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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Matthew Kamakani Lynch

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Former Director of Sustainability Initiatives



Cultivating Emergence for Transformative Change

Biography. Matthew Kamakani Lynch is an artist & polymath who has consistently worked his way to the top tier of performance in the varied sectors where we has participated: banking, community development, higher education, public service, and the arts.

After surviving a 10-year career in mortgage banking & real estate finance through the turn of the century, Matt worked to replenish his karmic bank accounts by participating in a broad range of community-based sustainable development projects around the world.

He returned to Hawai'i and became a founding board member of the Hawaii Green Growth Local 2030 Hub, a c-founder of The Albizia Project, and after almost 10 years of service has recently stepped away from his role as the first Director of Sustainability Initiatives for the ten campuses of the University of Hawai'i System, where he helped to establish a diverse array of programs ranging from the Office of Energy Management to the UH Månoa Truth Racial Healing & Transformation Center.

Matt has now dedicated his life towards creating conditions to catalyze cultural healing and transformation. He currently serves as a teaching faculty member on Harvard's Executive Education for Sustainability Leadership program, and is working on a suite of land-based restoration projects.

Abstract. In this presentation Matthew will explore the climate crises and systems transformation from perspectives of evolutionary timescales. He will share how the Hawaiian islands have shaped his sustainability work to arrive into a practice of cultivating emergence for systems transformation.