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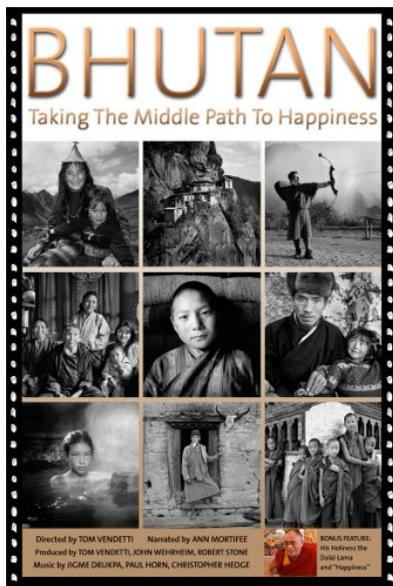
BHUTAN: Taking the Middle Path to Happiness

Thomas Vendetti, PhD
Film Producer, Director, Cinematographer, Editor

Wednesday, March 2, 2011

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Keoni Auditorium, Imin International Conference Center



Film Director Thomas Vendetti will screen the winner of two Emmy® awards in 2009-2010, “Bhutan: Taking the Middle Path to Happiness,” a documentary on the Himalayan Kingdom of Bhutan and its development policy of “Gross National Happiness.”* The concept of taking “the middle path” is one rooted in the Bhutanese view of the world, a simple message: happiness lies in the middle path. Neither overindulging in the world’s pleasures nor rejecting the world’s goodness can lead to a prosperous and peaceful society. With Bhutan’s entry into the global marketplace, the introduction of television, advertising and the social pressures of consumerism can Bhutan maintain this delicate balance? Viewers of “Bhutan: Taking the Middle Path to Happiness” are left to make that decision themselves. After the film, run-time approximately 65 minutes, and a short break, the audience will be able to ask Mr. Vendetti questions.

Thomas Vendetti, Ph.D., is a resident of Mau‘i, Hawai‘i. He presently serves as Chief of the Adult Mental Health Division for Maui County at the Maui Mental Health Clinic, which provides a comprehensive system of care for the seriously mentally ill in the County. Dr. Vendetti has produced, directed, and filmed numerous documentaries about various cultures as well as the medical profession, including: “No Means No – Date Rape” (1999), an educational video for girls in Hawai‘i to avoid date rape; “Recovered Dignity” (2005), a documentary on the rights of the mentally ill; and several award-winning films on Tibet, “Journey Inside Tibet” (1999), “Mount Kailish: Return to Tibet” (2001), and “Sacred Tibet: The Path to Mount Kailish” (2006). Several of Dr. Vendetti’s films have aired on PBS and at the Hawai‘i International Film Festival.

The public is invited. Please bring your own cup, plate/bowl & utensil for refreshments.

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* Film synopsis and biography, as well as more information about the documentary and Director Thomas Vendetti, from www.bhutan-film.com.