

MARCH 10, 2017 11AM-12:30PM

KUYKENDALL HALL 409, UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MĀNOA

HE ALI HOU

**TELLING MO'OLELO
THROUGH COMICS**

WITH **MARJORIE LIU**

HOSTED BY KEALAIWIKIHAMO'O

IN SUPPORT OF

KANAEOKANA: THE KULA HAWAII NETWORK

PART OF A SERIES OF WORKSHOPS ON MO'OLELO



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Though still often dismissed as a “kids” genre, comics and other graphic narratives have long been a sophisticated and impactful medium for telling powerful stories. The potent combination of image and written word give authors and artists great flexibility to build immersive multi-sensory worlds in which to showcase their stories. Hawaiian mo’olelo, both traditional and newly conceived, are especially fit for the graphic narrative format, allowing the author and the audience to imagine worlds founded on Hawaiian values and beliefs and seen through the lens of our cultural worldview.

With this in mind, *Kealaiwikuamo’o* on behalf of *Kanaeokana: The Kula Hawai’i Network* is putting on a workshop for Hawaiian students in the UH system with the renowned comic book author Marjorie Liu. Liu is a New York Times bestselling author, author/creator of the critically acclaimed series *Monstress*, and author of several issues of *Han Solo*, *Astonishing X-Men*, *X-23*, *Dark Wolverine*, *Daken*, *Nyx*, and *Black Widow*. In this 90 minute workshop, Liu will give an overview of the power of the comics medium, cover the basics of scriptwriting, take the students through a writing exercise, and then hold a q&a session to talk about her experiences in the comics industry.

No artistic talent or experience writing comics is necessary. You just have to be interested and ready to learn. This workshop is for anyone who is interested in:

- telling stories from a Hawaiian point of view
- learning about the power of graphic narrative
- using art to serve the lāhui
- carving out Hawaiian spaces in new media

When: March 10, 2017 11am-12:30pm

Where: Kuykendall Hall 409, University of Hawai’i at Mānoa

Registration Link: <https://tinyurl.com/heauphou-comics>

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He Au Hou is a series of workshops on creative writing and art for this new au, this new era, we live in, but also to push the au, the current, in new directions. Hawaiians have long assimilated new technologies into our cultural practice and used them in ways that served Hawaiian purposes. He Au Hou continues these traditions of innovation and excellence fostered in us by our kūpuna, giving voice to the younger generations to tell our mo’olelo in new ways.