



## **Wednesday Evening Seminar Fall 2012 Syllabus**

### *Catalysts for Change*

**Keoni Auditorium  
Hawai'i Imin International Conference Center  
September 5 – November 14, 2012  
6:30 - 8:30 pm**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Alice Walker once said, “The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don’t have any.” In an increasingly dynamic and complex world it is easy to get wrapped up in the day-to-day chaotic motion of a globalized society. The world we live in is getting more interconnected. This has heralded an exciting era filled with more opportunity. However, more complex challenges also arise – more pronounced inequality, more drastic environmental problems, and more complex cultural values. In the United States, the Tea Party and the Occupy Wall Street movement both reflected the thirst to be heard. The Arab Spring heralds a new era in the Middle East. The Wednesday Evening Seminar (WES) will examine the opportunity we have to be catalysts as opposed to bystanders.

Recognizing change and an inquiry into the nature of change are important. How do we identify the need for change? How do we know when to demand it? How do we decipher if change is actually for the better? Is change a personal journey? Does change occur suddenly or is it something we must continually strive for? What kind of change do we envision for the Asia-Pacific region, and most important, how do we initiate and sustain positive, progressive change?

In Burkina Faso they say, “if you want to walk fast, walk alone; but if you want to walk far, go together.” As students at the East West Center we try to foster a multidisciplinary student body that builds on our rich and diverse community. In the fall 2012 program, WES will present “Catalysts for Change” – how to build stronger communities through engaged, conscientious discourse.

We will share our diverse perspectives and academic pursuits in order to build relationships, generate new ideas, initiate collaborative thinking, and usher our incoming scholars into their new community. We will then investigate topical areas under the umbrella of “Catalysts for Change,” such as history, governance, arts, culture, technology and the environment. As has always been a cultural pillar of WES, a strong emphasis will be placed on the facilitation of ideas in a non-hierarchical format.

## **OVERVIEW OF THE WEDNESDAY EVENING SEMINAR**

The Wednesday Evening Seminar (WES) is a weekly gathering of East West Center fellows in their first fall and spring semester. WES 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.

While the graduate student experience tends to focus attention on highly specialized fields of study at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, the WES challenges EWC fellows to explore regional issues that may extend beyond their range of expertise or comfort zones. Issues are explored through invited speakers, films and facilitated small group discussions and activities. Through this process EWC fellows forge bonds among themselves through relating their personal or community concerns and experiences that ultimately strengthen the Center's diverse global community.

As with many innovative activities at the East-West Center, WES emerged from student recommendations and student-led action. EWC fellows perceived the need for a unifying intellectual experience in an increasingly diversified student program. WES began as a series of East-West Center-wide discussions to explore the concept, and emerged as a student leadership project that developed into a distinctive, on-going feature of the student program.

Currently, the seminar is planned and organized by East-West Center degree-fellow interns, with the support of the Center's Education and Research program staff. The Seminar is required for degree student fellows during their first fall and spring semesters, and fall semester for Asia Pacific Leadership Program fellows. Continuing fellows are welcome to attend and often continue to participate in the seminar series.

## **OBJECTIVES**

The goal of the East-West Center is to contribute to a peaceful, prosperous, and just Asia-Pacific community, thus serving as a vigorous hub for cooperative research, education, and dialogue on critical issues of common concern to the Asia-Pacific region and the United States. The Wednesday Evening Seminar helps reach this goal by facilitating dialogue and mutual understanding among the students of the United States, Asia, and the Pacific who study together at the East-West Center.

## **REQUIREMENTS: ATTENDANCE & PARTICIPATION**

Students must attend all WES sessions and participate in group discussions and activities. If you are unable to attend a session, please contact Mendl Djunaidy ([DjunaidM@eastwestcenter.org](mailto:DjunaidM@eastwestcenter.org)). Attendance will be kept.

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**WES FALL 2012 SYLLABUS SCHEDULE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Bio and contact info</b>	<b>Title</b>
September 5 <sup>th</sup>	Stuart Coleman	<a href="http://stuart-coleman.com/?page_id=2">http://stuart-coleman.com/?page_id=2</a> <a href="mailto:scoleman34@gmail.com">scoleman34@gmail.com</a>	Waves of Change: Our Heroes and Our Narratives
September 12 <sup>th</sup>	Denise Antolini	<a href="http://www.law.hawaii.edu/personnel/antolini/denise">http://www.law.hawaii.edu/personnel/antolini/denise</a> <a href="mailto:antolini@hawaii.edu">antolini@hawaii.edu</a>	Citizen Suits as a Catalyst for Change
September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Adler	<a href="http://www.eyeofthestormleadership.com/pg10.cfm">http://www.eyeofthestormleadership.com/pg10.cfm</a> <a href="mailto:padleraccord@gmail.com">padleraccord@gmail.com</a>	Negotiating Sustainability: The Ok Tedi Story
September 26 <sup>th</sup>	Break	N/A	N/A
October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jeff Fox and Jim Spencer	<a href="http://www.eastwestcenter.org/about-ewc/directory/jefferson-m.fox">http://www.eastwestcenter.org/about-ewc/directory/jefferson-m.fox</a> <a href="mailto:foxj@eastwestcenter.org">foxj@eastwestcenter.org</a> <a href="http://socialsciences.people.hawaii.edu/faculty/?dept=plan&amp;faculty=jhs@hawaii.edu">http://socialsciences.people.hawaii.edu/faculty/?dept=plan&amp;faculty=jhs@hawaii.edu</a> <a href="mailto:jhs@hawaii.edu">jhs@hawaii.edu</a>	Peri-urbanization and Planning: Identifying, Mapping, and Managing Peri-urban Communities in Viet Nam
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Keith Coats	Coordinated with APLP	A South African Story: Power, Truth and Reconciliation
October 17 <sup>th</sup>	Karen Umemoto	<a href="http://socialsciences.people.hawaii.edu/faculty/?dept=plan&amp;faculty=kumemoto@hawaii.edu">http://socialsciences.people.hawaii.edu/faculty/?dept=plan&amp;faculty=kumemoto@hawaii.edu</a> <a href="mailto:kumemoto@hawaii.edu">kumemoto@hawaii.edu</a>	Community Planning for Neighborhood Change
October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Jaimey Hamilton	<a href="http://www.jaimeyhamilton.com/">http://www.jaimeyhamilton.com/</a> <a href="mailto:jaimeyh@hawaii.edu">jaimeyh@hawaii.edu</a>	Art and economic transformation in Asia Pacific
October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Break	N/A	N/A
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	TBD	TBD
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	Student Panel	Details Forthcoming	