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A NEW BIMONTHLY VIRTUAL SPEAKER SERIES TO BEGIN FEBRUARY 16, 2021 at 12pm

(Honolulu, HI) Hawaiian Mission Houses Historic Site and Archives

The Hawaiian Mission Houses Historic Site and Archives is excited to announce a new bimonthly speaker series to highlight the discoveries and work of diverse history and humanities scholars who have worked with Hawaiian Mission Houses' extensive archives and whose work informs our contemporary world. *The Hawaiian Mission House's speaker series: Archives and Inquiry*, an hour long discussion, will begin with the guest speaker and end with a Q& A from the audience.

The schedule for the *Archives and Inquiry* Speaker Series is as follows:

February 16: Nanette Napoleon: Hawai'i and the American Civil War

April 20: Hawaiian Mission Houses' New Hale Pili o ka Mikanele: Connecting Past and Present through Architecture, Archives, and Engagement

June 15: Dr. Noelani Arista: He lau ka mo'olelo: The Hawaiian Mission House Archives' Hawaiian Evangelical Association Names Files Project

August 17 – TBA: 1821 Mission House Bicentennial

October 19 – Dr. Carmen Tomfohrde, author of the Ph.D. Dissertation *Contextualizing Iconoclasm: Early Missionaries and the Textuality of Culture Change in Polynesia*.

December 21 – Kilin Reece, Luthier, Founder and President of Kealakekai Center for Pacific Strings

The new speaker series will begin on February 16, 2021 with Nanette Napoleon giving a talk on Hawai'i in the Civil War. Nanette is currently writing a book titled *Hawai'i Sons of the Civil War*, which focuses on Hawai'i's connections to the "war between the states," and the men from from the Kingdom of Hawai'i who participated in the brutal four year conflict, including Samuel Chapman Armstrong, other missionary sons, and Native Hawaiians.

The talk will be livestreamed and be available afterwards via the Hawaiian Mission House website www.missionhouses.org. The Hawaiian Mission Houses Archives are open to the public, including free digital access to over 100,000 pages of historical documents and pictures at <https://hmha.missionhouses.org/>

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Hawaiian Mission Houses Historic Site and Archives is located in Honolulu's Historic Capitol District and is the leading authority on Protestant missionary history in Hawai'i. It is known worldwide as the place where the written Hawaiian language was developed through the collaborative efforts of the missionaries and the Ali'i and the Hawaiian people. It preserves the two oldest documented houses in Hawai'i, which were built and used by the missionaries in the early nineteenth century, and the largest collection of Hawaiian language books in the world.