

Ho'opunipuni: The Myth of Statehood

National Center for the Preservation of Democracy
111 N. Central Ave, Little Tokyo, Downtown LA
reception at 6pm

video at 7pm
panel 8-10pm

Monday May 4th, free



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Paul Kealoha Blake (Moderator) - Director of East Bay Media Center

Five scholar/activists confront the myth of statehood in Hawai'i and present the complexity of Hawai'i's relationship with the United States in the world today.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Hawai'i statehood, a landmark event that suggests hula dancing, parades, and luaus. On the contrary, the subject of statehood is a highly controversial one and this panel will introduce the history, struggle, and perspective on independence and decolonization.

A free event sponsored by Visual Communications as part of their Silver Jubilee Asian Pacific film festival in Los Angeles, April 30-May 07 2009.

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