

# Questions for Dr. Aluli

You were 1 of 5 Hawaiians in the first graduating class of JABSOM, yet you are probably better known for your activist work in reclaiming Kahoolawe and aloha 'aina. How do you explain the connection between 'aina and health for you? Was there a specific “ah ha” moment or was it something more intrinsic?



**Who are/were the individuals that shaped and directed your medical education and career? Why do you think they were motivated to support NHs in medicine? Why were their insights different than others in medical education?**

**Did discrimination play a role in  
delaying/hampering your medical  
education?**

**You conducted some of the earliest community based research projects, the Moloka'i Diet Study and the Moloka'i Heart Study. Why were these studies different from health research going on in the 80's?**

**Has research changed?**

**Who are the movers and shakers today in  
advancing and supporting NHs in  
medicine/research?**

**What do you feel young Hawaiians in medicine,  
research, healing need to know about the  
shoulders they stand on?**

**Mahalo!**