

# HULA 202

## Hawaiian Language Basics

### Consonants

**p, k,** - about as in English but with less aspiration.

**h, l, m, n** - about as in English; *l* may be dental-alveolar and *n* dental.

**w**- after *i* and *e* usually a lax *v*; after *u* and *o* usually like *w*; after *a* or initially, like *w* or *v*.

**`** - a glottal stop, similar to the sound between the *oh*'s in English *oh-oh*.

### Vowels

#### *Unstressed*

**a** - like *a* in above

**e** - like *e* in bet

**i** - like *y* in city

**o** - like *o* in sole <sup>1</sup>

**u** - like *oo* in moon <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> but without off-glides

#### *Stressed*

**a, `a** – like *a* in far <sup>2</sup>

**e** – like *e* in bet <sup>2</sup>

**`e** – like *ay* in pay <sup>2</sup>

**i, `i** - like *ee* in see <sup>2</sup>

**o, `o** – like *o* in sole <sup>2</sup>

## Basic Hawaiian Words

Oli: *Song*

Mele: *Chant*

Imua: *Go forward*

Ihope: *Go backward*

I luna: *Above, upward*

I lalo: *Below, downward*

Family: *Ohana*

Man: *Kane*

Woman: *Wahine*

Greeting that expresses love: *Aloha*

Thank you: *Mahalo*

Musical terms: Mele, 'Oli, Hula Kahiko, Hula 'Auana, Hapa Haole