The Value of Hawai‘i
Knowing the Past, Shaping the Future

How did we get here? Three-and-a-half-day school weeks. Prisoners farmed out to the mainland. Tent camps for the migratory homeless. The steady degradation of already degraded land.

The contributors to The Value of Hawai‘i outline the origins of our current state, and offer points of departure for a Hawai‘i-wide debate on our future. The brief essays address a wide range of topics—Education, the Environment, Hawaiian Issues, Tourism, the Arts, Political Culture, Law, Labor, the Military, Transportation, Homelessness, and many more—but the contributors share a belief that taking stock of where we are right now, what we need to remember, and what we need to preserve and to change, is the challenge that all of us must face now.

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