

FREE LECTURE SERIES

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SURFRIDER'S RISE ABOVE PLASTICS CAMPAIGN

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PLASTICS

Most plastic pollution at sea starts out on land as litter on beaches, streets and sidewalks. Rain or overwatering flushes that litter through a storm drain system or directly to creeks, streams and rivers that lead to the ocean. After plastics enter the marine environment they slowly photodegrade into smaller pieces that marine life can mistake for food, sometimes with fatal results. Ocean gyres concentrate plastic pollution in five main areas of the world's ocean and various research groups are bringing back alarming data documenting plastics impacts.

Simple local actions can help make an impact to solve this global issue. Join us as Stuart Coleman shares a brief overview on Surfrider's Rise Above Plastics campaign and the environmental, economic and human health costs of our dependence on plastics, esp. single-use bottles, bags, cups and containers.

Originally from Charleston, S.C., Stuart Coleman moved to Hawaii to teach, write and surf. He has taught literature, creative writing and leadership studies at Punahou and Iolani Schools, the University of Hawaii and the East-West Center. Coleman has written articles for Men's Journal, Sierra and Hawaii Magazine and is the author of two books, Eddie Would Go and Fierce Heart. He was the Writer in Residence at St. Alban's School and a recipient of the Cades Award for Literature. After volunteering for the Surfrider Foundation for eight years, he was hired as the organization's first Hawaii Coordinator in 2009 and has enjoyed working such dedicated volunteers and environmental activists.

