



You are invited to meet

**An Extraordinary Native Hawaiian**  
a **Samoan Papali'i** (High Chief)  
who is a **Storyteller**  
**Award-Winning Entrepreneur Professor**  
& **Scientist**

**Dr. Tusi Avegalio**

1431 Webster St.  
Palo Alto, Ca. 94301

5pm  
Thursday, July 28, 2016



## A Samoan Papali'i Leads Superfood Movement, Shares Solutions for Sustainable Future

Papali'i Dr. Tusi Avegalio, heir to the Mailletoa line of kings of Samoa, will be visiting San Francisco from July 24–29 to address the challenges of our present world with unique perspective.<sup>1</sup> [The Global Mana Foundation](#) will host a press gathering—on Thursday, July 28 in Palo Alto—for those interested in learning Dr. Tusi's insights on human and environmental health, sustainability, food security, disaster preparedness and community resilience. This is a rare opportunity to meet a spiritual teacher and gifted storyteller dedicated to forging true global collaboration by weaving indigenous wisdom with modern science and knowledge.<sup>2</sup>

Over the past five years Dr. Tusi has spearheaded the [Pacific Global Breadfruit Initiative](#), a ground-breaking superfood movement that brings together a network of global change agents, scientists, researchers, cultural leaders and business experts. The Global Breadfruit Initiative provides a full-scale model of a sustainable solution with the potential to massively reduce world hunger, feed billions, reverse the devastating effects of diabetes, empower local communities and make significant social and economic impact. Dr. Tusi will announce the 2016 Hawaii Pacific Global Breadfruit Summit (August 27–31, 2016), which connects the vast human, health and environmental benefits of potentially “one of the most important crops of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.”

The first native of Oceania to become a professor at the University of Hawaii, Dr. Tusi Avegalio is Director of the Pacific Business Center Program (PBCP) at the Shidler College of Business there.<sup>3</sup> Under his direction, the PBCP received seven national awards for innovation, creativity, and effectiveness. He is also the Executive Director of the [Honolulu Minority Enterprise Business Development Center](#), and in 2009 he was named “Entrepreneur of the Year” for the US Western Region. As a member of the [Collaborative Leaders Network](#), Dr. Tusi promotes development strategies grounded in Polynesian values. Dr. Tusi has consulted throughout the Pacific for the ruling chiefs of Micronesia, Melanesia, and Polynesia, and for traditional village councils, community organizations, governments, colleges and universities, multinational corporations, and local businesses to guide them to recognize interconnectedness and their capacity for healthy collaboration.

We invite you to join us in welcoming this inspiring leader and change agent and hearing his message.

**Please RSVP**

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<sup>1</sup> His genealogical link to Hawaii can be traced in King Kalakaua's publications on *Hawaiian Legends and Myths*, which map the movement of the Pili of Samoa to Hawaii in 1100 A.D.

<sup>2</sup> For an intimate portrait of this incredible man, read Page 4 of Kimberly Barker's interview with Dr. Tusi: [http://www.isodc.org/Resources/Documents/DrTusiFINAL\(2\).pdf](http://www.isodc.org/Resources/Documents/DrTusiFINAL(2).pdf)

<sup>3</sup> Hear the story of his journey from Samoa to Kansas and around the world on an edition of PBS Hawaii: [http://www.pbshawaii.org/ourproductions/longstory\\_guests/tusi.htm](http://www.pbshawaii.org/ourproductions/longstory_guests/tusi.htm)