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Bibliographic Essay

I have indicated the major primary and secondary sources consulted in my research in the copious endnotes to this volume. In this bibliographic essay, I want simply to highlight those sources that have been most important for me and that might best lead readers into additional avenues of thought.

I have utilized many types of primary sources. Among the most important for anyone interested in recent debates on public issues having to do with business development and environmental protection issues are environmental impact statements. These statements are required by law to reprint verbatim all of the testimony at public hearings (called “scoping” hearings) and all of the written correspondence on such matters. Often running to hundreds, even thousands, of pages, these documents are invaluable in laying out the positions taken by various people, groups, and organizations. Many other types of government reports, along with newspapers and periodical articles, have also been useful sources. Talking with people—sometimes in formal oral-history interviews but often in more informal ways—proved essential in many cases. Less useful in the modern period for this project were manuscript collections, although the George Helm Collection at the University of Hawai‘i, Mānoa, was helpful in understanding developments at Kaho‘olawe.

The works of other scholars in environmental history, Pacific history, and business history have provided essential backdrops for my work, as laid out in the introduction and first chapter of my study. In the notes to each chapter, I have listed the most important local or regional studies upon which I have relied. Here, let me list some of the studies I have found most important.

Scholars have created the field of environmental history over the past generation. For guides to the literature, see Shepard Krech III, J. R. McNeill, and Carolyn Merchant, eds., Encyclopedia of World Environmental History, 3 vols. (New York: Routledge, 2004); and Carolyn Merchant, ed., The Columbia Guide to American Environmental History (New York: Columbia Univer-


Business History Review 73 is devoted to relationships between business and the environment. See also Christine Meisner Rosen, “The Business–Environment Connection,” Environmental History 10 (Jan. 2005): 77–79.

