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**CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY OF HONOLULU:** HISTORY 305.50 Barber's Point  
Contemporary American History: Thursdays: 5:30 - 9:35 p.m.  
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