WEDNESDAY EVENING SEMINAR

Education Program Presents

Disrupting Disciplinarity: Researching Transpacific Movement for Samoans in Sport

Dr. Lisa Uperesa, Professor of Sociology & Ethnic Studies
University of Hawai’i at Mānoa

Wednesday, March 12, 2014
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Makana Room, Imin International Conference Center

Lisa Uperesa is Assistant Professor of Ethnic Studies and Sociology at the University of Hawai’i at Mānoa. She holds a Ph.D. in anthropology from Columbia University and her research areas include transnationalism and migration, U.S. empire, race and indigeneity, gender, Samoa, and sport. Her current research project examines emergent paths of sport migration and social mobility as shaped by global formations of power, histories of colonialism, legacies of development, and trajectories of political economy, with a focus on Samoan transnational mobility through American football.

Many scholars today walk a fine line between adhering to disciplinary requirements and crossing disciplinary bounds in new projects, research agendas, and collaborations. While many call for interdisciplinarity, how it is negotiated and what the stakes are for inter/disciplinarity is less clear. Professor Lisa Uperesa will discuss evolving research trajectories, intellectual/personal genealogies, and the process of negotiating these competing demands in her current research project on mobility, the culture/economy nexus, and transnational sport in American Samoa.

To help make WES a sustainable gathering, please bring your own cup for a hot beverage and small plate for light refreshments. The public is invited to attend.