

MEMORIES OF THE RICHARD FLORES TAITANO MICRONESIAN AREA RESEARCH CENTER

Hiro Kurashina, Ph.D. Emeritus Director, MARC, UOG

Personal Background Information

Born in the city of Morioka in northern Honshu, Japan, Dr. Hiro Kurashina spent his formative years in California. Guam has been his home for more than half of his life.

Brief Academic Background Information

Dr. Hiro Kurashina received his Ph.D. (1978), M.A. (1975), and B.A. (1970) in Anthropology from the University of California at Berkeley (UCB). Upon graduation, he became a Lifetime Member of the Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa in California. In the Graduate School at UCB, he was a recipient of the Le Conte Memorial Fellowship. Dr. Kurashina's principal academic mentor at UCB was Professor J. Desmond Clark who led a number of international expeditions to Africa under the auspices of the U.S. National Science Foundation. Dr. Kurashina was a member of the UC Berkeley International Expedition Team to Ethiopia, spending multiple field seasons in the field. Another influential academic mentor for Dr. Kurashina was Professor Arthur J. Jelinek of the University of Arizona, Tucson, who was the Director of the Advanced Archaeology Field School at Tabun Cave located on Mt. Carmel in northern Israel. This endeavor was funded by the Smithsonian Institution. Dr. Kurashina was a member of the Tabun Field School for two summer seasons. An additional scholar who mentored Dr. Kurashina was Professor Floyd L. Downs of California and Arizona. While studying Paleo-Anthropology and Old World Prehistory at UCB, Dr. Kurashina had numerous opportunities to attend public lectures given by such prominent scholars as Dr. Margaret Mead (Columbia University), Sir Raymond Firth (London School of Economics), Dr. Jane Goodall, DBE (Gombe Stream National Park, Tanzania), and Dr. Kenneth Emory (Bishop Museum). Dr. Kurashina attended guest seminars given by leading scholars in the discipline and he met in person Sir J. Grahame D. Clark, CBE (Cambridge University), Professor Henry de Lumley (Museum of Natural History in Paris), Dr. Louis Leakey (Olduvai Gorge, Tanzania), and Dr. Mary Leakey (Olduvai Gorge, Tanzania), to name a few.

Employment at UOG

In January, 1980, Dr. Hiro Kurashina began his employment at UOG. He served as a faculty member during the first half of his career, and then served as an administrator during the latter half of his career at UOG. He retired as Director of the Richard Flores Taitano Micronesian Area Research Center, UOG in 2003. He became Emeritus Director of MARC, appointed by UOG President Harold Allen and approved by the UOG Board of Regents in September, 2004.

Dr. Hiro Kurashina was initially recruited by the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), University of Guam in January 1980, when UOG was in need of establishing a full Archaeology Program within the academic discipline of Anthropology. A nation-wide search to fill the position with

the announcement was published in the Newsletter of the American Anthropological Association based in Washington, D.C. Dr. Kurashina responded with enthusiasm to the nation-wide search announcement. A year after accepting the position at CAS/UOG, he was recruited by the Micronesian Area Research Center, UOG at the time when the center was expanding its research faculty. From the time of his initial hire until his retirement, Dr. Hiro Kurashina dedicated his time and efforts for both creating a viable archaeology instructional program at CAS as well as establishing a leading academic research program in archaeology at MARC. During his tenure at MARC, he served as a faculty member, Acting Director, and the Director, as well as the Acting Dean of the Graduate School & Research at UOG. With the advice and encouragement of his UOG colleagues, Dr. Hiro Kurashina selected a location called Tarague on the northern littoral of Guam as the initial site for archaeological field training and interdisciplinary research activities. These endeavors combined archaeology, anthropology, geology, marine biology and botany. An Antiquities Act Permit to conduct archaeology at Tarague was facilitated by the Honorable Guam Congressman Antonio B. Won Pat and his staff in Washington, D.C. With primary funding provided by the National Geographic Society in Washington, D.C., the interdisciplinary program at Tarague was successfully launched and continued for a number of years. The first group of university students trained at Tarague included highly motivated and talented people. Among them were Alejandro Lizama, William Hernandez, Darlene Moore, Osamu Kataoka, Florentinos Akkin, Dan Bradley, Jonathan Leader, Priscilla Perez, Tony Pangelinan, Anthony Ramirez, and Gillette Leon Guerrero, to name just a few. Dr. Kurashina is in touch with many of these students going back to the beginning of his career at UOG.



UOG Archaeology Class at Tarague Beach in the early 1980s (Dr. Kurashina at Far Right)

UOG in Dr. Kurashina's Early Employment Years in the 1980s – 1990s

UOG was a compact and yet dynamic academic institution of higher learning in the early 1980s when Dr. Kurashina's career began there. Besides the RFK Library, there was the old Student Center, the Fine Arts Auditorium, the Science Building, the School of Nursing Building that also housed MARC, and the Marine Lab. The principal buildings on the UOG campus were identified as Building A and Building B. There was also Building C. The Field House did not exist on campus back then. The relatively small size of the campus enabled the members of the UOG Administration, Faculty and Staff to enjoy close and friendly interactions, and it also afforded opportunities for them to get acquainted well with one another at UOG. The annual Labor Day Picnic held at Ypao Beach and the UOG Christmas Party were well attended by UOG personnel. There was a noticeable sense of a campus community spirit that existed back then.

Although administration and faculty offices were (mostly) air-conditioned, many of the classrooms had louver windows and lacked A/C units. Dr. Kurashina shared office space with the faculty of what was then the Department of Anthropology and Geography on the ground floor of Building A during his first year of employment at UOG. He was also assigned a house located on Dean's Circle for space to establish a nascent archaeology laboratory. There was a stunning coconut grove leading up to the cliff edge, where the large parking area occupies space in front of the CLASS Buildings and CNAS Building that exist today. Annual commencement ceremonies were held at the Orote Point Theater inside the U.S. Naval Station in Apra. The top Administrators at that time were President Rosa Carter, Vice President Russell Peckens, and Vice President Alex Flores. Mr. Forest (Gene) Rogers was the Registrar on campus. Dr. Roy Tsuda was the Dean of the Graduate School & Research. In the 1980s, one of the major issues on campus was improving the current institutional standing and maintaining formal accreditation with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

The Micronesian Area Research Center (MARC) was housed on the ground floor of the School of Nursing unit until the new MARC – Computer Center building was completed in 1991. When Dr. Hiro Kurashina joined MARC in 1981, MARC already had a global reputation, thanks to the dedicated endeavors of pioneering staff members, especially Prof. Marjorie G. Driver, Fr. Thomas McGrath, S.J., Prof. Al Williams, Curator Emilie Johnston, Ms. Rosita Tosco, Mr. John Sablan, and Ms. Elaine Concepcion. Dr. Dirk Ballendorf was newly on board as the MARC Director when Dr. Kurashina joined MARC in 1981.

During Dr. Hiro Kurashina's tenure at MARC, especially for the period of the first half of his tenure, a number of distinguished scholars visited MARC on a regular or occasional basis to consult with its faculty, to actively use the archival collections, or to present MARC Seminars. At MARC, informal bag-lunch seminars were held nearly every week throughout the academic year. Notable among these scholars who came to visit MARC from off-island were Dr. Leonard Mason (UH-Manoa), Dr. Jesse Jennings (Univ. of Utah), Dr. Ray Fosberg (the Smithsonian), Dr. Fred Reinman (Cal State University, Los Angeles), Dr. Robert Kiste (UH-Manoa), Dr. Ron Crocombe (USP, Fiji), Dr. William Alkire (Univ. of Victoria), Ms. Faustina Rehuher (Belau National Museum), Fr. Fran Hezel, S.J. (MicSem, Pohnpei), Dr. Don Rubinstein (UH-Manoa), Dr. Karen Nero (Univ. of Auckland), Dr. Yosi Sinoto (Bernice P. Bishop Museum), Mr. Aki Sinoto (Bishop Museum), Dr. Glenn Petersen (CUNY), Dr. Foss Leach (Univ. of Otago), Dr. Janet Davidson (Museum of New Zealand Te Papa), Ambassador Haydn Williams, Mr. Scott

Russell (CNMI HPO), Prof. Javier Galvan (Spanish Government), Dr. Ken'ichi Sudo (The National Museum of Ethnology, Japan), Dr. Michiko Intoh (The National Museum of Ethnology, Japan), Dr. Tomoya Akimichi (The National Museum of Ethnology, Japan), Dr. Shuzo Ishimori (The National Museum of Ethnology, Japan), Prof. Jun Takayama (Tezukayama Univ.), Dr. Kiyoshi Nakachi (Meio Univ.), Dr. Manami Yasui (Tenri Univ. & International Research Center for Japanese Studies), Dr. Hisashi Endo (Kyoto Bunkyo University), Dr. Kazuro Hanihara (University of Tokyo), Professor Sam McPhetres (TTPI Archives), Mr. Hiroshi Nakajima (Pacific Society of Japan), and Mr. Don Farrell (CNMI), to name few. Among the distinguished visitors was the first female President of San Jose State University, Dr. Gail Fullerton, who was the head of one of the WASC On-Site Visit teams to UOG. She remarked that the Chamorro Genealogy Database Project at MARC was one of the most important projects being undertaken at UOG at that time. Prominent Guam leaders such as Chief Justice Benjamin Cruz and Speaker Tony Unpingco made frequent use of the Chamorro Genealogy Database Project at MARC.

Legacies to be remembered as part of the 70-year history of UOG

In 1987, Dr. Kurashina, then Acting MARC Director, invited Dr. Laura M. Thompson, who was then living in Hawaii, to revisit Guam and deliver a Keynote Address at the annual College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Research Conference. Dr. Thompson authored the well-known book entitled *Guam and Its People*, which was published by Princeton University in 1947. This book is based on her extensive hands-on field research conducted on Guam in 1938. For her Keynote Address, Dr. Thompson had a “standing room only” audience at the UOG Fine Arts Auditorium – the biggest crowd for a public lecture anybody had ever seen on the UOG campus. Dr. Thompson described her revisit to Guam within her autobiography entitled *Beyond the Dream*, which was published by MARC at UOG in 1991. The pioneering research work by Dr. Laura Thompson continues to inspire students of Anthropology and Archaeology even to this day in the 21st century, nearly 100 years after her seminal ethnographic field research was conducted on and within pre-WWII Guam.

At the time when Dr. Kurashina joined UOG, archaeology in the Marianas was still in its initial stages of development. The archaeological field methodology was primarily limited to conducting exploratory sub-surface testing by means of excavating one-meter by one-meter square test pits at archaeological sites. Dr. Kurashina introduced not only the interdisciplinary approach to Mariana Islands Archaeology, but also promoted large areal excavations to test research hypotheses at the Tarague site with his UOG colleagues and students. The deeply stratified Tarague site yielded early radiocarbon dates that placed the date of early human settlement of the Marianas into the 2nd millennium B.C. These very exciting research findings were reported at the XVth Pacific Science Congress held at the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand, in 1983. The UOG Delegates to Dunedin, though mostly comprised of natural scientists, included some humanities scholars such as Dr. Robert Underwood, Dr. Rebecca Stephenson and Dr. Kurashina from MARC. The UOG delegates flew on Air Nauru, which made several stops en route from Guam to Auckland. The route took them across the Equator via Kolonia in Pohnpei to Nauru, then to Port Villa in the New Hebrides, and then to Honiara in the Solomon Islands, before they arrived in Auckland, N.Z. What an unforgettable adventure it was!

As Administrator of MARC, Dr. Hiro Kurashina contributed significantly to the capacity building of MARC by creating partner relationships via Memoranda of Academic Exchange and Cooperation with such entities as the Bernice P. Bishop Museum (BPBM) in Honolulu with the kind facilitation provided by Dr. Yosihiko Sinoto, the Kenneth Emory Endowed Chair of Anthropology at BPBM, and the CNMI Historic Preservation Program with the assistance of Mr. Scott Russell, Deputy Historic Preservation Officer.

Dr. Hiro Kurashina was invited by the Director of the BPBM to become an exchange scholar during 1984 – 1985. It was a life-altering experience, as he was able to meet numerous leading Pacific scholars at the BPBM who inspired him to pursue his studies in Oceania. These scholars included, besides the aforementioned Dr. Yosihiko (Yosi) Sinoto, Dr. Kenneth Emory, Mr. Eddie Bryan, Dr. Alexander Spoehr, Prof. Marion Kelly, Dr. Adrienne L. Keppler, Dr. Roger Green, Dr. Patrick McCoy, Dr. Patrick Vinton Kirch, Dr. Paul Cleghorn, Dr. Alan Haun, Dr. Boyd Dixon, Dr. Rob Hommon, Mr. Eric Komori, Dr. Doug Yen, Ms. Toni Han, Ms. Elaine Jourdain, Kumu Hula Mrs. Pat Bacon, and Dr. William Ayres, to name only a few.

Dr. Kurashina established outstanding academic cooperation with the National Museum of Ethnology in Suita, Osaka, Japan, through excellent relationships with its Director General Dr. Tadao Umesao, and its research faculty, Dr. Tomoya Akimichi, Dr. Shuzo Ishimori, and Dr. Ken'ichi Sudo. Dr. Sudo later became Director General of the National Museum of Ethnology. It was in 1983 when Dr. Kurashina facilitated the historic visit of UOG President Dr. Rosa Carter to meet with Director General Tadao Umesao at the National Museum of Ethnology in Japan. Dr. Rosa Carter remarkably used a Japanese calligraphy brush to sign in her name in *katakana* on Dr. Umesao's Visitor Registry Book at his Executive Office in the National Museum of Ethnology. Dr. Umesao personally prepared the black ink (*sumi*) using his personal inkstone (*suzuri*) for Dr. Rosa Carter. A 30-minute appointment was then extended to include a luncheon with Director General Umesao at the National Museum of Ethnology. As a student of Professor Kinji Imanishi, Dr. Umesao had conducted field research in Pohnpei before WWII. Having an opportunity to meet with UOG President Rosa Carter after so many years brought back his pleasant memories of Micronesia.

In collaboration with Dr. Yosi Sinoto of the Bernice P. Bishop Museum (BPBM), Dr. Hiro Kurashina and Dr. Rebecca A. Stephenson led a multi-year archaeological *marae* (Polynesian Stone Temple) restoration project in the Cook Islands in Polynesia during 1985 -1989, with continued funding from the Center for Field Research/EARTHWATCH based in Massachusetts, USA. Prehistoric monumental megalithic structures called *marae* were restored on the islands of Rarotonga, Atiu, Mitiaro, and Aitutaki. Permission and blessings for these endeavors were given by the traditional *Ariki* (Paramount or High Chiefs) Makea Nui Teremoana Ariki, CBE; as well as Kainuku Ariki, Ada Rongomatane Ariki, Tou Ariki, and Ngamaru Ariki. In addition, the project received the approval of Prime Minister Sir Tom Davis, KBE; Prime Minister Sir Geoffrey Henry, KBE; and Prime Minister Terepai Tuamari Maoate, KBE. Mr. Tony Utanga, the Secretary of Internal Affairs Division in the Cook Islands Government, played a key role within the government and community coordination efforts, as well as project's many field logistics. The restoration of the most sacred *marae*, Koutu Ariki Taputapuatea, situated in Avarua on the island of Rarotonga, received much public attention and cultural recognition in Polynesia. When the celebrated Hawaiian double-hulled canoe *Hokule'a* made its historic

voyage to Rarotonga, the traditional carved wooden *tiki* on board the *Hokule'a* were placed in a ceremony at Taputapuatea Marae during the canoe's stopover in Rarotonga. More than 150 EARTHWATCH team members, from the U.S.A. and elsewhere in the region, joined the project over several field seasons, to serve as our team members in this remarkable field project that linked Field Archaeology, Historic Preservation and Cultural Anthropology in the Cook Islands. Special gratitude is extended to the family members of Papa Vainerere Tangatapoto, OBE, for their hospitality, accommodations, and logistical support.

When the new MARC Building was built in 1991, Dr. Hiro Kurashina was responsible for designing and establishing the MARC Archaeology Office, Dry Lab, Wet Lab and the Storage area with high-density shelving. Creating the permanent archaeological research facility at MARC is one of notable legacies of Dr. Kurashina.

Dr. Kurashina stimulated much intellectual interest in the early human migrations concerning the Asia-Pacific region. Within the context of the theoretical human migration model(s), Dr. Kurashina's research at Borobudur in central Java as well as Sumba in Indonesia shed new light, reinforcing the prehistoric human movement from Island South East Asia to the Marianas. The model which has been further advanced through multiple lines of evidence from archaeological, anthropological and linguistic research has been corroborated by recent mtDNA studies by genetic and biological anthropologists in recent years.

In 2004, with financial assistance provided by UOG for student travel, Dr. Kurashina and his archaeology students joined Dr. Thomas King, US Navy archaeologist Jennings Bunn, Archaeologist Mr. Mike Fleming and CNMI Staff Archaeologist Mr. John Mark Joseph for a formal search for Amelia Earhart on Tinian. Ms. Katie Worth of the *Pacific Daily News* on Guam reported on November 15, 2004 that Earhart project inspired UOG students by being able to participate in the field research endeavors on Tinian in the CNMI. Ms. Rlene Steffy made video documentation of the field investigations on Tinian. CNMI archaeologists Mr. Randy Harper and Ms. Marilyn Swift participated in the field investigation. Tinian Historic Preservation Coordinator Ms. Carmen Sanchez provided much needed logistical support.

The last publication by MARC during Dr. Kurashina's tenure as Director of MARC was a major monograph entitled, *The Life and Martyrdom of Diego Luis de San Vitores, S.J.*, written by Francisco Garcia, S.J.; translated by Margaret M. Higgins, Felicia Plaza, M.M.B. and Juan M.H. Ledesma, S.J.; and edited by Fr. James A. McDonough, S.J. For the production of the volume, several MARC staff members were involved, including Prof. Marjorie Driver, Ms. LaVonne Guerrero Meno, MARC Administrative Officer; Mr. John Sablan, Mrs. Rosita Tosco, Dr. Melissa Taitano, and Ms. Rose Hatfield. Fr. Fran Hezel wrote the Introduction for the book which was published in 2004 on the 350th anniversary of the ordination of Fr. San Vitores. The cover was designed by the highly acclaimed local artist, Mr. Ron Castro.

Numerous students were trained in archaeology during the tenure of Dr. Hiro Kurashina at UOG. At the M.A. graduate level, Dr. Kurashina chaired three M.A. thesis committees in archaeology/Micronesian Studies, namely for Ms. Helen Leidemann, Ms. Darlene Moore, and Mr. Victoriano April. Helen went on to the Bishop Museum in Hawaii. Darlene became a well respected archaeologist specializing in Marianas prehistoric ceramics, and Vic April became

Territorial Archaeologist in the Department of Parks and Recreation on Guam. He later became the Consul General of Palau for Guam.

Special Memories of UOG – Teaching and University Service

Dr. Hiro Kurashina enjoyed teaching archaeology classes both at the undergraduate and graduate levels. As part of teaching these classes and to introduce Mariana Islands Archaeology to his UOG students, he organized a number of field visits to the neighboring islands of Rota, Tinian, and Saipan in the CNMI. Students had first-hand opportunities to visit such major archaeological sites as the House of Taga on Tinian and the As Nieves Taga Stone Quarry on Rota. Numerous UOG students benefited from the field visits to the archaeological sites in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. One particular student who was among the student participants to the island of Rota was Mr. Angel Santos, who became well known as an indigenous activist.

As part of university service, Dr. Hiro Kurashina served on numerous committees at UOG that included UAAC, the Western Pacific Studies Program Advisory Group, the Research Unit Academic Affairs Committee, the Research Council, the Accreditation Self-Study Committee, the Graduate Behavioral Sciences Committee, the Computer Use Advisory Committee, the Auxiliary Services Committee, the MICRONESICA Editorial Review Board, the WERI Advisory Council, the FLAS Fellowship Selection Committee, the UOG Appellate Board, the Community Service Committee, the Administrative Council, the Presidential Search Committee, Faculty Search Committees, and the Steering Committee for the Pacific Science Inter-Congress held on Guam. In his retirement, Dr. Kurashina serves as a member of the SEPRS Scholarship Committee, and the SEPRS Legacy Project Team.

Academic Awards and Special Professional Recognitions

The highest honor that Dr. Hiro Kurashina received is an Imperial Commendation from Emperor Naruhito, *the Order of the Ancient Treasure with Gold and Silver Rays*, at an Award Ceremony held at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo in May, 2019. Other honors and recognitions Dr. Kurashina received are listed as follows:

- *Phi Kappa Phi*, Lifetime Member, Guam Chapter, UOG, 2021
- Invitation for a Portfolio Review by the National Geographic Your Shot Producer, 2019
- First Place in the National Geographic Photography Contest in the Travel Division, 2018
- Honoree, Richard Flores Taitano Micronesia Area Research Center, 2012
- Certificate of Special U.S. Congressional Recognition by Guam Delegate Madeleine Bordallo, 2012
- The Japan Foreign Minister's Award on the Occasion of the 150th Anniversary of the US-Japan Treaty of Amity, 2004
- Legislative Resolution, Guam Legislature, 2004
- Congressional Citation, U.S. House of Representatives, 2004
- The Lifetime Achievement Award by the CNMI Governor and the CNMI Council for the Humanities, 2003
- Certificate of Appreciation, Micronesia Area Research Center, University of Guam, 2003

- Administrator of the Year, University of Guam, 2002
- Certificate of Appreciation, The 9th, 8th, and 6th Annual Secondary Schools Modern Language Competitions, Dean of CAS, University of Guam, 2001, 1999, 1998
- Excellence in Research, Secretary-General, 10th Pacific Science Inter-Congress, Guam, 2001
- Certificate of Appreciation, Secretary-General, 10th Pacific Science Inter-Congress, Guam, 2001
- Twenty-Year Government Service Award, University of Guam, 2000
- Certificate of Appreciation, Vice President for Administration & Finance, University of Guam, 1999
- Certificate of Appreciation, Principal, Simon Sanchez High School, Yigo, Guam, 1999
- Prestigious Park Partner Award, War in the Pacific Nat'l Historical Park, Guam, 1998
- Certificate of Appreciation, Chair, Inauguration Committee and President, University of Guam, 1997
- Certificate of Accomplishment, Interest Based Bargaining, Director, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, 1997
- Certificate of Achievement, Dealing with Difficult People Workshop, Director, Employee- Management Relations, HRO, U.S. Navy and Hospitality Dynamics, 1997
- *Chi Omicron Gamma*, University of Guam, 1983
- Certificate of Appreciation, War in the Pacific National Historical Park, Guam, 1996
- Faculty Merit Award, University of Guam, 1982
- Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Chapter of California, University of California at Berkeley, 1970
- B.A. Degree with Distinction in General Scholarship and Major, University of California at Berkeley, 1970

Notable Publications and Creative Work Pieces

The most notable publications by Dr. Hiro Kurashina are two co-authored publications in the British Scientific Journal *Nature*:

Clark, J. D., B. Asfaw, G. Assefa, J. Harris, H. Kurashina, R. Walter, T. White and M. A. J. Williams
1982 Paleoanthropological Discoveries in the Middle Awash Valley, Ethiopia. In
Nature. Vol. 307.

Clark, J. D. and H. Kurashina
1979 Hominid Occupation of the East-Central Highlands of Ethiopia in the PlioPleistocene. In
Nature. Vol. 282, pp. 33-39. 1 November.

Publications concerning early radiocarbon dates associated with archaeological sites at Tarague and others in the Mariana Islands:

Carson, Mike T. and Hiro Kurashina
2012 Re-envisioning long-distance Oceanic migration: early dates in the
Mariana Islands. In *World Archaeology*. Vol. 44:3, pp. 409-435.

Kurashina, Hiro and R. N. Clayshulte
1983 Site formation processes and cultural sequence at Tarague, Guam. In *IPPA
Bulletin*. No. 4. Published by Australian National University. (Note: This

is a shortened version of the paper presented at the XVth Pacific Science Congress, Dunedin, New Zealand in February, 1983).

A book review of Dr. Yosi Sinoto's Autobiography published by the UH Press in *Asian Perspectives Journal* co-authored with Dr. Rebecca A. Stephenson:

Kurashina, Hiro and Rebecca A. Stephenson

- 2018 *Curve of the Hook: Yosihiko Sinoto, An Archaeologist in Polynesia*. Yosihiko Sinoto with Hiroshi Aramata; ed. Frank Stewart, trans. Madoka Nagado. *Manoa: A Pacific Journal* 28(1) Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, 2016. xxix + 205 pp., color and black-and-white photographs throughout. Paper, US \$29. ISBN 978-0-8248-6623-5.

A publication pertaining to the Story of Latte in MICRONESICA:

Laguana, FAIA, Andrew, Hiro Kurashina, Mike T. Carson, John A. Peterson, James Bayman, Todd Ames, Rebecca A. Stephenson, John Aguon and Harya Putra

- 2012 *Estorian i latte: A Story of latte*. In MICRONESICA A Journal of the University of Guam. Vol. 42 (1/2), pp. 80-120.

Publications of co-authored chapters in books published by the Cambridge University Press, Gadjah Mada University Press, and Academic Press:

Wheatley, Bruce P., Rebecca A. Stephenson, Hiro Kurashina and Kelly Marsh-Kautz

- 2002 Cultural Primatological Study of *Macaca fascicularis* on Ngeaur Island, Republic of Palau. In *Primates Face to Face: The Conservation Implications of Human- Nonhuman Primate Interconnections*. Eds. Agustin Fuentes and Linda D. Wolfe, Cambridge University Press. pp. 240-253.

Kurashina, Hiro, Rebecca A. Stephenson, Thomas J. Iverson and Andrew Laguana

- 1999 The Megalithic Heritage Sites of the Marianas: Latte Stones in Past, Present and Future Contexts. In *Heritage, Tourism and Local Communities*. Ed. Wiendu Nuryanti. Yogyakarta: Gadjah Mada University Press.

Clark, J. D. and H. Kurashina

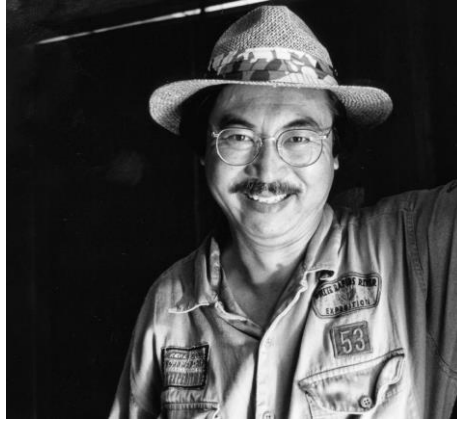
- 1981 A Study of the Work of a Modern Tanner in Ethiopia and Its Relevance for Archaeological Interpretation. In *Modern Material Culture: The Archaeology of Us*. Eds. Richard Gould and Michael Schiffer. New York: Academic Press.

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- 1978 An Examination of Prehistoric Lithic Technology in East-Central Ethiopia. Ann Arbor: University Microfilms.

Kurashina, Hiro

Publication of photographs in the National Geographic Magazine (Visions, Challenge #NGMH20, Vol. 231 (4), April, 2017 USA Edition; Page 11, April, 2017 Japan Edition; Page 26, October 2016, Japan Edition) as well as in a National Geographic Book: *Stunning Images*. Ed. Annie Griffiths. pp. 288-289, 2014.



Dr. Hiro Kurashina Photograph by Dr. Rebecca A. Stephenson

Public Service and Community Engagements

As part of the public service and community engagements, Dr. Hiro Kurashina served as a Charter Member (Technical Advisor) of the CNMI Historic Preservation Review Board, beginning in 1983. He also served as a Charter Member of the Guam Preservation Trust. During his tenure as a board member of the Guam Preservation Trust, a number of major historic restoration projects were successfully undertaken which included the Merizo Conbento, Fort Soledad, Hagatna Basilica Cathedral, M. G. Cook School, Inarajan Community Hall, St. Joseph's Church, and Vernacular Houses of Inarajan. He was an active member of the Guam Historic Preservation Review Board as well. He also served as a charter member of the MARC Advisory Council, co-chairing the Council with Dr. Lorraine Yamashita.

At the invitation of President George Lai of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Guam (CCCG), Dr. Hiro Kurashina served as Presidential Advisor to Mr. George Lai. Dr. Hiro Kurashina has chaired various committees of CCCG, including the USSBA Award Nominating Committee, the Directory Committee, and the Election Committee. He is also a member of the GFA Electoral Committee.

In the other areas of community service, Dr. Hiro Kurashina served as a member of the panel for interviewing JET and MEXT Scholarship applicants at the Consulate General of Japan – the programs supported by the Japan Foreign Ministry and the Japan Ministry of Education.

MARC Colleagues

During the course of employment at MARC, Dr. Kurashina was privileged to have numerous faculty and staff members as his colleagues. They included Dr. Monique C. Storie, Dr. Mike Carson, Dr. Carlos Madrid, Ms. LaVonne Guerrero-Meno, MBA, Professor Marjorie Driver, Professor Omaira Brunal-Perry, Dr. Kenneth Carriveau, Mrs. Magdalena Taitano, Dr. John Peterson, Fr. Thomas McGrath, S.J., Professor Al Williams, Dr. Marilyn Salas, Dr. Donald Shuster, Dr. Vince Diaz, Professor William Wuerch, Dr. Donald Rubinstein, Dr. Dirk Ballendorf, Dr. Thomas Iverson, Professor Douglas Haynes, Professor Cecilia Salvatore, Dr. Michael Hamerly, Dr. Lucius Eldredge, Dr. Michael Graves, Dr. Bruce Karolle, Dr. Tom Pinhey, Professor Perry Pangelinan, Ms. Rose Hatfield, Ms. Rosita Tosco, Ms. Elaine Concepcion, Mr. John Sablan, and others. With the collective efforts of many of the MARC colleagues, MARC

was officially designated as a Center of Excellence by UOG President Harold Allen during his presidency at UOG.

Personal Reflections

During his professional career at the University of Guam, Dr. Hiro Kurashina gained much appreciation of the local and regional cultures and their cultural values, especially embracing the importance of families. He met many people through teaching, conducting research, carrying out administrative responsibilities, and engaging in community services. A number of people whom he met have become his lifetime friends. Taking this opportunity, Dr. Kurashina extends his warmest gratitude to everyone who touched his heart and soul ever so deeply.