

“Famoksaiyan: Decolonizing Chamoru Histories, Identities, and Futures,” Lina Perez Taitingfong – The Chamoru are the indigenous inhabitants of Guam in the Pacific Ocean. The history of colonization by the United States began in 1898 with the Treaty of Paris that ended the Spanish-American War. The Chamoru became statutory U.S. citizens with a non-voting representative to the House of Representatives. They are neither fully vested as U.S. citizens nor do they have sovereignty as recognized for American Indian Tribes. Taitingfong discusses the possible formation of a Chamoru government that would respond to their cultural heritage and take control of their own future.