



WEDNESDAY EVENING SEMINAR

Education Program Presents

Waves of Change: Our Heroes and Our Narratives

Stuart Coleman

Author of *Eddie Would Go* and *Fierce Heart*; Surfrider Foundation's Hawaii Regional Coordinator

Wednesday, September 5th, 2012

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Keoni Auditorium, Imin International Conference Center

For the kick-off event to the Fall 2012 Wednesday Evening Seminars, we will get to know each other through our own stories. We will introduce each other to our groups by exploring the personal narratives of where we come from and relate them to the current narrative of the place we now call home. Sharing stories from his books about Eddie Aikau and Rell Sunn, Stuart Coleman will show how these two cultural icons embodied the *waves of change* that transformed modern history in the Islands and inspired what has been called the “Hawaiian Renaissance.” After exploring their cultural and environmental legacies, Coleman will discuss current initiatives that seek to protect Hawaii’s coastal ecosystems. We will end by reflecting on these stories and begin to unpack the theme of *catalysts for change* and how our experience will unfold throughout the semester.

Stuart Holmes Coleman moved to Hawaii in 1993 to teach, write and surf. He has taught literature and creative writing at Punahou School, Iolani School and the University of Hawaii. As an Education Specialist, he redeveloped and coordinated the Leadership Certificate Program at the East-West Center. Coleman served as the Writer-in-Residence at St. Alban’s School and won the Cades Award for Literature in 2003. His writing has appeared in numerous publications, including Men’s Journal, Salon.com, Sierra Magazine, Surfer’s Journal, The Washington Post, Hawaii Magazine and the Honolulu Weekly. Coleman is the author of the award-winning book [Eddie Would Go](#) and [Fierce Heart](#), both published by St. Martin’s Press. He currently works as the Hawaii Regional Coordinator of the Surfrider Foundation, an environmental non-profit dedicated to protecting the world’s oceans, waves and beaches (www.surfrider.org). Bio available at stuart-coleman.com

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