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What's the "Future of Agriculture in Hawai'i?"

Ulupono Initiative, Pūlama Lāna'i and GoFarm Hawai'i will share their visions at TEDxHonoluluSalon March 15, 2016, 6-8pm at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

TEDxHonolulu will explore "The Future of Agriculture in Hawai'i" at its sixth Salon event on March 15, 2016 at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Architecture Auditorium. Speakers will include: **Kyle Datta**, general partner of the impact investing firm Ulupono Initiative, **A'dae Romero-Briones**, Director of Community Development for Pūlama Lāna'i and Steven **Chiang**, co-founder of the beginning farmer training program GoFarm Hawai'i.

"With the recent announcement to end a 35,000 acre agricultural operation in Hawai'i, it is especially timely for an agriculture-themed TEDxHonoluluSalon event," says Steven Chiang, who also guest curated the event. "Attendees will hear three thoughtful perspectives on what agriculture in Hawai'i could look like a generation or two from now."

"I'm excited that all speakers share an optimism about improved agriculture through a deeper integration with society and our environment," Chiang continues. "Kyle from a technological standpoint, A'dae with a traditional/indigenous lens, and my own view of the public's role in agriculture."

TEDxHonolulu license holder Genesis Leong adds, "We're honored to bring these three diverse individuals together to share their ideas with our community. We look forward to a lively exchange about how agriculture can play a critical role in Hawai'i's future health and prosperity."

TEDxHonoluluSalon 6: "The Future of Agriculture in Hawai'i" will take place Monday, March 15 from 6:00pm-8:00pm at the School of Architecture building at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Tickets are available for purchase at www.tedxhonolulu.org/tickets. For more information about the speakers visit the TEDxHonoluluSalon event Facebook at www.facebook.com/tedxhonolulu.

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