ECON 496 Contemporary Economic Issues: Economic Models for a Sovereign Hawaiian Nation
Monday 1:30 – 4:00 P.M.

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Course Description:
All successful and vibrant sovereign nations require an efficient economic system to support its social and political structures. A future sovereign Hawaiian nation is no different. In this course, students will (a) examine proposed models of Hawaiian sovereignty; (b) identify economic resources available to the sovereign nation; (c) analyze the economic needs of each model; (d) draw comparisons between a sovereign Hawaiian economy and economies of selected Pacific islands and Asian nations; and (e) develop corresponding models for the economy of a sovereign Hawaiian nation.

The course will be taught from a Hawaiian worldview and will require students to critically examine the underlying assumptions of the western economic system and to determine whether they are consistent with the political and social values of a sovereign Hawaiian nation existing in modern global economy. The course includes a great deal of interaction with community leaders who are involved in the sovereignty movement or experienced with the political, social, or economic requirements of a sovereign Hawaiian nation

Prerequisites: Students must have completed ECON 300 and 301, or be a Hawaiian Studies or Political Sciences major in good standing. Students who do not meet these requirements may be allowed to enroll in the course with the approval of the instructor.

Course Syllabus:

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<td>The Political and Economic History of Hawai‘i: Pre-1778 – 1900.</td>
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<pre><code>                      | Pre-1778 Subsistence Economy and Population; Sandalwood Trade; Whaling; The Māhele; Sugar; International Treaties; The Overthrow; Resistance; The Organic Act. |
                      | Readings:                                                              |
                      | \* Selected readings from Dismembering Lahui, (Osorio, 2003)           |
                      | The Hawaiian Kingdom Government website                               |
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January 17  **Holiday**

January 24  **The Political and Economic History of Hawai‘i: 1900 – Present**

The Big Five; WW-II, Tourism; Statehood; The Apology Bill; The 1990’s.

**Readings:**
- United States Public Law 103-150, The Apology Bill.

**Guest Speaker:** Keanu Sai, Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science

January 31  **Toward a Sovereign Hawaiian Nation Part I**

Models of political sovereignty

**Guest Speaker:** Dr. Kekuni Blaisdell

February 7  **Toward a Sovereign Hawaiian Nation Part II**

Hawaiian sovereignty and the economy; Key economic concepts and their Hawaiian counterparts; Identifying Hawaiian cultural values in models of political sovereignty.

**Readings:**

**Guest Speaker:** Pōkā Laenui

February 14  **The New Traditional Economy**

Classifying and evaluating economies; The new traditional economy.

**Readings:**

February 21  **Examples of New Traditional Economies in Asia**

Japan; North and South Korea.

**Readings:**

**Guest Speaker:** TBA
February 28 Pacific Island Economies

March 7 Economic Resources Available to a Sovereign Hawaiian Nation
Existing resources; Potential resources; A Hawaiian National Bank
Guest Speaker: Bumpy Kanahele

March 14 Midterm Examination

March 21 Spring Break

March 28 Review Midterm, Identify Research Projects, and Present the Grading Rubric for the Project and Presentation.
• Students will work in groups of no more than three members and will develop and present a plan for a sovereign Hawaiian economy. The plan must take into account the resources identified in the previous lesson, and shall include a rigorous argument in support of the plan.
• Groups will make weekly presentations to demonstrate their progress.
• The final plans will be presented in a 30-minute power point presentation followed by a 30-minute question and answer period during the final two class sessions. The presentation will be made to an audience of community experts who are familiar with the Hawaiian sovereignty movement and the economic resources of Hawai’i. A hardcopy of the presentation will be submitted as the final examination for the group.

April 4 Models for a Sovereign Hawaiian Economy: Weekly update
Guest Discussant: Peter Apo, Native Hawaiian Hospitality Institute

April 11 Models for a Sovereign Hawaiian Economy: Weekly update
Guest Discussant: Paul Brewbaker, Bank of Hawaii, Economist

April 18 Models for a Sovereign Hawaiian Economy: Weekly update
Guest Discussant: Mililani Trask

April 25 Project Presentations

May 2 Project Presentations

Course Grade: The final course grade will be determined by student performance on the midterm examination (30%); project presentation (30%); final examination (30%); and attendance and participation (10%). Letter grades will be assigned based on the following scale: A = 100-89%; B = 88-79%; C = 78-69%; D = 68-59%; F = < 59%.
Guest Speakers/Guest Discussants: All guest speakers are tentative as of this date, pending confirmation of their availability on the scheduled dates.

November 30, 2004