



The EWC Education Program Presents
Wednesday Evening Seminar
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6:30 - 8:30 PM

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October 12: "The Migration of Pacific Languages"

Professor Blust introduces unique qualities and eccentricities of multiple Asian-Pacific languages, particularly in reference to the migration of Austronesian languages across the Pacific, which is his specialty. Together with Dr. Blust, a team of students will share poetry, quirky phrases, philosophy and humor from their mother tongues, and WES groups will invent new idioms for the English language.



Dr. Robert Blust

Professor of Linguistics

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

Dr. Robert A. Blust is a prominent linguist in several areas, including historical linguistics, lexicography and ethnology. Blust specializes in the Austronesian languages and has made major contributions to the field of Austronesian linguistics. He received a Bachelor of Arts in anthropology and a PhD in linguistics from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in 1974. Currently, he is a professor in the Department of Linguistics at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, and served as the department chair from 2005 to 2008. Blust has done field work on 97 Austronesian languages spoken in locations such as Sarawak, Papua New Guinea, and Taiwan. In Taiwan, he has performed field work on Formosan languages such as Thao, Kavalan, Pazeh, Amis, Paiwan and Saisiyat. His dictionary of the highly endangered Thao language is currently the most complete of any Formosan language dictionary, containing over 1100 pages. Blust also has an abiding interest in both linguistic and cultural aspects of rainbows and dragons.

- *Open to the public*
- *Light refreshments will be served.*
- *Please bring your own plates and utensils.*