I. MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Note the following correction in the opening date for the ASAO Annual Meeting next month. The meeting begins on Wednesday evening February 27, not on Tuesday the 26th as previously announced.

Plans for this year's program have been completed and are printed below. A highlight of Thursday evening is a special lecture by Leopold Pospisil on the Kapauka legal system. Also of interest is a slide presentation by Deborah Gewertz on Wednesday evening.

Should anyone have difficulty making connections to Galveston or any other hassles, Michael Howard has volunteered the help of the University of Houston Anthropology Department. Call 713-749-3921.

II. FINAL PROGRAM

9th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY IN OCEANIA

27 February - 2 March, 1980, The Flagship, Galveston, Texas

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

12:00 - 5:00 P.M.       Arrival
5:30 - 6:30            Happy Hour
6:30 - 7:30            Dinner and Conversation
7:30  Opening Session

a. Welcome by Robert Tonkinson, Chairman of the Executive Board

b. Discussion of the Program by Fred Myers, Program Chairman

c. Discussion of Local Arrangements by Michael Howard, Local Arrangements Chairman

d. Special Topical Presentation, "Pernicious Ferns in the West Sepik," Deborah Gewertz.

9:00  Cash Bar

Executive Board Meeting

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

9:00 - 11:30 A.M.  FORMAL SYMPOSIUM: "Women in Oceania"
                   Organizers: Denise O'Brien and Sharon Tiffany.
                   Location: Squarerigger Room.

                   FORMAL SYMPOSIUM: "Dependency and Development in Oceania"
                   Organizers: Paul Shankman and Michael Howard.
                   Location: Outrigger Room.

                   WORKING SESSION: "Personal Names and Naming Practices"
                   Organizer: Bradd Shore
                   Location: Wheelhouse Room.

11:30 - 2:30  Lunch and Conversation

2:30 - 5:00  FORMAL SYMPOSIUM: "Dependency and Development in Oceania" Outrigger Room

                   FORMAL SYMPOSIUM: "Women in Oceania" Squarerigger Room

                   WORKING SESSION: "Personal Names and Naming"
                   Wheelhouse Room.

5:30 - 6:30  Happy Hour

6:30 - 8:00  Dinner and Conversation (Collective Banquet)
8:00  SPECIAL LECTURE: "Legal and Social Change among the Kapauku" by Professor Leopold Pospisil (Yale University)
      Location: Marine Ballroom

9:30  INFORMAL SESSION: "Images of the Anthropologist"
      Organizer: Bob Tonkinson
      Location: Wheelhouse Room.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29

9:00 - 11:30  FORMAL SYMPOSIUM: "Women in Oceania"
              Squarerigger Room

              FORMAL SYMPOSIUM: "Dependency and Development in Oceania"
              Outrigger Room

              FORMAL SYMPOSIUM: "Language and Politics in Oceania: the Social Ecology of Speech Events"
              Organizers: Don Brenneis and Fred Meyers
              Location: Captain's Room

11:30 - 2:30  Lunch and Conversation

2:30 - 5:00  FORMAL SYMPOSIUM: "Women in Oceania"
              Squarerigger Room

              FORMAL SYMPOSIUM: "Language and Politics in Oceania"
              Location: Outrigger Room

5:30 - 6:30  Happy Hour

6:30 - 8:00  Dinner and Conversation (Possible Collective Banquet)

8:00  Fellows Meeting

9:30  INFORMAL SESSION: "Social Stratification"
      Organizer: Michael Howard
      Location: Chart Room

Cash Bar

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

9:00 - 11:30  FORMAL SYMPOSIUM: "Language and Politics in Oceania"
              Location: Outrigger Room

              WORKING SESSION "Sorcery and Social Change in Oceania"
              Organizer: Marty Zelenietz
              Location: Squarerigger Room

11:30-2:30  Lunch and Conversation
2:30 - 5:00  FORMAL SYMPOSIUM: "Language and Politics in Oceania" Location: Outrigger Room

               WORKING SESSION: "Sorcery and Social Change in Oceania" Location: Squarerigger Room

5:30 - 6:30  Happy Hour

6:30 - 8:00  Dinner and Conversation

8:00 -  Plenary Session/Business Meeting

9:30        Cash Bar

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

9:00        Closing Session/Reports on Sessions

NOTE: Those program participants who need audio-visual equipment should contact Fred Myers immediately.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS AND TOPICS FOR SYMPOSIUM AND WORKING SESSIONS

1. FORMAL SYMPOSIUM: "Women in Oceania"
   Organizers: Denise O'Brien (Temple) and Sharon Tiffany (Wisconsin, Whitewater)

   Participants:

   a. James Boutillier  Royal Roads  "No place for a woman: European women in the Solomon Islands, 1893-1942"
   b. Dorothy Counts  Waterloo  "Is suicide deviant behavior or political strategy? Revenge suicide in Lusi women"
   c. Charles Forman  Yale  "The place of women in the Christian churches of Oceania"
   d. Karen Ito  Mills  "Historical perspectives on the political power of Hawaiian women"
   e. Nancy McDowell  Franklin & Marshall  "The case for complementarity: Female world view in Bun"
   f. Jill Nash and Don Mitchell  SUNY Buffalo  "The role of Nagovisi women subsistence and production"
   g. Denise O'Brien  Temple  "Changing ethnographic perceptions of Pacific women"
   h. Lorraine Sexton  Temple  "From pigs and pearshells to coffee and cash: Socio-economic exchange and roles in the Daulo region, Papua New Guinea"
   i. Rebecca Stephenson  Guam  "From wife to mother: An
In addition to participants presenting papers, the organizers expect some Pacific Islanders to attend, supported by grants from the Wenner-Gren Foundation and the Foundation for Peoples of the South Pacific. These include Piti Maike, Office of Women's Interests in the Solomon Islands, and two to five Micronesians from Guam or Hawaii.

2. FORMAL SYMPOSIUM: "Dependency and Development in Oceania"
Organizers: Paul Shankman (Colorado) and Michael Howard (Houston).
Participants:

a. Erich Kolig
   "Dependency and ideology among Australian Aborigines: in Northwestern Australia"

b. George Marcus
   Rice
   "Power on the extreme periphery: The perspective of Tongan elites in the modern world system"

c. Jill Grant
   "Struggling with dependency: Melanesian struggles for self-reliance"

d. William Alexander
   "Dependency in Micronesia: a Many-stranded phenomenon"

   "Colonialism and dependency in two Micronesian societies"

   "From womb to tomb: Dependency that is and dependency that shall be"

   "The Effects of migration and remittances on Western Samoa"

   "Dependent development and Australian Aborigines"

   New Guinea Highlands

   Bougainville

   New Guinea Highlands

   Micronesia

   Discussants
3. **FORMAL SYMPOSIUM: "Language and Politics in Oceania: The Social Ecology of Speech Events"**

Organizers: Don Brenneis (Pitzer) and Fred Myers (Pitzer)

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4. **WORKING SESSION: "Sorcery and Social Change in Oceania"**

Organizer: Marty Zelenietz (Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax)

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h. George Westermark Washington Agarabi, PNG

i. Marty Zelenietz Mt. Saint Vincent University Kienen, PNG

j. Paul Sisney Oregon Discussant

5. WORKING SESSION: "Personal Names and Naming Systems"
Organizer: Bradd Shore (Sarah Lawrence)

No formal papers will be presented this year, but it is hoped that extensive discussion will define the range of issues with which papers might deal. An outline of some general issues and problems concerned with naming is available from Bradd Shore, organizer of the session, for those who plan to participate:

Bradd Shore
Sarah Lawrence College
Bronxville, N.Y. 10708

At present, no definite list of participants has been received by the Program Chair; however, the session is scheduled and a considerable level of interest has been indicated from members.

III. NOTE FROM THE MEETINGS CZAR (Vern Carroll)

As previously announced, we are trying to make firm arrangements for the 1981 meetings in San Diego since (a) we were unable to do so this year, as originally planned and (b) the 1981 AAA meetings will be on the East Coast. Mike Howard is doing the Local Arrangements for the San Diego meetings. We hope to have a definite announcement on this subject by the time of the Galveston meetings.

The 1982 meetings will be held (definitely) on the East Coast. Given the mounting cost of transportation, I am inclined to look at sites in the snow belt along with various possibilities in southern Florida. Anyone who has a strong feeling on this matter is invited to drop me a note.

Cathy Carlin looked for Gulf Coast sites for us during the summer but was not able to locate anything satisfactory.

In the Newsletter last spring I listed the considerations that guide site selection and the procedures that we follow. I also indicated some geographical areas that might bear looking into and called for volunteers to research the possibilities in these areas. The response, so far, has been nil.
At the Galveston meetings a Program Chairman for 1981 will have to be appointed. Mac Marshall has drafted a comprehensive "ASAO Program Chairman check list." Those who might be interested in serving in this capacity should familiarize themselves with this document before making a commitment (to see what is involved). Everyone serving as Program Chairman should add to this check list anything that might be helpful to future Program Chairman. Copies of this document are available from the ASAO Secretary, from the incumbent Program Chairman, and from me.

IV. BIBLIOGRAPHIC AND RESEARCH NOTES

A. Publications of Interest to ASAO members include the following:

Feinberg, Richard 1979

Anutan Concepts of Disease: A Polynesian Study. Foreword by Carlton Gajdusek. Institute for Polynesian Studies Monograph Series, No. 3. 51 pp. Paperback copies may be obtained from the Institute, Brigham Young University, Laie, Hawaii 96762. Cost is $2.50.

Hatanaka, Sachiko (compiler) 1977


Hezel, Francis X. 1979


Marshall, Mac 1979a


1979b


B. Ben Finney of the University of Hawaii is spending the academic year 1979-80 at Harvard University. He is analyzing Polynesian oral traditions of migration and voyaging on a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities. His book on the Hokule'a voyage, Hokule'a: The Way to Tahiti, has just been published by Dodd, Mead.
C. Annette Weiner of the University of Texas at Austin has been awarded a John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship beginning January 1980 for one year. She will return to Kirivina in the spring of this year.

D. Len Mason hopes to complete the editing of the Proceedings of the ASAO Symposium on The Role of Anthropology in Contemporary Micronesia during the summer of this year. Publication is being considered as a joint project of the Micronesian Area Research Center (MARC) and the University of Hawaii Pacific Islands Studies Program, with assistance from Wenner-Gren. The Symposium was held at the Asilomar meeting in 1978.

Len is also assisting the Micronesian Area Research Center (University of Guam) in its development of a program of West Pacific Studies. A grant of $125,000 through Title VII has been made for this purpose to MARC, the director of which is Dr. Dirk Ballendorf.

E. Rick Marksbury of Tulane University has completed his dissertation in May of 1979 and received the Ph.D. in Cultural Anthropology in August. His dissertation, which was written under the direction of John L. Fischer, is entitled "Land Tenure and Modernization in the Yap Islands." It is available through University of Michigan Microfilms.

F. Bruce Larson, University of Iowa, has completed an M.A. thesis entitled "Between two cultures: Trukese college students in the United States."

G. Rena Lederman of Columbia University has returned to New York after seventeen month’s field work in the Southern Highlands of Papua, New Guinea and is writing a dissertation on the relationship between production and exchange in Mendi.

H. A paper entitled "Traditional medicine in modern science" was presented by Solange Petit Skinner at the XIV Pacific Science Congress in Khabarovsk last summer. Copies are available from the author at 2465 Washington Street, San Francisco, CA 94115.

V. OTHER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. The following item was provided by Bill Alexander of Upsala College:

Focus on Micronesia, a coalition of Protestant and Catholic Church groups as well as two anthropologists (William Alexander of Upsala College and Glenn Alcalay of Rutgers) recently presented a petition to the United Nations Trustee Council. The petition included the following: "Our initial assessment of the U.S. record leads us to the conclusion that [U.S. obligations under the Trust Agreement have] not been fulfilled." The coalition urged the next U.N. Visiting Mission to attend particularly to the adequacy of the new political
Institutions, the impact of fragmentation, economic dependence, social problems, the educational system, and the problems arising from nuclear testing. Among those signing the document were representatives of the Society of Jesus, United Methodist Church, Maryknoll Sisters, United Church (of Christ) Board for World Ministries, Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers, National Council of Churches, and United Presbyterian Church, as well as Alexander and Alcalay.

In addition, both Alexander and Alcalay addressed the U.N. Trusteeship Council and later the U.N. Decolonization Committee. Alexander, who had done his doctoral research on the effects of the Kwajalein Missile Range on the Marshallese (Ebeye), spoke of the economic dependency which has been created in Micronesia and of the social problems resulting from the American presence. He emphasized the difficulties which have occurred as results of urbanization and wage labor. He ended with a firm proposal that the U.N. sponsor a major social science analysis of the state of Micronesian societies. The analysis would involve compiling data already available, commissioning specific studies, organizing the totality and making it available to the Micronesians (in vernacular) as well as to the U.N.

Alcalay, a former Peace Corps Volunteer on Utirik Atoll and now a graduate student in anthropology at Rutgers, spoke in regard to the radiation-related problems resulting from U.S. atomic testing. He called on the U.N. to commission an independent investigation of the radiological damage with the results to be made available in vernacular to the affected Micronesians.

Both Alexander and Alcalay spoke as representatives of the International League for Human Rights.

If anyone wishes copies of any of these speeches, please write:

William Alexander  
Department of Anthropology  
Upsala College  
East Orange, N.J. 07019

B. Two items have been received from Robert S. Craig, Brigham Young University, Hawaii Campus:

Manuscripts Wanted: The editor of Pacific Studies, an interdisciplinary journal devoted to the study of the Pacific, is looking for manuscript articles to include in its twice yearly publication. Anyone interested in submitting possible papers may send them to the Editor, Pacific Studies, Brigham Young University—Hawaii Campus, Laie, Hawaii, 96762.
Who's Who in Oceania. The Institute for Polynesian Studies, Brigham Young University--Hawaii Campus, Laie, Hawaii, 96762, plans to publish an up-dated Who's Who in Oceania. The volume will include as comprehensive as possible a biographical listing of those individuals who have contributed to Oceanic politics, education, religion, research, etc. The institute would also be glad to send biographical forms to all members of the ASAO who would like to be included in this publication, printing scheduled for Spring, 1980. Requests for forms should be sent to the editor, Robert D. Craig, at the above address.

C. The Center for Field Research, a private, non-profit organization, invites post-doctoral ASAO scholars in need of funds and volunteer support for their 1981 field research to submit proposals for assistance. There are no limits on geographic location, and proposals in any recognized academic discipline are considered. One example of the kind of project sponsored by the Center is a study of the return migration in Ireland and Newfoundland conducted by Dr. George Gmelch, the State University of New York/Albany in 1978-79. Write for more information or send a two-page preliminary proposal outlining your objectives, dates, funding, and volunteer needs to: Nancy Scott, Research Coordinator, Center for Field Research, Box 127-V, 10 Juniper Road, Belmont, MA 02178. The Center and its affiliate, Earthwatch, arrange support for 70 research projects each year through the field assistance and financial contributions of interested volunteers.

D. Richard Shewman, Director of the Criminal Justice Planning Agency of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, announces plans to resume publication of the journal Justice in Micronesia. Topics of interest include the relation of traditional to introduced systems of justice and problems which need to be addressed by the government in the development of a criminal justice system. ASAO Members who wish to submit articles or to receive copies of the Journal are asked to write:

Criminal Justice Planning Agency
P.O. Box 1133
Saipan, CN 96950

Articles dealing with regions of Oceania other then Micronesia are welcome, as long as they are of direct relevance to the topical issues addressed by the journal. Copies of the journal are free, but a limited number of copies will be available. The target date for the next issue is July, 1980.

E. Ground breaking for a proposed Guam-Micronesian Cultural Center is scheduled for early 1980. Separate village units are planned in a reclaimed swamp area in Agana, along the lines of the Polynesian Cultural Center on Oahu, Hawaii, with all principal cultural groups represented—Guam, Northern Marianos, Yap (and Outer Islands), Truk, Palau, Ponspe, Kosrae, and the Marshalls. Possibly Nauru and Kiribati will be included. The Center expects to open in 1982.
P. Two social anthropology positions, senior lecturer and lecturer, have been advertised at the University of South Wales. Applicants should have a sound research background in Melanesia or Australian aboriginal studies. More detailed information can be obtained from Sol Encel, the University of New South Wales, P.O. Box 1, Kensington, New South Wales, Australia 2003.

VI. A WORD FROM THE EDITORS AND THE SECRETARY

We would like to print more information which can only come from the readership of this Newsletter. Do any of you have letters, reports, editorial comments or observations on the organization or events in the Pacific which would interest some segment of the membership? If so, please send these to us, the Newsletter editors.

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