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## UH West O'ahu Distinguished Visiting Scholars Program brings renowned social science experts to West O'ahu

**KAPOLEI** --- This spring, the University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu's Distinguished Visiting Scholars Program will bring prominent social science experts to the University to discuss current and ancient civilizations, in honor of UH West O'ahu's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The presentations are free and open to the public.

The UH West Oʻahu Distinguished Visiting Scholars Program brings seasoned scholars and practitioners in the humanities, social sciences, and indigenous arts, traditions, and cultures to UH West Oʻahu for the benefit of students, faculty, staff, and the community.

Dr. Rhacel Salazar Parrenas presents "Mobilizing Morality: Migrant Domestic Workers in Dubai"

March 29, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

UH West O'ahu Campus Center Multipurpose Room, C208

In commemoration of Women's History Month, University of Southern California Professor of Sociology and Gender Studies, Rhacel Salazar Parrenas, will discuss migrant domestics workers in Dubai. Parrenas is one of the leading scholars of the international migration of Filipino/a workers and a 2015-2016 Deutsche Bank Member of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, N.J.

Light refreshments will be served. The presentation is co-sponsored by the UH West Oʻahu Distinguished Visiting Scholars Program, the UHWO Sociology Club, Alpha Kappa Delta, and Pamantasan West Oʻahu. For more information, contact Dr. Joyce Chinen at <a href="mailto:chinen@hawaii.edu">chinen@hawaii.edu</a>.

Dr. Jonathan Mark Kenoyer presents "Trade and Technology of the Indus Civilization (2600-1900 BC)"

April 19, 7-8:30 p.m.

UH West O'ahu Classroom Building, D146

University of Wisconsin-Madison Professor of Anthropology, Jonathan Mark Kenoyer, will discuss the nature of trade and the developments in specialized technologies that contributed to the emergence of state level society in the Indus Civilization, spread over what is now Pakistan and Western India. He will discuss the undeciphered Indus writing system represented on seals, pottery, and a wide range of other objects. Kenoyer will also speak about the organization of Indus cities and the decline and legacy of Indus culture.

Kenoyer served as field director and co-director of the Harappa Archaeological Research Project since 1986 and has worked on excavations and ethnoarchaeological studies in both Pakistan and India, as well as in other nearby regions including Oman and China. His work has been featured in *National Geographic Magazine* and *Scientific American* as well as on the website <a href="https://www.harappa.com">www.harappa.com</a>. During Kenoyer's long career spanning over four decades, he has held several administrative and academic positions at various institutions such as the department of anthropology at University of Wisconsin-Madison, and the American Institutes of Indian Studies, Pakistan Studies, Afghan Studies, and Bangladesh Studies. He has authored over 130 research articles, five monographs, and five volumes and conducted over 30 seasons of field work at various sites in India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan.

The event is sponsored by the UH West Oʻahu Distinguished Visiting Scholars Program and the UH West Oʻahu anthropology program. For more information, contact Dr. William Belcher at belcher@hawaii.edu.

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