

## Fulbright Digital Information Session

### featuring Fulbright Alumni Ambassador, Ashley McGuigan



#### Ashley McGuigan

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In Fiji, Ashley conducted dissertation research on how agroforest management practices are changing in response to new socioeconomic and environmental pressures, and the effects of this on dietary nutrition and the conservation of biodiversity. To do this, Ashley collaborated with the University of the South Pacific, government ministries, and local and international NGOs to examine how the strongest cyclone on record in the Southern Hemisphere influenced people's agroforest management decisions, biodiversity, and diets post-impact across ten villages. Her work is important to understanding social and ecological resilience, combating the non-communicable disease epidemic in the South Pacific, and can help inform adaptive management strategies that enhance food security in the face of global change. In addition to her research, Ashley served on a team of U.S. and Fijian students who co-designed, distributed, and taught using a children's book that encouraged intergenerational dialogue about place-based traditional knowledge in local schools, and raised funds to help these schools rebuild post-cyclone. Ashley is in the final stage of her Ph.D. at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, where she continues to collaborate with Fijian research assistants and the Government of Fiji to meet policy development needs.

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## Thursday, April 23rd, 2:00-3:30 PM

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