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“No Aloha for Our 'Ohana: Interwar US Army Plans to Deploy Chemical Weapons to Thwart a Japanese Conquest of Oahu and its Post-War Consequences”

Please join us for Prof. Hart's discussion of the history of US Army stockpiling of dangerous chemical weapons on Oahu. This history begins with plans to use such weapons against a Japanese attack across the Pacific, and continues with questions of post-war storage, dumping and geopolitical strategies. Dr. Hart will consider the longer-term consequences of that history, including matters of health, the environment and civilian-military relations here in Hawaii. What can this history tell us about US global military strategic reach in addition to the Modern and Contemporary history of Hawaii?

Dr. Hart is Professor of History and International Studies at HPU, as well as the author of numerous publications, primarily concerning Germany during the Second World War. His research interests include that conflict as well as modern military, strategic, and diplomatic history, international relations, and questions of national security and strategy.

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