

Seiji Naya Memorial Lecture

From First Canoe To Statehood

Eight Hundred Years of Economic
And Political Change in Hawai'i

Building on new archaeological and historical research, Sumner La Croix discusses the economic and political history of Hawai'i from the first Polynesian settlements in the thirteen century through U.S. colonization and the formation of statehood to the present day. He shows how the political and economic institutions that emerged and evolved in Hawai'i during its three centuries of global isolation allowed an economically and culturally rich society to emerge, flourish, and ultimately survive annexation and colonization by the United States. The lecture discusses why Hawaii has been able to successfully overcome some of the legacies of colonialism yet faces still considerable challenges from other unresolved legacies of lost Hawaiian sovereignty and lands.

Sumner La Croix is Professor Emeritus in the Department of Economics at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and a UHERO research fellow. His research focuses on the economic history of Hawaii, institutional change, property rights in land, and intellectual property rights in the Asia-Pacific region. La Croix's articles have appeared recently in leading economics and policy journals, including *Research Policy*, *Journal of Economic History*, *Economic History Review*, *Handbook of Cliometrics*, and *International Economic Review*. He is on the editorial boards of *Journal of Economic History* and *Australian Economic History Review*, and is an executive editor for *Journal of Asian Economics* and an associate editor of *Asian Economic Journal*. La Croix's new book, *Hawai'i: Eight Hundred Years of Political and Economic Change*, was published by the University of Chicago Press in March 2019. In May 2016, the Cliometric Society awarded its *Clio Can Award* to La Croix for exceptional service to the field of cliometrics.

Seiji Naya (1932-2016) was born in Japan, received his bachelor's degree from the University of Hawai'i and made Hawai'i his home after he joined the faculty of the University of Hawai'i in 1965. He taught and conducted research on international economics and Asian development during a career that spanned more than 40 years. He served as a Rockefeller Foundation Visiting Professor at Thammasat University in Thailand, as Vice-President and Chief Economist of the Asian Development Bank, and as Director of the Resource Systems Institute of the East-West Center. From 1994-2002, he served in the cabinet of the State of Hawai'i as Director of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT). He was widely known for his extensive research and expertise on Asia and advised many international agencies. His many publications include the *Asian Development Experience*, published in 2002 by the Asian Development Bank.



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Reception: 5:30 p.m.

Seminar: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

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