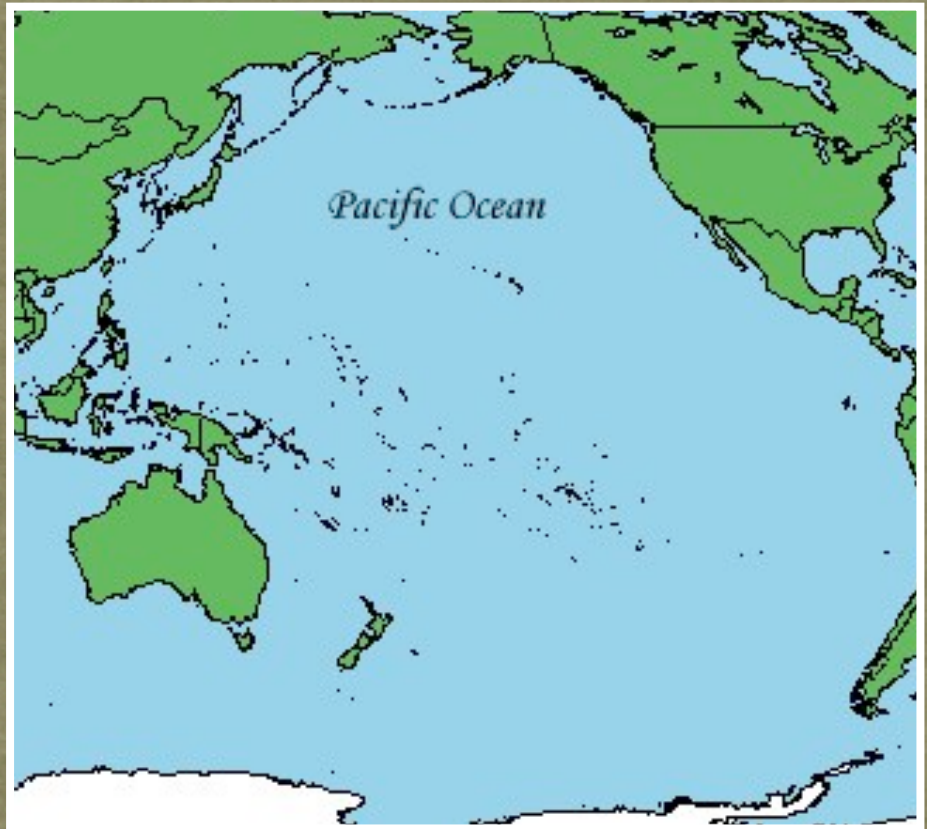




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RECLAIMING OUR TRADITIONAL CULTURAL & SPIRITUAL KNOWLEDGE

A Collaboration with Community Health for Asian Americans (CHAA)

Loa envisions providing traditional dance workshops for Pacific Islander women over 30 years because they are usually the head of household, bread winners for their families with additional responsibilities for the care of family elders, community and church. The workshops will also be an encouraging and supportive space for queer and gay women who do not fit rigid gendered dance roles forced upon them in other traditional dance workshops. Relearning traditional dance and chants will help everyone reclaim healing for themselves and thus, reclaim their roles as healers for the community.

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