



Two Special Lectures by Dr. Scott Saft from the University of Hawaii at Hilo



**Lecture 1: "The Study of Syntax and Our Brains:
Examples from English, Hawaiian Creole English, and
Hawaiian"**

Date&Time: 10月10日 (Mon) 15:15-16:45
Place: B21

According to the area of linguistics known as syntax, human beings have rules in their brains that allow them to generate grammatically "correct" sentences. Focusing especially on the rules of English syntax but also including examples from Hawaiian Creole English and Hawaiian, this presentation explores the nature of these syntactic rules. It is suggested that these rules, while being real aspects of the human mind, do not necessarily always lead speakers to produce "correct" language.

**Lecture 2: "Understanding Differences between English
and Japanese Discourse: From Culture to Linguistics"**

Date&Time: 10月11日 (Tue) 11:05-12:35
Place: J 棟 P room

It is generally recognized that the communication styles of speakers of English and Japanese are very different. As researchers have said, English speakers favor direct communication while Japanese speakers tend toward vague or indirect styles. Beginning first with an examination of the grammars of both languages and then an investigation of discourse practices that include aizuchi (short listener responses), sentence particles, and also eye contact, this presentation discusses not only differences but also similarities in the communication patterns of speakers of both languages.



Scott Saft received his Ph.D. in Japanese linguistics at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. He has taught English and Linguistics at universities in Japan and also Japanese and Linguistics at universities in the United States. Currently, he is teaching Linguistics in the Ka Haka 'Ula Ke elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo. His research focuses primarily on discourse analysis and the efforts to revitalize the Hawaiian Language. In addition to academic pursuits, he enjoys leisurely activities such as playing and coaching sports, reading books, and eating delicious food.

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