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Humanities Guåhan Presents:

Unincorporated: Voting, Voices and Visions para Guåhan
Webinar Series • Digital Magazine
January 30, 2021 - April 24, 2021

Hagåtña, Guam—Humanities Guåhan is pleased to present “*Unincorporated: Voting, Voices and Visions para Guåhan*,” an upcoming webinar series and digital magazine exploring CHamoru stories, experiences and perspectives on civic engagement in relation to voting rights, democracy, decolonization, self-determination and Guam’s political status.

Humanities Guåhan received a grant of more than \$40,000 from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to produce this program. *Unincorporated* is part of a \$1.96 million nationwide initiative, “*Why It Matters: Civic and Electoral Participation*,” funded by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and presented by the Federation of State Humanities Councils. *Why It Matters* will provide non-partisan, free programming in 43 states and territories exploring the roles that civic and electoral engagement play in establishing and sustaining democracy.

Unincorporated will explore why civic engagement matters through an exploration of the political history of Guam and the histories, experiences and diverse perspectives of the island’s indigenous people. To do so, Humanities Guåhan will present a five-part series of webinars featuring CHamoru scholars, civil servants, creative writers and artists in conversation as they share their work, views and visions for the future on issues of civic engagement, voting rights and self-determination.

The “*Unincorporated: Voting, Voices and Visions para Guåhan*” webinar series will launch on January 30, 2021 at 1 p.m. with *Ti Måmakpo’: CHamoru Self-Determination*, a webinar featuring celebrated historian and scholar Dr. Robert Underwood in conversation with community advocate and poet Selina Onedera-Salas. They will discuss civic engagement and the origins, issues and stories of CHamoru self-determination and representation. Participants can join the Zoom webinar by registering at Eventbrite, and can view *Ti Måmakpo’* live on Humanities Guåhan’s Facebook page on January 30.

Register for Zoom Webinar *Ti Måmakpo’* Online:

<https://hg-votingvoicesvisions-timamakpo.eventbrite.com>

View *Ti Måmakpo’* Live on Facebook on January 30 at 1 p.m.:

<https://www.facebook.com/humanitiesguahan>

Future webinars in the series will be presented from February through April 2021.

Humanities Guåhan’s *Unincorporated* digital magazine will be available on April 24, 2021 and will

include essays by scholars on the history of Guam’s political status and more recent developments, excerpts from significant documents in Guam’s political history, historic photographs, contemporary interpretive essays and creative reflection on civic engagement, voting rights issues and self-determination in the form of creative writing and visual art.

To further expand access to important educational resources, *Unincorporated* magazine’s excerpts and pieces will include links and QR codes to additional resources. The magazine will be available on Humanities Guåhan’s website, and a limited number of hard copies will be distributed to public and private schools, public libraries, project partners and participants, funders and various local and national organizations and agencies.

“It is our hope that ‘*Unincorporated: Voting, Voices and Visions para Guåhan*’ can create meaningful dialogue around civic engagement and voting rights, and what they mean for our island,” said Humanities Guåhan Executive Director Dr. Kimberlee Kihleng. “We are grateful to The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and the Federation of State Humanities Councils for this grant award and the opportunity to explore these important issues.”

Humanities Guåhan is a nonprofit organization that provides foundational support and educational programs for the people of Guam. The mission of Humanities Guåhan is to foster community engagement and dialogue, inspire critical thinking, celebrate diversity and enrich the quality of life of island residents through the power of the humanities.

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Further Resources:

“Mellon Foundation Awards \$1.96 Million Grant to Federation of State Humanities Councils to Engage the Public on the Importance of Civic and Electoral Engagement”
by *The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation*

<https://mellon.org/news-blog/articles/mellon-foundation-awards-196-million-grant-federation-state-humanities-councils-engage-public-importance-civic-and-electoral-engagement/>

“Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Awards \$1.96 Million to Federation of State Humanities Councils to Support Nationwide Public Humanities Programs on Civic and Electoral Participation”
by *The Federation of State Humanities Councils*

<http://www.statehumanities.org/news/mellon-foundation-awards-1-96-million-to-fshc-to-support-nationwide-public-humanities-programs-on-civic-and-electoral-participation/>

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