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Clues in Hawaiian mo‘olelo that predict eruptions

KAMUELA, Hawai‘i—September 15, 2009—What clues do Hawaiian mo‘olelo and kupuna journals offer that predict when a volcanic eruption will occur?

Dr. James P. Kauahikaua, scientist-in-charge at Hawaiian Volcano Observatory, will share his research derived from such sources in his lecture “Volcanology, Geology and Mo‘olelo” from 5:30–7 p.m. Friday, September 25, in Kona at the Keauhou Beach Resort Ballroom II and from noon–1:30 p.m. on Monday, September 28, in Hilo at the UH Hilo University Classroom Building Room 127.

Prior to assuming his current post at the observatory, Kauahikaua served as staff geophysicist for 16 years. He authored the book *Volcano, Creation in Motion*, which features pictures taken by his friend, the accomplished photographer G. Brad Lewis.

The lecture is part of the *Puana Ka ‘Ike* (Imparting Knowledge) series, an educational forum that offers an understanding of Hawaiian culture, history, tradition and perspective of the environment. The series is sponsored by Kamehameha Investment Corporation/Kamehameha Schools, The Kohala Center, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo Kipuka Native Hawaiian Student Center and their Eia Hawai‘i Lecture Series, and Keauhou Beach Resort.

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