

COS Lecture Series Presents:



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Photos from: Okinawan Taiko. Digital image. *Hawaii Magazine*. N.p., 1 Sept. 2011. Web. 25 Jan. 2015. The 29th annual Okinawan Festival brings folk dancing, food to Waikiki this weekend
Hawaii United Okinawan Association. Digital image. HUAO, n.d. Web. 20 Jan. 2016.

**February 26, 2016
3:00-4:30PM
Tokioka Room
Moore Hall Rm 319**

"PRESERVING AND PRESENTING UCHINANCHU IDENTITY IN THE DIASPORA:

THE EVOLUTION OF OKINAWAN CLUBS IN HAWAI'I AND BRAZIL"

This study examines the historical development of Okinawan clubs in terms of identity politics and structural differentiation. It traces the historical evolution of Okinawan clubs in context of the drive to preserve and assert Okinawan identity against external pressures (e.g., American and Japanese nation building projects). A comparative analysis of the Okinawan communities in Hawai'i and Brazil is used to test hypotheses concerning the evolution of diasporic associations.

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