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This upper division course surveys Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders (NHPI) and offers an in-depth introduction to Pasifika Studies. The course covers the histories, cultures, identities, and contemporary issues facing NHPI communities through NHPI perspectives and epistemologies. Topics may include but are not limited to eco-activism and art, self-determination, decolonization, sovereignty, cultural revitalization, militarization, and settler colonialism.

Ars Pasifika

when the tide
of silence
rises
say “ocean”
then with the paddle
of your tongue
rearrange
the letters to form
“canoe”

Craig Santos Perez
(Chamorro)