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UOG Dean to speak on sustainable agriculture through village gardens

The University of Guam College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS) invites the public and the university community to a special presentation on Wednesday, October 16, from 4:00 to 5:00 PM.

Dr. James D. Sellmann, CLASS Dean, will speak on " Sustainable Agriculture and Food Ethics: A Vegetable Garden in Every Village." A version of this talk was presented at the European Society for Agriculture and Food Ethics held in Ede, Netherlands.

The event will take place in person at the CLASS Lecture Hall on the UOG campus and streamed online via Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/uogclass/>

About the Presentation

Ancient Pacific and Asian agroforestry practices sustained communities for literally thousands of years. One (1) work calorie put into agroforestry yields eight-ten (8-10) food calories. In modern (un)sustainable agriculture 8-10+ fuel calories are needed to produce one (1) food calorie.

Modern agriculture is not sustainable and its reliance on fossil fuel is also a major contributor to climate change and the ongoing climate crisis. This talk will present some of the recent research on sustainable agriculture and food ethics from a Pacific and Asian perspective, promoting the idea that every village in Guam must have vegetable gardens where people can obtain nutritious food.

Modern humans need to go back to the future by reclaiming traditional agroforestry practices. The government provides food for the needy, but the system gets corrupted. Having open vegetable gardens in every village, in every neighborhood, would promote sustainable agriculture and food for the needy.

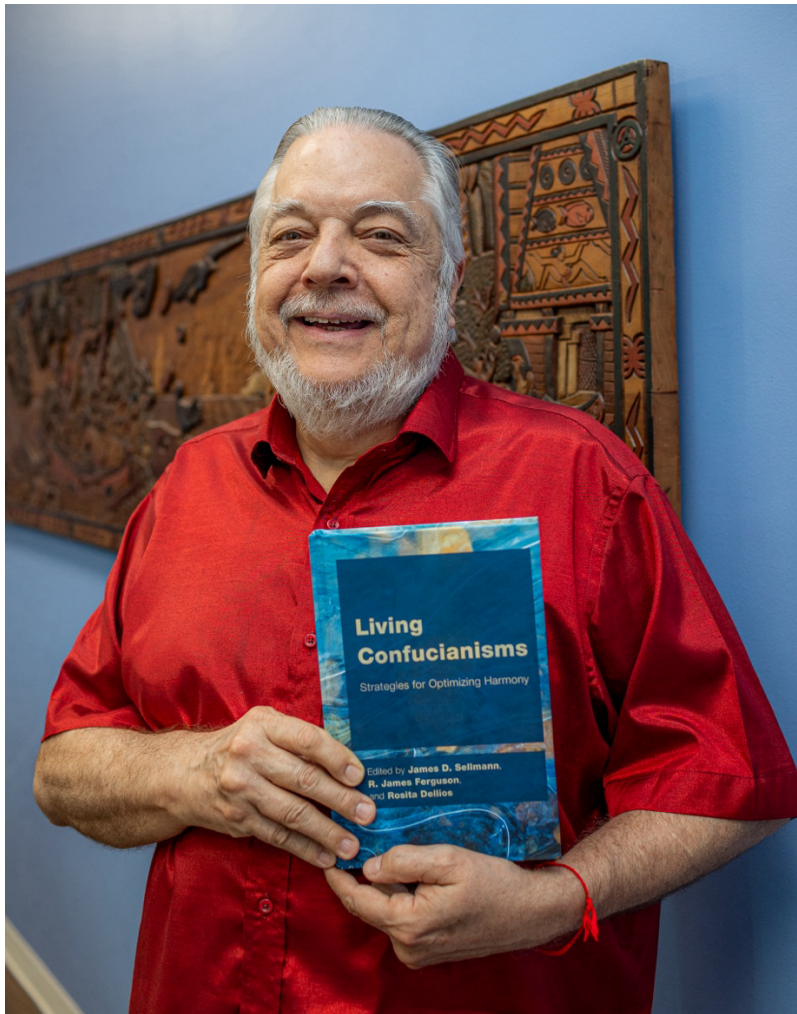
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About the Speaker

Dr. James D. Sellmann has served as Professor of Philosophy and as Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at the University of Guam for the past 32 years. He specializes in Asian, Pacific, CHamoru, and Global Philosophy. He has published extensively: two books and over 100 refereed book chapters, journal articles, and encyclopedia reference articles. His work focuses on Social and Political philosophies.

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Attachment: Event Flyer, Photo



UOG-James-Sellmann.jpg - Dr. James Sellmann, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at the University of Guam, showcases the book he co-edited, *Living Confucianisms: Strategies for Optimizing Harmony*. Sellmann will be giving a lecture on sustainable agriculture through community gardens on Wednesday, October 16, from 4:00 to 5:00 PM at the CLASS Lecture Hall.