The Department of Anthropology and The Center for Asian and Pacific Studies is pleased to present UI graduate (B.A. 1965):

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Friday, February 28, 2020
3:30 PM
27 Macbride Hall

Between Land and Sea: Oyster Farming, Shore Fishing, Salt Production, and Scavenging along the South China Coast (1728-1978)

South China’s Pearl River Delta is one of the world’s most fascinating and multivariate ecosystems. More of an inland sea than a classic delta, it supports millions of people who live on or near its margins. One of its more complex social systems is located at Lau Fau Shan, a tidewater expanse of oyster beds and brackish-water marshes along the western extremity of Hong Kong’s New Territories. This essay explores the relationship between landowning farmers who controlled this stretch of coastline and water-borne itinerants who harvested the rich bounty of sea products along the shore.

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