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## WEDNESDAY EVENING SEMINAR

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*Education Program Presents*

# **WES Student Panel on Migration in the Asia-Pacific: Case Studies of Thai, American Samoan, and North Korean Migrants**

Deja Ostrowski, J.D. (moderator)  
Lawyers for Equal Justice AmeriCorps Advocate

Brian Alofaituli, M.A. Candidate 2011  
Center for Pacific Island Studies, UH Mānoa

Hyeon Ju Lee, PhD Candidate 2011  
Department of Anthropology, UH Mānoa

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Wednesday, March 30, 2011

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Keoni Auditorium, Imin International Conference Center

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The sixth Wednesday Evening Seminar features a diverse panel of East-West Center student fellows whose research or social justice activism focuses on migration in the Asia-Pacific. The goal of the student panel is to share country-specific stories of why people move from their country of birth to a foreign nation in order to illuminate the similarities and differences in migration across the Asia-Pacific.

The panel moderator, Deja Ostrowski is an AmeriCorps Advocate at Lawyers for Equal Justice in Honolulu, a nonprofit law firm. Ms. Ostrowski was an East-West Center student affiliate. Her talk will address some of the issues in Hawai‘i related to human trafficking, particularly in the context of debt-bonded labor of Thai farmers. Brian Alofaituli is presently seeking his M.A. at the Center for Pacific Island Studies, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa and is an East-West Center graduate degree fellow. His presentation is focused on the migration of American Samoans to Hawai‘i and the U.S. Mainland and will touch upon the historical context of the migration and discuss the four main migration periods. Hyeon Ju Lee is a PhD candidate in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, a former East-West Center graduate degree fellow and current student affiliate. Her presentation will cover the migration routes of North Korean refugees, pull/push factors for North Korean migration, and contention over the use of term "refugees" for North Koreans.

**The public is invited to attend.**

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

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