

University of Hawai‘i-Mānoa • Spring 2009

Econ 476: Oral Intensive (O)

LAW AND ECONOMICS

MW 3:00-4:15 pm

Professor Sumner La Croix



The trail to **Makupu‘u Lighthouse** located on land owned by the State of Hawaii.

Learning Objectives: Understand and apply core principles of property and intellectual property law; learn how to read, analyze, and present federal and state court decisions; understand the factors leading to an expansion in the use and scope of eminent domain (government taking of private property) in the United States since WWII; develop critical perspectives regarding the theories and bodies of evidence used to evaluate how changes in U.S. eminent domain laws have affected welfare; identify factors leading to the passage and repeal of land reforms laws in Hawaii allowing owners of condos and homes on leased land to force a sale of the land; develop critical perspectives regarding the debate over pharmaceutical patents and access to essential medicines in both developed and developing countries; learn how to present and to counter arguments on key issues in property and intellectual property law.

Who Should Take This Course? Economics, political science, and business majors; students interested in law school; students in the law and society certificate program.

Prerequisite: Econ 301 or consent of the instructor.

Questions? Contact Professor Sumner La Croix at lacroix@hawaii.edu