FROM THE EDITOR

Due to unforeseen circumstances, this issue of the ASAO Newsletter was unavoidably delayed, and does not contain reports on the sessions from the 2019 meeting in Auckland by the session organizers.

However, we have received reports from the officers of ASAO on their work of the last year. You can read all about all of the interesting work that this organization does starting on page 4.

Additionally, members will soon be asked to vote to make Penelope Schoeffel a new honorary fellow of ASAO. You can read the nomination statement in this issue. Around the same time, members will also receive an election ballot to fill two open seats on the Board of Directors. Three members have been nominated for these positions, and their nomination statements appear in this issue as well.

Meanwhile, planning for the 2020 meeting in Hilo, Hawai‘i is going ahead. We will be again making an official call for papers and sessions very soon. When that CFP hits your inbox, please pass it along to anyone you think would be interested in participating in what is sure to be another legendary ASAO meeting. The process for proposing a new or ongoing session for an ASAO meeting is being streamlined too, so look out for information coming soon on a new way to propose a session for the meeting.

As always, if you have any questions about how to get involved in ASAO, feel free to reach out to the chair, directors, and any of the officers with questions. We welcome new members, and look forward to hearing from you!

Ryan Schram, Newsletter editor

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Aloha kākou and warm greetings from Mānoa. It is my great honor to be writing my first letter from the chair for this newsletter.

First, let me thank everyone who made our recent conference in Auckland such as success. Albert Refiti, our outgoing chair, did not only do a stellar job leading our organization, he designed the fale where our meetings took place! Jamon Halvaksz and Lisa Uperesa did a wonderful job organizing our trip while Marama Muru-Laning and Jemaima Tiatia-Seath did so much to make us feel welcome. Our officers Tate LeFevre, Ryan Schram, Barbara Anderson, Jessica Hardin, and Chelsea Wentworth all helped out as well. In fact there were many people who volunteered to make this, the largest ASAO in history, run so smoothly that I apologize that I don’t have enough room here to thank you all individually.

Finally, I want to put down on paper some of the thoughts I expressed at our closing plenary in Auckland. In an very important letter from the chair in our April 2013 newsletter, Paige West wrote about the importance of keeping our association moving into the future, and making it relevant and welcoming to Pacific Islanders and anyone who cared about the Pacific regardless of their discipline. In the past six years or so, I feel like our association has committed to itself to these goals and has made good progress in moving towards this vision which so many of us share.

As I said in Auckland, I believe Pacific anthropology should be committed to two propositions: That the lives of Pacific Islanders matter, and that the Pacific has something to teach the world.

The lives of Pacific Islanders matter: To me, this is a commitment to the enduring importance of ethnography. It means that people have stories that deserve to be told in deep and profound ways, and that the world is better off if those stories are available to it. Of course, I’m not suggesting putting people’s medical records on the Internet or anything -- there are obviously issues of privacy and respect that come with writing people’s lives. Respect and ethnography are not opposites which are impossible to reconcile. Great ethnography can -- and always has -- contained both detail and care, attention and respect.

The Pacific has something to teach the world: To me, this is a commitment to the enduring importance of theory. Anthropology at its best is not just a description of some humans’ experience, it tells us something more generally about the human experience. I firmly believe that the Pacific is a place where great ideas are made, improved, and disseminated.

All of us have walked different paths to come to ASAO. For some of us, studying the Pacific is important because it helps us build a general theory of semiotics. For some us, studying the Pacific is important because it helps us learn more about our own genealogy as Pacific people. For others, its a bit of both, or none of the above! Each of us have an intellectual project which grows out of our biography, our unique life experiences.

I see ASAO as an organization which welcomes projects of all sorts. Some of those projects may be conventional and academic, and some may be more innovative and challenging of our disciplinary norms. Some ASAO members may be academics, while others may intellectuals, artists, or cultural practitioners. In 2019 we can no longer predict which sort of people will have which sort of projects. A detailed historical anthropology of land tenure based on extensive archival fieldwork is as likely to come from an indigenous activist documenting land claims as it is from a staid professor, and a bespoke theory of human becoming built out of Pacific cosmologies is likely to be of interest to settler academics as much as it is to indigenous intellectuals.

As we meet around pupus or the kava bowl or the conference table, we are not just sharing our different projects with each other, we are changing who the ‘us’ in ASAO is, creating a new and always-shifting sense of what anthropology in the Pacific can be. As someone who does a pretty orthodox version of anthropology, I find ASAO’s current moment of innovation and inclusion exciting and important. To me, it signals not only the healthy future of our organization, but is in line with our discipline’s long history of experimentation and innovation. I hope that our conversations in Hilo in 2020 will be as exciting and stimulating as our meeting in Auckland in 2019.

Cheers!

Alex Golub, ASAO chair

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**LETTER FROM THE CHAIR**

**ASAO WILL MEET IN HILO, HAWAI‘I IN 2020**

The 2020 meeting of ASAO will be held at the [Grand Naniloa Hotel](#) in Hilo, Hawai‘i from January 22-25.

Somewhat recently renovated, the hotel is located at 93 Banyan Drive, in Hilo, Hawai‘i. We negotiated a rate of US $169 per night (plus tax and fees). The rate is available for three days before and after the conference.

More information on the hotel and conference is forthcoming.

Jamon Halvaksz, annual meeting site coordinator
APPLY FOR A PISA IN 2020

As you prepare for, and participate in the ASAO meetings in February 2019, please keep in mind sessions you would like to contribute to, or propose for our meetings in Hawaiʻi in 2020. Applications for the 2020 conference will be due on October 15, 2019. We will have more detailed information on applications in future issues of the Newsletter.

In addition to travel awards, Pacific Island scholars are also invited to apply for registration fee waivers for the annual meeting.

You do not have to be a PISA awardee to apply for a registration waiver. You must be planning to actively participate in one or more sessions by serving as organizer, presenting a paper, or making a presentation in another format.

Waiver applications for session participants and session organizers (two different forms) are due no later than January 30th, 2019 and should be sent to the ASAO Treasurer and Membership Coordinator, Barbara Andersen (B.Andersen1@massey.ac.nz). We hope the meetings this year will inspire your future applications. Please contact PISA Coordinator, Chelsea Wentworth (pisa.asao@gmail.com) for more information.

Thank you so much, and we look forward to seeing you in Auckland!

PISA Committee: Chelsea Wentworth, Lisa Uperesa, Alex Mawyer, and Ping-Ann Addo
OFFICERS’ REPORTS

ANNUAL MEETING SITE COORDINATOR

All of the success for the Auckland meeting is a credit to Lisa Uperesa’s efforts as our local intermediary. As faculty she was able to get things done for us that I simply could not do. My role was made easy and ultimately came down to just advising and helping sort out some details. So, thank you Lisa for all your work.

In addition to this year’s conference, I worked with hotels in Maui, Honolulu and Hilo to find a location for our 2020 meeting. Ultimately, Maui is priced out of our range, Honolulu lacked availability and ultimately the Grand Noniloa Hotel offered us a great deal for our next conference. Somewhat recently renovated, the hotel is located at 93 Banyan Drive, in Hilo Hawaii. We negotiated a rate of US $169 per night (plus tax and fees) for January 22-25, 2020. The rate is available for three days before and after the conference for those of you travelling long distances. More information on the hotel and conference will be included in future newsletters. The site will provide an excellent opportunity for us to connect with colleagues and UH-Hilo as well as the wider community.

For our 2021 meeting, we are looking at Portland and Seattle for possible locations, as well as considering options in Utah. Mexico was also suggested as a possibility. Either way, it will take place on the Western side of North America.

Jamon Halvaksz, annual meeting site coordinator

ARCHIVIST

I currently have two main projects:

ASAO Archives

The physical ASAO archives are housed in the Pacific Collection, Hamilton Library, University of Hawai‘i—Mānoa. These archives comprise materials that have been collected since the organization’s inception in 1967, including meeting minutes and officer reports as well as correspondence, membership lists, etc. Access to the minutes and reports is open; access to the correspondence files requires board permission. In addition, current ASAO Board and Officers can access digital versions of association documents, including detailed lists of responsibilities for the various positions. The large task of digitizing previous minutes and officers’ reports going back to the beginning of the organization is underway, with the goal of having a complete set of matching physical and digital files. Sorting through and organizing physical files sent to me by former board members and officers for archiving is a job that awaits attention.

ASAO Histories

A large group of former board members and officers and other interested ASAO members has been working over the past four years with the aim of providing clearly written, carefully researched, and well-documented accounts about various aspects of ASAO’s history. To date, ten articles have been drafted, drawing on personal experience as well as ASAO meeting minutes, officer reports, and Newsletters, and benefiting from review by and suggestions from session participants and other ASAO members. At the 2019 meeting, the ASAO Board agreed to post the papers on the ASAO website. Stay tuned!

Jan Rensel, archivist

BOOK DISPLAY COORDINATOR

This year we are again anticipating an outpouring of interesting books and journals to peruse at our 2019 ASAO Conference. I added more publishers to the list of people I contact to send materials to the book display. Now I invite 87 publishers to participate in the book display, and many of these email me back and send materials. While I have streamlined the system I use to send invitations to publishers, the part of my job that is more challenging is being physically present at the ASAO conferences. I appreciate all help from the Site Coordinator, Program Coordinator, and many others in setting up and maintaining the book display the last few years while I have been residing solely in Australia in order to become an Australian citizen. I have served the organization in this role since 2012, and I feel like I have been able to continue what Laura and others did to make a space for ASAO members and visitors to meet and interact in an informal atmosphere, as well as find out about the latest anthropological publications. The book display is special to me personally because it is an informal and relaxed space that facilitates interaction and mingling around one of our passions: books! Come and visit the book display at our upcoming conference!

David Troolin, book display coordinator

ASAO BOOK SERIES EDITOR

Jenny Munro’s monograph Dreams Made Small: The Education of Papuan Highlanders in Indonesia was published as volume 9 in our book series in May 2018. The next book to be published will be Anthony Pickles’ monograph Money Games: Gambling in a Papua New Guinean Town, due out in June 2019. Congratulations to Jenny and Anthony for completing this hard work! For tables of contents, sample chapters, and other information about these and other already-published titles, please see the series web page at https://www.berghahnbooks.com/series/?pg=asao. And please feel free at any stage to email the series editor, rs839@cam.ac.edu, with queries about possible submission of your work, whether concerning an edited collection or a single-authored monograph.

Rupert Stasch, ASAO book series editor
Professor Ngahuia Te Awekotuku delivered the 2019 distinguished lecture in the Fale Pasifika at the University of Auckland on Friday night during the meetings. The lecture, entitled “Kia aiwa ra: Social Anthropology in Oceania, one Maori view” examined the history and legacy of anthropology in Aotearoa and its relevance for Maori today. Through a detailed genealogy of the discipline Professor Te Awekotuku reminded us that the field holds many different, but intersecting, genealogies of though and student training, and that to fully understand the future of the field, we must ground ourselves in these multiple histories. The lecture was very well received by the audience and generated robust conversation during the reception that followed.

Paige West, distinguished lecture coordinator

Nothing to report.

Mike Lieber, ASAONET listserv manager

As of 1/14/19 we have 270 active, paid-up members. This includes PI membership waivers and Honorary Fellows.

Continental USA ................................................. 93
New Zealand .................................................. 44
Australia .......................................................... 26
Hawaii .............................................................. 24
Canada ............................................................ 22
Fiji ................................................................. 10
Papua New Guinea .............................................. 6
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Mexico ............................................................. 1
Japan .............................................................. 1
American Samoa ................................................ 1
French Polynesia ............................................... 1
Solomon Islands ............................................... 1
Denmark ........................................................ 1
Unknown ........................................................ 6

76 paid reduced rates .....................................(28%)
123 paid regular rates ......................................(46%)
51 claimed the Pacific Islander waiver ..........(19%)
20 have free membership as Honorary Fellows ....(7%)

Conclusion

Membership renewals are holding steady from 2017. This year, as expected, we’ve had a major jump in NZ-based members and in Pacific Islanders, and a slight fall in US- and Europe-based members.

Barbara Andersen, membership coordinator

The ASAO Newsletter continues to be published electronically and sent to members by email. This year, the Newsletter was available on an open-access basis, and new issues were also posted immediately to the ASAO website. Hamilton Library (University of Hawai‘i, Mānoa) now collects digital copies of ASAO current and back issues as eVols, which means they will be indexed and searchable in their online repository. As we shift to an open access model, we will no longer have or need to sell institutional subscriptions, and our arrangement with EBSCO to make the Newsletter available on its magazine subscription platform, Flipster, ends with the December 2018 issue. Given the recent difficulty in maintaining a publication schedule of three issues per year, I suggest that the ASAO board consider ways to change the publication schedule to make sure that the Newsletter facilitates the planning and promotion of annual meetings.

Ryan Schram, ASAO Newsletter editor

The Pacific Island Scholars Fund changed its name to the Pacific Island Scholars Award (PISA) in 2018! The PISA committee is excited to be moving forward with this new name, which better reflects the mission and scope of the program as a competitive, merit-based award to fund indigenous Pacific Islander scholars’ travel to the annual meetings. Six travel grants were awarded this year to: Eliah Aoina, Keala Kelly, Emelih Thei, Betty Manuofeteoa, Tarisi Vunidilo, and Kamuela Werner. Each made substantive contributions to the meetings in Auckland, Aotearoa, and we look forward to following their future research endeavors. We have a few new changes to announce for the 2020 meetings. We thank Lisa Uperesa and Alex Mawyer for their service to the committee, and welcome our new members, Melani Anae and Ofa Dewes. Chelsea Wentworth and Ping-Ann Addo will continue their service. Moving forward, applications will be collected via an online submission portal from the PISA page on the ASAO website. Look for a link in the August newsletter and on ASAONet soon. Applicants no longer need letters of recommendation, but we do ask you to contact your session organizer about your participation in advance of submitting your application. The PISA committee conducted a survey of past awardees, and is making changes based on this feedback. We are particularly excited to announce the creation of a PISF/PISA Alumni Organization. We are looking for past awardees who would like to participate in and help lead that group.

Please contact Chelsea Wentworth, PISA Coordinator
at PISA.ASAO@gmail.com for more information about the alumni group or questions about the application process.

*Chelsea Wentworth, PISA coordinator*

**SECRETARY**

I have performed the usual routines of the office. There are no updates to share. The ASAO board is currently looking for volunteers for several officer roles, including secretary, PISA coordinator, annual meetings site coordinator, and program coordinator. Those interested are invited to contact the secretary at asaosec@gmail.com or the current officers to learn more about these positions.

*Jessica Hardin, secretary*

**TREASURER**

**Summary: General Account**

Starting bank balance on Dec 31, 2017 $29,553  

**Revenues, 2018**

Membership dues paid in 2018 .........................$12210  
Meeting registration fees paid in 2018  
(for 2018 & 2019 meetings) .........................$20110  
PISA fund donations in 2018 ..........................$2753.44  
Parking & accommodation income paid in 2018 total ..........................................................$4978  
Subscriptions paid in 2018 total .......................$25  
**GROSS REVENUES 2018 .........................$40,076.44**  
Bank & paypal fees ............................................$1675.26  
**NET REVENUES 2018 ..........................$38401.18**

**Expenses, 2018**

Hotel costs Le Pavillon ....................................-$26,965.88  
Other expenses ..............................................-$1652.65  
Distinguished speaker expenses ....................-$1165.50  
Losses written off ...........................................-$2800  
PISA awards & honoraria .................................-$6555.31  
U of A accommodation deposit .......................-$3087.81  

**Total 2018 expenses ................................-$42,227.15**

**End of year balance on Dec 31, 2018 ........$31,071.15**

**PISA Fund**

There was $4433.87 left in the PISA fund after New Orleans. An additional $2743.44 in explicit donations were made in 2018. 130 membership renewals in 2018 add an additional $1300 to the fund from the general fund. Total in PISA fund at end of 2018 was $8477.31

**Distinguished Speaker Fund**

The Distinguished Speaker fund balance at end of 2018 was $3149.21.

**Conclusion**

Despite some losses in 2018 the Association has been able to stay afloat financially. The relatively low cost of the meetings in Auckland will help us to be in good shape for 2019, but meeting costs in general continue to rise, as do the fees we pay to Paypal. I have stepped down as Treasurer and JC Salyer will be taking over in 2019. I am grateful to JC for taking on this role. I will remain in my role as Membership Coordinator.

*Barbara Andersen, treasurer*

**WEB SITE MANAGER**

ASAO.org continues to be an important source of information and sharing for ASAO-ers, especially regarding the annual meeting. Site usage statistics show that visitors to ASAO.org typically view at least 4-5 pages per visit, suggesting that site visitors are engaging with the numerous resources that the site offers. ASAO.org has undergone a number of updates over the past year, some of which are ongoing. This has included efforts to give the site a more unified look, particularly by ensuring that all pages of the site use the same fonts, font colors, and imagery. I've also started working with other officers to explore how various site features, such as online submission forms, might be adapted or made useful for other ASAO projects. Keep a lookout for some of these updates to debut on ASAO.org in the coming months!

*Zakea Boeger, web site manager*
FRASER MCDONALD

I am an anthropologist of religion with a particular focus upon how traditional Melanesian cultural frameworks dynamically intersect with global evangelical and Pentecostal Christian movements across a range of contexts including church performance, cosmogony, understandings of souls and the afterlife, and beliefs in insidious spiritual powers. The majority of my research has been undertaken with the Oksapmin people of Sandaun Province, Papua New Guinea, but I am now shifting my attention to a broader, regional revival movement that occurred in the 1970s. After receiving my PhD from ANU in 2013 I worked at the University of Goroka for two and a half years, after which I took up my current position at the University of Waikato, in New Zealand.

LORENA GIBSON

Lorena Gibson is a sociocultural anthropologist based at Victoria University of Wellington in Aotearoa New Zealand. She specialises in the anthropology of development, hope, and NGOs with an area focus on Melanesia, South Asia, and Oceania. Her comparative, ethnographic research focuses on how urban NGOs and community-based organisations engage with development and social change; hope and temporality; and creative artistic practices. Her first book, *Developing Hope: Community-based NGOs in India and Papua New Guinea*, is currently under review with the University of Alabama Press. Her current Marsden-funded research project, “East Side Orchestras,” explores the social impacts of NGOs operating orchestral music education programmes in areas of high socioeconomic deprivation in urban Wellington, Aotearoa New Zealand. Lorena is an active member of the Association of Social Anthropologists of Aotearoa/New Zealand, where she is part of the Mahi Tahi Steering Committee, and is former convenor of the AAA’s Melanesia Interest Group (now Pacific Interest Group). She is also a musician with longstanding interests in ethnomusicology and visual anthropology and industry experience as an applied anthropologist.

DEBRA MCDougALL

I am a Senior Lecturer in Anthropology at the University of Melbourne in Australia. For more than twenty years, I have undertaken research in Solomon Islands, mostly on the Western Province island of Ranongga. *Engaging with Strangers: Love and Violence in the Rural Solomon Islands*—published in the ASAO Studies in Pacific Anthropology series—explored how Ranonggans have managed relationships with strangers over the long durée, from late nineteenth-century warfare to late twentieth century resource contestations. I’ve also written about postcolonial Christianity and other new religious movements, co-editing another ASAO series book, *Christian Politics in Oceania*, with Matt Tomlinson. I’m working on questions interested in questions about rural mobility, socio-economic inequality, and education, and engaging in more practically-focused and collaborative work on a swiftly growing language movement in Solomon Islands.

The first academic conference I ever attended was ASAO in 1996 in Kona. The sessions I attended and the people I met had a lasting, positive influence on my PhD research and my career. I attended ASAO regularly while based in the US but have found it more difficult to come to meetings from Australia. I’m now in a position to re-engage with ASAO in a more ongoing way. I’m nominating for the board because I’m eager to reciprocate the support the organisation gave me as a student and early in my career; I’m excited by the increasing involvement of Pacific Islanders scholars in ASAO; and I hope I can help forge connections with antipodean scholars and organisations.
HONORARY FELLOW NOMINATION

PENELOPE SCHOEFFEL

It is my distinct pleasure to nominate Penelope Schoeffel to Honorary Fellow with the Association for Social Anthropology of Oceania. Penelope received her B.A. in 1975 from the University of Papua New Guinea and her PhD in Social Anthropology 1981 from Australian National University. Dr Schoeffel has contributed distinctly to the field of Anthropology, Gender and Development Studies in the Pacific Islands/Oceania region. This was auspiciously inaugurated with her seminal doctoral study, “Daughters of Sina: Study of Gender, Status and Power in Samoa,” (Department of Anthropology, ANU). This work has opened the way for much of Schoeffel’s scholarly work and the community organizing activities that she has been engaged in the past five decades of her academic career. Penelope brought a focus on history, power, colonialism and women’s lives to the study of sociocultural change and economic development in the Pacific Islands and particularly Samoa, a topic that Penelope felt was too often presented as something readily negotiated by men, and women unproblematically follow. Penelope’s work highlighted Samoan indigenous concepts, and culturally rooted understanding of gender roles. Chief among Penelope’s work is the focus on gender and social justice. Her publications range from themes of Women, Children, Pacific Youth, Poverty and Development, Women and Political Leadership in the Pacific, Fiji Gender Assessment, Sexual Morality in Samoa, Samoan Concept of ‘Feagaiga’. Her earlier work focused on Women and Children in Papua New Guinea, Women in Fisheries, Health Dilemma of Modernization, Women’s Association in Rural Economy, Food Nutrition. Her more recent work focuses on International Agenda and Responses to Calls for Women’s Empowerment, Women and Distance Education, Cultural Politics in Samoa and Tradition vs Modernity.

It goes without saying that Penelope’s work and passion is undoubtedly influenced by her intimate relationship with Malama Meleiseā her husband of forty-five years, whom together have influenced much of anthropology, history and cultural studies of Samoa and the Pacific in general. These critical inquiries are sensitive to but not subservient to culture, politics, power and historical considerations. Penelope has taught in Papua New Guinea, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, and Samoa. For more than a decade, she has worked in Thailand, Afghanistan, Bangladesh alongside Meleiseā in her own capacity lecturing in anthropology, produced university and community partnerships merging anthropology, program evaluation and citizenship. Overall, Penelope has published over fifty articles and book chapters, as well as over 40 technical papers/reports on Pacific Islands countries, and more than 20 technical reports on Asian countries for international aid agencies such as ADB, IMF, UNICEF, IFAD and universities such Australian National University, University of Auckland, University of the South Pacific, and the National University of Samoa. She is adjunct professor in Centre for Samoan Studies at National University of Samoa and generously supervised their first MA and PhD students, a program she and Meleiseā developed when they took over the fledgling Centre Program in 2012 upon retirement to Samoa! Penelope has contributed uniquely to anthropology in Oceania in her professional career through her teaching, research and service, often blending anthropology, cultural heritage studies, history, gender and development studies into the study of the Pacific Islands. She is an active long-time ASAO member and has published papers and collaborated with her peers on edited book volumes in ASAO.

As a graduate student in cultural, and development geography, Schoeffel’s work was foundational for me; in particular as I compare indigenous epistemologies of gender, status, and development in historical perspectives as Pacific Island countries undergo modernization, late capitalism, and globalization. Her work is inspiring; many students have drawn on her work and insights to inform their analyses. I had the benefit of working together with Penelope in the ASAO “Grave Matters” session that led to the publication of our papers in the Journal of Polynesian Society 2016 vol. 129 (2). Penelope is an initiator and a doer and for this we are proud and grateful for her contributions to ASAO and Oceania.

Last but not least, her most proud accomplishment, is her four daughters, 10 grandchildren, and live in Samoa with her husband of 45 years Malama Meleiseā. He is now the matai sa’o (titular chief of the family and village), Meleiseā Leasiolangi Meleiseā and her latest job is being a faletua (chief’s wife), which she performs bravely.

For her contributions and life’s work, I nominate faletua and Dr Penelope Schoeffel for the ASAO Honorary Fellow.

Mahalo and Fa’afetai,

Sa’iliemanu Lilomaia-Doktor
BECOME A SUPPORTER OF PISA

AN APPEAL TO ALL ASAO MEMBERS: SUPPORT PISA TODAY!

The participation of our colleagues from Pacific Islands at the annual meetings is critical to vibrant and productive dialogue in sessions, at plenary talks, and in the development of research publications. Please consider supporting the PISA to help expand the participation of our Pacific Island colleagues. We encourage all ASAO members to consider contributing.

Our new ASAO website makes supporting PISA very easy! You can now make a secure online contribution via PayPal. Simply: (1) go to http://www.asao.org/PISA.html (2) click the yellow "support" button, and (3) Follow the prompts. It's that easy!

SUPPORTING PISA CAN BE A GREAT GIFT!

As we enjoy the holidays, please consider making a tax deductible contribution in honor of a friend or family member. We are happy to provide you with a letter for you to share with your friend or relative. Please put that information in the comment section when making your contribution or email Chelsea Wentworth for more information (pisa.asao@gmail.com)

Please consider contributing monthly to PISA, which is easy when you set up a secure automatic deduction for a set amount from your bank account or credit card. When you enter your contribution amount there is a box to the right you can check labeled “Make this Recurring (Monthly).” Please consider this option to make a sustaining contribution to PISA.

ANNOUNCEMENT

A special issue of The Contemporary Pacific (TCP 30:2) has been published on the theme “Repossessing Paradise,” guest-edited by Kalissa Alexeyeff and Siobhan McDonnell. The issue, which also features the art of Micki Davis, includes 7 articles, political reviews of Melanesia and the region as a whole, 8 book and media reviews. The full table of contents for this issue and other information about the journal can be viewed on the new TCP website: http://manoa.hawaii.edu/tcp/home

Jan Rensel, The Contemporary Pacific managing editor
The ASAO Newsletter is published three times yearly (April, September, December). Members and fellows of ASAO receive issues as a benefit of their membership in ASAO. To become a member of ASAO, contact the membership coordinator. In 2019, the annual dues for members are US$80. You can also register for a three-year membership at the rate of US$220. The membership fee for students, retirees, and independent (unemployed) scholars is US$50 annually or US$130 for three years. Current and past issues of the Newsletter are also available from http://asao.org as an open-access publication. ISSN 1095-3000

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