ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY
IN OCEANIA

I. IN THIS ISSUE

Program of the 1987 Annual Meetings to be held at the Monterey Beach Hotel, February 18-22; New Informal Session; Notes and News; Bibliographic items.

II. FROM THE EDITOR

I would like to apologize to all members of the association for the lack of information on hotel reservations in the Fall Newsletter. I hope that by now you have all received this information from Mac Marshall and Susie Pflantz-Cook. Lest there be some confusion, the Monterey Beach Hotel is indeed the same structure as the Holiday Inn. It has simply undergone a management and name change.

This Newsletter contains the final official program of the 1987 meetings. This program differs in some regards from the announcements made in the Newsletter throughout the year. Announcements of sessions in the Newsletter serve to inform members of proposed sessions but session organizers must communicate directly with the Program Chair (Dorothy Counts) to have a session included on the meetings program. In the same vein, Dorothy cannot undertake the task of forwarding all session announcements to the Newsletter editor. If you want a session announced in the Newsletter; please communicate directly with the editor.

If you have changed address and want your Newsletter to be sent to your new address, please send your change of address information directly to the Secretary/Treasurer (Jim Boutilier). In the rush to get the many copies of the Newsletter in the mail, I simply cannot check each mailing label to ensure that it reflects changes in address that have been communicated to me personally. Jim Boutilier has done a marvellous job of updating our mailing list. Cooperate with him by keeping him up to date.

Finally, you should have received your dues notice in the mail within the past few weeks, please continue to support the Association by paying your dues on time.
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PROGRAM
1987 ANNUAL MEETINGS ASAO
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SPECIAL EVENTS

EXHIBIT OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF MARGARET MEAD IN NEW GUINEA
by Fred and Barbara Roll. On display during meetings in the Cabrillo Room.

FILM: Coming of Age: Margaret Mead, 1901-1978 from the Strangers Abroad
series (with thanks to the Rolls) to be shown Wednesday, Feb. 18, between
4:30 and 6:00 in the Cabrillo Room and again at 8:30 if there is a demand.

OPENING PLENARY SESSION: 4:30-6:00 Thursday, Feb. 19 in the Cabrillo Room

THE MARGARET MEAD PRINTS: Talk by Fred and Barbara Roll, at 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 19, in the Cabrillo Room.

UGLY CONTEST: 8:30-11:00 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, in the Cabrillo Room.
Prizes will be given for the most outrageous shirt/skirt, mumu, laplap,
Terry Hays shoe laces, and other disgustables purchased in the South
Pacific. To enter the contest you must actually wear the apparel. The
number of categories will depend on the number of available prizes.
Those who have invested in tasteful and valuable junque from previous
meeting sites and who would like to donate these goodies as prizes are
invited to bring them.

FLASH: We have obtained an exclusive photograph of an ASAO MYSTERY
MEMBER. The first person to correctly identify the MYSTERY MEMBER on the
night of the Ugly Contest will win a special prize.

Also remember to bring your photographs from previous meetings for our
archive collection. The archive photo book will be on display. Photos of
members in the field are also solicited.

DISCUSSION/FORUM: PACIFIC ISLANDS STUDIES IN THE USA
Bob Kiste, speaker. 4:30-6:00 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 in the Cabrillo Room.

CLOSING PLENARY: 9:00-10:00 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, Cabrillo Room. (Note:
Closing Plenary is Sunday a.m. because no room is available Sunday night).
SYMPOSIUM

PRIMOGENITURE IN PACIFIC SOCIETIES
Scheduled 9:00-12:00 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, Alones Room.
Organizer: Naomi Scaletta
Discussant: Peter Lawrence
Participants:
Fitz-John P. Poole: Images of the first born in the cultural construction of social personhood.
Kathleen Barlow: First born ceremonies and status negotiations in Murik society.
David Lipset: The reciprocal person: the cost of first born status among the Murik.
Mark Mosko: The developmental cycle in public groups: primogeniture and quadripartitions among the bush Mekeo.
Naomi Scaletta: The first born child as parental exemplar: primogeniture among the Kabana of West New Britain.
Ann Chowning: Honoring the first born: changes in the nature and focus of ceremonies in two West New Britain societies.
Karen Sinclair: Contradictions in the system: rituals of primogeniture among the Maori.

WORKING SESSIONS

MARRIAGE IN TRANSITION IN OCEANIA
Scheduled 9:00-12:00 and 1:30-4:30 Thursday, Feb. 19, Pinos Room.
Organizer: Rick Marksbury
Discussant: Martha Ward
Participants:
Dan Jorgensen: From sister exchange to 'daughter-as-tradestore': cash, commodities, and marriage in Telefolmin.
Shireen Lateef: Traditional and changing forms of marriage amongst Indo-Fijians in Suva.
Rick Marksbury: Why get married when we can live together?
Sharon Tiffany: Migration and marriage in the port town of Apia, Western Samoa.
Laura Zimmer: The commercialization of Gende marriage: traditional and nontraditional factors in changing patterns of marriage among the Gende people of Papua New Guinea.
Bruce Larson: Marriage patterns among Trukese college students.
Achsah Carrier: Marriage exchange in Ponam Island, Manus Province.
Susan Pflanz-Cook: Manga marriage in transition.
Other interested participants: Ed LiPuma, William Davenport.
ENCOUNTERS WITH OUTSIDERS IN THE PACIFIC
Scheduled 9:00-12:00 and 1:30-4:30 Thursday, Feb. 19, Cabrillo Room.
Organizer: John Kirkpatrick
Discussant: James Clifford
Participants:
Jocelyn Armstrong (Illinois): The organization of Maori encounters with outsiders in New Zealand.
Lawrence M. Carucci (Montana): Ruwamwaijet im RiAnin: outsiders becoming insiders.
Frederick Errington (Keene State) and Deborah Gewertz (Amherst): Of unfinished dialogues and paper pigs.
John Kirkpatrick (Honolulu): no title given, topic Hawaii.
Jill Nash (SUNY Buffalo) and Eugene Organ (Minnesota): The red and the black: Bougainvillian perceptions of other Papua New Guineans.
William L. Rodman (McMaster): When questions are answers: the anthropologist as informant -- thirty years later.
Carl Thune (Princeton): Brothers, masters, fathers, and savages: insiders and outsiders in Loboda village "contact" literature.
Geoffrey White (East-West Center): Kanaka, Jo, Merika, Japan: the currency of cultural exchange in the wartime Solomons.

SCHOOLING AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF PACIFIC SOCIETIES
Scheduled 9:00-12:00 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, Alones Room.
Organizers: Paula Levin and Suzanne Falgout.
Participants:
Bob Franco: The deskilling of Samoan women in Hawaii.
Karen A. Watson-Gegeo and David Gegeo: Schooling and the transformation of Solomon Islands societies.
Juliana Flinn: Schooling and the outside world: a Micronesian atoll case.
Suzanne Falgout: Hierarchy vs. democracy: two approaches to the management of knowledge in Pohnpei.
Joseph Sukwianomb and Roland Katak: Teachers in community schools in Papua New Guinea: trouble makers or change agents?
Pani Tawaiyole and Sheldon Weeks: Cultural constraints on grade 10 leavers returning to their villages.
Paula Levin: Transformations of teaching and learning styles among Hawaiian families.
Mary Martini, J. Mistry, and V. Murray: Encountering problems at home and at school.
Other Interested Participants: John D'Amato, Cathie Jordan, John Young, Becky Stephanson and Ken Perez, Bruce Larson, Diane Wormsley, David Lancy and Ali Pomponio, Lisa Delpit.
FEMALE "INITIATION" IN THE PACIFIC
Scheduled 9:00-12:00 and 1:30-6:00 Friday, Feb. 20, Cabrillo Room.
Organizers: Nancy Lutkehaus and Paul Roscoe
Discussant: Terry Hays
Participants:
Mary Ayres: Female initiation in the Morehead River area.
Kathleen Barlow: Female "initiation" in Murik society.
Paula Brown Glick: Women's initiation and change in Simbu.
Nancy Lutkehaus: The dialectics of sex and social status: an historical examination of male and female "initiation" in Manam.
*Paul Roscoe: Female "initiation" among the Yangoru Boiken, East Sepik Province, Papua New Guinea.
Richard Scaglion: Abelam first menses rites and the sexual division of labor.
Patricia Townsend: "She has washed": first menstruation among the Saniyo-Hiyowe of East Sepik Province, Papua New Guinea.
Lorraine Sexton: Female "initiation" and the Wok Meri movement among the Daulo.
Margaret Holmes Williamson: Women's coming of age in Kwoma culture.
Other interested participants: Deane Fergie, Fitz-John Poole, Valerio Valeri.

THE ETHNOGRAPHY OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE PACIFIC
Scheduled 9:00-12:00 and 1:30-4:30 Friday, Feb. 20, Pinos Room.
Organizer: John Barker
Discussant: Charles Forman (Yale)
Participants:
Martha Kaplan (Chicago): Imposition or encompassment?: Fijian Christianity in the Ra and Colo provinces of Viti Levu Island.
Michael French Smith (Public Sector Consultants, Inc.): Catholicism, capitalist incorporation, and resistance in Kragur village.
Geoffrey M. White (East-West Center): Histories of contact, narratives of self: missionary encounters in Santa Isabel.
Juliana Flinn (Arkansas at Little Rock): Catholicism and Pulapese identity.
Martha MacIntyre (Latrobe): Christianity, cargo cultism and concepts of the person in Misima cosmology.
Other Interested Participants: Tamar Gordon, Susan Montague, Karen Sinclair, Stephen Eyre, George Westermark, Carl Thune, Gary Tromph.
HEALTH-RELATED RESEARCH IN THE PACIFIC
Scheduled 9:00-12:00 and 1:30-4:30 Saturday, Feb. 21, Cabrillo Room.
Organizer: Leslie Marshall
Participants:
Jocelyn Armstrong (Illinois): Maori women to the rescue of Maori women's health in New Zealand.
Jim Bindon (Alabama): Diabetes and modernization in Samoa.
Rick Feinberg (Kent State): Medical and spiritual healing on Nukumanu.
Judith Fitzpatrick (UC, Santa Cruz): Going to the doctor in Torres Straits, western Melanesia.
*Peter Heywood and Carol Jenkins (PNG IMR): Foodways and health: consequences of dietary change in PNG.
*Carol Jenkins (PNG IMR): Health in the early contact period: a contemporary example from PNG.
Carol Murry (Hawaii): Variations in community health status between District Center and Outer Island Pohnpei.
Usha Prasad (Hawaii): How cultural perceptions of health and disease influence the ecology of filariasis: an anthropological examination of disease ecology in the Fiji Islands.
Craig Severance, Ehukai Sako and Benhart Arurang (Hawaii): The native Hawaiian health study: correlates of the development of obesity as a risk factor for chronic illness.
David Lewis (Eastern Utah): Survivorship and cultural transmission in Kiribati.

BEYOND HIERARCHY
Scheduled 1:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, Pinos Room.
Organizer: Jim Flanagan
Participants:
Steven Albert (Pennsylvania): We are all young men: hierarchy and equality among the Lak of southern New Ireland.
Bill Donner (Pennsylvania): The contexts for egalitarian relationships on a Polynesian outlier.
Rick Feinberg (Kent State): Hierarchy and equality: the logic of rank on two Polynesian outliers.
Jim Flanagan (Southern Mississippi): Hierarchy and equality on the Highlands' fringe.
Jill Grant (Nova Scotia College of Art and Design): Socioeconomic change and the development of inequality.
Nancy McDowell (Franklin and Marshall): Competition and the assertion of equality.
Lin Poyer (Louisville): Sepuahfik: the egalitarian ethic.
Margy Rodman (York): Inequality and village development in Vanuatu.
INFORMAL SESSIONS

BEYOND THE VILLAGE
Scheduled: 1:30-3:00 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, Alones Room.
Organizer: Anton Ploeg
Interested Participants: Paula Brown Glick, Dawn Ryan, Jim Flanagan, Steven Zuckerman.

A COMPARATIVE ANATOMY OF SEPIK RIVER SOCIETIES
Scheduled: 3:00-4:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, Alones Room.
Organizer: Ross Bowden

THE UNITED STATES IN OCEANIA
Scheduled: 9:00-10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 20, Alones Room.
Organizer: Larry Mayo

CLOWNING IN OCEANIA: SECULAR AND RITUAL COMEDY IN A PERFORMANCE CONTEXT
Scheduled: 10:30-12:00 a.m. Friday, Feb. 20, Alones Room.
Organizer: William E. Mitchell

STRING BANDS
Scheduled: 1:30-3:00 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, Alones Room.
Organizer: Steven Albert

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE PACIFIC
Scheduled: 3:00-4:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, Alones Room.
Organizer: Dorothy Counts

THE HUMBLE ANTHROPOLOGIST: PERSONAL NOTES FROM THE SOUTH PACIFIC
Scheduled: 4:30-6:00 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, Alones Room.
Organizer: Philip R. DeVita

TEACHING PACIFIC ISLANDS ANTHROPOLOGY
Scheduled: 9:00-10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, Pinos Room.
Organizer: Robert Franco
Interested Participants: Jim Boutilier, Larry Carucci, Larry Mayo, Anton Ploeg, Paul Shankman, Bruce Larson, Michele Dominy, Sharon Tiffany, Mary McCutcheon, Gene Ogan, Judy Huntsman.

LINGUA FRANCA AND VERNACULAR: LANGUAGE CHANGE IN OCEANIA
Scheduled: 10:30-12:00 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, Pinos Room.
Organizers: Karen Ann Watson-Gegeo and Bill Donner
Interested Participants: Lamont Lindstrom, Donald Brenneis, Bambi Schieffelin, Niko Besnier, Sandro Duranti, Jocelyn Armstrong, Bill Donner, David Gegeo, Karen Ann Watson Gegeo.
ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL STRATIFICATION IN MICRONESIA AND POLYNESIA
Scheduled: 1:30-3:00 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, Alones Room.
Organizers: Jim Peoples and Paul Roscoe
Interested Participants: Jim Peoples, Jim Roscoe, Victoria Joralemon, Sharon Tiffany, Walter Tiffany.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND DEVELOPMENT IN OCEANIA
Scheduled: 3:00-4:30 p.m. Saturday, February 21, Alones Room.
Organizer: Chuck de Burlo

*In Absentia.

NEW SESSIONS FOR MONTEREY

A. Informal Session: CLOWNING IN OCEANIA
Organizer: William E. Mitchell
Dept. of Anth., U. of Vermont, Burlington, VT 05405
Humour is a cultural universal. All peoples have stories or ways of behaving that make them laugh. While most anthropologists record some information on, e.g., "joking relationships" or other forms of comedy in the societies they have studied, these data often are not written up or are referred to only en passant in publications. Rarely are we presented with the ethnographic details of humorous behavior in a full performance context. This informal session is an attempt to survey Oceania's "theater of the ridiculous," to see which people are doing what in a cultural context that makes others laugh.
I have used the word "clowning" to emphasize the behavioral aspect of social comedy from, e.g., the buffoonary of a secular Javanese clown to the Iautmul mother's brother ritual pantomime farces. If you have data and want to join us in exploring this very underdeveloped area of ethnology, please drop me a note so that I will have some idea of the ethnographic and behavioral range of material before we meet in Monterey. There are, of course, also the important problems of clowning in relationship to other cultural dimensions as well as the interpretation and meaning of comedic behavior. However, these significant problems can be better addressed once we see who is interested and get a feeling for the nature and extent of our data.

NOTES AND NEWS

A. Fr. Francis X. Hezel, S.J. was awarded a Doctor of Letters honoris causa by the University of Guam at their Spring commencement.

B. Financial support for researchers is available from the Foundation for Field Research for projects that can be appropriately funded and assisted by volunteer teams in the field. Funding is not limited by geographical area or discipline, although the project must consist of basic field research. Proposals must be submitted at least a year in advance of the project dates, and should follow the requirements outlined in "Guidelines for Field Research Funding," available upon request from the Foundation.
For additional information about the Foundation and about funding, call
(619) 445-9264 or write: Foundation for Field Research, 787 South Grade Road, Alpine, CA 92001.

C. Michele Dominy spent June and July doing preparatory fieldwork in rural mid-Canterbury (the South Island of New Zealand) and is returning for an eight month trip in 1987. The focus of the study is on how high country sheep station families sustain tradition - embedded in symbols of kinship and land - as they forge a cultural identity sparked by persistent ideological and economic pressures. Mail will reach her in the field c/o Kuiper, 16 Tui Street, Christchurch 4, New Zealand.

D. Two papers recently presented to the Hawaiian Anthropological Association of interest to members:
   - Mark Merlin - "Changing Patterns of Psychoactive Drug Use in the Tropical Pacific."
   - Ricardo Trimillos - "Hawaiian Music and Dance in the Post-Renaissance Period."

E. In August 1986, the United Nations University sponsored a week-long symposium on Ethnic Diversity and Nation Building in the Pacific. The symposium was held at the University of the South Pacific in Suva and was co-hosted by Rudolfo Stavenhagen (Colegio de Mexico) and Michael Howard (University of the South Pacific). Papers and Discussions focused on ethnicity in the context of contemporary politics and economics in the South Pacific. Among the issues covered were: race, class, and ethnicity; ethnicity as primordial tie versus ethnicity as changing identity; ethnic political movements in New Zealand and Hawaii; ethnic struggles in New Caledonia and East Timor; ethnic and party politics in Fiji; and ethnicity and political resistance in Pohnpei. Participants included:
   - Rudolfo Stavenhagen (Colegio de Mexico)
     Ethnodevelopment: A Neglected Dimension in Development Thinking.
   - Susan B. C. DeValle (Colegio de Mexico)
     Discourses of Ethnicity: The Faces and the Masks.
   - Michael Howard (University of the South Pacific)
     Ethnicity and the State in the Pacific.
   - Jeremy Beckett (Sydney)
     Welfare Colonialism and the Construction of Aboriginality.
   - Robert Tonkinson (Western Australia)
     Aboriginal Ethnicity and Nation-Building within Australia.
   - Glenn Petersen (CUNY - Baruch)
     Pohnpei Ethnicity and Micronesian "Nation-Building."
   - Paul Shankman (Colorado - Boulder)
     Race, Class, and Ethnicity in Western Samoa.
   - Simione Durutalo (SUNY - Binghamton)
     Na Lotu, Na Vaua, Na Matanitu: The Paramountcy of Fijian Interest and the Politicization of Ethnicity.
   - Hans Dagmar (Katholikeke U., Nijmegen)
     The Rabi Islanders.
   - R.J. Walker (Auckland)
     Colonization and Development of Maori People.
   - Noel J. Kent (Hawaii)
Davianna Pomaika'i McGregor (Hawaii)
Ho'omau Ke E'a 0 Ka Lahui Hawaii: The Perpetuation of the Hawaiian People.

D. Winslow (Montreal)
France's Solution for New Caledonia.

Other participants included Ralph Premdas (Berkeley), Ernst Utrehct (Jawaharla Nehru), Vijay Naidu (South Pacific) and Abel Guterres (National Liberation Front, East Timor)

An edited volume of the symposium papers is planned.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC

Two new publications from the Working Papers Series, Pacific Islands Studies Program, Center for Asian and Pacific Studies, University of Hawaii. Both are free for the asking.


c. New Listings from the Institute of Pacific Studies. A full list may be obtained free by writing to the Institute of Pacific Studies, University of the South Pacific, Box 1168, Suva, Fiji. All books subject to a $2.00 mailing fee.


2. Atiu: An Island Community by 8 Atiu (Cook Islands) authors, 224 pages US$7 (soft cover).


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