

*The Education Program Presents*  
**Wednesday Evening Seminar**  
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**April 5, 2017**  
6:30-8:30 pm

**The Federated States of Micronesia:  
A Different Historiography for  
“a handful of chickpeas flung over the sea”**

Many commentators argue that the Federated States of Micronesia's (FSM) Compact of Free Association with the United States belies claims of sovereignty and independence, and thus renders meaningless the term “postcolonial.” Using ethnography, linguistics, contemporary biographical studies, and Greg Dening’s notion of deep time, this presentation seeks to understand the FSM not as an American dependency, but as an imperfect and localized expression in nation-state form of much older exchange networks, voyaging communities, and contact zones.

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Conference Center

Keoni Auditorium

1777 East-West Road  
Honolulu, HI 96848

- *Open to the public.*
- *Light refreshment will be served.*
- *In order to support sustainability efforts, Please bring your own cup, plate and utensils.*

*Any views, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed by presenters and participants at the Wednesday Evening Seminar do not necessarily reflect those of the East-West Center.*



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