Virtual Fall Symposium

Theme: Learning From the Land

Mon, Nov 15, 2021 from 10am-2pm PST

Zoom Registration: https://bit.ly/PBDAPIDAFallSymposium

Agenda

- Welcome: from Phi Beta Delta
- 10am - Farming As Activism: Mai Nguyen, Farmer Activist
- 11am - Native Knowledge Now: Mark Alapaki Luke, Professor at Honolulu Community College
- 12pm - Fire is Medicine: Margo Robbins, Executive Director of Cultural Fire Management Council
- 1pm - Book Club Discussion of BRAIDING SWEETGRASS by Robin Wall Kimmerer

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Dear Phi Beta Delta members:

Please join us on Monday, November 15th from 10-2pm PST (10am PST/11am MT/12pm CST/1pm EST) as we kick off International Education Week. Phi Beta Delta (in partnership with the SDSU APIDA Center) is hosting a FREE Virtual Fall Symposium. All are welcome. Please RSVP here for zoom link: https://bit.ly/PBDAPIDAFallSymposium

The theme is "Learning From the Land." The agenda is as follows - all times are listed in PST:

- Welcome - PBD President Sharon Joy and PBD President-Elect Virginia Loh-Hagan
- 10:00am - Mai Nguyen (they/them), also known as Farmer Mai, is an independent farm owner-operator who grows heirloom crops, as well as a social justice activist. Nguyen is also co-Director at Minnow, an organization that secures farmland tenure for California’s farmers of color while supporting indigenous sovereignty. Her talk is entitled, "Farming As Activism." Farming can be a way of fighting climate change, advancing racial justice, and supporting human and bio-diversity if we choose. Let's talk about how.
- 11:00am - Mark Sung Alapaki Luke is an Associate Professor and the Division Chair of Hawaiian Programs at Honolulu Community College. His teaching is centered around culture and place-based pedagogy. He focuses on native ‘ike (knowledge) from the kūpuna (elders) that have given us a foundation of ʻike ʻāina (learning from the land/earth). His talk is entitled, "Native Knowledge Now." Taro has deep roots in Hawaiian genealogy, culture, and land. Luke will address issues of community, sustainability, and food security.
- 12:00 pm - Margo Robbins is the co-founder and executive director of the Cultural Fire Management Council. She comes from the traditional Yurok village of Morek. She gathers and prepares traditional food and medicine. She is a basket weaver and regalia maker. Her talk is entitled, "Fire is Medicine." Indigenous peoples have used fire to maintain a healthy, productive, and balanced ecosystem. Such practices have cultural and ecological benefits and helps keep communities safer from wildfire. Learn more about Robbins' work in reclaiming fire as a land management tool.
- 1:00pm - Dr. Loh-Hagan will lead a book club discussion about BRAIDING SWEETGRASS by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

The event will be moderated by Dr. Virginia Loh-Hagan, President-Elect of PBD and Director of the SDSU APIDA Center. Questions? Please contact Dr. Loh-Hagan at vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu.