

The Health Arts & Sciences MA & BA Degree Programs at Goddard College present:

Big Island, Little Planet

Hawaiian, Polynesian, and Global Perspectives on Nature, Culture, and Healing

A Travel Intensive in Polynesia on the Big Island of Hawaii

March 17–28, 2012

Engage your senses, mind, and heart in understanding how to see nature and appreciate the intelligence and adaptation of earth-based cultures over the millennia. Ethnobotanist Kathleen Harrison and Hawaiian cultural teacher Momi Subiono will lead this travel intensive, open to all who have a desire to immerse themselves in the story of plants, nature, and a deep cultural awareness of place.

Cost from Kona, Hawaii: \$2,300

Housing, ground transportation, and meals are included. Option for 3 college credits.

Register online by December 1, 2011:

www.goddard.edu/study_polynesia_hawaii

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Kathleen (Kat) Harrison is an ethnobotanist who works with indigenous ways of perceiving and interacting with nature, via myths, rituals, and the hidden layers of relationship with ecology, food plants, medicine plants, and visionary species. She has done recurrent fieldwork for 35 years in Latin America and has lived in Hawaii on and off for decades, building a deep love for and knowledge of Hawaii. Her organization, Botanical Dimensions, has initiated international botanical and ethnomedical projects since 1985. She teaches field courses for University of Minnesota and University of Missouri.



Momi Subiono is a native Hawaiian cultural/ethnobotany teacher who has worked closely within the schools in Kona, and throughout the islands for the past fifteen years, teaching Hawaiian Ethnobotany in relation to traditional uses of plants in the Hawaiian lifestyle. Her focus is on edible and medicinal plants, and her personal mission is to share the truth about Hawaii through the stories, plants and sense of place. She's a cultural artist who has learned many Hawaiian arts through experience and upbringing.



Partial List of Topics of Exploration

- » Cultural concepts of health and illness
- » Shamanism, light & darkness: journeying, protecting, curing
- » Polynesian/oceanic knowledge systems and Island cultures
- » Ancestral hunting and gathering, indigenous farming & conservation
- » The silk road and the spice trade: plants, imperialism and colonization
- » The history and post-colonial reality of Hawaii
- » Ethnoscience and the oral tradition
- » Culture from plants: tools, containers, cordage, textiles, dyes, music



Field Trip Possibilities

- » Pu'u Honua o Honaunau: Place of Refuge
- » Amy Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden
- » Ho'okena Beach Park
- » Kilauea Volcano & Punalu'u Beach Park
- » Halemaumau Caldera at the volcano
- » Botanical Dimensions' Hawaii Project
- » Northeastern Coast: Waipio or Pololu Valley

We will be led by curiosity, joy, and immersion in experiential learning. Come join us!

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