

COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA-FSM

Department of Enrollment Management and Student Services
Office of the Director of Student Life

COM-FSM Forum Lecture

August 30, 2017 to January 22, 2018

Forum Lecture	Description	Facilitator (s)	Date (s)
Exploring the Deep Coral Reefs of Pohnpei	Visiting biologists and scientist from Hawaii spoke with students about their research on coral reefs in the Pacific, highlighting the work that they have been doing in and around the island of Pohnpei.	Dr. Sonia J. Rowley,	August 30, 2017
Micronesian Engagement with the World	Visiting scholar from the Australian National University spoke on his research, which explores Micronesia's relationship with the rest of the world. It focused on how FSM influenced and is influenced by the rest of the world.	Dr. Gonzaga Puas	September 4, 2017
Master Navigator	Visiting Master Navigator from Yap spoke about the tradition navigation methods used in the islands, and how they are used to confront the social, economical and environmental challenges faced by remote islands.	H. Larry Raigetel	September 8, 2017
ESL in Japan	Visiting Japanese instructor presented on her work as a linguistic, highlighting teaching methods and skills that are necessary when learning English as a second language	Akiko Kano	September 12, 2017
Whale Rider	The movie, Whale Rider, was shown, highlighting a number of topics important to Pacific Island cultures, such as climate change and environmentalism, gender equality, and balancing traditional and modern culture.	Marstella Jack	September 13, 2017
Peace Day	IOM representatives spoke about the importance of Peace Day and highlighted this year's theme, "Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for All." The presentation focused on the rights of migrants and refugees, and featured a short film about Yusra Mardini, a young refugee from Syria.	Genevieve Gruus & Michael Yarofairtoar	September 20, 2017

Financial Literacy 101	The Bank of Guam spoke with students about banking procedures and processes, highlighting for them the steps needed to create their own checking and savings accounts. They also spoke about creating budgets, and the importance of credit reports.	Mary Simmering	September 22, 2017
AANAPISI	Scholarship information related to the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund was provided. Highlights included: the benefits of the scholarship, eligibility requirements, as well as, the application process.	Joey Oducado	September 25, 2017
NORMA Public Forum	The National Oceanic Resource Management Authority (NORMA) in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) held a Public Forum on Fisheries Management and Development in the Federated States of Micronesia	NORMA & SPC	September 26, 2017
Happy	The documentary, Happy, was shown to help promote mental health awareness. The movie follows a filmmaker as he travels to dozens of countries in search of the meaning of happiness. Group discussions were held after the film, regarding happiness and it's relation to one's mental health.	Chelsea Rion	October 4, 2017
UN Sustainable Development Goals	Multiple presentations were held by the UN in attempts to highlight and inform students about the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Out of these presentations, focus groups were formed in attempts to further explore each goal and promote awareness with the surrounding community.	Maria Jose Lieber	October 4, 6, 9, 11, 13, 2017
Ecology & Botany	Visiting PhD Candidate and former COM-FSM student, came to speak about the process and opportunities of pursuing higher education, touching upon work conducting in the FSM pertaining to Ecology & Botany.	Harmony Yomai	October 16, 2017
Day of the Dead	A presentation on the Latin American tradition of Day of the Dead was provided. Traditional customs and practices were highlighted throughout the presentation.	Maria Jose Lieber	November 1, 2017

Island to Island	A visiting former Peace Corp volunteer and current Ph.D. student, provided a viewing of her short documentary Island to Island, which showcases how young practitioners of oil, traditional Hawaiian chant, integrate chanting into their lives on the island of Manhattan in New York City.	Jacqueline Hazen	November 13, 2017
Thanksgiving	Student Life staff held a Forum Lecture and discussion on Thanksgiving, highlighting the roots of the Holiday, and identifying the need to be grateful in life. A variety of Thanksgiving deserts were provided as well.	Chelsea Rion	November 20, 2017
Japan Exchange Programs	Two groups of COM-FSM students presented on their study abroad experiences in Japan, highlighting what they did, what they learned and how they got involved. This Forum Lecture, the final one for the semester, also featured a raffle drawing for those participants who attended lectures throughout the entire semester.	COM-FSM Students	December 4, 2017
University of Baltimore	In collaboration with EducationUSA, a presentation was provided on the MBA program offered through the University of Baltimore. Topics of discussion included: application process, financial aid, campus overview, as well as, services provided.	Justin Butler	January 15, 2018
The Cigarette Effect	A science experiment was conducted to highlight the effects that cigarette smoke has on the lungs. Discussions were held following this, on the health risks associated with smoking.	Chelsea Rion	January 22, 2018