

PRESENTS

**The Honorable Kim Coco Iwamoto, Esq.
Hawaii Civil Rights Commissioner**

**TALKING TRANS & ELECTED OFFICIALS:
A CONVERSATION WITH KIM COCO IWAMOTO**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2014
1:00 – 2:00 PM
NUGENT, Room 205
1212 E. UNIVERSITY BLVD
FREE PIZZA

For this installment of the *Queer People of Color Lecture Series*, please join us for a conversation with **Kim Coco Iwamoto** about her path from ‘Transsexual Menace Street Activist’ to an elected State Official. As the highest-ranking openly transgender official in the nation, Commissioner Iwamoto will talk about the challenges of translating radical activism into policymaking and political change. She will invite us to ask how we can stay committed to progressive politics as we negotiate institutional life. Can we stay radical as the university disciplines us all? And if so, how?

GAVELING THE ‘TRANSGENDER TIPPING POINT’

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2014,
3:00 – 4:00 PM
JAMES E. ROGERS COLLEGE OF LAW, ROOM 164
1201 E. SPEEDWAY

If Laverne Cox heralds the ‘transgender tipping point’ for United States culture at large—as her cover story in *Time Magazine* promises — how are law and policy still lagging behind? Are law schools training new lawyers, judges, and politicians to think critically about the lived realities of transgender people in the United States? To begin to answer these questions, please join us for a conversation with the **Honorable Kim Coco Iwamoto, Esq., Hawaii Civil Rights Commissioner**, about her path from transgender activist to the highest-ranking openly transgender elected official in the nation.

KIM COCO IWAMOTO

Currently serving the State of Hawaii as one of five Commissioners on the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission, the **Honorable Kim Coco Iwamoto Esq.** was appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the State Senate in 2012. In 2006, Commissioner Iwamoto was elected to the Hawaii State Board of Education (BOE). Her election to State office was noted by local and international media; the *International Herald Tribune* headline stated: “Hawaii elects highest-ranking openly transgender official in nation.” In 2010, Commissioner Iwamoto was re-elected to the BOE. In 2013, the White House honored her as a *Harvey Milk Champions of Change*, citing her advocacy to reduce bullying and harassment in public schools.



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