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Judiciary Historical Society Presents Law in the Community Lecture Series

Saipan, CNMI – The Northern Marianas Judiciary Historical Society announces that Interim Dean Rose Cuison-Villazor of Rutgers Law School and Associate Professor Eun Hee Han of Georgetown Law School will be presenting in the Law in the Community Lecture Series on June 28, June 30, July 5, and July 7. The professors will each give two public lectures about topical legal issues. The professors will take questions from the audience. The lectures will take place as follows:

- Tuesday, June 28, at 12:00 p.m. at the Guma' Hustisia Assembly Hall in Susupe. Dean Cuison-Villazor will present a lecture titled "Critical Race Theory, Pacific Islands, and Cultural Rights." The lecture will outline critical race theory and examine how it applies to laws such as the CNMI's Article XII, which restricts ownership of land to indigenous people.
- Thursday, June 30, at 6:00 p.m. at the American Memorial Park Auditorium. Professor Han will give a lecture called "Critical Race Stories." The lecture will discuss a groundbreaking article by scholar Mari J. Matsuda which analyzes discrimination against people because of their accents.
- Tuesday, July 5, at 6:00 p.m. at the American Memorial Park Auditorium. Dean Cuison-Villazor will present a lecture called "The Insular Cases and Citizenship." The Insular Cases are U.S. Supreme Court decisions from over 100 years ago which discuss the status of U.S. territories. The lecture will discuss those cases and more recent cases involving American Samoa in which the Insular Cases played a major role.
- Thursday July 7, at 12:00 p.m. at the Guma' Hustisia Assembly Hall in Susupe. Professor Han will give a lecture titled "Cross-Cultural Competency and Law." The lecture will discuss a new standard of the American Bar Association that requires law schools to educate their students on cross-cultural competency, bias, and racism.

The lectures are free and will be livestreamed on the Judiciary's Facebook page. Members of the CNMI Bar Association can receive one CLE credit per lecture attended. The professors, who were

both raised in the CNMI, will also be teaching introductory law classes as part of the Judiciary Summer Pre-Law Program.

The Law in the Community Lecture Series has been made possible in part by a major grant from the Northern Marianas Humanities Council and National Endowment for the Humanities: Democracy demands wisdom. Any views, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in the lectures do not necessarily represent those of the Northern Marianas Humanities Council, National Endowment for the Humanities, NMI Judiciary, or Judiciary Historical Society.



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