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## WEDNESDAY EVENING SEMINAR

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*Education Program Presents*

# Building the Beloved Community: Introductory Session & Community Building

Puanani Burgess

Community Building Facilitator, Cultural Translator, & Storyteller

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Wednesday, January 26, 2011

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Keoni Auditorium, Imin International Conference Center

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The Wednesday Evening Seminar brings together students and researchers from diverse academic disciplines, geographic areas, life experiences, and East-West Center programs to learn and dialogue on issues of common concern that impact the U.S. and Asia-Pacific region in a semester-long seminar. During the first WES session, participants will meet with their small group facilitator and group members, learn about the theme of the Spring 2011 semester, and engage with group members in a series of activities led by our guest speaker, Puanani Burgess, who will use her gift of storytelling to guide us through community building exercises.

Puanani Burgess received a Bachelors degree in English Literature from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and attended the William S. Richardson School of Law. Ms. Burgess is a community building facilitator, trainer, and consultant in Hawai'i, the continental United States, and the Pacific. She is also a cultural translator, mediator, poet, community organizer, and Zen priest. She has worked extensively in the Waianae Coast of Oahu and helped found the Waianae Coast Community Development Alternative Corp. Ms. Burgess is an advocate to end gender violence and participates in many state and local domestic violence awareness and training events.

**Refreshments will be served. Please bring your own cup, plate/bowl and utensil.**

**Note: Most of the WES sessions are open to the public; however, this first session is for participants enrolled in Spring 2011WES only.** WES Spring 2011 dates :January 26, February 2, February 9, February 23, March 2, March 9, March 30, and April 6.