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The Dai Ho Chun Endowment for Distinguished Lecturers
in the Colleges of Arts & Sciences
Presents

Beyond the University

A free public lecture by

Michael Roth

Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 5:30 p.m.

Center for Korean Studies Auditorium, UH Mānoa Campus



In this talk, Roth defends liberal education against critics who see it as irrelevant and call for more vocational instruction. Drawing inspiration from American thinkers such as Thomas Jefferson, Emerson, and Jane Addams, he argues for a “pragmatic liberal education” that is in the service of freedom and cooperation, individual vitality and social change.

Michael S. Roth became the 16th president of Wesleyan University in 2007, after having served as Hartley Burr Alexander Professor of Humanities at Scripps College, Associate Director of the Getty Research Institute, and President of the California College of the Arts. At Wesleyan, Roth has overseen the most successful fundraising campaign in its history – emphasizing financial aid – as well as the launch of such academic programs as the Allbritton Center for the Study of Public Life, the Shapiro Creative Writing Center, the College of the Environment, the College of Film and the Moving Image, the College of East Asian Studies and the College of Integrative Sciences. Author and curator (most notably of the exhibition “Sigmund Freud: Conflict and Culture,” which opened at the Library of Congress in 1998), Roth describes his scholarly interests as centered on “how people make sense of the past.” His fifth book, *Memory, Trauma and History: Essays on Living with the Past* was published in 2012. His most recent book, *Beyond the University: Why Liberal Education Matters*, is a stirring plea for the kind of education that has, since the founding of the nation, cultivated individual freedom, promulgated civic virtue, and instilled hope for the future. He regularly publishes essays, book reviews, and commentaries in the national media and scholarly journals. He continues to teach undergraduate courses and through Coursera has offered MOOCs, the most recent being “How to Change the World.”

Roth will also be speaking as part of the ICSCP Speaker Series on January 17, 12:00-1:15 PM, Burns Hall 2118. Email Shawna Yang Ryan slyan@hawaii.edu for more information.

These events are made possible by the late Dr. Dai Ho Chun through his estate gift, which established The Dai Ho Chun Endowment for Distinguished Lecturers in the Colleges of Arts & Sciences. Dr. Chun was a distinguished and visionary educator.

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