back?
- (3) Were women second class citizens?
- (4) What about human sacrifice?
- (5) Did the Hawaiians engage in incest?
- (6) Were the Hawaiians cannibals?
- (7) What is mana?
- (8) Were people killed for walking on the shadow of a royal?
- (9) Did Hawaiians have slaves?
- (10) What are places of refuge?

Is This a True Story?

- (1) Does the story follow the actual chronology of historical events?
- (2) Is it true that Ka'ahumanu's mother was a paramour of Kahikili the Moi of Maui and life-long enemy of Kamehameha?
- (3) Is it true that Kamehameha was the illegitimate son of Kahikili?
- (4) Is it true that Ka'ahumanu lived in Hana, Maui and swam to meet Kamehameha in the Kau district of Hawaii with her pet dolphin?
- (5) Is it true she swam with dolphins?
- (6) Did Ka'ahumanu surf with Kamehameha?
- (7) How big a part did sorcery play in ancient Hawai'i?
- (8) Is it true that Ka'ahumanu married Kamehameha when she was thirteen?

How Wai-nani embodies Female Empowerment

- (1) She questions the status quo.
- (2) She does not let anyone push her around.
- (3) She becomes centered through adversity.
- (4) She faces her worst fears
- (5) She is clever and moves like water around her enemies.
- (6) She lifts the dragon's tail from her path.
- (7) She grows stronger in adversity and prevails in the end.

I grew stronger in the telling of the story. It was very empowering for me to publish this work. It gave me the courage to move forward in my creative life. The perils of publishing and the writer's journey can be a part of this talk

How to Make Travel Writing Work for You

Though a bit off subject, I am an adventure travel writer. Wai-nani's journey is my ultimate destination piece. I have a free download on my site that fleshes out these topics for those who would like to learn how to get free trips and can do a nice talk on the subject.

- (1) Find Your Niche
- (2) Create a Platform
- (3) Become a blog hog
- (4) Writing ability required
- (5) Analyze the market
- (6) Tools of the trade
- (7) Admit you need professional help
- (8) Make friends with editors
- (9) Do your homework
- (10) Look for the hook
- (11) Learn how to get the shot that will tell the story