ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY IN OCEANIA

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II. FROM THE EDITOR
With this number I sadly relinquish the editorship of the Newsletter as I happily move to Canberra for a year. The capable hands of Jim Flanagan (Franklin & Marshall Coll, Lancaster, PA 17604) will await receipt of all materials for inclusion in the Summer 1984 number. As the new Editor, he will smile upon (and publish) items he receives by 15 July, 1984.

Change of address information and all membership and subscription matters should be addressed to the new ASAO Secretary-Treasurer, Jim Boutilier, Dept. History, Royal Roads Military Coll, FMO Victoria, BC, Canada, V0S 1B0.

Best wishes go to both of these new officers. Members may wish to send congratulatory gifts of pig lung, sago grubs, or vintage toddy along with their news items and subscription renewals.

III. ASAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS
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IV. REPORT OF 1983 ANNUAL MEETING

(Ed. note: The following report was submitted by Vern Carroll on 22 March, 1983. It was apparently mislaid in the editorial office and was resubmitted for publication. Apologies are extended to all for this belated, but still timely, officer's report.)

The meetings at New Harmony, Indiana, were judged a huge success: the site was lovely, the sessions were interesting, and the conversation was superb. Despite the economy, attendance held at previous levels and the many people who have never before been able to drive to an ASAO meeting were appreciative of our concern with their welfare.

The Board of Directors continued the review, begun last year, of meetings policy. The following were decided. The structure of the meetings period will continue to be administered by the AMC. The program for this year (see Winter 1983 Newsletter) will continue to be the model for future meetings. The rotation policy for annual meetings (see Fall 1983 Newsletter) will continue in force until further notice. The office of Program Chair will, in the future -- as in the past -- be disarticulated from that of the AMC. Dorothy Counts has accepted this role, which will continue from year-to-year, as do other ASAO offices. She will deal with session chairpersons, insure that copy is submitted to the Newsletter, etc. The Guest Lecture (if there is one) will continue to be scheduled in the afternoon, and the Board of Directors and Officers will continue to meet (from 2 pm) on the day previous to the first meetings day. The long-established criteria for site selection (see Spring 1979 Newsletter) will continue in force without change, as will the traditional guidelines for "informal sessions," "working sessions," and "symposia," and other details.

The outgoing program chair would like to share the following feelings and observations (cf. Program Chair's guidelines in VII below. Ed.) These are in no sense "policy"; they are merely the reflections of someone who has been around for a while and listened to a lot of members who felt that their sessions went particularly well (or badly). I start with the presumption that it costs all of us a lot of money to attend these meetings; therefore, increasing the productivity and interest of sessions will make the expense more "worth it" to those attending.

(1) There is little need for any "Informal Sessions." Interest in almost anything can be generated via the Newsletter and special mailings. This sort of organizational work cannot be by-passed;
informal sessions are no substitute. Indeed the only rationale for an "informal session" that makes sense to me is where one feels it important to organize a response to late-breaking political events.

(2) As for "working sessions" and "symposia," there is no need to read papers -- or to spend a lot of time on the authors' summaries of them. This is not AAAII (Nor for that matter any other sort of conference or meetings that any of us have been to.) Papers can (and should) be circulated well in advance. Comments on them can be circulated in advance too. Sessions can (and should) be devoted to the issues that remain to be thrashed out in order to transform a collection of papers into something more useful. Those who get travel money to "present papers" can get reimbursed by flashing the program at their accounting department. Spectators in sessions can be accommodated by having packets of all session papers on hand, at the beginning of the meetings, for sale (at cost) to those who want to participate but have not previously been a "full participant" (one who has contributed something and received copies of others' contributions). Session participants who have not finished their papers in time to circulate them before the meetings -- and who are not embarrassed to impose on their colleagues' time -- can insure that every participant in their session gets a copy of their paper at the plenary session. Session chairs should simply not allow paper reading.

(3) Our labels for various kinds of sessions do not propose a temporal order (start with an "informal session," continue the same project the next year with a "working session", etc.). They are merely labels for the amount of time during the meetings that a session can lay claim to (based on how much "product" is in hand by the relevant deadlines). In an ideal world (given enough prior planning and organization) there would never be a need even for a "working session" (except perhaps when a very limited number of participants were involved in what -- were there more of them requiring more time on the schedule -- would be called a "symposium"). In the same ideal world, there would never be a need to have more than one symposium (or other sort of time on the annual meetings schedule) on the same topic. (In this connection it might be useful to remember that many of our published symposia involved only one occasion on which the participants met face-to-face.) By the same reasoning there is really not a lot of cause to devote large chunks of meeting time to discussion of each paper in a session (this too can be done by round-robin correspondence).

(4) Session leaders are ultimately responsible for the quality of interaction in their sessions, and for how much those participating will feel they have "gotten out" of it. There are, by now, a number of pieces of paper (like this one) that give session chairpersons some guidance. The Program Chair routinely sends these each year to session chairpersons. It is suggested that the session chairs send copies of all these to the participants in their sessions.
in an early mailing of session materials.

The AMC would also like to pass along a few comments that might help us improve the quality of our meetings.

Any organization -- large or small -- that needs significant amounts of meeting space and, in addition, wants special room rates must contract with the host establishment on a wide variety of issues. One of these is reservations and cancellations. Your officers will always bargain for the best possible "deal" (all things considered) but there are -- in the end -- always contractual obligations. One of these is the time limit beyond which block booking (on the basis of anticipated (hoped for) reservations expire and all unspoken-for space reverts to the establishment to sell at "rack rates" (full price)). This time is always, and at the least, 30 days prior to the start of the meetings (and often earlier). If you don't make your reservations by the deadline (including deposit) you cannot expect to be able to secure space, and certainly not at the "conference rate." To expect that you will/can -- or that your deposit will be refunded when you cancel out at the last minute -- is simply not reasonable.

Also you should note that if the AMC is doing the room assignments (which is a nuisance but helps us insure that those who want to double and triple up can), and expresses a need for duplicate reservation information, it is very important that you send it to him. Just before the deadline for reservations prior to the last meeting, I was telling people who called me that there was "no problem" about space. Imagine my surprise when the Inn responded to my "rooming list" with the information that twelve persons had made reservations with them who were not on my list (because they had not sent me copies of their reservation forms)!! Suddenly "no problem" became a very big problem indeed!!

Investigating a few of these cases left me with the feeling that many of them arose because folks were not reading their Newsletters. Often this was because they were not getting their Newsletters. Sometimes this was because of a change of address that had not been filed with the Association Secretary; more often than not it was because their dues had not been paid!! So -- the moral is....

And while we are at it, please note that the officers who contribute copy to the Newsletter will increasingly refer to information in past Newsletters, rather than repeat it. This means that you will need a complete file at hand (a three-hole punch and ring binders are wonderful accoutrements to any sort of ASAO business -- keeping track of sets of conference papers too). A scheme will be invented shortly to provide members with missing and back issues. Meanwhile, do please hang on to your Newsletters, read them carefully, and assume that any instructions about annual meetings are there for a very good reason.
As has always been our custom, every officer is happy to receive specific suggestions from any member. Every officer works under policy guidelines established by the Board of Directors. Any member who feels that a policy should be changed should present a brief to the Board Chairman, who will take the matter up with the rest of the Board at the earliest opportunity.

V. BOARD DECISIONS AND ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE 1984 MEETING

A. Revision of the By-Laws: The Board discussed proposed revisions of the by-laws as outlined earlier (see Spring 1983 Newsletter). Formal preparation of text for consideration by the membership is still in progress. The committee appointed to study this matter would appreciate hearing from members with specific proposals. Also, if any member has at hand the by-laws of another academic organization that he or she regards as exemplary, the committee would be happy to receive a copy. Please send these things to Vern Carroll.

B. New Board Members and Officers: The new Board members elected in June 1983 are Denise O'Brien and Geoff White, who will serve for three years. Old members scheduled to retire in 1984 were Jane Goodale, Glenn Petersen, and Martha Ward. Denise O'Brien, as Chairman-Elect, presented a resolution and slate of nominees from the Board. The Board unanimously resolved that Jane Goodale and Glenn Petersen continue as Board members for one additional year and that Jane Goodale serve as Chairman of the Board until 1985. The Board proposed five nominees for the remaining two Board vacancies (see above, Item III); no additional nominations were made from the floor at the opening plenary session. New officers appointed by the Board included Jim Boutilier as Secretary-Treasurer and Jim Flanagan as Newsletter Editor.

C. Meeting Site for 1985: In accordance with the rotation policy (see Spring 1983 Newsletter), the 1985 meeting site will be in the East, in Salem, Massachusetts, to be followed by a Central site in 1986, a Western site in 1987, etc. For details on the Salem meetings see Item IX below.

VI. SESSION REPORTS FROM THE 1984 ANNUAL MEETING

SYMPOSIUM 1: "Drugs and Interpersonal Relations in Oceania" (Organizers: Lamont Lindstrom and Mac Marshall)

This session brought to conclusion a series of informal and working sessions on Pacific drugs dating back to 1980. Twelve papers discussed the importance and significance of drugs in Pacific interpersonal relations. Papers examined all major Pacific drugs including betel, kava, ginger, hallucinogens, alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana. Our geographic center, however, is somewhere in eastern New Guinea as seven of the papers discussed Papua New Guinea, three Micronesia, and one Vanuatu. Mac Marshall provided a general review
of drugs in interpersonal relations in the Pacific as a whole. We discussed the obvious differences among the above drugs as substances and exchange tokens but concluded that our papers, as a set, form a useful totality. Their interconnection may be approached in a double framework: via a typology of interpersonal relations, or via a comparison of type of drug. With regard to the former approach, the papers speak to five sorts of interpersonal relations: economic exchange, power relations, relations with the supernatural, inter-personhood (particularly inter-genderhood), and emotional relations. With regard to the latter framework, the use and significance of kava, hallucinogens and alcohol opposes in a notable fashion that of betel, ginger and tobacco.

The session decided to prepare further our papers, in line with the above frameworks, and to submit ourselves as a volume to the ASAO editorial board. Although three of the papers will be published elsewhere, a possible three others are waiting in the wings. We set March 30 as the deadline for cross-comments (or parallel-comments, or even friendly comments) and July 1 as deadline for paper revision. We expect to have the volume word-processed for submission to ASAO editor Margaret Rodman by the end of the year. As of this writing, the volume is structured as follows.

I. Introduction to papers and comparative framework (Lindstrom).
II. Overview of drugs and interpersonal relations in the Pacific (Marshall).
III. Papers (order to be determined).
IV. Conclusion (discussion of papers in wider drug and relational contexts, author to be announced).

Session Participants:

Peter Black (George Mason) "The Anthropology of Tobacco Use: Ethnographic Data and Theoretical Issues" *
Larry Carucci (Indian Hills, CO) "Kijen Emaan Ilo Baat: Smoking Circles in Marshallese Society" 
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-B) "Cultural Meanings of Betel and Tobacco on Vanatinai (Sudest Island) Papua New Guinea"
Leslie Marshall (Iowa) "Drug Use in Pregnancy: A Different Perspective on Interpersonal Relations" *
Mac Marshall (Iowa) "An Anthropological Review of Drugs in Oceania"
Fitz Poole (UC-SD) "Ritual Rank, the Self, and Ancestral Power in a Papua New Guinea Society: Liturgical Significance of Ginger, Tobacco and Hallucinogenic Mushrooms among the Bimin-Kusukusmin" 
Pam Watson (Queensland) "Are Drugs Precious Trade Items? Areca Nut Trading among the Mundugumor of PNG"
William Wormsley (Enga Law and Order Project) "Beer and Power in Enga (PNG)"
Bruce Larson "A Note on Marijuana in Truk"
Monty Lindstrom (Tulsa) "Man the Drinker and Woman: Drunkenness and Gender on Tanna (Vanuatu)"

* To be published elsewhere

Additional Volume Papers:

Wari Iamo (UC-B) "One of the Things that Brings Good Name is Betel Nut"

Suzanne Falgout (Oregon) "The Decline of the Ponapean Nightcrawler? The Introduction of Marijuana in Ponape"

Peter Black (George Mason) a paper on tobacco in Tobi

SYMPOSIUM 2: "The Rashomon Effect in Oceania: Contradiction and Replicability in Ethnography" (Organizer: Martin Silverman)

The symposium reached a good level of criticism with lively discussion and publication plans are underway. Karl Heider is expected back from the field and the editorship will be shared between Heider and Silverman. (For further details see Spring 1983 Newsletter -- Ed.)

SYMPOSIUM 3: "Traditional Narratives" (Organizer: Vern Carroll)

Three participants were present: Vern Carroll (Michigan), Mimi Kahn (Bryn Mawr), and Katherine Luomala (Hawaii). Other participants are still being actively recruited. The aim is to produce a volume which stresses different strategies of interpretation. (For further details see Spring 1983 Newsletter -- Ed.)

INFORMAL SESSION 1: "East and West: Viewpoints on Oceania (and Anthropology)" (Organizer: Paul Dahlquist)

Session cancelled.

INFORMAL SESSION 2: "The World System and Pacific Peoples" (Organizer: Matthew Cooper)

This session turned out to be quite successful. Participants and audience found it stimulating and worthy of being improved upon next year. Eleven presentations were made, as follows:

Matthew Cooper (McMaster) "Introduction: Some Theoretical Considerations"

Craig Severance (Hawaii-Hilo) "FSM After the Compact: New Linkages and Possible Trends in Education, Outmigration, and Elite Replacement"

Joshua Epstein (Hawaii) "Seductive Dependency: Belau in the Contemporary World"

Keith Morton (Cal State-Northridge) "The Atomization of Tonga Society"

Vicki Joralemon (Northampton, MA) "The Growth of Social Stratification during Welfare and Equity-Oriented Agricultural Development: Tubuai, French Polynesia"
Robert Franco (East-West Center) "Samoan Labour Market Adaptation and Acculturation"

Paul Shankman (Colorado) "Western Samoa: Club Med or Mini-Brazil?"

David Counts (McMaster) "Penetrating the Bush: The World System Comes to Rural West New Britain"

David Boyd (UC-D) "Labor Incorporated: The Ilakia Awa in the World System"

John Barker (British Columbia) "World System Salvation: Perspectives on Development in Maisina, PNG"

Jim Boutilier (Royal Roads) "The Japanese Fishing Industry in the Solomons"

We found a number of themes ran through the papers: (1) different and changing forms of external influence and local consequences; (2) attempts to foster local autonomy; (3) the interplay of foreign and local ideologies; (4) the consequences, especially unintended, of government development policies; (5) the growth of economic inequality with the potential for social stratification to develop at the local level; and (6) the continued importance of local modes of production and their variable articulation with the capitalist mode of production.

After the session, the group met informally for an hour and a half to discuss future prospects. We agreed that the session had produced a rather diverse collection of papers and that with circulation, revision, and a greater degree of coordination an even more useful session, at the level of a formal symposium, should result next year. Two new participants joined the group in Molokai; Matt Cooper intends to invite several others as well who can contribute different perspectives and different kinds of data. November 1 has been fixed as the deadline for final submission of revised and circulated papers.

INFORMAL SESSION 3: "Aspects of Hostility and Aggressiveness" (Organizer: Paula Brown Glick)

This session was quite lively and well-attended. In addition to the participants -- Jennifer Blythe (McMaster), David Boyd (UC-D), Paula Brown Glick (SUNY-Stony Brook), Richard Brymer (McMaster), Dorothy Counts (Waterloo), S. Eyre, Mac Marshall (Iowa), James Watson (Washington), George Westermark (Santa Clara), and William Wormsley (Enga Law and Order Project) -- several others stated an interest in joining any further sessions.

The discussion ranged over many subjects, several of which could be developed into full symposia. These include: the ideology of conflict or amity; intergroup warfare and interpersonal hostility; socialization and aggressiveness; overt and covert (e.g., sorcery) aggressiveness; context and change; urban and rural gangs; and sex differences. Plans for further sessions are not yet developed. Many potential participants have competing commitments, and the many possible topics must somehow be refined into a manageable subject-matter. Paula Brown Glick will be happy to hear from possible
participants to join in a working session in 1985 or 1986.

INFORMAL SESSION 4: "Socio-Cultural Dimensions of Literacy in Oceania" (Organizers: Niko Besnier and Bil Thurston)

Although many of the people who had originally signed up for the session were unable to attend the meetings in Moloka'i, about 35 new people showed up for the session. We had a lively discussion touching on such topics as literacy and social change; literacy and development; literacy and cognition; and vernacular literacy. So far, sixteen of the participants have expressed an interest in continuing into a working session next year. Niko Besnier has taken on responsibility for organizing the session in Salem. All those interested should contact him at Dept. Linguistics, U of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 90089-1693.

INFORMAL SESSION 5: "Suicide in Oceania" (Organizers: Donald Rubinstein and Geoffrey White)

The purpose of this session was to begin developing an ethnographic perspective on suicide in Oceania, to discuss comparative data, and to present briefly some research results from current work on epidemic suicide in Micronesia.

Three broad sets of issues provided the framework for discussion.

I. Situational-Structural: What are the typical suicide situations in a given culture? Who are the actors? How are they related? What are the relationships that are significant in suicide acts? What do these acts indicate about the social organization of communication, conflict, gender relations, and generational relations? Do the suicides suggest recent changes or tensions within these relationships?

II. Psychological-Emotional: What are the local theories or explanations for suicide? What emotions do people ascribe to suicidal individuals? What motives are invoked to explain suicides? What do these explanations suggest about cultural notions of self, self-esteem, strength and power, notions of death, ideas about culpability for someone else's suicide, or concepts of shame and anger?

III. Mental Health Perspective: In some areas of the Pacific (Micronesia, Western Samoa) suicide is increasing so rapidly among some parts of the population that it has come to be seen locally as a mental health "problem," and ways are being sought to reduce the rate of suicide. How is suicide related to the use of alcohol and drugs, juvenile delinquency and violence, psychiatric disorders, and other issues also defined as mental health "problems," What responses are or might be effective as locally-organized suicide prevention efforts?

Participants included David Akin (Hawaii); Peter Black (George Mason); Dorothy Counts (Waterloo); Francis Hezel (Micronesian Seminar); Alan Howard (Hawaii); Catherine Lutz (SUNY Binghamton); Fitz Poole (UC-SD); Donald Rubinstein (East-West Center); and Geoffrey White (E-W Center).
Plans were made to have a working session in 1985 at Salem. Those who are interested in participating should contact Rubinstein or White (East-West Center, Honolulu, HI 96848). We are especially interested in anyone with material on suicide in Western Samoa, or other Polynesian areas, to complement the considerable data for Micronesian and Melanesian societies presented at the Molokai session.

WORKING SESSION 1: "The Aesthetics of Spirit Impersonation" (Organizers: Gilbert Herdt and Erik Schwimmer)
Participants included Gilbert Herdt (Stanford), Fitz Poole (UC-SD), and Erik Schwimmer (Laval). (For further details see Fall 1983 Newsletter -- Ed.)

WORKING SESSION 2: "Cultural Identity in Oceania" (Organizers: Lin Poyer, Joyce Linnekin, and Charlie Reafsnyder)
The session consisted of fourteen papers, with ten participants present. Alan Howard was the discussant. There are plans to continue next year as a formal symposium and each paper should address three broad topics: historical backdrop, situational/contextual/contingent factors active today, and objectified concepts of culture.

WORKING SESSION 3: "Emerging Legal Systems in Pacific Societies" (Organizers: Daniel Hughes and Stanley K. Laughlin, Jr.)
This working session ran for 8 hours on February 29. There were 19 presentations, all focused on the general theme of the blending of indigenous and introduced elements in the emerging legal systems. They covered a wide variety of societies in Micronesia, Melanesia, and Polynesia. The discussions were particularly enhanced by the participation of Chief Justice Edward King from the Federated States of Micronesia and Associate Chief Justice Thomas Murphy of American Samoa. They discussed the judicial perspective on the legal systems of the FSM and of American Samoa.

On the morning following the working session the participants gathered for an informal meeting to discuss future alternatives. It was decided that we will prepare a formal symposium on the same topic for the 1985 meeting. We asked Peter Lawrence to serve as a discussant for the symposium and he graciously accepted. The organizers will most likely select one or two other discussants after further consultation. The organizers will continue to be in contact with the other participants concerning some central theme(s) to further focus next year's symposium and concerning deadlines for the submission and distribution of the papers.

Anyone wishing to participate in the symposium next year should contact either of the organizers: Daniel T. Hughes, Dept. Anthro., Ohio State U, 124 W. 17th Ave., Columbus, OH 43210-1364; or Stanley K. Laughlin, Jr., Coll of Law, Ohio State U, 1659 N. High St., Columbus, OH 43210-1364.
WORKING SESSION 4: "Power and Political Process in Polynesia"
(Organizers: Allan Hanson and Alan Howard)
(No report submitted; see Fall 1983 Newsletter for description --Ed.)

WORKING SESSION 5: "Gentleness and Violence in the Pacific"
(Organizers: Catherine Lutz and Fitz John Porter Poole)

This working session had been designed as an elaboration of certain themes that were developed in the earlier ASAO formal symposium on "Folk Psychology in the Pacific," which is now being published by the University of California Press. With many of the same participants but an explicitly narrower locus, Catherine Lutz and Fitz John Poole hoped that this session would advance some of the understandings gained in the prior symposium and, in so doing, attend to themes of "gentleness" and "violence" that variously assume much prominence in so many Pacific cultures. Our most fundamental concerns emphasized the cultural construction, social deployment, psychological salience, and epistemological anchorage of concepts of emotion that are articulated with ideas about "gentleness" and "violence."

Our participants included:
Peter Black (George Mason) "Rage, Fear, Shame, and the Management of Aggression on Tobi Island"
Karen Ito (UC-LA) "No Fight, No Love: A Consideration of Gentleness and Violence in Hawaii"
John Kirkpatrick (Wesleyan) "Marquesan Concepts of Anger"
Catherine Lutz (SUNY Binghamton) "American and Ifaluk Understandings of Situations of Frustration"
Mary Martini (Wesleyan) "Gentleness-Violence in Marquesan Children"
Fitz John Poole (UC-SD) "Frustration, Sickness, and Anger among Bimin-Kuskusmin"
Geoffrey White (East-West Center) "Notions of Anger in A'ara Moral Discourse"

Unfortunately, Roger Keesing, who was unable to extricate himself from fieldwork in South Asia, Bruce Knauf, who sent an intriguing abstract but then suddenly found himself a father for the first time, and Bonnie Nardi, who forwarded a complete paper on "Themes of Gentleness and Violence in the Mead-Freeman Debate," were unable to attend. Donald Rubinstein, whose fieldwork schedules ran amuck and who was unable to join the formal presentations, contributed forcefully and elegantly to the most valuable aspects of the discussion.

Alan Howard (Hawaii) set a fine agenda for the afternoon discussion by not only ably summarizing coherences (and lacks thereof) among the presented papers, but also elaborating a set of central problems concerning vitality and anger, person and self, mythico-historical images and present realities, etc., that revealed a fine critique of the contributions and substantial queries for the work ahead. The
general discussion, which was much enhanced by the informal contributions of Jane Goodale, Donald Rubinstein, and Peggy Sanday, helped to give such problems considerable shape.

Catherine Lutz and Fitz John Poole are now in the process of analyzing the fruits of this discussion with the intention of continuing the endeavor by proposing another session or a symposium. All interested persons should contact Lutz at SUNY, Binghamton or Poole at UC, San Diego.

Editor's Note: Not all session organizers submitted final reports, making it necessary for me to simply refer to previously-published session descriptions. Otherwise, the above prose represents reports as they were submitted with only slight editing. Apologies for any editorial errors, omissions, or other infelicities.

VII. GUIDELINES FOR ASAO SESSION ORGANIZERS AND PARTICIPANTS

In the interest of eliminating some of the confusion that seems as much a part of the Annual Meeting as Mike Lieber's banjo or Vern Carroll's sunglasses, our Program Chairman, Dorothy Counts, offers the following clarifications and instructions.

A. There are three types of sessions at the ASAO Annual Meetings:

1. INFORMAL SESSIONS are for the informal sharing of ideas to determine if there is a common ground of interest and data to justify organizing, at a later meeting, a session with formal papers. Participants do not write papers for an Informal Session. The organizers should send a brief description of the focus of the session to the Program Chairman and to the Newsletter Editor no later than the deadline for the Fall issue. Informal sessions will be given no more than one block of time (9-12 a.m., 2-5 p.m., or 8-10 p.m.) and may receive ½ block. Available time will be allocated according to the number of people indicating an interest in the session. The organizers of Informal Sessions are responsible for keeping the Program Chairman posted regarding the number and names of interested people. This will facilitate scheduling and the appropriate allocation of time.

2. WORKING SESSIONS are based on the existence of prepared papers that are summarized (NOT READ) during the session. The organizer(s) of a Working Session are responsible for: (a) sending a description of the topic of the session and call for papers to the Program Chairman and the Newsletter Editor no later than the deadline for the Summer issue; (b) obtaining from participants by late fall an abstract or 2-page synopsis of all papers; and (c) sending to the Program Chairman the names, paper titles, copies of the abstract/synopsis of all papers and a realistic indication of how many participants will actually be attending the meetings. These materials should be mailed to the Program Chairman by December 1. A Working Session requires the presence of seven
participants with papers. A session that does not meet these criteria by December 1 (so your Program Chairman can meet the January Newsletter deadline) will be listed on the Program as an Informal Session. Complete information (brief description of topic, list of participants by name and paper title, order of presentation) will be included in the January Newsletter if it is sent to the Program Chairman by December 1. Ordinarily a Working Session will receive no more than two time blocks (9-12 a.m., 2-5 p.m.). Available time will be allocated according to the number of participants attending and presenting papers.

3. SYMPOSIA are sessions that normally have met at a lower level of organization at least once before and that are based on papers that have been pre-circulated among the participants for written criticism leading to revision. The Symposium is a forum for the discussion of ideas and issues arising from the papers rather than for the presentation of the papers themselves. The organizer(s) of a Symposium are responsible for: (a) sending a topic description and call for papers to the Program Chairman and Newsletter Editor before the deadline for the Spring issue of the Newsletter; (b) assuring that drafts of papers are circulated among participants by mid-fall; and (c) sending to the Program Chairman the first page of each full paper (with title and author) together with a dated note indicating to whom the paper has been circulated and whether the author will be physically present at the session. This information must be sent to the Program Chairman by December 1. The presence of seven participants with pre-circulated papers is required for full Symposium status. Sessions that do not meet these criteria will go on the Program of the Annual Meeting as Informal Sessions or Working Sessions, according to the judgement of the Program Chairman. Symposia may receive up to three time blocks (9-12 a.m., 2-5 p.m., 8-10 p.m.) and will receive priority over other types of sessions.

NOTE; Organizers must send to the Program Chairman by December 1 all information to be published in the Winter Newsletter. Descriptions of sessions, names and paper titles of participants, and order of presentation will be published if they are received by the deadline. Session organizers who do not contact the Program Chairman will not have their session on the Program of the Annual Meeting.

We have only three meeting rooms at our conferences, so program slots are limited and will be allocated on the basis of number of papers, the number of participants actually attending the meetings, and the level of the session. Symposia receive priority, but no session will be given more than three blocks of time or one full day. If a session requires more time, the organizers will be responsible for informally arranging extra meetings with their participants.

B. Participation by a member in a single session is ideal. All members should limit themselves to participation in no more than two sessions, preferably at different levels. If you are in two
sections, and it is not absolutely clear which session has priority if scheduling conflicts should occur, please send to the Program Chairman a note indicating your priority. There is no guarantee that scheduling conflicts can be avoided for all multiple participants.

C. Session organizers or participants who have particular scheduling needs (e.g., must arrive late or leave early) should contact the Program Chairman as early as possible. Satisfaction is not guaranteed, but we do try harder.

D. Session organizers should send to the Program Chairman your addresses and telephone numbers (work and home) and a schedule of when and where you will be if you plan to move around during the year.

E. More guidelines, entitled "Musts for Session Organizers and Prospective Volume Editors," are available from the Program Chairman. All session organizers and prospective volume editors should have a copy. If you do not, write the Program Chairman and ask for one.

F. All correspondence to the Program Chairman should be sent to: Dorothy Counts, ASAO Program Chairman
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VIII. SESSION PROPOSALS FOR THE 1985 ANNUAL MEETING

While several organizers of sessions at the 1984 Annual Meeting have indicated in their reports (see Item VI above) that they plan to continue next year, so far only three session proposals have been received. As others are sent to the Newsletter Editor as well as to the Program Chairman (see Dorothy's instructions above) they will be published in due course.

A. PROPOSED WORKING SESSION: "The Pacific Theater: Island Representations of World War II" (Organizers: Lamont Lindstrom, Dept. Anthropology, U of Tulsa, Tulsa, OK 74104; and Geoffrey White, Inst. of Culture & Communication, East-West Center, Honolulu, HI 96848)

Pacific fieldworkers are frequently regaled with vignettes of World War II. War narratives are found in a variety of expressive forms -- legends, songs, and dramatic performances -- which encode island remembrances of the War experience. These narratives recall events, some awful, some wonderful, which according to local cultural standards make good stories. Recollections of the War figure importantly in Islander conceptions of their own social history and continue to influence perceptions of Pacific Rim nations. Many of the Islanders and soldiers who interacted during the War are
now very elderly men and women. Hence we think it is timely to propose an ASAO session to explore the social, cultural, and historical dimensions of Pacific reconstructions of World War II.

The War engendered various sorts of novel and unique relations between Islanders and Europeans and the military or governmental bureaucracies they represented. Interactions with American soldiers, both White and Black, were often seen to contrast with previous experiences with European representatives of colonial states. Local accounts of these encounters can reveal a great deal about cultural notions of self and social identity in relations with Westerners. It will be a goal of the proposed session to compare and contrast Islander impressions of these interpersonal relations as portrayed in War narratives. In addition, these narratives will be examined for what they may reveal about the cultural basis for post-War ideologies and movements toward independence.

Anyone interested in participating in the proposed session at Salem is encouraged to contact either or both of the organizers with a description of topics and data to be presented.


Ever since the Witch Scare of 1692, Salem has been an ethnographic point of departure for new directions in the study of witchcraft. What lessons can Pacific anthropologists learn from recent trends in the investigation of the Salem case and, more generally, European witchcraft? Conversely, what can Pacific anthropologists contribute to historical understanding of witchcraft beliefs and accusations in Salem and Europe? Anyone with an interest in European witchcraft and fresh data on witchcraft or sorcery in a Pacific society is invited to participate in a working session devoted to new approaches to witchcraft and sorcery in Oceania. Of particular interest are studies of witchcraft and political factionalism (as in Boyer and Nissenbaum's, Salem Possessed), research on witch beliefs in relation to Christianity, attempts to view Pacific sorcery within the context of labelling theory and the cross-cultural study of deviance, and psychological perspectives on witchcraft of the sort that John Demos recently developed in Entertaining Satan: Witchcraft and Culture in Early New England. If you are interested in participating in this working session, please write to Bill Rodman as soon as possible.

**C. PROPOSED INFORMAL SESSION: "Gambling in Oceania" (Organizers: Jane Goodale and Laura Zimmer, both of Dept. of Anthropology, Bryn Mawr Coll, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010)**

The organizers of this new session are interested in hearing from anyone who has data or an interest in the topic of gambling in Oceania. The aims of the session are to explore the range of
indigenous and introduced gambling, and to look at the relationship of gambling to modernization and variables in particular socio-cultural and economic contexts. On a recent field trip to the Central Highlands of PNG, Zimmer discovered the Gende using card games to break down cash income differences generated by urban remittances and migration. An innovative system of exchange, card-playing complements the traditional exchange system, giving persons with little access to cash an opportunity to increase their income and invest in on-going social relations. The Gende case is interesting in that it is not based on expropriation as in Western gambling. No one "loses" money in a card game -- it simply changes hands. Prestige ("winning") comes to individuals willing to "lose" and those who invest gambling earnings in "profitable" enterprises (brideprice, trade stores, card games, etc.) which bring more money (and players) into the game system. Reciprocity ensures game continuity. "Losers" determine when re-matches are played and "their money" comes back to them. Goodale has parallel data from Australia, and among both the Tiwi and Gende, women are active gamblers.

While gambling contributes to increased social interaction and solidarity, it is also associated with violence, particularly in urban and inter-group settings. Those with data on this aspect of gambling, as well as those who work in areas where gambling is limited or conspicuously absent (i.e., negative cases in relation to Gende data) are encouraged to participate in the informal session.

The organizers ask that interested or committed participants submit an abstract or statement of interest as soon as possible. Given the vastness of the topic, the session may be split into two sessions, or, if participants have papers or cutlines to circulate by December, may be upgraded to a working session. Inquiries and correspondence should be sent to Laura Zimmer at the address given above.

IX. INFORMATION ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 1985 ANNUAL MEETING

Vern Carroll, Annual Meeting Coordinator, has submitted the following:

Over 130 persons (and a dozen or so children) attended the meetings on Molokai, making this the biggest meeting ever!!

Next year, in consideration of our impoverished brethren in the Northeast, we will meet in a lovely historic seaport, where we can reasonably hope for nice weather. We expect to work out some special arrangements with the Peabody Museum -- more details later.

The search has begun for a suitable site for our 1986 meetings. These will be held, following our usual rotational policy, in the "Midwest" (defined, for present purposes, as anywhere that is at least 500 miles from a coast). Anyone who knows about a truly lovely place, well-suited to our needs, is invited to contact Vern Carroll at (313) 769-7661.
1985 Meeting Information

The 1985 meetings will be held March 6-March 10 at the Hawthorne Inn, Salem, Massachusetts, an historic New England town and home of the Peabody Museum. Salem is about 16 miles north of Boston, and 236 miles north of New York City. The nearest airport is Logan International, Boston.

Shuttle service between Logan Airport and the Inn is provided by two companies. You must write or call to reserve space. If you write (or call and leave a message on an answering machine), you should receive a card confirming your reservation. If you don't, write or call again. The shuttle companies will need the following information: name(s), number of persons, flight number and carrier. Identify yourself as an ASAO member.

When your reservation is confirmed, you can meet the shuttle bus (marked with the name of the company) at the lower-level arrival area of your terminal in the curbside section marked "limo stand" (they should be there within 30 minutes). If you call again a day or two before departure, the operator should be able to give you a more exact pick-up time at your terminal (ask also for the two following pick-up times against the possibility that your plane might be delayed).

North Shore Shuttle Service will charge (each way), per car, a total of:
- $14, if only one person
- $18, if two
- $21, if three
- $24, if four
- $5 per person if more than four

Their number is (617) 631-8660, and their mailing address is 7 Wilson Rd., Marblehead, MA 01945. This is the cheaper carrier.

The second carrier, Marblehead Transport, at (617) 631-4475 and 58 Bayview Rd., Marblehead, MA 01945, will charge you as follows (one way, per car):
- $20 total if one person
- $20 total if two persons
- $25 total if 3 persons

These are the current rates, but they have been "inflation-proofed" as a concession to our group. By identifying yourself as an ASAO member you will insure getting these rates rather than some higher rate that might be in effect next March.

Please make sure that anyone for whom you make a copy of the registration form also gets a copy of this information.

Salem is also served by Amtrak train (1-800-523-5720), Greyhound Bus (617) 423-5810, and Trailways Bus (617) 482-6620. There is also local bus service to Boston, North Station (1-800-392-6099) and local bus service to Boston, Haymarket Square (1-800-392-6101). More information on the town, its amenities, its historic sites, and tours can be obtained from the Salem Chamber of Commerce, Old Town Hall, 32 Derby Square, Salem, MA 01970; (617) 744-0004.
Since direct flights to Boston, from most parts of the country, tend to be expensive, you might want to explore the possibility of a link-up with People's Express. Remember also that airfares and carriers are constantly changing. It is good practice to make reservations early, but recheck new possibilities monthly right up to the time of departure (e.g., in late January both United and American Airlines reduced radically their fares to Hawaii from every major airport in the East and Midwest).

A reservation form is provided on the facing page. Please make copies for your students, guests, etc., at the same time you xerox your own copies (not wanting to lose the precious copy on the other side). Only a $20 deposit is required this year. After December 1, there is no guarantee of space at the special group rates (regular rates are at least $30/night more, per room). The earlier you make your reservation, the more chance you will have of securing the sort of accommodation you want. It also helps the Association to have lots of early bookings.

NOTE: (1) To receive Group rates (as on the form), a deposit of $20 must be received by December 1, 1984.
(2) This deposit is not refundable unless cancellation notice is received by December 1, 1984.
(3) Nights prior to, or following, the meeting dates (which are March 6 (afternoon), 7, 8, 9, 10 to noon) are available at the same special rate.
(4) Priority will be given to those who reserve early. If roommates of the sort desired are no longer available by the time you reserve, then you must pay the rate applicable to your room occupancy.
(5) Make a copy of this form when you send it. If confirmation is not received within 30 days, send another copy.

And from Dorothy Counts:

ANNOUNCING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ASAO ARCHIVES/SCRAPBOOK

It is now time, in the history of this organization, to start a scrapbook and collection of memorabilia, photographs, etc. from our meetings. Your Series Editor and Program Chairman volunteer to begin the project and will assemble a scrapbook/photo album to be displayed at the 1985 meetings. If you have some treasured photos or other things that should be part of the historical record, please send them to Margaret Rodman and/or Dorothy Counts, Dept. Anthropology, U of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario N2L 3G1. If you send photos, please send copies; don't send treasured originals or negatives in the mail.

Even though it might be appropriate for Salem, no fingernail parings, hair clippings, or dried areca spittle, please.
X. GENERAL NEWS AND BIBLIOGRAPHIC NOTES

A. Michael Halpern (2230 Thomas Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95062) writes: "I am currently a Master's candidate in the Nautical Archaeology program at Texas A&M University. My thesis involves trying to trace the origins of the sidereal compass used by Micronesian seafarers (ancient and modern) for navigational purposes. I am wondering if you can put me in contact with anyone who has done or is doing work in the area of non-instrumental navigation in the Pacific or Indian Oceans. I am especially anxious to find evidence of star compasses in island or continental Southeast Asia, the Indian Ocean, and, of course, the Pacific. I have already found representations from Madura (D. Lewis, correspondence) and the Maldives and Arabia..."

B. Doug Munro resigned in March from his contract job with the Port Arthur Conservation Project in Tasmania to take up a tenured position as Lecturer in History and Political Science at the Darling Downs Institute of Advanced Education (P.O. Darling Heights, Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia 4350). Congratulations and good luck, Doug!

C. Bruce Larson, currently doing dissertation research on Trukese college students returning to Truk, is interested in finding out how many Trukese are currently abroad whether or not they are enrolled in school. Anyone wishing to help can send the person's name and home island (if known) and pertinent information concerning the individual's current circumstances (school, work, etc.) to Bruce. Address until June 1: Box 761, Moen, Truk, FSM 96942. Address after June 1: Dept. Anthropology, U of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI 96822.

D. "Altrusa International Foundation awards grants to women graduate students who are in the second half of their graduate degree program and are in need of emergency funds to complete their graduate work. Grants of $250 to $1,000 are given to women from Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, Polynesia and Melanesia who are full-time graduate students. Applicants must plan to return to their home countries for employment upon completion of studies. There are no specific application deadlines. Prospective applicants may request forms by writing to the Chairperson, Grants-in-Aid Committee, 8 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60603." (Item submitted by Mac Marshall)

E. A warm welcome is extended to the new Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations, The Honorable Renagi R Lohia. Ambassador Lohia (100 East 42nd Street, Room 1005, New York, NY 10017) was an Associate Professor of Education and Vice-Chancellor at the University of Papua New Guinea. Former Ambassador Los is now back in Papua New Guinea as Acting Judge in the National and Supreme Courts.
F. Congratulations are in order for Katharine Luomala (Hawaii). In March, Governor George Aryoshi presented her with the 1983 Award in Literature from the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and the Hawaii Literary Arts Council. While Katharine expresses concern that such an award "rather takes me out of Anthropology," she would find it difficult to lose her well-established place of honor in our field.

G. Following up on his article, "How the Solomons Plans to Keep Tabs on Foreign Researchers" (PIM, Dec., 1983, 54(12):9), Jim Boutilier has been asked to draw members' attention to the existence of a detailed set of guidelines and application materials for those wishing to conduct research in the Solomon Islands. In addition to usual c.v. and details of funding, the forms require well-thought-out arrangements for accommodation and information regarding benefits to the people of the Solomon Islands. Complete application materials can be obtained from Mr. Henry Isa, Research Officer, Ministry of Education, Training and Cultural Affairs, P.O. Box 584, Honiara, Solomon Islands.


I. Dan Jorgensen writes that the ASAO "conception session" has now produced a tangible offspring in the form of Concepts of Conception: Procreation Ideologies in Papua New Guinea, edited by Dan. As a special issue of Mankind (Vol. 14, No. 1, 1983), it is available for $A9.00 from Mankind, Dept. of Anthropology, U of Sydney, N.S.W., Australia 2006. Dan also reports that after mid-April he will be back in North America, reachable at 2-193 Sydenham, London, ON, CANADA N6A 1W2. Welcome home, Dan!

J. Doug Munro reports that the current issue of The Great Circle (Journal of the Australian Association for Maritime History), Vol. 5, No. 2, Oct., 1983, contains several articles of Pacific interest. Until now The Great Circle has largely been concerned with the Indian Ocean, but the editor reports to Doug (who is on the National Executive of the AMH) that in the long run the Pacific will be getting as much coverage. The Great Circle deals with all aspects of maritime history so social anthropologists need not feel left out. Annual membership is $A20 ($A15 for full-time students); copies of single issues are half the appropriate annual membership fee. Enquiries should be addressed to Dr. Frank Broeze, Editor, Dept. of History, U of Western Australia, Nedlands, W.A. 6009.

K. Footprints on Malekula: A Memoir of Bernard Deacon, by Margaret Gardiner, is now available from The Salamander Press, 34 Shandwick Place, Edinburgh EH2 4RT, Scotland; Hardback; 96 pp.; 12 halftone illustrations; price £8.95.
L. Darrell Whiteman's Melanesians and Missionaries: An Ethnohistorical Study of Social and Religious Change in the Southwest Pacific, originally published by The Melanesian Institute, Goroka, PNG, is now available from the William Carey Library, P.O. Box 40129, Pasadena, CA 91104. 584 pp. $US14.50. (If payment is in PNG K12.50, S1A15.95, or S1$17.00, order from The Melanesian Institute, P.O. Box 571, Goroka, PNG.)

M. Humanities Press, Inc. (Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716) has just released Shell Bed to Shell Midden by Betty Meehan, originally published in 1982 by the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies, Canberra. E. Pierre Morenon, an archaeologist colleague, considers it "a remarkable study. It examines the meaning, importance and annual history of shellfishing to a hunting and gathering group, the Anbarra, of Arnhem Land, Australia. In the process, detailed data on shellfish species and the contribution of shellfish to the overall diet of these people are compiled. Finally, ethnographic information is used to briefly evaluate several prehistoric shell-middens. This is a study which will help in the interpretation of midden formation, shellfish exploitation, diet, and social behavior. Moreover, it is a very readable study which will prove to be interesting to students, researchers examining maritime populations, and prehistorians. It is the most current comprehensive study of shellfish gathering and diet among a hunting and gathering group." Copies may be ordered at $19.25 (cloth) or $13.25 (paper) from Humanities Press.

N. Also available from Humanities Press at the above address is Antony Hooper's Royal Anthropological Institute Occasional Paper No. 38, Why Tikopia Has Four Clans (1981) for $10.00. A real bargain for an important analytical work with extensive commentary by Sir Raymond Firth.

O. Michael Howard informs us of recent publications from the Sociology Department, University of the South Pacific: John A. Young, The Lovoni Land-Purchase Project (South Pacific Forum Working Paper No. 2); Ralph Premdas & Jeff Steeves, Decentralization and Political Change in Melanesia (SPF WP No. 3); The Journal of Pacific Studies, Vol. 9, 1983, special issue with survey articles on the social sciences in the South Pacific; E. Utrecht, Ed., Essays on the Political Economy of Fiji; South Pacific Forum Vol. 1, No.1, 1984; and a paper by Mike, "Vanuatu: The Myth of Melanesian Socialism," in Labour, Capital and Society, 1983, 16(2):176-203. Further details can be obtained from Mike at Dept. of Sociology, SSED, U of South Pacific, P.O. Box 1168, Suva, Fiji.

P. A.L. Epstein's The Experience of Shame in Melanesia: An Essay in the Anthropology of Affect has just been published as RAI Occasional Paper No. 40 (1984). It is available for L4 post-paid from the RAI Distribution Centre, Blackhorse Road, Letchworth, Herts SG6 1HN, U.K. (with 25% discount to RAI Fellows). North
American customers other than Fellows should order from Humanities Press, Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716.

Q. Members will be interested to learn of the Hawaiian Anthropological Association Newsletter, extremely well-produced by the students of the Department of Anthropology, University of Hawaii at Manoa, 2424 Naile Way, Honolulu, HI 96822. Now in Vol. 8, No. 2 (March, 1984) the Newsletter, edited by Jan Rensel, appears monthly (!) and regularly includes useful information on researchers' comings and goings, conference papers, bibliography, and various other types of items that make this editor's mouth water. At $4.00 (including postage)/year, this is a bargain you cannot pass up.

R. Speaking of newsletters, the new editor of N.E.W.S. (North Eastern Wantok System) is Mimi Kahn, Dept. Anthropology, Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010). Now a well-established information service for Melanesianists living in the Northeastern U.S., N.E.W.S. awaits your relevant news items and looks forward to similar regional newsletters in other parts of the country. Best wishes to Mimi as she begins to circulate the valuables.

S. R. McMillan, Publisher (40 President Avenue, Papakura, NZ) announces the publication of a number of classics, including Augustin Kramer's Die Samoa Inseln (orig. 1902), George Turner's Samoa, and Lorimer Fison's Tales of Old Fiji and Tonga. With 20% discounts currently being offered, here is a chance to obtain some important, hard-to-find works. Write to McMillan for a complete catalogue.

T. How could I leave the new editor of the ASAO Newsletter with more "Mead/Freeman Controversy" references still in the file? One more time...

Caton, Hiram

Freeman, Derek
1984 Samoa and Margaret Mead: A Rejoinder to Paula Brown Glick and Rosemary Firth. Royal Anthropological Institute Newsletter (RAIN), Feb., No. 60, pp. 6-8.

Spencer, Frank

XI. BACK, BY POPULAR DEMAND, ASAO MONOGRAPH BARGAINS

See accompanying tear-out order form. Better yet, fill it out and send it to Margy Rodman.

Thanks for the memories.