



WEDNESDAY EVENING SEMINAR

Education Program Presents

Connecting Kīpuka in the East-West Center Community - A Special Panel Presentation by EWC Participants

Wednesday, November 19th, 2014

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Keoni Auditorium, Imin International Conference Center

This final Wednesday Evening Seminar of the Fall 2014 semester will showcase the research of five East-West Center Participants, all of whom are graduate students in various disciplines at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. Their presentations will span different parts of the Asia-Pacific region and collectively highlight issues in history and archaeology, politics and human rights, culture and the arts, the natural sciences and food security, and economic development.

Charmaine Ledesma

Title: “Lessons from Old Kiyangan Village”

Subject: Community-based archaeology, Philippines

Biography: Charmaine is a first-year Master of Arts student in applied archaeology and a student affiliate of the East-West Center. She has been involved in various archaeological projects in Guam and the Philippines, and became more interested in archaeology’s role in heritage conservation after spending three field seasons in the rice terraces of Ifugao in the northern Philippines.

Rob York

Title: “Forcing Change: North Korea's Evolving Reaction to Human Rights Criticism”

Subject: Human rights, international politics, North Korea

Biography: Rob York is a first-year student in the doctoral program at the UH Department of History, and a student affiliate of the East-West Center. In addition to serving as a graduate assistant in the History Department, he is chief editor at NKNews.org.

Shulang Zou

Title: “Reconsidering Tibetan Imagery in the Lens of Contemporary Tibetan Art”

Subject: Art history, culture, identity, Tibet

Biography: Shulang is a second-year graduate student working on a Master of Arts in art history, and a student affiliate of the East-West Center. Her primary focus is Chinese contemporary art. She has recently been conducting a research project on contemporary Tibetan art, which is likely to lead to her MA thesis.

Philip Waisen

Title: “Plant Parasitic Nematodes as Causal Agents of Plant Disease: Case Study of Reniform Nematode on Pineapple in Hawaii”

Subject: Plant pathology, agriculture, food security, Hawaii/Pacific

Biography: Philip is currently pursuing a Master of Science in tropical plant pathology focusing on plant nematology, and is a US-South Pacific Scholarship Program fellow at the East-West Center. His MSc. thesis research is on Reniform nematode (*Rotylenchlus reniformis*) on pineapple in Hawaii; his future research will focus on plant-nematode interaction at the molecular level. He holds a Bachelor of Science in agricultural sciences from Papua New Guinea University of Technology.

Wyatt Gordon

Title: “Home Industry and Microenterprise Cluster Development in Malang, East Java”

Subject: Economic development, urban planning, Indonesia

Biography: Wyatt is a first-year Master’s student at the Department of Urban and Regional Planning, and a Graduate Degree Fellow at the East-West Center. He is also a commissioner on the Mānoa Neighborhood Board. He holds a Bachelor’s degree in international economics from American University in Washington, D.C.

We are firm believers in food-based learning. Excellent refreshments will be served. Please bring your own cup, plate/bowl and utensil. The public is invited to attend.