The Mālama Honua Worldwide Voyage: Navigating Toward a Better Tomorrow

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“Mālama Honua” is Hawaiian for “caring for the earth,” and from now until 2017, Polynesian voyaging canoe Hōkūle‘a and her escort Hikianalia are circumnavigating the globe on an unprecedented journey to bring a message of hope, shared learning, and sustainability to the world. Covering 47,000 nautical miles and visiting 85 ports in 26 countries over the course of four years, the voyage aims to inspire communities across Island Earth to protect cultural and natural resources for present and future generations. In just a few months, Hōkūle‘a is poised to sail out of the Pacific region for the first time in her history, venturing across the Indian Ocean to reach the eastern and southern shores of the African continent by the end of this year. In this special presentation, we will explore the significance of this voyage, and its deeply-rooted history in the Pacific, to the world. We will also reflect on the ways that art, science, and cultural tradition may be brought together to cultivate regional as well as global literacy, foster a spirit of discovery and international collaboration, and connect people in peaceful, sustainable relationships with each other, and the earth.
Daniel Lin works and travels extensively throughout the Pacific Islands and Asia, interacting with youth, elders, government leaders and community groups on issues related to climate change, education, culture, and sustainability. He wears many hats: he is a professional photographer, a crewmember of the Polynesian Voyaging Society, a regular contributor to National Geographic’s Explorers Journal, a fellow at The Explorers Club, a senior research and policy specialist at the Pacific Resources for Education and Learning, and a member of the IUCN Specialist Group on Cultural and Spiritual Values of Protected Areas. Raised on the east coast of the US, Daniel “escaped” to Polynesia after college and worked in the outer islands of American Samoa, where his love and passion for the Pacific was first established. Daniel firmly believes that photography and storytelling are two of the most powerful ways to get people to care about the world and all its inhabitants. He holds a master’s degree in policy from Harvard University, and is an East-West Center alumnus of the Asia-Pacific Leadership Program (2011).

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.