

Coffee Talk* at Kahuku

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ROOSEVELT'S TREE ARMY: THE CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS IN HAWAI'I



'A'ohē hana nui ke alu 'ia

No task is too big when done together by all

'Ōlelo No'eau, Mary Kawena Pukui

In 1933, in the midst of the Great Depression, Franklin D. Roosevelt promised a “new deal” to help put Americans back to work. The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) was a program focused on getting unemployed young men back to work in agricultural and conservation projects. The National Park Service was charged with developing these projects, from fire prevention, to erosion and insect control, trash cleanup, reforestation, landscape maintenance, and construction jobs. Recruits were housed, fed, clothed, given medical care and \$30.00 a month. Over a period of seven years the CCC built or reinforced much of the park's infrastructure. In 1941 and 1942 they were especially important, completing many of the emergency war projects needed by the military.

Dr. Jadelyn Moniz Nakamura was born and raised in Hilo and graduated from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. She began her career with the US Army Garrison Hawai'i, as the archeologist at the Pōhakuoa Training Area where she developed the Cultural Resources Program in the new Environmental Office. She has worked extensively across disciplines, has experience in both natural and cultural resources, and is currently the Research Coordinator to the Hawai'i Pacific Islands Cooperative Ecosystems Studies Unit.

*Coffee Talk at Kahuku is an opportunity to get to know your Park and your neighbors, and join an informal conversation on a wide variety of topics. Bring your own cuppa (BYOC!) and check out this monthly program held on the last Friday of every month. Entrance located just south of the 70.5 mile marker on the mauka side of Hwy. 11.