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Sumner La Croix (Ph.D., University of Washington, 1981) is Professor in the Department of Economics and the Population Studies Program at the University of Hawai'i-Manoā (UH-Manoā); and an affiliate faculty member with the UH-Manoā Center for Chinese Studies and the UH-Manoā Center for Japanese Studies. La Croix has held visiting positions at the University of Canterbury (1984), the Australian Graduate School of Management (1987), Fudan University (1990), the University of California-Berkeley (1995), Barnard College, Columbia University (1998-2000), and Johns Hopkins University-Bologna (2005). La Croix's research focuses on the economic history, development, and current state of economies in the Asia-Pacific region, with an emphasis on issues pertaining to institutional change, property rights, intellectual property rights, and organization and regulation of industry. He is co-editor of *Japan's New Economy: Continuity and Change in the Twenty-First Century* (Oxford University Press 2001), *Institutional Change in Japan* (Routledge 2006), and *Challenges to the Global Trading System: Adjustment to Globalization in the Asia-Pacific Region* (Routledge 2007); a contributor to *Historical Statistics of the United States*, Millennial Edition (Cambridge University Press 2006), and a co-author of *Government and the American Economy: A New History* (University of Chicago Press, 2007). Current research projects include articles on patents and access to essential medicines; China's rise as an international trading power; racial discrimination in Japanese and American baseball; property rights in land in Dutch South Africa; Chinese out-bound tourism and ADS; and economic education in Hawaii. La Croix is also revising a book manuscript on the economic history of Hawaii; and is coordinating the Hawaii Census Project, a multi-year venture to publish a database with all records from the 1900-1930 territorial censuses of Hawaii and to use the database to analyze the assimilation of immigrants to Hawaii.

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