I. FROM THE EDITOR

The April issue details both our wonderful meeting in Kona as well as all the little things that officers do throughout the year. There is also a very thoughtful thank you letter from the PISF scholars fund recipients. It really highlights the value of the fund in facilitating participation.

For preliminary information on the next meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico, please see the site coordinator’s report. Board nominee bios and the Honorary Fellow nomination letter can be found at the end. Information about the election is forthcoming.

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II. FROM THE CHAIR

Talofa!

I am writing from the windy city of Mānoa, avoiding the sheets of rain as I type away in my office. Glancing at the swaying coconut trees outside the window, I am reminded of our annual meetings this past February. Our friends and colleagues journeyed through the wintry conditions to join us for the warm and energizing collegiality of Kona. A special thanks to all the session organizers who brought together an array of fantastic sessions on masculinities, colonialism and globalization, law and custom, nature and rivers, mobilities, space and buildings, homelessness and homeland, and many more. Like last year’s meetings, this year we had many scholars from outside anthropology in attendance, and the synergy in the sessions was palpable. I hope these conversations continue to foster new and exciting collaborations.

I am honored to continue serving ASAO in my capacity as board member and now as chair, and I want to recognize the service of board members and officers that together keep the organization running. First, I want to thank Edvard Hviding and Susanne Kuehling, our outgoing board members, for their outstanding service. Edvard completed his term as past chair and Susanne is an outgoing board member who has graciously agreed to stay on as a member-at-large on the PISF committee. I also want to thank our officers for their ongoing work with ASAO: Mary McCutcheon, our treasurer who keeps our finances on track and without whose careful service the meetings would not happen; Jerry Jacka, board secretary, who keeps track of things large and small and helps keep us organized; and Jamon Halvaksz, our indomitable ASAO newsletter editor. Thanks to Ryan Schram, our site coordinator who is already hard at work planning for Santa Fe 2015. David Troolin, our book display coordinator; Rupert Stasch, our book series editor; Alan Howard, our membership coordinator and website manager; Jan Rensel, ASAO archivist; and Mike Lieber, the ASAONET list manager all perform important and necessary service to ASAO, and for that I thank them. I also want to recognize the work of PISF co-chairs Maria Lepowsky and Susanne Kuehling who organized the review, granting, and logistics of a number of PISF grantees who attended the Kona meetings.

Special thanks are due to Alex Mawyer for his service as new program coordinator; the work Alex did behind the scenes helped the meeting run smoothly and he accommodated additions to the program with ease and his always sunny disposition. I would like to thank Lamont Lindstrom as well. Lamont coordinates the yearly distinguished lecture and works with the journal *Oceania* to organize the publication of the lecture. We owe him tremendous thanks for his work this past year and for organizing Professor Tengan’s engaging lecture. As we look forward to another year we also welcome Carlos Mondragon as PISF co-chair and Helen Lee as chair elect of ASAO. When my term ends in February 2015 I will hand the over the chairship to Helen and for that honor I thank her.

I would like to conclude with some reflections on ASAO.

There were some additions that the board implemented at the Kona meetings. Alex Mawyer worked closely with our UH-Hilo colleagues Joe Genz and Kathy Kawelu on how to best acknowledge and honor the site of our meetings and the community that accommodated us. At the board’s invitation, Tamara Halliwell and Nicole Lui joined us to open the ASAO 2014 meetings. They performed a pule and Nicole shared her knowledge about Kona and the Big Island received from family elders and gleaned from study. Joe and Kathy also arranged for an engaged learning activity led by Uncle Mahealani Pai and assisted by the UH-Hilo undergraduate anthropology organization that incorporated a visit to wahi ana (salt pans) and heiau (sacred temple) sites, followed by a service project at Maluaka gardens. A heartfelt mahalo to all of the local organizers who made these amazing events possible. These connections allowed us to respectfully engage, learn from, and share with local scholars and
community members in a way that was both organic and revitalizing. This is a sensibility and practice that the board values as an important part of ASAO and future meetings; we will continue to incorporate them as we approach the next meetings in Santa Fe.

We also had the honor of having Professor Ty Kāwika Tengan deliver the distinguished lecture in collaboration with Kahu Mikahala Roy. As Ty shared with us, Kahu Mikahala’s family was instrumental in the restoration of the Ahuʻena Heiau, which stands on the shore adjacent to the Kamehameha Hotel. Prior to the evening event Ty and Kahu Mikahala, together with a small group of which I was a part, visited the heiau with aloha and respect for the sacred site. We presented hoʻokupu (offerings), introduced ourselves and ASAO, and requested blessings, knowledge, protection, and mana during our stay on that ʻāina (land). Kahu Mikahala then shared with us her own knowledge of the heiau and her experience as Kahu. Ty’s critical reflection on place, practice, past experiences and current challenges for ASAO, together with Kahu Mikahala’s deep and genuine engagement, fed the spirit of the meetings with care, concern, insight, and energy. Their organic collaboration was a privilege to witness and modeled the best kind of principled and inclusive anthropological practice.

As our past chair, Paige West, noted in her first chair’s letter last year, the world of scholarship is indeed changing. Much of our work with Pacific communities bring us into conversation with people who are not anthropologists, and these dialogues and collaborations invigorate some of the most interesting work in the region. I was pleased to see many colleagues and community members in Kona who are not anthropologists participate in the meetings. I was also pleased to hear from anthropology colleagues who have been away from ASAO meetings for some time, who expressed their excitement at the intellectually and socially vibrant atmosphere of the Kona meetings. Several people shared with different board members their delight that the meetings get better each year. This would not be possible without the thoughtful commitment of the membership, officers, and board members who have worked diligently to make ASAO a welcoming and productive place for all our colleagues.

Wherever in the world you are, take care, and stay tuned to future newsletters for announcements about the next meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico in February 2015.

*Lisa Uperesa*
*ASAO Chair*

**III. PACIFIC ISLANDS SCHOLARS FUND**

This year’s PISF Committee consisted of Ping-Ann Addo as member at large, and Maria Lepowsky as representative of the Board and co-chair with me, Susanne Kuehling.

For the 2014 Kona meeting we started with a substantial sum thanks to the generosity of members of the Association.

We changed the **deadline** for applications to October 1st, but apparently did not publicize this change clearly enough that it was noted by all potential applicants and session organizers. Consequently, we accepted all applications that came in by November 1st. Beginning in 2014, the deadline for Travel Award applications will be October 1st, candidates will be notified by November 15, and awards must be accepted by December 15.

We received eleven applications for PISF **Travel Awards**. Because of the generosity of our members and because of the high quality of the applications, we awarded travel funds to all of them. Besides the travel funding, each awardee also received (from the ASAO general fund) $200 toward accommodations, a meeting registration fee waiver, and an invitation to the Board Luncheon on Thursday, February 6. It was a pleasure meeting and working with the ten PISF scholars who were able to attend the Kona meeting. We really appreciate your contributions to our program and look forward to continuing the conversations:
PISF attendees at ASAO 2014:
Albert Refiti, Department of Spatial Design at Auckland University of Technology, NZ: organized the informal session on Pacific Spaces and Sacred Houses (with Tēvita Ka‘ili)
Apolonia Tamata, Senior Culture and Heritage Specialist, Fiji: Unasked Questions and Missed Opportunities: Cases from Fiji (Guido Carlo Pigliasco, Matt Tomlinson)
Athol Greentree, University of Auckland, NZ: Pacific Spaces and Sacred Houses (Alan Howard, Geoff Hobbs)
Clara Pau, University of Otago, NZ: The Pacific Islands in the Digital Age (Alan Howard, Geoff Hobbs)
Kirsten McGavin, University of Queensland, Australia: Mobilities of Return (Helen Lee and John Taylor)
Tapu-Qilio, Te Tumu: School of Māori, Pacific & Indigenous Studies, Univ. of Otago, NZ: Mobilities of Return (Helen Lee and John Taylor)
Tatiana Kalaniopua Young, University of Washington-Seattle, USA: organized Homelessness and Homeland in Contemporary Hawai‘i: Re-Placing Native Hawaiians and Pacific Peoples, Creating Autonomous Indigenous Spaces and Reviving Pu‘uhonua (Zones of the Sacred)
Vilimaina Navila, Oceania Centre for Arts Culture & Pacific Studies, The University of South Pacific Suva, Fiji: Unasked Questions and Missed Opportunities: Cases from Fiji (Guido Carlo Pigliasco, Matt Tomlinson)
Wasang Baiio, University of Goroka, PNG: New Food: Cultural Consequences of Dietary Change in the Pacific (John Burton, Ryan Schram)

At the Kona Board meeting, we decided to enlarge the committee by including the membership coordinator (Alan Howard) and the treasurer (Mary McCutcheon), as they are involved in the process anyway. The new Board member on the PISF committee is Carlos Mondragon. It will be nice to work together and we welcome these three wonderful people on the committee. To address a common issue among PISF scholars, there will now be an additional lump sum award of $100 per meeting towards meals in addition to the lump sum of $200 towards accommodation. We are dedicated to bringing in as many Pacific scholars as our budget allows, giving preference according to session type (working session, symposium, informal session). It is crucial that the session organizer writes a strong reference and provides assistance if needed – before, during, and after the meeting.

PLEASE, Remember the Pacific Islands Scholarship Fund
ASAO exists because of the generosity of our hosts in Oceania. Many of us are closely connected to our adopted families, friends, and research partners, and we value the participation of our colleagues from Pacific Islands at our annual meetings. ASAO members are contributing whatever they can to support the airfare, partial accommodation, and conference registration fees for colleagues from Oceania who need such support. Please have a look at the guidelines for PISF grants on the ASAO homepage/PISF: http://asao.org/pacific/pisf.htm.

Donations can be sent to Mary McCutcheon, our ASAO treasurer:
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With best regards,
Maria Lepowsky and Susanne Kuehling, PISF co-Chairs, and Ping-Ann Addo (at large member)
PISF information and forms are on the ASAO website: http://www.asao.org/pacific/pisf.htm
IV LETTER FROM PISF SCHOLARS.

Dear Susanne and Maria

Greetings to you from Oceania! We trust that you are well.

Please accept this letter as an expression of reciprocity. It is a collective ‘thank you’ for the ASAO committee’s commitment to Pacific Island scholarship through your support of us.

*Albert L Refiti wrote...*
I would like to express my gratitude to ASAO members for the PISF support to attend and co-coordinate the Pacific Spaces and Sacred Buildings working session. The support was so important because I was able to contribute to the scholarship that is being forged between indigenous Pacific scholars and our Western counterpart. I was so glad to meet and familiarise myself with those Western and indigenous scholars whose work I admire and use as a reference. It was also pleasing to see so many Pacific based scholars attend the conference and may this continue. Fa’afetai lava for your kind support.

*Dr. Apolonia Tamata wrote...*
It is kind of ASAO to facilitate, invite and subsidise for the attendance and participation of PI scholars and I am fortunate to have been part of the ASAO 2014. The information session on Fiji is informative about the various research and researcher perspectives and the meeting allowed for discussion thus generating new ideas and deeper analysis and thinking. The collaborative nature of the session(s) makes ASAO unique thus reflecting the Oceanian spirit of reciprocity albeit in a scholarly environment. Vinaka vakalevu PISF & ASAO!

*Clara Pau wrote...*
As a young Pacific scholar I cannot express wholeheartedly enough my gratitude to the ASAO committee for awarding me the PISF funds which enabled me to attend the meeting at Kona. Not only was Kona invaluable for my professional and academic development, giving me insight into the collaboration of ASAO minds, but Kona also reenergised my own personal commitment to the Pacific. As I am sure you can understand there is nothing quite like being reminded that you care about something. Perhaps that sounds naïve but I am extremely thankful. Fa’afetai and my very best wishes to you all, I look forward to encountering many of you again.

*Kalaniopua Young wrote...*
They came to support me. Some came as a favor for their fellow colleagues, some for their students, and some for the topic. Regardless of what drew us together, there we were--building, constructing and enriching our minds and hearts. We were exchanging stories, perspectives and ideas about the serious issue of homelessness in Hawai‘i. Together, we created an intellectual home for critically engaging housing and land issues among Hawaiians and Pacific peoples in Hawaii who are living outside-of-a-house but remain within an occupied homeland. As a transgender (or mahu) woman of Hawaiian heritage and scholar, I was incredibly empowered by this experience. To be able to look around and to see among my session supporters, strong cisgender heterosexual Polynesian men, men who were there to support me, reminded me of ASAOs importance as a site of healing and reflection. Throughout much of my my adolescence and adult life, due to repeated violations of my physical safety and emotional well-being, I unfortunately came to associate cisgender men from my community with symbols of physical, verbal violence and condescension. In this space, however, I encountered the possibility of a new narrative of reconciliation, one in which Pacific men came to support me while also nourishing intellectual spaces and efforts for Pacific and other-than-Pacific collaboration and solidarity.
Vilimaina Navila wrote...
Vinaka vakalevu (thank you) ASAO and PISF for the generosity that enabled me to attend the ASAO 2014 Kona conference. A very inspiring conference with motivating topics discussed in the various sessions has unlocked the vast research field that need to be further explored in my indigenous context. It was also a great pleasure to meet and I began networking with academics and most of all to visit Hawaii! Thank you once again ASAO officers. Anticipating the Sante Fe meet!

Taomi Tapu-Qiliho wrote...
Fa’afetai tele lava! It was amazing to physically be in the same space as my 'literature review/bibliography'. I never dreamed of meeting the people whose scholarship has informed my own thoughts and intellectual pursuit of knowledge and I would like to sincerely thank ASAO and the PISF committee for your kindness. The possibility of a symposium, peer review process and publication are every Post-Graduate student’s dream and I wish to thank the Mobilities of Return organizers and participants for their commitment as it enables someone like me to have hope through the overwhelming process of pursuing a PhD.

Dr. Kirsten McGavin wrote...
My sincerest gratitude goes to the Pacific Islands Scholars Fund committee for their support in facilitating my participation in the ASAO network. Without the generous assistance of the PISF, it would have been financially impossible for me to attend the ASAO meeting. Indeed, I have found the ASAO meeting to be a very important space in which to connect and network with colleagues whom I have found to be incredibly supportive, nurturing and encouraging of my career as a Pacific Islander scholar – and vital to my professional progression. I congratulate ASAO for having the courage and compassion to aid Pacific Islanders in this way (indeed, it is a very “Pacific” thing to do), and it is my genuine hope that the PISF scheme will continue well into the future.

Athol Greentree wrote...
Participating in the ASAO meeting in Kona was an invaluable experience to my education and academic development. It was a privilege to sit among both heavyweights and newcomers like myself, and to be edified by their contributions to of Pacific thought and research. My attendance all the way from Savaii, Samoa would have only been a dream had it not been for the support of the PISF fund and for this I am truly grateful to the ASAO PISF committee. Faafetai lava.

Please do not hesitate to contact any of us. Our time shared and spent at Kona is only the beginning of something truly great.

Yours sincerely,

The 204 PISF recipients

V. FROM THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR

The 2014 meeting in Kona again demonstrated the remarkable breadth of scholarly endeavor by our association’s members. I have gathered reports on all of these excellent sessions along with updated news in early anticipation our 2015 Santa Fe meeting. All session organizers and participants should review guidelines and timetable here or on the ASAO web site. A condensed version of the timetable for session organizers and participants is included below. Please note an October 1 deadline for all “special” session or “special” events proposals in order that the board can review such proposals and select those that fit into and merit inclusion in the overall program. All special session or event proposals should be sent through me as Program Coordinator first. Symposia organizers are also asked to note that it is no longer necessary to
send the program coordinator first and last pages of finished drafts in order to prove that the papers have been written. Simply send the full drafts via email attachment (I do not need to print them out; merely look at them). Meanwhile, colleagues considering new sessions (whether informal or working) are encouraged to be in touch as soon as possible!

GUIDELINES FOR SESSION ORGANIZERS AND PARTICIPANTS

ASAO is characterized by social informality and collegial cooperation regardless of rank. At the same time, the rigorous examination of data and ideas in ASAO sessions is designed to lead to high quality, publishable sets of comparative papers on topics of importance in Pacific anthropology. The format of ASAO sessions differs from those at many scholarly meetings where individual papers are presented. Instead, ASAO sessions feature the ongoing give-and-take required for penetrating intellectual examination of difficult, yet vital, issues. ASAO sessions are of three types:

INFORMAL SESSIONS involve the informal sharing of ideas to determine whether there is common ground for further inquiry. Anyone who has relevant data is welcome to attend and participate. If such sessions generate enough interest, participants make plans to develop and share lists of bibliographic references, draft and circulate papers, and discuss them (possibly via e-mail) in preparation for the next stage (see below).

Informal Sessions are of two types. Impromptu Informal Sessions can be announced at the Opening Plenary Session of the annual meeting and posted on the bulletin board in the registration area during the meeting. These sessions do not have pre-arranged meeting locations but may meet in available conference rooms, participants’ rooms, or local cafes. The second type of Informal Session may be announced at the prior year’s meeting, proposed in the ASAO Newsletter or on ASAONET, or otherwise pre-arranged. To appear in the full schedule of the annual meeting, which is published in the December Newsletter, announcements of Informal Sessions must be submitted to the Program Coordinator by November 1 (see Timetable).

The level of organization for Informal Sessions varies. Participants are not required to write papers in advance, although it is helpful to session organizers if people advise them of their interest beforehand. If planned with sufficient lead time, some Informal Sessions may be well organized, with pre-circulated abstracts or papers and, perhaps, be only one or two papers shy of meeting the criteria for a Working Session. Thus time given to Informal Sessions will vary depending on the number of committed participants or people indicating an interest in the topic, and the level of organization of the session. Ordinarily, scheduled Informal Sessions will be given no more than three hours of meeting time, and most will receive only one and a half hours.

WORKING SESSIONS are based on prepared papers that are briefly summarized (NOT READ) during the session. Abstracts, if not drafts of papers, must be pre-circulated among session organizers and participants. Most of the meeting time during the session is allocated for discussing common themes, with an eye toward finding coherence and preparing for a second round of writing.

Session organizers can be imaginative in how they organize Working Sessions. Participants should respond to and make constructive suggestions on each other’s papers. If complete drafts are pre-circulated, some organizers assign people to read particular papers and prepare commentary ahead of time; some have participants present each other’s papers, allowing the authors time afterward to clarify points and respond to questions. One or more invited discussants can be helpful at this stage, but again, only if complete drafts of papers are circulated in advance.
Working Sessions form the heart of ASAO meetings and require considerable time for the discussion of provocative ideas, the analysis of different approaches, and the search for core themes. Accordingly, Working Sessions are ordinarily given first priority when meeting time and space are allocated. Time will be allocated according to the number of participants attending and presenting papers.

A minimum of seven participants presenting papers in person at the meeting is required for Working Session status. A list of participants, paper titles, and copies of their abstracts must be sent to the Program Coordinator by the November 1 deadline (see Timetable). Sessions that do not meet these criteria by the November 1 deadline will appear on the Program of the Annual Meeting as Informal Sessions.

**SYMPOSIA** are sessions that normally have met at a lower level of organization at least once before. Papers must be pre-circulated among the session organizers, participants, and any invited discussants. Contributors do not read their papers but discuss the key issues that arise from them. Conversation in the session focuses on those issues and provides a constructive critique that contributes to building a coherent set of papers or book chapters. Time should be set aside during the Symposium to discuss whether and how to pursue publication. Options include the ASAO Monograph Series (which has an informal right of first refusal for volumes arising from ASAO sessions) or other academic publishers; a special issue of an appropriate journal; or separate publication of individual papers.

Some Symposia may require only an hour and a half to wrap up unfinished business, while others may need as much as six hours to discuss issues, themes, and future plans.

Symposium organizers should advise the Program Coordinator of their time requirements. The presence of seven participants with pre-circulated papers is required for full Symposium status. A list of participants, paper titles, and copies of the first and last pages of their papers must be sent to the Program Coordinator by the November 1 deadline (see Timetable). Sessions that do not meet these criteria by the November 1 deadline will appear on the Program of the Annual Meeting as Informal Sessions or Working Sessions, according to their level of preparedness as judged by the Program Coordinator.

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF SESSION ORGANIZERS:**
Submit the required information about your session to the Program Coordinator by the March 20, August 20, and November 1 deadlines. (See Timetable for Session Organizers and Participants.)

- Assist any Pacific Islands scholars who are interested in applying for support from the Pacific Islands Scholars Fund. (See PISF Guidelines.)
- Advise the Program Coordinator by no later than November 1 of any particular scheduling needs (e.g., late arrivals, early departures, or potential conflicts with other sessions).
- Advise the Program Coordinator by November 1 of audio-visual or other special needs. The hotels are responsible for providing equipment for those with disabilities. In all other cases, however, the rental of equipment from hotels is quite expensive for ASAO. Session organizers should encourage their participants to make their own arrangements for costly equipment.
- Send the Program Coordinator your contact information, and advise of any changes during the year.
- Plan to attend both the Opening Plenary and Closing Plenary Sessions at the annual meeting. All session organizers are expected to deliver a Closing Plenary Report on the results of their sessions and future plans. If the organizers cannot be present at the Closing Plenary, they should appoint one of the participants to deliver the report. A written copy of the report must be sent to the Newsletter Editor before the March 20 deadline.
RESPONSIBILITIES OF SESSION PARTICIPANTS:
Please respect the deadlines for your particular session and your session organizer’s responsibility for meeting the overall deadlines (see Timetable). Submit and circulate your abstracts and draft papers on time. Advise the organizer well in advance (before the organizer’s November 1 deadline) as to whether you will be able to attend the session in person.

Members should limit themselves to participation in no more than two sessions, preferably at different levels. In the past, problems have sometimes resulted from members participating in multiple sessions. For the ASAO format to work, contributors must give their sessions their undivided attention. Multiple participation creates scheduling conflicts, which often disrupt sessions and distract contributors. If you must be in more than one session, please send the Program Coordinator a note indicating your priority. First priority in case of scheduling conflicts will go to session organizers and discussants. However, since ASAO sessions are lengthy and relatively few in number, there is no guarantee that scheduling conflicts can be avoided.

All correspondence to the Program Coordinator should be sent to:

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VI. 2014 ASAO SESSION REPORTS

SPECIAL SESSIONS

Emerging Issues

At the opening plenary of the 2013 ASAO meeting in San Antonio, the ASAO board announced the formation of an annual open session on Emerging Issues. A number of colleagues gathered for this second run of our breakout session. Participants discussed Nancy Sullivan’s redraft (many rewrites) of the Petition regarding removal of carvings from outside the PNG Parliament. Nancy explained the background to the issue for those who had not followed the many redrafts of the petition on ASAOnet. She was hoping for a good attendance to obtain a lengthy list of signatures to send through, but many potential signers were unknowingly in a second room. She left the list for signatures at the Book Exhibit.

Other emerging (or rather re-emerging) issues raised included concerns about the Pacific Solution which Australia established in 2001 to divert unwanted boat people from Asia landing on its western shores, seeking asylum in Australia. Participants discussed the establishment of camps on Nauru, and Manus PNG has been revisited by Australian government officials in 2012 to try to stem the continuous arrival of ‘boat people’ that Australian officials do not want on their vast land. But the camps have been established with little regard for the effects such camps are having on those local Pacific island communities (with small land areas) – witness the invasion and killing of a refugee on Manus recently. Nauruans are living with scarce enough resources for themselves, particularly water and food – everything has to be flown in since the phosphate mine destroyed 80 per cent of their island. Yet they have to accept 1000 or more Asian refugees who do not want to be there, awaiting processing to find out if they may be accepted to live in Australia or sent home. This is a drastic human rights concern of which perhaps northern hemisphere ASAO members may not be aware. Hence its pertinence to those interested in Emerging Issues! (Appreciative thanks to Nancy Pollock for submitting these notes.)

Tell Me What You Do: Communicating Science to the Public
Convener: Michael French and Jana Goldman

ASAO members are greatly concerned about inaccurate media representations of the people among whom we work and the work that cultural anthropologists do. Jared Diamond’s latest book aroused the most recent flurry of discussion, but the larger issue of how to inform the public more successfully about what we do and what we know comes up repeatedly. This session presented an overview of key issues in public communication in the natural sciences, followed by a memorable workshop on clear and effective communication.

FORMAL SYMPOSIA

Emergent Masculinities in the Contemporary Pacific
Organized by Aletta Biersack, Margaret Jolly, and Martha Macintyre
Co-discussants John Taylor and Katerina Teaiwa

The symposium discussed nine papers, concerning all three subregions of Oceania. Participants hailed from North America, Australia, New Zealand, Germany, Italy, and Taiwan. We approached masculinity as malleable, historical, and (after R. W. Connell) inherently plural. We discussed the interplay of indigenous and foreign factors in the emergence of masculinities. Also, Pacific masculinities have emerged—and to a degree continue to emerge—with respect to intersections of gender, race, ethnicity, and class, a point made in several papers. We were also interested in the position of transgender anatomical males within a spectrum of gender variations and whether there was, or is, any logic to an array
containing both heterosexual males (typically hegemonic) and transgender males. There was some discussion of whether a trajectory from (to use Marilyn Strathern’s terms) dividualism to individualism among Pacific males was universal or whether this shift occurred only in some places and at some times and, if so, how to explain the shift. Do Pacific island male sports provide a countervailing arena in which communal values are reaffirmed? Visitors, some of whom were quite active in the discussion, were present throughout the symposium. The symposium was organized by Aletta Biersack, Margaret Jolly, and Martha Macintyre. It will be published in a journal devoted to the study of gender and/or (more specifically) masculinities.

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Mimesis and Transcultural Encounters
Organizers: Jeannette Mageo and Elfriede Hermann

Our symposium provided us with the space to intensively discuss the papers that we had pre-circulated. First we engaged with an introductory paper on mimesis (by Jeannette Mageo); then we moved on to deal with desire and mimetic appropriation in contemporary Trobriand woodcarvings (Sergio Jarillo de la Torre, presented in absentia), with traditional Tahitian weddings for tourists (Joyce D. Hammond), transculturation and mimesis among the Banabans (Elfriede Hermann), incorporative mimicry in German Samoa (Jeannette Mageo), then with mimesis, desire and fragmentation in the Finisterre Mountains (Doug Dalton, presented in absentia), mimesis and reimagining identity (Laurence Marshall Carucci), imitation in early Australian encounters (Francesca Merlan, presented in absentia), and with mimesis, playing Indian and touring with the Vanishing Race through Australia and New Zealand 1926 (Sarina Pearson).

We agreed that, with work, this session has the potential to become a worthwhile volume. Our project is ethnographically rich and broad ranging and has a strong theoretical component. We take mimesis to mean imitation or copying and to refer to the circulating of copies of an “original,” meaning an earlier moment in a series rather than an original in any essential sense. Given that a number of us either could not make the Hawai‘i session and or could not pre-circulate completed versions of their paper, we feel another session in Santa Fe is needed to help bring the volume to submission-ready form. This year we plan to develop our various contributions as publishable papers. These papers will aim to speak to the introduction, to the three major themes of the future volume (mimesis in historical intersections of culture, mimesis in tourist art and cultural travel, and mimesis in reconfiguring rituals and ceremonies). We intend to have frequent communication with each other in the course of this year and will pre-circulate polished papers by January 10, 2015.

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Naming Systems and Naming Relations in Austronesia/Oceania
Organizers: Ku Kun-hui and Lamont Lindstrom

The Naming Systems/Naming Relations group finished work in Kona as a Formal Symposium. Seven participants joined together on the Big Island: Kun-hui Ku (Paiwan, Taiwan), Wen-Te Chen (Puyuma, Taiwan), Chun-wei Fang (Bunun, Taiwan), Doris Bacalzo (Wampar, PNG), Isabel Leblac (Paicî, New Caledonia), Latham Wood (Aneityum, Vanuatu), and Lamont Lindstrom (name-sets everywhere); and three others shared papers in absentia: Monica Janowski (Kelabit, Sarawak); Denis Regnier (Betsileo, Madagascar), and Mac Marshall (Namoluk, FSM).

Names implicate a number of central issues of anthropological, linguistic, and philosophical concern, and papers addressed three central themes: Social reproduction (how naming systems inform the constitution of local groups from one generation to the next); identity and personhood (how names both identify and get used by persons in strategic social and political competition including how individuals rename themselves throughout their life cycles or to reposition themselves in significant ways); and the history of global impacts that have transformed naming systems and how these reflect local social structures and personhood. Our goal in Kona was to identify and strengthen shared concerns and themes better to unite all papers into a coherent collection. One strength is that our case studies come from across the Austronesian language area from Madagascar, to Sarawak, to Taiwan, to Chuuk, Papua New Guinea, New Caledonia, and Vanuatu. We thank members of an engaged audience who also contributed questions and observations pertinent to core issues. We will explore possibilities to publish the papers as a set in a special issue of an appropriate journal.

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Naturalist Histories: Making nature in Oceania
Organizers: Jamon Halvaksz and Joshua Bell

We had a wonderful session in which 9 papers were presented:
Carlos Mondragón, El Colegio de México, The troubled image of a biodiversity "hotspot": Conservation, Christianity and Territory in Santo, Vanuatu.
Paige West, Barnard College and Columbia University, Dispossession and exploration in contemporary PNG.
Jamon Halvakss, University of Texas at San Antonio, The Wau Ecology Institute and the Knowledge Economy
Lamont Lindstrom, University of Tulsa, Nature Collecting in the New Hebrides
Joshua A. Bell, Smithsonian, “…it was only natural that the strange tribes we bartered with were even more interesting than the plant life we found”: Asymmetrical Labor and Narratives of Nature of the 1928 USDA Sugarcane Expedition
Maria Lepowsky, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Thomas Huxley, Field Ethnographer
Edvard Hviding, University of Bergen, Naturalists and Naval Officers among the Headhunters: Early Imperial Explorations in the Natures of New Georgia
Ross Gordon, Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Berthold Seemann: botanist, naturalist, and nascent anthropologist
During the day we discussed themes found across the papers, and possible discussants. We were approached by UH press, and are pursuing publication with them.

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**Obesity and Health in the Pacific**
Organizers: Aunchalee Palmquist and Nancy Pollock

The Obesity session did not meet this year. Contact Nancy Pollock or Aunchalee Palmquist for further information. Nancy_pollock@paradise.net.nz and a.palmquist@elon.edu.

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**Small Islands in Peril or Under Pressure**
Organizers: Colin Filer and Simon Foale
Discussant: John Connell

A total of 14 papers were presented and discussed at this symposium, convened by Colin Filer and Simon Foale. The authors presented in the following order: Colin Filer, Nancy Pollock, Elisabeth Worliczek, John Connell, Nancy Lutkehaus, Carlos Mondragón, Simon Foale, Ingrid Ahlgren, Rebecca Hoffman, Mariko Yoshida, Pei-yi Guo, Heather McMillen, Ross Gordon, Edvard Hviding. The papers by Elisabeth and Rebecca were presented in absentia but discussed by other participants.

At the end of the session it was agreed that we should move to publication of the proceedings in the form of a digital open-access monograph to be submitted to ANU Press. For this purpose, discussants were asked to supply written comments to the authors of the papers that they discussed before the end of February. Authors were encouraged to focus the final drafts of their papers (or chapters) on the key concepts of ‘peril’ and ‘pressure’ in order to achieve a greater thematic unity, even if these were not to be understood in simplistic demographic terms. It was agreed that we would aim to send the text out for peer review by April 2014.

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**The Social Life of Rivers**
Organizer: John Wagner

Ten participants contributed papers during our 2014 symposium: Joshua Bell, Edvard Hviding, Jerry Jacka, Alexander Mawyer, Carlos Mondragón, Marama Leigh Muru-Lanning, Eric Silverman, Eilin Torgersen, Toon van Meijl and John Wagner. After our 2013 session we were
concerned that the range of topics, approaches and settings in our session was too diverse but by the end of our symposium we recognized diversity as strength. A large volume of Pacific Island literature focuses on the relationship of island communities to the sea but relatively few publications focus on the relationship of island communities to rivers and other sources of fresh water. Our collection therefore fills a gap in the ethnographic record and represents a unique contribution within the field of Pacific Island environmental studies. John Wagner and Jerry Jacka have volunteered to serve as co-editors for the volume, and once a further round of revisions has been completed, the papers will be submitted to a suitable publisher.

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WORKING SESSIONS

Beyond Kula: Assembling the Contemporary Massim (Malinowsky Centennial Symposium) Organizers: Michelle MacCarthy and Sergio Jarillo de la Torre

At the 2014 ASAO meeting, we had six participants who had either circulated abstracts in advance or summarized their intended papers during the session, as well as a number of other interested observers. Several other ASAO members, including co-organizer Sergio Jarillo de la Torre, sent regrets but nonetheless provided abstracts, or at least expressed their ongoing interest. Some participants proposed to broaden the scope of the session so as to make it more inclusive, encompassing historical themes as well as more contemporary issues. It was suggested that since the proposed conference in Alotau is convened in coincidence with Malinowski’s hundredth anniversary of his arrival in the Massim, all the papers could take a quote from Malinowski as their starting point. This would provide a common thread between all the presentations and facilitate dialogue among the many viewpoints that will be laid out during the conference. A number of other very helpful suggestions were put forward, and we have tried to incorporate as many of these as possible into the revised abstract and will further bear them in mind as we build the symposium program. In the revised abstract below, we hope that potential participants will find a more inclusive call for participation that welcomes discussions or presentations of a wide range – the common threads being a link in some way to Malinowski, and a topic that is likely to engage the interests of not only our fellow academics, but also the people of the Milne Bay region. The symposium will be held in Alotau, Milne Bay Province. We welcome additional participants in this session, which will meet again in Santa Fe next year, and ultimately result in the August 2015 (tentatively Aug 19-22) Malinowski Centennial Symposium.

Revised Abstract: The Massim region of Papua New Guinea has exerted a considerable influence on the discipline of social/cultural anthropology as it has developed over the past century. This is due in no small part to the work of Bronislaw Malinowski, who arrived in the Trobriand Islands in May 1915. His work put the Trobriand Islands and the Massim region on the anthropological map, leading the way for countless other ethnographers to the islands of Milne Bay Province in the 100 years since, and the influence of this area on anthropological practice and theory has not diminished. In 2015, we wish to commemorate this important centennial and the role of the Massim region as a ‘sacred place’ in anthropology by hosting a 4-5 day symposium, bringing together a number of scholars who have carried out ethnographic fieldwork in the area, and/or have used this literature to make significant contributions to anthropological theory. We seek to do this not only as an academic exercise, but also as a conversation between anthropologists and the inhabitants of Milne Bay, who also recognize the anthropological import of their home place, and often express the wish to engage with the products that “their” anthropologists create once fieldwork has come to an end.
Specifically, we wish to focus our attentions in this symposium on themes that reflect the deep history of the ethnographic endeavor, in conversation with the current realities of social change in the Massim region. While written and debated by ethnographers primarily from outside the region, the creation and circulation of a Massim-based ethnographic knowledge might best be seen as a communal assemblage of perspectives and projections; we do not create ethnographic knowledge without the cooperation and assistance of our interlocutors, and the process of creating anthropological knowledge is a dialogical one. An overarching theme for the symposium could exemplify the extent to which Malinowski and anthropology “created” the Massim as much as the Massim created anthropology and Malinowski. As a reflection on the historical depth and topical breadth of anthropological scholarship in the region, we take Malinowski as our hinge, so to speak, and encourage each participant to identify a passage or statement from one of his works around which to anchor his or her contribution.

We envisage a number of formats for engagement between scholars and locals. These will include keynote addresses by international academic leaders as well as local leaders, formal presentations, informal presentations followed by discussions with local and visiting audiences, workshops to demonstrate available archival resources such as DEPTH and UCSD’s digitization of patrol reports, digital archives of historical photographs and artifacts held in museum collections worldwide, and film screenings. While we recognize the logistical difficulties of creating a space that is both academically rigorous and accessible to local audiences, we feel that this is an important part of the anthropological endeavor one hundred years on from anthropology’s colonialist beginnings. This is nowhere more true than in the Massim, a place that has been so central to the development of the discipline and produced such an important corpus of anthropological material, in the form of the written word, material objects, and images—a corpus that has largely been inaccessible to those interlocutors who made their production possible. This symposium, then, seeks both to honour the historical legacy of Malinowski, and to bridge the gap between scholarly knowledge production in and away from “the field”.

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Circulation of Children in a Global Context
Organizers: Judith Schachter and Isabelle Leblic

A full-day working session gave us ample time for the delivery of twelve papers (two in absentia), for comments on each paper, and for general discussion in the morning and in the afternoon. The papers covered a number of themes, which were debated and assessed for coherence and fit; we concluded that we are ready for a Symposium in 2015. Papers ranged from an interpretation of kinship practices to an analysis of the impact of migration on the relationships between mothers and children; virtually all papers were deeply grounded in ethnographic data, and several included personal reflections on the complexities of moving children. In addition, all the papers addressed the rapid rise in the number of children who circulate in today’s world, under a variety of conditions, for a variety of different reasons, and to fulfill particular goals—for the adult and the child. Several papers remarked on the psychological impact on children of movement from family to family, village to village, or nation to nation. We also noted gaps in the research on children who are circulated and the need for more inquiries into a phenomenon that is becoming increasingly dominant in the Pacific. Other themes included: (A) The tension between law and custom when Pacific Islanders migrate away from home societies; the negotiations of law and custom in which individuals engage for their own ends; and, the
divergent motives and goals individuals have when they move with or without children or when children move on their own. (B) The impact of colonial and post-colonial policies on practices of adoption and fosterage; and, issues of citizenship, rights, and belonging that influence the movement of children. (C) The role of international organizations, including NGO’s, the United Nations, and the Hague Conference. We have asked all participants to prepare a final draft of a paper by September 1, 2014. A dropbox is available for the deposit of relevant materials, early drafts, and comments on themes and arguments that develop.

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First Fieldwork: 1960-1985
Organizers: William Heaney and Laura Zimmer-Tamakoshi
Discussant: Richard Feinberg

Ten pre-circulated papers (and one uncirculated paper) were presented in this advanced working session followed by a thoughtful discussion given by Richard Feinberg. The papers focused on first fieldwork experiences during a time of critical changes in island Pacific countries and anthropology, changes that affected the directions presenters’ research took in first and subsequent fieldwork. The presenters briefly summarized the main objectives and themes of their papers and compared them to others in the session that bore similar or contrasting themes and experiences. Following the presentations, the group discussed likely titles, directions and publishers. Major decisions include: 1) a new working title - Fieldwork on the Cusp: Anthropologists in the Western Pacific, 1960-1985; 2) moving to a Symposium at the 2015 Santa Fe meeting of ASAO; 3) a September 1 deadline for finished/polished papers of no more than 25 double-spaced pages (excluding references), maximum 5000-6000 words, to be pre-circulated in preparation for the Santa Fe symposium; and directing our efforts toward a book for graduate and undergraduate students. We also agreed to keep our doors open to new participants, two of whom were at the meeting (Mary McCutcheon and Naomi McPherson) and Karen Sinclair, all of whom have since sent in abstracts and will be sharing working papers by June. We have just now found a young anthropologist to join us, sharing their first fieldwork experiences and comparing them with ours of 30 to 55 years ago. Mariko Yoshida studied epistemological practices of local islanders in Tuvalu and New Zealand under sea-level rise risk (2006-2010). Another exciting new inclusion is Rena Lederman, who will be joining Rick Feinberg in dividing up the work of writing an introduction and conclusion that will effectively bookend the collection, introducing and putting them in ethnographic and critical contexts and expanding discussion of fieldwork beyond our individual papers, time frame and the Pacific. All queries and updated papers should be addressed to Laura Zimmer-Tamakoshi (see address below).

Papers presented at Kona, HI:
Anton Ploeg (Radboud University, Nijmegen) “Into the Unknown”
Patricia K. Townsend (University of Buffalo) and William H. Townsend (Retired) “On the Fringe: First Fieldwork in the Upper Sepik, 1966-67”
Nancy McDowell (Beloit College) “Context and Reflexivity: Reflections on Fieldwork” (Uncirculated paper) William H. Heaney (University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh) “In Search of Our Ancestors: Rolling Back the Genealogy to Find Where We’re To”
Richard Scaglion (University of Pittsburgh) “Changing Topics in the Field”
Glenn Petersen (Baruch College and Graduate Center, City University of New York) “Led Astray by Too Much Kava”
David Boyd (University of California – Davis, Emeritus) “Practicing Ethnography in the Mountains of Papua New Guinea: Four Decades of Intermittent Research with the Awa (Eastern Highlands) and the Hagahai (Madang)”
Nancy J. Pollock (Victoria University, Retired) “Recollections and Reconnections through Gastronomy in the Marshall Islands”

Discussant, Richard Feinberg (Kent State)

Abstract titles for new participants:
Mary McCutcheon (George Mason University) “Betraying my New Best Friends”
Naomi McPherson (University of British Columbia – Okanagan) “Gendered Experiences in the Field, West New Britain, 1980-1985”
Karen Sinclair (Emerita, Eastern Michigan University) “Changing Topics, Changing Allegiances: First Fieldwork Among the Maori”
Mariko Yoshida (Australian National University) Title TBA

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Law and Custom in Micronesia
Organizer: Manuel Rauchholz and Gonzaga Puas
Discussant: Richard Scaglion

The half-day session was attended by 27 persons, anthropologists and lawyers alike, many of whom were rigorously engaged in a productive discussion on fundamental issues: 1. Concepts of power and control through the courts or through tradition and the question of who controls the definitions and interpretations of culture (i.e. notions of statehood and tribalism); 2. Customary procedure of truth finding and effecting justice vs. legal procedures of truth finding and effecting justice; 3. Differing concepts of justice and the person; 4. Definitions of culture, constitution and the church; 5. Question of sorcery to effect victory and power that is immanent in indigenous concepts of conflict and dispute resolution; 6. Concepts of justice, punishment, and differing valuation of certain offenses only to name a few (i.e. Vern Caroll’s paper). We had a discussion that “reached a level of abstraction and practicality…richer than any discussion I have ever been to [on law and custom]” (Mike Lieber). We are planning to move toward publication after calling for a final full day symposium in 2015 with updated papers, scheduled to be reworked by June 30th. Please send statements of interest to Manuel Rauchholz or Zag Puas.

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Mobilities of Return
Organizers: Helen Lee and John Taylor

We had an excellent session in Kona with eleven participants present, and a further three unable to attend. As in previous sessions, there was a very wide geographic spread of papers reaching across the Pacific region. The individual presentations and discussions addressed
unique aspects relating to questions of ‘reverse migration’ and the mobility of people ‘back home.’ These ranged from rural-urban dynamics and international diasporic movements, and focused on an extremely wide range of political, economic, cultural and health-related factors. Across this diversity, a coherent set of themes linked the papers together, including especially those relating to the unique disjunctures that emerge between ideas of home and personal or group identity/experience within the context of human mobility. Overall, the session resoundingly demonstrated that the overarching topic of “mobilities of return” presents a strong basis for focused research in the Pacific and beyond.

Given the success of the session we have decided to move ahead to a symposium next year, and hopefully to publication shortly thereafter. The existing Dropbox folder, set up by Rachana Agerwal, will allow participants to continue to share drafts of papers and useful resources. We aim to have completed or near-completed papers pre-circulated by late 2014.

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New Food: Cultural Consequences of Dietary Change in the Pacific
Organizer: Ryan Schram

The New Food session met at Kona and discussed seven papers, five of which were presented in person. While there is still a great deal of interest from participants in continuing, the group decided to repeat the working session stage at 2015 so that absent participants could have a chance to present papers. An announcement about our plans for 2015 will be posted to ASAONET in addition to the newsletter.

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Pacific Spaces and Sacred Buildings
Organizers: Albert L. Refiti and Tevita Ō. Ka’ili

We had a very successful working session at Kona with over 40 in attendance throughout the day including participants. 11 participants delivered papers and 4 papers were received In Absentia. 5 submitted abstracts, and 3 more scholars approached the co-ordinators about joining our next session.

A schedule was prepared for the day and this went smoothly. Each paper was allocated a reader who read the paper before the session and gave feedback and advice during the session. Papers fell into roughly 3 categories related to the thematic:

- Pacific concepts of space – A. Refiti, M. Noyes, M. George, S. Leineweber, S. Doktor-Lilomaia, O. Māhina, S. Mallon
- Pacific architecture and buildings – M. Austin, D. Brown, J. Treadwell, A. Greentree, B. Moa, S. Potauaine
- Pacific space and performing indigeneity – T. Ka’ili, T. LeFevre, M. Nepia, K. Mila, M. Goldsmith, K. Muller

Underpinning an understanding of Pacific spaces was the consideration of the roles that ‘mana’, tapu’ and ‘noa’ has played in shaping formal/structural interpretations of social space, architectural schemas and identity politics. We see this as an important aspect to develop in the next sessions, which will give all the papers a tighter coherency in arguing a position(s) about Pacific spaces as a whole. Another common element was consideration paid to the idea of the site as a geographic or topological situation(s) informed either by traditional understanding of celestial
mechanics, navigation, and building traditions, but also as places where the formation of new identities are possible in a Postcolonial context.

Because of a great interest in our session (from emerging and experienced scholars), we have decided to hold two more sessions later in the year – Auckland in November and Taiwan in December 2014. We plan to hold a Symposia session at ASAO in Santa Fe (2015) where completed papers will have their final reading. We will also be exploring possible avenues for publication in the meantime. At present the consensus seemed to be that we should look at publishers or journals with high distribution so that our work could be access by a wide audience. Our audience is made up of the following: Pacific Studies, Architecture & Design Anthropology, Social & Cultural Anthropology and Pacific Art and Architecture.

The planned session in Auckland, November will be focussed mainly on papers not received at the Kona session, and also for those presenters who submitted papers but were not able to attend (New Zealand and Australia based scholars). The Pacific History Association Conference in Taiwan in December also presents another opportunity for some of our participants to meet and deliver their revised papers before ASAO 2015. Participants will be informed regarding these in due time.

We can also report that our session drew 12 experienced scholars and 5 emerging scholars. Two participants were awarded PISF to attend the ASAO Kona; a good number of papers received were from Architectural Historians & Theorists, the rest were from Anthropologists, Geographers and Sociologists. Please email us if you want more information or maybe to join our session.

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Value — Objects, Relations, and Emotions
Organizer: Susanne Kuehling

This session explores the construction and negotiation of value in a broad sense, including tangible and intangible valuables (objects, consumables, rituals, performances, and personage, e.g. first-born children). We are interested in wisdoms and uncertainties, shifts in value from generation to generation, and the relations between monetary and non-monetary value. Papers are taking into account that value is mediated in an embodied and gendered way, causing emotions (e.g. the burden of fame, the shame of owing too much, the fear of envy and anger, the pride of giving). The production and reproduction of value, in our ethnographic case studies, speaks to shifting desires, (re)negotiations of systems of measurement, and modified outlooks into the future.

At the Kona meeting, we had five and a half presentations on various forms of value, ranging from body decorations in Pollap and dances in Kiriwina to bilums in the Eastern Highlands, Tongan fine mats in Auckland, kula shells in Dobu, and tolok wealth in Palau. The papers and comments led to interesting discussions – thanks to all presenters and our lovely and engaged audience! To be brief, we asked questions about who creates and owns valuable items or practices, how wealth and value are linked and how authenticity figures in the negotiation of value in various contexts (often expressed as ‘feeling’ right). Recurring themes were the notion of virtue, expressed as ‘work’, the burdens and pleasures of dealing with wealth and valuable practices, and the significance of time in determining value. The papers addressed value shifts, linked them to larger contexts, and explored the significance of kin relations, the exchange of essences, and other deeply emotional setups. We like the idea that value helps us become immortal, and will move on to a symposium in 2015.

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INFORMAL SESSIONS

Colonialism and Globalization in the Pacific (!)
Organizers: Rich Scaglion and Chris Beaule

This session brought together about 30 people working in many different areas of the Pacific for a lively and wide-ranging discussion touching on such topics as, What do we mean by colonialism?, Are there “types” of colonialism?, What were the pre-European forms of colonialism in the Pacific?, and Is globalization another variety of colonialism? About a dozen people expressed interest in contributing a paper for next year, so we plan to move forward to a working session. Contributions will take the form of case studies that expand or challenge prevailing notions of colonialism.

Contributors should send titles and abstracts to the organizers no later than August 1, 2014. We welcome additional participants, who can contact either Chris Beaule (Beaule@hawaii.edu) or Richard Scaglion (scaglion@pitt.edu).

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Ethnic Tension in Hawai‘i
Organizers: Joseph Genz and Julianne Walsh

The impetus for convening this informal session on ethnic tensions in Hawai‘i was a recent high school fight that erupted between Hawaiians and Micronesians, located within walking distance from this year’s ASAO meeting in Kailua. Due to the sensitive nature of the topic, a substantial portion of the session was devoted to the creation of a comfortable and respectful space to begin sharing personal experiences, stories, emergent understandings, and calls to action with regard to stereotyping, anxieties, discrimination, and violence. Introductions by most of the 30 participants involved multiple perspectives and backgrounds, including Micronesians and Hawaiians, anthropologists and community members, and graduate and undergraduate students.

The resulting discussion highlighted the overall commitment of participants to strive toward community-based action to help remedy the problem of Micronesian tensions abroad. While this call to action focused on Hawai‘i, other perspectives were shared from migrant populations on Guam and the mainland. There was also recognition that such engaged work must be ethnographically grounded. While a recent ASAO-driven publication (edited by Alan Howard and Jan Rensel) examined diaspora in Oceania, the literature is relatively silent on the specific emerging tensions of the Compact of Free Association (COFA) migrants. Yet, many of the participants are already fully immersed in working with local communities to better understand and resolve these issues, which places them in excellent positions for collaborative research and community-based engagement.

Based on the personal introductions and discussion during the session, we imagine as an ultimate product of this work a text that is ethnographically grounded, historically nuanced, inclusive of both local and outside voices, and committed to engaged community-based action. Such a narrative would include stories and accounts, analysis of policy issues and structural violence, community understandings about “Micronesians,” examples of media creation and reinforcement of stereotypes, insights into the educational system and school bullying, contrasts and similarities with Guam and other places, and other emerging issues.

To help facilitate this goal, we intend to move forward with a Working Session at next year’s ASAO meeting in Santa Fe. We would like to invite the session participants and others who are interested to pre-circulate working papers by Nov 1, 2014. Please contact Joe Genz (genz@hawaii.edu) and Julie Walsh (jwalsh@hawaii.edu) for more information.
Friendship and Peer Relationships
Organizers: Jessica Hardin and Mary Good

While kinship is widely regarded as a classic domain of ethnographic research, other crucial relationships including friendships and peer-oriented relationships have received relatively less anthropological attention until recent decades. Relationships between peers, whether friends, colleagues, or trading partners, also have significant impact in the creation and maintenance of contemporary communities and publics. Friendships and other intimate relationships can be taken as overlapping the realm of kinship (in the case of relatives with whom close friendships are shared), but range more broadly to encompass forms of sociality extending beyond filial bonds. In the Pacific region, friendships and peer relationships have been a critical part of expanding linguistic and social networks, carrying out symbolic and economic trading activities, and building political connections. In recent years, many of these relationships have emerged as responses to global changes in expectations about aging, gender, and sociality as well as transformations in economic, urban, and educational contexts. Scholarship also suggests such relationships, under conditions or contexts of change, might develop in particularly globalized forms, including egalitarian friendship. In this informal session, we will discuss various aspects of friendship and peer relationships, keeping in mind previous ASAO volumes on Anthropology of Empathy (Hollan & Throop) as well as recent work including Intimate Strangers (Smith), The Ways of Friendship: Anthropological Perspectives (Desai & Killick), and the Anthropology of Friendship (Bell & Coleman). This session will be held as an e-session in 2014, with interested participants circulating abstracts and other ideas through the co-organizers online. We plan to meet in person in 2015. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jessica Hardin or Mary Good with a brief description of your proposed contribution or an informal abstract.

A Grave Matter: Changing Burial Practices in Pacific Island Societies
Organizers: Leasiolagi Malama Meleisea and Penelope Schoeffel

The informal session on Grave matters: Changing Burial Practices in Pacific Island Societies attracted twenty-one participants. There was a lively discussion of grave matters in Samoa, Aotearoa, Hawai, Rotuma, Tonga and Fiji. Themes included pre-Christian burial practices, colonial legislation on burial, graves as ownership markers within customary land tenure systems, grave styles as a means of asserting social status (both traditional and non-traditional), graves as markers of identity, solidarity and spirituality, issues of locating re-burials, and issues associated modern graves in traditional burial sites, and the cultural and religious acceptability of cremation. We are planning to proceed to a working session at Santa Fe next year. We have called for abstracts to be submitted by the end of April. Several scholars who were unable to attend the Hilo meeting have expressed interest and we welcome new expressions of interest in participating next year with abstracts. Please direct these to pschoeffel@nus.edu.ws.

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Julianne Walsh, Center for Pacific Island Studies, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa, Honolulu, HI 968922, USA: tel. 808-956-2668; <jwalsh@hawaii.edu>

Jessica Hardin, Department of Anthropology, Brandeis University; <jahardin@brandeis.edu>
Mary Good, Department of Anthropology, Lawrence University; <mary.k.good@lawrence.edu>
Homelessness and Homeland in the Contemporary Pacific
Organizer: Kalaniopua Young

About twenty people attended our informal discussion facilitated by Kalaniopua Young. The discussion was especially fruitful, generating many ideas about the evolving social, cultural and political context(s) of homelessness in contemporary Hawai‘i. One immediate point for discussion involved the categorical notion of homelessness and how the s/pacific experiences of Hawaiians and locals challenge this idea. Living on and off the land is a form of being at home for many Hawaiians and locals, alike. In this vein, discussants invariably used terms such as “houseless” and/or “home-free” to describe how some precariously housed Hawaiians and locals themselves articulate experiences of living outside. Throughout the session, we discussed the importance of narratives and stories to more deeply engage the multi-faceted dynamics of outside living. Some people are homeless, some houseless and some homfree. What factors help us to understand these three varying social realities in relation to place, culture, history, politics and socioeconomic class? We also spent some time exploring the urgent issue of inter-ethnic tensions (between Hawaiians, locals and non-locals) living outside and perhaps can go deeper into these discussions next year. A suggestion was also made to cast a wider net—to invite people who are interested in the issue of homelessness as a pan-pacific issue. Certainly, we encourage anybody interested in the issue to join our session. Potential areas for further paper drafts might include—the evolving role(s) of activism, self-determination/sovereignty, settler colonialism, neoliberalism, criminalizing poverty, indigenizing/re-claiming autonomous spaces (pu‘uhonua) and place in relation to homelessness.

For Next Year’s Session in Santa Fe, New Mexico: We are requesting that participants bring in a draft of 5-10 pages for a working session (although the paper is not necessary, ideas are great too). Also, new participants are encouraged to contact Kalani Young:
youngt4@uw.edu

Levi-Strauss, Myth, and The Contemporary Pacific
Organizer: Eric Silverman

Over a dozen people attended an informal conversation in Kona about marking the 60th anniversary of Claude Levi-Strauss's groundbreaking essay, “The Structural Study of Myth.” There was considerable enthusiasm about moving to a Working Session in 2015. We identified several positions among participants about the efficacy of this essay, and the wider Levi-Straussian project, for understanding Pacific societies. For some, Levi-Strauss’s ideas remain an ongoing source of analytic insights; others have not thought about the paradigm for many years, or intentionally moved in different theoretical directions, having judged structuralism a “failed promise.” In this sense, the session stakes no unified or official position. We also agreed that the amount of scholarly work still devoted to the theoretical refinement of structuralism is vast, and often rather complex. Our aim is not to advance the cutting-edge of structuralism per se but, rather, to revisit the usefulness of the paradigm for understanding Pacific societies. We all agreed that we would begin by (re)reading the canonical myth essay, and applying the insights (or gaps) therein to our own particular fieldsites. Individuals may also draw on other work in Levi-Strauss’s oeuvre, of course, but
this essay will form the common core of the session. Participants also agreed to forward to the organizer entries for a summary bibliography, which we will post to a session website on Google Docs. The session will eagerly accept new participants who were not able to attend in Kona. If you are interested, please email Eric Silverman (esilverman@wheelock.edu) at Wheelock College, Boston, MA, USA.

Eric Silverman, Department of American Studies, Wheelock College, 200 The Riverway, Boston MA 02215, USA; <esilverman@wheelock.edu>

Order in Melanesia
Organizer: Alex Golub

Our session on “Order in Melanesia” was attended by around 20 people. Conversation flowed freely around a number of topics, many of which have already been discussed in the literature, in an attempt to understand how the concept of order might shed new light on them. We discussed the state as a source of order and regimentation, but also as a source of disorder when it was weak or undermined local arrangements. Other topics included: enclaving and fissioning as methods of creating purified, ordered communities; whether or not cosmological order was an aspirational goal in island Melanesia the way it is on the New Guinea mainland; notions of predictability and synchronization of movement (dances, large-scale public ritual); the ‘temporization of order’ (where is a golden age of order? In an ancestral past, or a modern future?); the agonistic nature of egalitarian societies; technologies of mensuration, coordination, and control such as mobile phones or fences; asceticism as a form of control; how women and youth are imagined as sources of order and disorder; whether the concept of ‘order’ has a meaning or is useful because of its ambiguity; and whether or not it is useful to speak of order instead of speaking of ‘cargo cults’ or ‘power’.

Participants (including future paper-givers) included: Jack Taylor, Mark Mosko, Tate LeFevre, Jordan Haug, Barbara Anderson, Thorgeir Kolshus, Alex Golub, Doris Bacalzo, and Tobias Schwörer, and Wasang Baiio.

We will continue to a fuller session next year and encourage additional participants, particularly those who work in island Melanesia. Please contact Alex Golub if you are interested.

Alex Golub, Department of Anthropology, University of Hawai’i - Manoa; <golub@hawaii.edu>

The Pacific Islands in the Digital Age
Organizers: Alan Howard and Geoffrey Hobbis

The session was attended by more than 50 persons, each of whom introduced themselves and told of their interest in the topic. This was followed by presentations concerning current research by Clara Pau, Forrest Young, and Shu-Yuan Yang, while Geoffrey Hobbis and Alan Howard presented plans for their future research projects. The presentations were followed by a lively discussion about the prospects for research into digital media in Pacific societies. A number of attendees expressed interest in contributing to a subsequent session, so we decided to propose a working session at the 2015 meeting.

Possible research topics: How has access to the Internet, the introduction of mobile phones, computers, video cameras, and/or other digital media impacted social life in the islands? How have social media like Facebook affected relationships within diasporic communities? To what extent and in what ways do Islanders use blogs, websites, and other means of expressing themselves publically, and to what effect? From the ethnographer’s perspective, how has access to digital media affected the research process? What technological innovations have been most significant for generating new kinds of data and for storing and
processing information? What use can be made of items posted on the Internet and what are the ethical issues that might be involved? What use can be made of digitalized information and digital media to present ethnographic accounts in innovative ways?

If you are interested in continuing to participate, or if you could not make it to Kona and want to jump in now, please let us know by May 1, 2014, describing what you are thinking of writing about or are currently working on for the planned session. Draft papers should be ready for circulation among participants by December 1, 2014.

| Alan Howard; <ahoward@hawaii.edu> |
| Geoffrey Hobbis, CREDO, École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS); <geoffreyhobbis@gmail.com> |

**Sustainability Lost**
Organizer: Cathy Pyrek

This informal session was a reboot of last year’s informal session, titled “Buyers’ Remorse.” Last year, the title confused many who saw it more literally than did the session organizer. This year, a new title attracted an entirely different group that seemed to like, and in some cases prefer the old title. The group had papers in mind that have some common themes, though a pithy title has not emerged. Those themes include:

- Identity – the loss/retention of identity for both individuals and the collective
- Emotion – as it pertains to loss of cultural practices
- Modernity – and its magnetic pull from tradition
- Memory – of heritage and how it is passed along generation to generation
- Critical mass – the people necessary to sustain or recapture cultural practices

There were eight in attendance. Not all expressed interest in going forward with a paper, though six are entertaining it seriously. The challenge going forward will be to see if we have a cohesive enough collection to string together and if we can recruit a couple more interested parties. At this point, the plan is to aim for a working session in 2015, assuming those things come together. New participants are welcome (and needed) and should contact the organizer.

| Cathy Pyrek, Department of Anthropology, Kent State University, Kent OH 44242, USA: tel. 512-669-9454; <cpyrek@kent> |

**Theorizing Race and Culture in the Pacific**
Organizer: Lisa Uperesa

In Kona we had an extraordinarily rich informal session, with thirty people participating in the wide-ranging discussion. The group wanted to continue as a working session in Santa Fe, and so we will keep in touch over email as we move toward next year’s panel. Another call for participants will go out in the fall, and panelists will circulate papers before our meeting in Santa Fe. Interested participants may join at any time – feel free to contact the session organizer to be added to the email list. Our working panel abstract is provided here:

Paradigms of culture, ethnicity, and indigeneity pervade analyses of island life, group relations, and identity and belonging in the Pacific. While discussions of race and racialization have been the subject of recent publications, its importance in historical and contemporary life deserves a more sustained conversation across island areas. This panel takes as its task enunciating the generative potential of race in our examination and analyses of life in the Pacific, tracing how it interacts with the more privileged frameworks of culture, ethnicity, and indigeneity. We will continue our conversation in Santa Fe, building on and extending existing work in this area. Key areas of interest seemed to be rights and citizenship, comparative...
The following key questions emerged from the informal discussion:

- How are group relations across the Pacific informed not only through shared local cultures and across ethnic identities, but also by the ways in which particular bodies have been racialized by American and European colonialisms?
- How do racial and indigenous claims to belonging intersect and divide islanders’ claims to land and rights?
- How are ideas about race constitutive of and sublimated within ideas about culture and indigeneity in particular contexts (like sport, for example)?
- How have racialized colonial constructions shaped race relations in areas of the Pacific, and Pacific peoples’ own self-conceptions?
- How are ideas about race shaped by connection to place? Examining new categories that speak to mixedness (mixed race, mixed cultural background, mixed place genealogy).
- How is race used as a proxy for assumptions about cultural knowledge or epistemological perspective?
- How might comparative analyses of colonialism illuminate the emergence of indigeneity and race as concepts across space and time?
- How might indigenous Pacific practices be mobilized to address tensions and heal rifts caused by festering racial and ethnic divisions?
- How are Pacific communities reinvigorating and reinventing customary cultural products and how they move in diasporic space? How is this shaped by new practices of reciprocity and exchange?
- What is the ‘state of the field’ for race and indigeneity in anthropology generally, and specifically, in anthropology of the Pacific?
VII. OFFICER REPORTS

1. PROGRAM COORDINATOR’S ANNUAL REPORT

Program: This year’s program included six symposia, eight working sessions, and ten informal sessions. Additionally, we had two short program special sessions including a ‘breakout’ emerging issues session for the second year. This year’s program also featured a master’s class style presentation on scientific communications to media outlets. For our 2014 Kona meetings, this yielded a total of 26 sessions. Additionally, two sessions met “virtually” due to the late changing plans of organizers and participants. This compares favorably with recent past meetings. There were 20 sessions in San Antonio’s 2013 meeting; there were 18 sessions in Portland; and there were 22 sessions in Honolulu in 2011. These numbers seem suggestive of ongoing healthy interest in our association’s meeting.

Special Events: Two special sessions were convened in 2014 including a breakout emerging issues session as well as a session on scientific communications’ led by a former media liaison to NOAA. Both sessions were reasonable well attended although there was some confusion about the location and organization of the breakout session and participants noted that in future years one or more board members or officers should be present to moderate the session. Additionally, we had a well-attended and, by all reports highly successful off-site learning event scheduled with visits to both mauka and makai cultural sites with Mahealani Pai (specialist in landscape restoration and cultural preservation issues). With thanks to our colleagues at UH at Hilo for helping to make this possible.

AV Support: A number of sessions this year energetically requested AV and internet support for powerpoint and off-site communications needs. In conversation with our treasurer, we have agreed to cover these costs for the former and for the later assuming the off-site participants have themselves registered and paid for this service. We note that AV support for powerpoint can be costly and should only be requested if the presentation of visual or audio materials is essential for the success of the presentation. For the several sessions that organized and requested internet support for off-site communications (Skype), feedback on the success of the connections was mixed with concerns about audio quality.

Session Organizers Meeting: Following changes implemented in recent years, we will continue to work to keep this meeting brief and goal specific; seeing this as opportunity to make sure the session organizers know whom to contact should things go bump, reinforcing timeframes for the annual cycle of session organizer duties, and reminding them how to find support for their collective plans with respect to ASAO publications and outcomes and to touch base on any last minute changes or concerns bearing on session.

Book Display: David Troolin, our book display coordinator, was not available to join us for this meeting. Dave once again did a marvelous job contacting publishers to promote our conference and our member’s publications. Looking ahead, we appear to have a strong model for similarly robust and successful book display in future meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexander Mawyer,
2. SITE COORDINATOR REPORT
The 2014 ASAO Annual Meeting was held at the King Kamehameha Hotel in Kailua-Kona on
the Big Island of Hawai‘i from February 3-8, a return to its Hawai‘i roots for ASAO. The site was
chosen with help from the University of Hawai‘i, Hilo Conference Center. We thank the staff of
King Kam and UHHCC for their help.

The 2015 meeting of ASAO will be held at the Hotel Santa Fe in historic downtown Santa Fe,
New Mexico. The Hotel Santa Fe is a business venture of the Picuris (Tiwa) Pueblo of Taos
County, New Mexico, and features a unique collection of Tribal art. The Hotel offers to ASAO
two types of accommodation, a traditional room (single or double occupancy) at $125 per night
and a Picuris Junior Suite at $140 per night. An announcement will be made in the newsletter
and on ASAO.net about when and how to book rooms. When making travel plans, Ryan
suggests booking a flight to Albuquerque and traveling by shuttle to Santa Fe. Group discounts
with major airlines will be announced in the next newsletter and on ASAO.net. Questions
regarding accommodation should be directed to Ryan Schram at ryan.schram@sydney.edu.au.

Meanwhile the search for the East Coast site for the 2016 meeting is underway. Please send
Ryan your hot (literally) tips of hotels and cities in the temperate regions of North America,
preferably south of the range of any polar vortices or Snowmageddons.

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Ryan Schram
Site Coordinator

3. DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES REPORT
Ty Kawika Tengan (Dept. of Anthropology, University of Hawaii Manoa) presented the 2014
ASAO Distinguished Lecture “In Search of the Channel Made Fragrant with the Maile’ – Or,
Genealogies of Discontent (and Hope?)”—this a keen account of ongoing dispute over
guardianship of the Ahu’ena Heiau, which is located on the grounds of the Courtyard Marriott
King Kamehameha’s Kona Beach Hotel, between hotel management and Kailua-Kona
community members. The lecture also reminded his ASAO colleagues, and all Pacific scholars,
of their enduring responsibilities to research communities and local partners—this plea
personified by Mikahala Roy, a kahū or caretaker of the heiau, who capped the talk with her own
words of encouragement. We thank Professor Tengan for joining us in Kona and we look
forward to his lecture’s publication in the November issue of Oceania, continuing the
Association’s agreement with that journal. After covering 2013 Distinguished Lecturer Marshall
Sahlins’ travel expenses, the Distinguished Lectureship account, as of 31 December 2013,
totaled $7312.27.

Lamont Lindstrom

4. FROM THE SECRETARY
2013 - 2014 was my first year in the office of secretary. I have performed the usual routines of
the office with the caveat that I have had no contact with the previous secretary, Cato Berg,
due to some medical issues that Cato has been facing. Thankfully, Jan Rensel has been
helping me with all of the various and sundry issues that arise in this position.

Routine tasks
1. Responded to inquiries from members and non-members
2. Distributed draft minutes for review by board members and officers and an approved
version for distribution and deposit in archives
Compiled copies of bylaws and minutes of past board meetings for distribution to new board members and officers
Prepared certificate for presentation/mailing to newly elected honorary fellows
Invited and processed submission for recognition of edited volumes/special journal issues resulting from ASAO sessions as ASAO publications
Informed contributors to newly recognized ASAO publications of their change of status to fellow
Maintained file of board discussions and decisions (by email) between 2013 and 2014 meetings
Prepared agenda for 2014 board meeting
Organized electronic ballot and voting for new board members

Special tasks
None.

Respectfully,
Jerry Jacka

5. FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR
Membership statistics (including honorary fellows) are as follows:

Feb 2009 ... 289
Feb 2010 ... 291
Feb 2011 ... 229
Feb 2012 ... 185
May 2012 ... 314
Feb 2013 ... 341
Jan 2014 ... 355

Membership information is available on the ASAO Website at <http://www.asao.org/pacific/membership.htm> Payment of dues can be made by check, credit cards (using PayPal on the Internet), or by cash at the meeting. Three-year memberships are available at a discount. Pacific Islanders and honorary fellows are exempt from paying dues, while students, retirees, and unemployed members pay dues at substantially reduced rates.

I keep a database that includes contact information along with geographical area and topical interests, as well as a record of membership status. The database also serves as the basis for the ASAO online directory, which I now keep up-to-date. This information derives from the membership forms you should be sending me as e-mail attachments when you join or renew your membership. My e-mail address is ahoward@hawaii.edu.

If you move, change any of your addresses, etc., please let me know so that I can keep the database up to date. The database provides the newsletter editor with e-mail and postal addresses for distributing newsletters, so if you want to receive your newsletters on time it is important to keep me informed of changes in your contact information.

On other matter: As noted in the ASAO Bylaws, members are made fellows of the association on the basis of contributing to a board-approved publication or for serving as an officer or board member. This is supposed to be noted in the database (and subsequently in the online directory). I have made an effort to check publications and lists of officers over the past few years to ensure that this aspect of the database is up to date. Please let me know if you should be listed as a fellow and are not yet listed as such.
The membership is the heart and soul of ASAO. The organization thrives, and has such an outstanding record of achievement, because of the commitment that members have made to supporting it over time. I therefore urge all participants in our annual meetings to join or renew their memberships on a regular basis. If you are a session organizer, please urge all your participants to become members, or to renew their memberships, prior to the annual meeting. Session organizers are required to be members in the years that they propose sessions and in the years they are convened, so if you are planning to propose a session in future please be sure your membership status is current. Pacific Islanders are entitled to free membership, but they must provide me with essential information (by submitting a membership form) when they join and renew annually by informing me of their intent to continue their membership.

Alan Howard
Membership Coordinator

6. FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

My thanks to the board and officers for continued support, with special thanks to Alan Howard, Laura Tamakoshi and Alexander Mawyer in the editing and distribution of each issue.

Below, I have included last year's data with this year's for comparison.

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*April includes 91 lapsed members from 2012

This year, the average cost per issue was $6.40, a significant increase over last year's $4.68. Thus, there is a significant increase in costs over last year. Part of this is due to supply purchases made in April and September. However, slight increases in print cost and
international and national postage account for rest. As most members receive the electronic version, these costs are not excessive.

Jamon Halvaksz

7. ARCHIVIST’S REPORT
I have continued to maintain and update the online archive of electronic versions of important ASAO documents, particularly those that ASAO Board members and officers might have need to consult on a regular basis. These include past board meeting agenda and minutes, officers’ reports and lists of responsibilities, and organizational documents such as the articles of incorporation and bylaws. During the past year I also wore the archivist’s other hat in providing institutional memory, when asked, to the ASAO Board and Officers regarding various procedures and precedents. I hope these kinds of support are helpful, especially when we have new officers coming in, and with the continual renewal of the board with two new board members each year.

The association’s physical archives are housed in the Pacific Collection, Hamilton Library, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa, and include similar minutes and reports (up to 2002), as well as correspondence and other materials dating from ASAO’s founding in the late 1960s up through 2002. Access to the minutes and reports is open; access to the correspondence files requires board permission. For more information, please contact me.

Jan Rensel

8. BOOK SERIES EDITOR’S REPORT
In mid-2013, Berghahn published volumes 3 and 4 in our series, respectively Keir Martin’s *The Death of the Big Men and the Rise of the Big Shots: Custom and Conflict in East New Britain* and Ping-Ann Addo’s *Creating a Nation with Cloth: Women, Wealth, and Tradition in the Tongan Diaspora*. Volume 5 will be Jeffrey Sissons’ *The Polynesian Iconoclasm: Religious Revolution and the Seasonality of Power*, now available for preorder and scheduled to appear in September 2014. The front cover, table of contents, and promotional information for all books in the series can be viewed at www.berghahnbooks.com/series.php?pg=asao. Information about publishing in the series can be found at ASAO’s own website (under “Publications” and “Book Series”). Please feel free to email me directly with queries, whatever stage your work is in. We are very much looking for new submissions.

Rupert Stasch

9. TREASURER’S REPORT

Bank Accounts
At the beginning of 2014 we still had two accounts in Wells Fargo Bank plus Lamont Lindstrom’s two accounts in the Tulsa Credit Union.

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On January 23, 2014, I dissolved the savings account and merged the two accounts into one large checking account. At the time of this merge, the balance of the combined account was **$65,227.80**. My intent was to set up an account at a local Hawaiian bank for ease of cash flow, and also to make sure that there was enough liquid money to pay our hotel expenses.
And a third, less important, reason is that the interest rates for our savings account were so small it is not worth the paperwork to maintain a separate account.

There were so many obstacles, though, that I never managed to set up the Hawaii account and so the funds remain in Wells Fargo in our original checking account. That meant that there was, as always, a big cash flow problem at the meetings. And, with no Wells Fargo branch in Hawaii, I had to loan ASAO some cash at the outset which I repaid myself after I finished the last of the meeting accounting. In all I dispensed over $13,000 in cash to PISF participants and officers who needed reimbursement for various meeting-related expenses.

**Pacific Island Scholars Fund**

A component of our Wells Fargo checking account is designated for the Pacific Island Scholars Fund. The money that makes up this component comes from a) intentional donations, and b) an $8.00 per membership allocation.

At the beginning of 2013, the PISF fund had a balance of **$17,599.43**.

Over the course of 2013, members donated **$5,185.82**. It is always the case that some members make very large PISF donations. I'd like to express special thanks to Shirley Lindenbaum and again to Bill Heaney.

The $8.00 per membership over the course of 2012, yielded an additional **$1,608.00**.

The three PISF recipients for the meetings in 2013 cost the fund **$4,750.00**. So the balance for PISF at the beginning of 2014 was **$19,643.25**.

Grants that were awarded and accepted for 2014 amounted to **$17,999**. But since many recipients spent less than their allocated travel money and one recipient did not come, we ended up spending only **$14,582.81**. This leaves a carry over for 2015 of **$4060.44**. We hope members will contribute to this account over the course of this year and boost it up to its earlier levels.

**Big Expenses 2013**

Over the course of 2013 our biggest expense was the annual meeting in San Antonio. Though the meeting room rental was free, refreshments, two lunches and session technology needs ($1,601.34) cost us a total of **$10,413.07**.

Other major expense included reimbursements for PISF recipient hotel rooms and one night of hotel rooms for officers. This amounted to **$1,251.30**.

The newsletter during 2012 cost **$959.60**.

Various incidental expenses include California registration, Hawaii business registration, filemaker software, survey monkey for our elections and the AAA party held in Montreal.

**Big Shock**

None of the above is at all surprising, but a big shock came out of the blue in July when Jan Rensel got a letter from a law firm claiming to have been representing our interests in the state of Arkansas for over twenty years. They were terribly sorry to remind us that we were in arrears in our payment for their services. However since they had forgotten to send us invoices for the last 19 years, they would only hold us responsible for 2013. The invoice they enclosed was for $568. Certain that this was some scam, I laughed and was ready to ignore the whole thing. Jan recalled, though, that we HAD indeed had some correspondence with them back in 1996, so I swallowed my laughs and phoned the company, Wolters Kluwer, Corporate Legal Services, to find out what the story was. Thus began a saga of nail biting, consultations with
other lawyers, multiple phone calls to Arkansas, and sleepless nights that finally came to a happy conclusion in mid-August. It turned out that we had a pro-bono lawyer from Arkansas who helped us become a tax exempt non-profit. He registered our corporation in Arkansas. It is mandatory in most states that there be some representative with an in-state address who can serve as a liaison between the corporation and the state. So we, indeed, did contract with Wolters Kluwer to do this for us. We may have paid a year or two, but then there was no further communication and we forgot about one another. I feared that antagonizing these people COULD result in a charge for twenty years of back payments. When I realized that we were supposed to have been filing paperwork with Arkansas all these years, I became very nervous. Phone calls back and forth with Wolters Kluwer were less and less cordial as July turned into August. Luckily the people in the Secretary of State office in Arkansas were very kind and helped us extract ourselves from our obligation to them by filing three years of back paperwork on which I declared that our representative all these years had really been our ASAO member from Little Rock, Juliana Flinn and not Wolters Kluwer. I had to pay $300 to Arkansas to extract us from that state. And an extra bonus was a certificate of withdrawal, suitable for framing, which I have scanned for your enjoyment. And from that moment on we have heard nothing more from Wolters Kluwer or from Arkansas. And we retain our non-profit corporate registration in California as we have for about twenty years.

The Kona Meeting

Because it was Hawaii and we budgeted for a big turnout, our basic catering expenses were about twice what they were in San Antonio. In addition, we were persuaded to hire the University of Hawaii Hilo Conference Center to be our liaison with the hotel at a cost of about $1500. Screen projectors in sessions and at the keynote event cost $175 a day. The two sessions that required a skype connection also cost $600. We had field trip expenses, performers and other incidentals too. We ended up spending $27,872.

Next Year

Our meeting next year in Santa Fe are likely to cost a good deal less, but still I recommend that we rebuild our nest-egg by raising our registration rates a small amount. The board decision to raise our membership dues will also help.

Mary McCutcheon

10. WEB SITE MANAGER’S REPORT

During the year I updated the website as required to reflect session reports from the 2013 meeting in San Antonio, session announcements provided by the Newsletter Editor and Program Coordinator, and information concerning the 2014 meeting in Kona, Hawai‘i, provided by the Program Coordinator and Site Coordinator. The PISF application forms for the Kona meeting were revised and uploaded in PDF format. Employment opportunities relevant to the membership have been posted as they were drawn to my attention.

The archives on the website have been updated to include all the newsletters in PDF format through December 2012 (in compliance with the plan to add newsletters one year after their publication so that members maintain the benefit of having current newsletters that are unavailable to non-members). Photo albums with pictures from the San Antonio and Kona meetings have been added to the archives.

An updated membership directory was uploaded to the website in April and has been continually updated as new members have joined and changes from existing members have been brought to my attention.

The list of honorary fellows was expanded to incorporate new honorees and the list of Board-approved ASAO publications was updated when relevant information was received.
During December 2013 the website received an average of 99.1 visits per day with an average of 217 pages observed. Total number of visits for the month was 3,072, with 6,748 pages observed.

As always, I would be happy to hear from members of the Association regarding ways to improve the website, and would appreciate being informed of any errors, misspellings, or bizarre experiences you might have when visiting the site.

Alan Howard

VIII. RECENT JOURNALS

Journal of the Polynesian Society
Volume 122 SEPTEMBER 2013 Number 3

Articles
JEREMY COOTE and JEREMY UDEN
The Rediscovery of a Society Islands Tamau, or Headdress of Human Hair, in the “Cook-Voyage” Forster Collection at the Pitt Rivers Museum—and a Possible Provenance

ANDREW MCALISTER, PETER J. SHEPPARD and MELINDA S. ALLEN
The Identification of a Marquesan Adze in the Cook Islands

ANDREA BENDER
Two Accounts of Traditional Mangarevan Counting… and How to Evaluate Them

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Articles
GEOFFREY IRWIN
Wetland Archaeology and the Study of Late Māori Settlement Patterns and Social Organisation in Northern New Zealand

ALAN JONES
Mythic Origins of Moral Evil: Moral Fatalism and the Tragic Self-Conception of the Mekeo

JEFFREY SISSONS
Reterritorialising Kinship: The Māori Hapū

IX. BIBLIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION


X. NOMINEES FOR ASAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES

The following four members have been nominated for the ASAO Board of Directors. Voting will be conducted via electronic survey, with paper ballots sent to hard copy subscribers of the newsletter. Active members will receive an invitation to participate and vote.

**Dr Ofa Dewes** is a Research Fellow based at the University of Auckland’s School of Population Health in New Zealand (NZ). She has a public administration and business management background and has worked extensively in public, private and international sectors. Prior to immigrating to New Zealand in 1989, Ofa worked for the United Nations Development Programme Regional Office in Fiji. A desire to engage with Pacific communities and help make a positive difference to their health and wellbeing prompted Ofa to leave the NZ private sector and join the four-country (Fiji, Tonga, Australia, NZ) Obesity Prevention in Communities (OPIC) study at the School of Population Health, in 2005, as Project Manager. Since OPIC, her research interests have grown to include Pacific ethnic-specific studies across the life-span especially in health equity, obesity, non-communicable diseases, primary health care, ageing, and the church’s role in health promotion. She led the successor project to OPIC, a randomised controlled trial on weight management for Pacific children aged 5 – 12 years and their primary caregivers, and an evaluation partnership with general practice and a decile one high school in Auckland to improve the school-based nurse-led clinic and health outcomes for Pacific teens. As Principal Investigator, Ofa is currently leading a study on the translation and implementation of the ‘Evidence-based Clinical Guidelines on Weight Management for Children, Young People and Adults, in Pacific church communities in Auckland, and looks forward to extending her research with a feasibility and longitudinal study on living life in advanced age among our NZ-based Pacific ageing population.

A Christian, Ofa is actively involved with her local church including the public information network and leadership of the community concerns and social justice group. She serves on several government health advisory groups, is on the Board of a women’s refuge, and is a member of the Pacific Medical Association, the Fiji Nurses Association, Gerontological Society of America, and the Association of Social Anthropologists in Oceania (ASAO). Ofa is also a member of the Editorial Advisory Board for the Journal of Primary Health Care and instigated the Pacific column ‘Vaikoloa’ to share focussed perspectives and messages on Pacific people’s health. Her engagement with ASAO commenced in 2011 through the Obesity and Health session and presentation of a paper on the association between church attendance and obesity-related lifestyle behaviours among NZ adolescents from different Pacific Island ethnic groups. Her attendance at annual conferences to date have enabled Ofa to follow with interest the studies with Pacific peoples in the region including a broad range of Pacific topics, and welcomes the opportunity to contribute to the future developments of ASAO.

Ofa is Fiji-born of Rotuman/Tongan/Tuvaluan ethnicity with affiliation to Ngati Porou.

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**Tate Lefevre**

I am an Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Franklin and Marshall College. I received my Ph.D. in 2013 from New York University, where I also earned a graduate certificate from the Program in Culture and Media. My Ph.D. dissertation, which I am in the process of revising as a book manuscript, was entitled *Creating Kanaky: Indigeneity, Youth and the Cultural Politics of the Possible*. I have been working in New Caledonia since 2003, when I conducted fieldwork for an undergraduate honors thesis on cultural tourism on Lifou, the Loyalty Islands. My current research considers how urban Kanak youth imagine indigenous identity and stake cultural and political claims on the future in New Caledonia. More broadly, my work focuses on social movements and cultural change, media and theories of representation, indigeneity, citizenship and race. In addition to several book chapters, I am the editor of a special edition of the journal *Settler Colonial Studies* entitled *Representation, resistance and the logics of difference: indigenous culture as political resource in the settler-state* (2013).
I attended my first ASAO meeting in Salem, in 2004, as an undergraduate. Subsequent to this formative (and intimidating!) initiation, I have participated regularly in meetings since 2007. In 2012, I co-organized a session on "Hope in the Pacific," with Eben Kirksey. I have also served as convener of the Melanesian Interest Group (MIG) of the American Anthropological Association (in 2011 and 2012). As a longterm beneficiary of ASAO's collaborative energy, spirited intellectual dialog and general bonhomie, I am particularly honored and excited by the opportunity to serve our organization as a board member.

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Sa'iliemanu Lilomaiava-Doktor (Sa'i'lili) is an associate professor of Hawaiian and Pacific Studies at the University of Hawaii-West Oahu (UHWO). She has a BA in Geography from the University of Newcastle, NSW; MA in Pacific Islands Studies and PhD in Geography both from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. She teaches courses on human and cultural geography, tourism, development, migration and diaspora examining the local and global dialectics, and discourses of development and the sustainability of these processes in Hawaii and the Pacific. She is interested in theorizing what transnationalism means for the conceptions of territory, place, and the nation state. She also focuses on locating the indigenous reference explicitly in Pacific ways of knowing. Some of her community advocacy groups include being a board member of directors of Planned Parenthood of Hawaii, and faculty advisor to the Hawaiian-Pacific Club and Aiga o le Pasefika Club at UHWO. Sa'i'li comes from a big Samoan family that is dispersed all over the Pacific mainly in Samoa and American Samoa, United States, New Zealand, and Australia.

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Marama Muru-Lanning holds a PhD in Anthropology from the University of Auckland. Her work is primarily concerned with issues and debates in Environmental and Indigenous Anthropology. Marama's research focuses on the governance, commodification and privatisation of fresh water in New Zealand, the Pacific and around the globe. Her first book Tupuna Awa – River Ancestor: Belonging to the Waikato River, will be published by Auckland University Press this year. Prior to her appointment at the James Henare Māori Research Centre, Marama was a convenor and lecturer in the Anthropology Department at the University of Auckland.

XI. HONORARY FELLOW NOMINEES

The following have been nominated to be ASAO Honorary Fellows. Voting will be conducted via electronic survey, with paper ballots sent to hard copy subscribers. Active members will receive an invitation to participate in the vote.

We write to enthusiastically nominate Kathy Creely to be an honorary fellow of ASAO. Kathy Creely is one of a small number of librarians in the world who actively collect, document and research materials from Oceania. Over the course of her career, her research and collecting has deeply enriched the study of Pacific societies, cultures and their histories. Moreover, her unique position in the University of California, San Diego Library (UCSDL) is something that she has created herself: a librarian who specializes in a single subject area and region, and who maintains collections of international significance.

For many who carry out research in Oceania, and in Melanesia in particular, a visit to the Geisel Library is a pilgrimage. Most researchers encounter Creely’s work when they access two vital microfilm collections, Files of Correspondence, Journals and Patrol Reports from Outstations of British New Guinea and Papua, 1890-1941 (CRS G91), and Papua and New Guinea Patrol Reports, 1922-1955 (CRS A7034). These are page-by-page microform copies portions of the Commonwealth Records Service archive covering the Australian colonial administration of the Papua New Guinea territories. Jumbled and haphazardly organized during their tumultuous history, they only became truly valuable to researchers when Creely compiled an index of them. The work of bringing Melanesian colonial history to light continues
today. The Government of Papua New Guinea has recently granted Creely permission to digitize the patrol reports. Not only will future researchers be able to browse through the documents online, but this information will be indexed, cross-referenced, and searchable in new ways.

Another one of Creely’s major contributions to the field is her maintenance of the Tuzin Archive for Melanesian Anthropology (previously known as Melanesian Archive). The Tuzin archive was created by the University of California, San Diego Department of Anthropology professors, Donald F. Tuzin and Fitz John Porter Poole, in partnership with Creely and the UCSDL. As its bibliographer, Creely organizes accessions to the archive, allowing researchers to preserve the unique primary records they have assembled across their lives concerning societies and histories of the Melanesian region, in the form of field notes, diaries, correspondence and manuscripts. The archive’s stature as the depository of record for Melanesian research materials moves ever higher due to Creely’s outreach work and the sterling reputation of the collection she has built. During this period, she has also spearheaded initiatives to digitize significant parts of the collection, making the materials more widely available.

Finally, she has continued to work on repatriating copies of materials and on giving duplicates of donated published materials Pacific Island academic libraries. This aspect of her work has made her an important figure in the ongoing development of best practices concerning the relation between anthropological collections and the people whose communities they concern. For example, she has worked extensively with David Akin to make copies of Roger Keesing’s research materials available to Kwaio people in a local culture center (a project she and David discuss in their co-authored chapter “A Kwaio Case Study from the Melanesian Archive” in the 2002 ASAO volume *Handle with Care: Ownership and Control of Ethnographic Materials*). She also travels regularly in the Pacific as part of her professional work of bibliographic collecting and cross-institutional cooperation.

While UCSD has been Kathy’s institutional home base, she has also made major contributions to ASAO. She has served as both treasurer and as membership coordinator, and has been organizer or co-organizer of a number of ASAO sessions. She has also made extensive informal contributions to ASAO, regularly attending meetings and generously sharing her knowledge with those gathered there, including younger scholars, to whom she has always specially reached out.

As all those who have worked with her know, Kathy Creely is an extraordinary person. In person as well as through extensive correspondence and phone consultations, Creely has guided hundreds of doctoral students, post-doctoral researchers, and senior scholars toward books, dissertations, and historical records that they might never have found alone, or have only found with much greater difficulty. They benefit from her unparalleled knowledge of the existing historical and ethnographic materials pertaining to Melanesia. She quickly grasps people’s research goals and connects them to materials they need. Besides these gifts, she is profoundly generous with her time and talents. Her contributions to the anthropology of the region are beyond enumeration. At a time when the institutions which make our work possible face challenging pressures, and the situations in which people produce knowledge about the Pacific are rapidly changing, Kathy Creely’s career is an inspiring model for future researchers. She is a leader in her field and within the field of Pacific anthropology, and for that reason ASAO should honor her contributions.

Sincerely,
Ryan Schram, Joel Robbins, & Rupert Stasch
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