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UPCOMING EVENTS

(Events, dates and venues are subject to change depending on the COVID-19 pandemic situation and EWC policies)

OCT. 14

Fall 2021 China Seminar
online session; 12 noon HST

NOV. 4

FEWC Annual Meeting
online; 4 pm HST

NOV. 15-21

International Education Week
online sessions

NOV. 18

Fall 2021 China Seminar
online session; 12 noon HST

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ALOHA!

We hope you're continuing to stay safe and well!

As the end of the year quickly approaches, we invite our members and friends to join us online for the 2021 FEWC Annual Meeting on Thursday, November 4 at 4:00 pm. Along with conducting our general business, we'll be hosting a panel discussion on the topic of: *"Where do we go from here? Growing a Sustainable Hawai'i Post-pandemic"*.

Living through the pandemic in Hawai'i has taught us a lot about the strength of our island community, banding together to each do our part and supporting those in need. It also has provided insight into how our physical isolation and dependence on tourism and importation of goods could cripple our economy.

As we hopefully transition out of the worse of the pandemic into a time of recovery and renewal, Hawai'i has the opportunity to consider where do we go from here. Do we revert back to how things have always been done or can we bring attention to the issues at hand and provide creative and meaningful solutions that will propel us towards a sustainable future.

Our panel discussion will focus on how the interconnection of the following can grow a more sustainable Hawai'i post-pandemic:

Equity in tourism: how to manage the industry for the benefit of both locals and tourists

Economic diversity: what other sectors will help variegate our economy

Environmental responsibility: how to address climate change as a community

We're grateful to our panelists and moderator for participating in what we hope will be an engaging discussion. We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting and share some of the exciting things we have planned for the coming year!

Chad Zane

President, Friends of the East-West Center

FEWC BEST FRIEND AWARD: APOLONIA STICE



It is with great pleasure to announce that the Friends of the East-West Center Board of Directors has selected Apolonia Stice as the 2021 recipient of our organization's Best Friend Award.

The Best Friend Award recognizes a Friend who in recent years has contributed outstanding services in one or more areas to the FEWC and whose voluntary commitment and time have made a difference in carrying out our mission.

We appreciate Apolonia's unwavering support and dedication to the Friends of the East-West Center, serving in various roles to promote interest in and share the importance of the East-West Center to Hawai'i and the Asia-Pacific region.

Apolonia will formally be presented her award at this year's virtual Annual Meeting. Please join us as we convey our congratulations to Apolonia and recognize her commitment to our organization and the East-West Center!

FEWC `OHANA PROGRAM

The `Ohana Program is one of the longest continuous running programs of the Friends of the East-West Center. Pre-pandemic, the popular program matched EWC participants with Friends members based on shared interests; encouraging casual get-togethers and introducing each other to cultural and holiday customs. For students who were away from their home states and countries, it was a way to meet local families and learn about Hawai'i. For the host members, the program provided an opportunity to promote the mission of the FEWC: to build a bridge between the Center and the community. During the pandemic, the program was put on hiatus. When it is safe to gather in-person per EWC policies, we hope to revive the `Ohana Program and continue its long and successful legacy of bringing the participants and members closer together. More information will be forth-coming in the new year.

MAHALO & BEST WISHES TO DR. VUYLSTEKE

East-West Center president Dr. Richard Vuylsteke will be stepping down from his post at the end of the year and The Friends of the East-West Center would like to extend our gratitude for his dedicated support of our organization and his leadership at the Center.

The Friends will formally present a plaque of recognition to Dr. Vuylsteke at our Annual Meeting and express our best wishes in his future endeavors.



CHINA SEMINAR HONORS PROF. DANIEL KWOK

By Gerald Kato, FEWC Board Member

On September 16 the China Seminar began a new season online with a special tribute to Prof. Daniel W.Y. Kwok. Dan established the monthly gatherings of China experts and the community more than 40 years ago.

The largest turnout since China Seminar went to its current virtual format, 164 attendees, was a testament to the high regard in which Dan Kwok and the China Seminar are held by so many in the community. When he was a Professor of History at the University of Hawaii, Dan taught and mentored hundreds of graduate students, many who are now leaders in the community, among them Richard Vuylsteke, president of the East-West Center, who served as program moderator.

Vuylsteke had fond memories of the beginnings of the China Seminar, describing Dan as a person embodying the spirit of Chinese calligraphy, capturing the dynamism of the Yin and Yang. "It (the China Seminar) covers wide ranges of topics on China, somehow integrates them effectively, and bring in a wide-range of people, experts and aficionados, and makes it work," he said.

Since the China Seminar was established in 1977, there have been more than 350 talks with over 250 speakers on a wide range of topics—history, culture, politics, economics, art, theater, music, food, technology, law, medicine, followed by a gourmet lunch at the Maple Garden Restaurant. Since 2009 the China Seminar became a forum of the Friends of the East-West Center.

Former Time Magazine correspondent Richard Hornik reflected on his experience as a speaker. "People who know Dan Kwok want his approval," Hornik said. "Even in my 70s, presenting at the China Seminar is like an oral exam before your favorite professor, the one who both challenged you intellectually but also provided moral support and genuine friendship. "For me, this has meant spending more time than I expected researching topic that I thought I already knew. Each talk to the Seminar has deepened my understanding of China."

Shana Brown, chair of the University of Hawaii's History Department, aptly described Dan as a Confucian gentleman, a Junzi, a man of virtue, humble, generous, sincere, and wise. The pandemic closed the door on meeting at Maple Garden for lunch, and in August 2020 Dan announced that he was stepping down from involvement in the China Seminar. But no one was going to let the program fade into history. It was revived online last December, and while many miss the food and the good conversation among old friends, the tradition of critical thinking and stimulating discussions continues online, opening up the program to a host of attendees and presenters from all over the globe. For the China Seminar old-timers, though, hope remains strong that one day they and the program will return to Maple Garden.

To view a video of the China Seminar tribute to Dan Kwok:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z1_bj5hJg3A



Dr. Daniel WY Kwok
China Seminar Founding Convenor

GROWING A SUSTAINABLE HAWAII POST-PANDEMIC

Where do we go from here?

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Join us for a panel discussion focused on how the interconnection of the following can grow a more sustainable Hawai'i post-pandemic:

- Equity in tourism
- Economic diversity
- Environmental responsibility

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PANELISTS:

John De Fries
President & CEO, Hawaii Tourism Authority

Kukui Maunakea-Forth
Founder & Executive Director, MA'O Organic Farms

Joshua Stanbro
City & County of Honolulu, Senior Policy Director

Moderated by Christina Monroe
Director of Alumni Engagement
East-West Center



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**FRIENDS OF THE
EAST-WEST CENTER
2021 ANNUAL MEETING**

November 4, 2021

4:00 pm

Online via Zoom





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EAST-WEST CENTER

GROWING A SUSTAINABLE HAWAII POST-PANDEMIC

Where do we go from here?

Annual Meeting Panel Discussion Panelists & Moderator

PANELIST:

John De Fries

President & CEO, Hawai'i Tourism Authority

John De Fries serves as president and CEO of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, the State of Hawai'i agency responsible for strategically managing support of the tourism industry. He has more than 40 years of professional experience in the tourism and resort development industries, including serving as executive director of the Native Hawaiian Hospitality Association. He is also president and principal advisor for Native Sun Business Group, a consulting and project management firm focused on Hawai'i's hospitality and real estate development industries. De Fries previously led the Department of Research and Development for the County of Hawai'i and served as president and CEO of Hōkūlī'a, a luxury residential community on Hawai'i Island.

PANELIST:

Kukui Maunakea-Forth

Founder & Executive Director, MA'O Organic Farms

In 2001, Kukui and husband Gary, co-founded the non-profit Wai'anae Community Re-Development Corporation and MA'O Community Food Systems Initiative which operates a 280-acre USDA-certified organic farm in Wai'anae and is co-managed by youth interns in its flagship program: the MA'O Youth Leadership. Kukui currently serves as Executive and Programs Director of WCRC and the MA'O Initiative. As a long-time community advocate, the work of MA'O was a natural step for Kukui having been involved in community development for many years. Kukui is a graduate of the University of Hawai'i with a BA in Pacific Island Studies.

PANELIST:

Joshua Stanbro

Senior Policy Director, City Council of Honolulu

Josh Stanbro serves as Policy Director for the City Council of Honolulu and is also a Elemental Excelsior's Policy Lab Fellow. He previously served as Chief Resilience Officer and Executive Director for the City & County of Honolulu's Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency and was Program Director for Environment & Sustainability at the Hawai'i Community Foundation. Josh graduated from Claremont McKenna, attended the William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa where he earned the Cali Award for Native Hawaiian Rights, and graduated with a law degree from UC Berkeley School of Law.

MODERATOR:

Christina Monroe

Director of Alumni Engagement, East-West Center

Christina Monroe is an international leadership educator and program manager with 17 years of experience working with international professionals and students. She currently directs the Office of Alumni Engagement being responsible for developing the network of alumni and alumni chapters. She previously directed the EWC Leadership Program, co-directed the Center's Asia Pacific Leadership Program and has served various roles including U.S. Field Study Director and Professional Development Instructor. Christina holds a B.A. Sociology from the University of Tulsa and M.A. Social Sciences from the Universiteit van Amsterdam.

