

‘Imiloa Astronomy Center

Hilo, Hawai‘i



Science and tradition—woven together through space and time

The 'Imiloa Astronomy Center is the site of the world's largest collection of astronomical observatories. The center's goal was to launch the site as a tourist destination that brings together Hawaiian cultural traditions and the science of astronomy.

AldrichPears worked closely with the University of Hawai'i to develop an interpretive plan for the center that parallels Polynesian voyages across the Pacific, with astronomical voyages through space and time. Our firm developed an exhibit design concept that weaves together personal voices, multimedia interactives, hands-on activities and a 3D theatre experience to tell stories about the cosmos, from both a Hawaiian and a Western perspective, in both Hawaiian and English. Our firm also oversaw the design intent during the exhibit fabrication and installation phases.

