

# Making Sense of Micronesia: Cultural Challenges Facing Migrant Communities

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As more and more people from the Micronesian culture move to the United States, there is a need to understand world views and values. This talk will focus on the guts of island culture: the importance of the social map, the tension between the individual and social identity, the ways in which wealth and knowledge are used, the huge importance of respect, emotional expression and its restraints, island ways of handling both conflict and intimacy, the real but indirect power of women. Far from a purely theoretical exposition, the talk will address the lived realities of immigrant groups in Hawai'i.

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