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II. FROM THE EDITOR

We are all busy, especially around the end of the calendar year. Yet only a fraction of the things we are doing make it into the Newsletter. The only reason for this is that few news or other items are submitted to the editor. Indeed, if it were not for a handful of members, each number of the Newsletter would probably consist of a postcard. This would save the Association a great deal of money, but I do not think that is our top priority. Consider (by glancing, for example, at the affiliations of individuals in this year's program) just how "far-flung" our membership is and you will see how much we need each other to keep informed.

Materials for inclusion in the Spring 1984 number should be sent to: Terry Hays, ASAO Newsletter Editor, Dept. of Anthropology/Geography, Rhode Island College, Providence, R.I. 02908. Items must be in my hands by 15 April, 1984.

Change of address information and all membership and subscription matters should be addressed to: Donald Mitchell, ASAO Secretary, Dept. of Anthropology, SUNY College, Buffalo, N.Y. 14222. Don will send out dues-renewal notices in the very near future. Think of this as an opportunity to communicate with more than your usual check.

III. FINAL PROGRAM AND SESSION SCHEDULE

The 1984 Annual Meeting of ASAO will be held at the Sheraton Molokai Hotel, with sessions beginning on Tuesday, Feb. 28, 8:00 P.M. (Plenary Session) and running through Saturday, March 3, at noon. General information may be found in the Spring 1983 and Fall 1983 numbers of the Newsletter.
Dorothy Counts (Waterloo) has worked extremely hard as the Program organizer and has developed imaginative and sensible solutions to the problems of coordinating 13 regular sessions and several special events. Our thanks go to her for her diligent efforts, the product of which is presented below.

Regrettably, only 6 session organizers had provided up-to-the-minute lists of participants and/or paper titles by the press deadline. Accordingly, some of the information below is based on previously-published lists, some of which may be out of date by the time we hit the beach.

**ASAO ANNUAL MEETING 1984: LIST OF SESSIONS**

**SYMPOSIUM 1 Drugs and Interpersonal Relations in Oceania**
(see Newsletter XLVI for description)

Organizers: Lamont Lindstrom (Tulsa) and Mac Marshall (Iowa)

Participants:

Peter Black (George Mason): "The Anthropology of Tobacco Use: Ethnographic Data and Theoretical Issues." (Tobi, Belau)

Larry M. Carucci (Indian Hills, Co.): "Kijen Emaan Ilo Baat: Smoking Circles in Marshallese Society."

Leslie Conton (Western Washington): Usino, PNG.


Terry Hays (Rhode Island): "Tobacco in the New Guinea Highlands."

Bruce Knauft (UC-SD): "Informing Substance with Culture: The Communal Use of Kava and Tobacco among the Gebusi (PNG)."

Maria Lepowsky (UC-Berkeley): Vanatinai, PNG.

Monty Lindstrom (Tulsa): "Man the Drinker and Woman, Drunkenness and Gender on Tanna (Vanuatu)."

Margaret Mackenzie (Berkeley): Cook Islands.

Leslie B. Marshall (Iowa): "Drug Use in Pregnancy: A Different Perspective on Interpersonal Relations." (Port Moresby, PNG)


James D. Nason (Washington): Etal, Truk State, FSM.


Richard Scaglion (Pittsburgh): Abelam, PNG.
Pam Watson (Queensland): "Are Drugs Precious Trade Items?
Betel Nut Trading among the Mundugumur (PNG)."

William Wormsley (Wabag): "Beer and Power in Enga (PNG)."

SYMPOSIUM 2

The Rashomon Effect in Oceania: Contradiction and Replicability in Ethnography (see Newsletter XLVI for description)

Organizer: Martin Silverman (British Columbia)

Participants:
Robert Borofsky (East-West Center); James Boutilier (Royal Roads); Ivan Brady (SUNY Oswego); John Fischer (Tulane); Deborah Gewertz (Amherst); Jane Goodale (Bryn Mawr); Karl G. Heider (South Carolina); Mac Marshall (Iowa); Denise O'Brien (Temple); Margaret Rodman (Waterloo) and Peter Lovell (New Brunswick); Bradd Shore (Emory); Martin Silverman (British Columbia); Marty Zelenietz (Dartmouth, NS).

Discussants:
Greg Dening (Melbourne); David Schneider (Chicago).

SYMPOSIUM 3

Traditional Narratives
(see Newsletter XLVI for description)

Organizer: Vern Carroll (Michigan)

Participants:
Robert Borofsky (East-West Center); Vern Carroll (Michigan); Suzanne Falgout (Oregon); Charles W. Forman (Yale); Judith Huntsman (Auckland); Dan Jorgensen (Western Ontario); Mimi Kahn (Bryn Mawr); Bernd Lambert (Cornell); Jacob Love (Trinity); Katherine Luomala (Hawaii); Bill Mitchell (Vermont); Rick Parmentier (Smith); Richard Scaglion (Pittsburgh).

INFORMAL SESSION 1

East and West: Viewpoints on Oceania (and Anthropology)
(see Newsletter XLVII for description)

Organizer: Paul A. Dahlquist (Ohio Wesleyan)

INFORMAL SESSION 2

The World System and Pacific Peoples
(see Newsletter XLVI for description)

Organizer: Matthew Cooper (McMaster)

Participants:
John Barker (British Columbia); Jim Boutilier (Royal Roads); David Boyd (UC-Davis); Don Brenneis (Pitzer); Matthew Cooper (McMaster); David Counts (McMaster); Chuck DeBurlo (Vermont); Joshua Epstein (Hawaii); Robert Franco (East-West Center); Vicki Joralemon (Northampton, MA); Keith Morton (Cal State-Northridge); Craig Severance (Hawaii-Hilo).
INFORMAL SESSION 3  Aspects of Hostility and Aggressiveness
(see Newsletter XLVIII for description)
Organizer: Paula Brown (SUNY Stony Brook)
Participants:
Jennifer Blythe (McMaster); Paula Brown (SUNY Stony Brook);
Richard Brymer; Dorothy Counts (Waterloo); S. Eyre; Gilbert
Herdt (Stanford); Mac Marshall (Iowa); Fitz Poole (UC-SD);
Wayne Warry (Australian National); James Watson (Washington);
George Westermark (Santa Clara); William Wormsley (Wabag).

INFORMAL SESSION 4 Socio-Cultural Dimensions of Literacy in
Oceania (see Newsletter XLVIII for description)
Organizers: Niko Besnier (Southern California) and
Bil Thurston (Western Ontario)

INFORMAL SESSION 5 Suicide in Oceania
Organizers: Donald Rubinstein (East-West Center) and
Geoffrey White (East-West Center)
The organizers of this new session are currently engaged in a
3-year study of the sociocultural context of suicide in
Micronesia, sponsored by NIMH and the East-West Center. They
would like to meet with others in order to discuss preliminary
observations from Rubinstein's and Fr. Francis Hezel's recent
fieldwork in Truk, and exchange views and interpretations of
suicide elsewhere in the Pacific. According to White, "the
goal of the session will be to discuss the cultural meanings
of suicide in various Pacific societies and informally develop
a comparative perspective on recent epidemic-like increases in
suicide in certain parts of Micronesia and Western Samoa."

WORKING SESSION 1 The Aesthetics of Spirit Impersonation
(see Newsletter XLVIII for description)
Organizers: Gilbert Herdt (Stanford) and Erik Schwimmer
(Laval)
Participants:
Brigitte Hauser-Schaeublin (Basel); Gilbert Herdt (Stanford);
Andre Iteanu (Paris, CNRS); Bruce Knauf (UC-SD); Nancy
Lutkehaus (New York); Erik Schwimmer (Laval); Andrew Strathern
(IPNGS); Marilyn Strathern (Australian National); Donald Tuzin
(UC-SD).

WORKING SESSION 2 Cultural Identity in Oceania
(see Newsletter XLVI for description)
Organizers: Lin Poyer (Michigan); Joyce Linnekin (Lake
Forest); and Charlie Reafsnyder (Bloomington)
Participants:
A total of 15 participants is expected.

Discussants: Alan Howard (Hawaii) and Robert Kiste (Hawaii)

WORKING SESSION 3  Emerging Legal Systems in Pacific Societies (see Newsletter XLVI for description)

Organizers: Daniel Hughes (Ohio State) and Stanley K. Laughlin, Jr. (Ohio State)

Participants:
David Akin (Honolulu): "Attempt to Codify Laws in the East Kwaio Area of Malita in the Solomon Islands."
Paul Brennan (East-West Center): "Shame Sanctions of the Enga: Traditional Reactions to Deviant Behavior."
Tim Coker (High Court of American Samoa): "The Policy of Cultural Protectionism and the Role of the High Court of American Samoa."
Edwin Cook and Susan Pflanz-Cook (both Florida State): "The Adultery of Men."
James Flanagan (Franklin & Marshall): "Lo bilong Gavman, Lo bilong Misin, na Lo bilong Tubuna: Re-structuring the Domain of Law on the Highlands Fringe."
Daniel Hughes and Stanley Laughlin (both Ohio State): "A Study of the Application, Renegotiation, and Adjudication of the Distribution of Power in a New Federation."
Sherwood Lingenfelter (Biola): "In the Court or in the Village? Settling Disputes in Yap."
Jerry Loveland (Institute for Polynesian Studies): "Tradition and Legitimacy: The Example of Western Polynesia."
Norman Meller (Honolulu): "Blending of Legal Systems as a Process Matter."
Glenn Peterson (Baruch): "Micronesian Federalism and Ponapean Self-Determination."
Eve Pinsker (Chicago): "'The Micronesian Way' and the Creation of Legitimacy."
DeVerne Reed (Honolulu): "'Custom' in the Courts of Palau."
William Tagupa (Office of Hawaiian Affairs): "The Cook Islands' Land Title Court as an Instrument of Administrative Policy."
Anne Marie Tietjen (British Columbia): "Maisin Concepts of Morality and Justice: Indigenous and Introduced Themes."
Sharon Tiffany (Wisconsin-Whitewater): "Adjudicating Fa'a-Samoa: Courts and the Politics of Custom in a Polynesian Chiefdom."
George Westermarck (Santa Clara): "Fighting the Queens' Men: The Police and Legal Change in Agarabi."

**WORKING SESSION 4**

Power and Political Process in Polynesia
(see Newsletter XLVIII for description)
Organizers: Allan Hanson (Kansas) and Alan Howard (Hawaii)

**WORKING SESSION 5**

Gentleness and Violence in the Pacific
(see Newsletter XLVIII for description)
Organizers: Catherine Lutz (SUNY Binghamton) and Fitz Poole (UC-SD)

Participants:
Peter Black (George Mason); Alan Howard (Hawaii); Roger Keesing (Australian National); John Kirkpatrick (Wesleyan); Bruce Knauf (UC-SD); Catherine Lutz (SUNY Binghamton); Mary Martini (Wesleyan); Bonnie Nardi (Missouri-St. Louis); Fitz Poole (UC-SD); Don Rubinstein (East-West Center); Geoffrey White (East-West Center).

**REALLY INFORMAL SESSION 1**

Craig Severance (Hawaii-Hilo) writes that he "is interested in talking informally, Not a Session!, with anyone who has data or interest in the topic of fishing strategies and knowledge. This can include knowledge of species behavior, sea and reef tenure, taboos, symbolism, division of labor or catch, etc. We can meet at the bar at Molokai or a statement of interest for a future (85-86?) session may be sent to: Craig Severance, Anthropology UHH, 1400 Kapiolani, Hilo, Hawaii 96720."

There may still be time to "drop him a line."
PROGRAM, ASAO 13th ANNUAL MEETING, MOLOKAI, HAWAII

Time 9-12 a.m.  2-5 p.m.  8-10 p.m.

Mon.
Feb. 27  Board meeting (Kepuhi Room)

Tuesday
Feb. 28  Members arrive & register; Board meeting (Kepuhi)
         Reception 3-6 (Kepuhi Room)
         Plenary Session (Hoaloha Room)

Wednesday
Feb. 29  Rashomon (S)  Rashomon
         Legal Systems (WS)  Legal Systems
         East & West (IS)  Literacy (IS)

Thurs.
March 1  Drugs (S)  Drugs
         Cultural ID (WS)  Cultural ID
         Power (WS)  World Systems (IS)

Friday
March 2  Gentleness (WS)  Gentleness
         Spirit Imp (WS)  Spirit Imp
         Hostility (IS)  Narratives (S)
         Official laplap (lavalava) night;
         wear your favorite laplap (lavalava).
         A valuable prize will be awarded for
         the best of breed.

Saturday
March 3  Plenary Session
         Closing Summary
         (Hoaloha Room)

General information and details regarding Molokai, the hotel,
and transportation can be found in Newsletters XLVI (Spring
1983) and XLVIII (Fall 1983). At the time of production of
this number it appears that no members have received sleeping
room confirmations from the Sheraton Molokai. Be assured that
contact has been made with the hotel and meeting rooms have
been reserved. You may either take this as even more welcome
evidence that people are "laid back" on Molokai, promising relief
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IV. GENERAL NEWS AND BIBLIOGRAPHIC NOTES

A. Mimi Kahn (research associate at Bryn Mawr) recently was sent as the U.S. delegate to a conference on Food, Health, and Nutrition in the South Pacific, held in Suva, Fiji.

B. Buck Schieffelin will return to Papua New Guinea January 1-May 1, 1984, and again about June 20-August 25, 1984, to undertake further fieldwork among the Kaluli people on ethnohistory of the early contact period. Funding is supplied by NSF and Wenner-Gren.

C. Bambi Schieffelin and Steven Feld (both at Pennsylvania) will return to Papua New Guinea mid-May, 1984, and remain until mid-December, 1984. Their project, funded by the NSF Program in Linguistics, will focus on an ethnography of speaking Kaluli. They would like to know of other researchers who will be doing research in PNG at that time, and of others who are working on language and language-related research topics.

D. Recently, NOVA (on public television) aired a program called "Anthropology on Trial," most of which concerned Papua New Guinea. Buck Schieffelin and others wonder how many of us saw this program and what our feelings might be about it. The image of Anthropology could hardly be said to have been portrayed positively in the program.

E. Mervyn Meggitt (CUNY-Queens) writes that Les Hiatt (Sydney) is now the editor of the Oceania Monograph Series, and "he and his colleagues are very much concerned to revitalize this. A first move has been to develop an advisory committee which will include for the U.S. Don Tuzin (west coast) and Meggitt (east coast)...Actually part of the task of the committee members is to publicise the monographs as they appear...Hiatt and the committee are now actively seeking manuscripts (cultural anthropology/archaeology/linguistics) to ensure continuity and quality in the monographs in these three sub-fields. Given the paucity of publishing outlets for Oceanic data in the U.S., this news should be of interest to readers of the Newsletter."

F. Recently published in the revitalized series referred to above is "This Precious Foliage": A Study of the Aboriginal Psycho-active Drug Pituri, by Pamela Watson (Queensland). As Oceania Monograph 26, copies may be obtained for A$8.70 from: The Secretary, Oceania Publications, Mackie Building, University of Sydney, N.S.W. Australia 2006. The publication announcement invites manuscripts, stating that "Oceania Monographs are treatises or collections of essays on Anthropological topics within the ethnographic region of Oceania." Manuscripts may be submitted to the current editors, L.R. Hiatt, Rhys Jones, or Francesca Merlan, all at the University of Sydney. We wish the editors well in this revitalization movement.
G. Any researcher, experienced or not, who is planning to work in Papua New Guinea will find the following "must" reading: "Research in Papua New Guinea: Cross-Currents of Conflict," by Andrew Strathern, in Royal Anthropological Institute Newsletter (RAIN), Oct., 1983, No. 58, pp. 4-10. The issues Strathern raises there are also generally applicable to many other areas of Oceania as well.

H. Sharon Tiffany (Wisconsin-Whitewater) reports a reprinting of Cyclopaedia of Samoa, Tonga, Tahiti and the Cook Islands, first published in 1907. A case-bound book of 205 pp. with "hundreds of illustrations," and a publication date of November, 1983, it should now be available for NZ$70.00 less 20% from: R. McMillan, 40 President Avenue, Papakura, New Zealand.

I. The authors have been kind enough to send a copy of: Tourism in the Pacific: A Bibliography, by B.H. Farrell, D. Reid Ross, L. Baird Evans, and D. Weertz. The bibliography is in the Working Papers Series, Pacific Islands Studies, Center for Asian and Pacific Studies in collaboration with the Social Science Research Institute, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, Hawaii. It is a 293 pp. sequel to Ross and Farrell's, "Source Materials for Pacific Tourism," and includes entries up to January, 1980. The annotated entries are from journals, maps, reports, and serials; the work as a whole is organized by general topics, then by region/island group. This is well-produced and long-awaited reference work.

J. Few readers will not have heard of the stunning new film, First Contact, which chronicles the Leahy brothers' prospecting expeditions in the Papua New Guinea highlands in the 1930s. In the U.S., the film is now available from Filmmakers Library in New York, but it can also be obtained for K47 on professionally-produced VHS videocassettes from: Institute of Papua New Guinea Studies, P.O. Box 1432, Boroko, PNG. Other titles to be released soon include Gogodala, Angels of War, and Sharkcallers of Kontu.

V. MEAD-FREEMAN CONTROVERSY: THE BEAT GOES ON

In addition to the special section of the American Anthropologist, Vol. 85, 1983, pp. 908-947, edited by Ivan Brady, a few other references have come to hand. The controversy may be slowing down, replaced for the moment perhaps by the debate over whether ASAO is meeting on Molokai or in Molokai.

Bock, Philip K.

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