I. FROM THE EDITOR

I am happy to report that Barbara McGrath has agreed to take over as Newsletter editor during this coming year. She will be doing the Newsletter beginning with the next issue.

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Please note that only information for the newsletter is to be sent to Barbara. All inquiries about ASAO membership go to Suzanne Falgout, the new secretary/treasurer, who is replacing Juliana Flinn.

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II. GENERAL ASAO NEWS

Amendments to the Bylaws

It is ASAO policy to print any changes in the Bylaws in the Newsletter. In keeping with the policy, the changes printed below were approved by the board at the 1993 annual meeting.

1. Add past Chair to the board

   a. Article III, Section 7, add:
      The past Chair shall remain a member of the Board of Directors for one year after stepping down as Chair in order to provide increased time depth to ongoing discussions of Association business.

   b. Article III, Section 2, change "The number of directors of the corporation shall be six..." to "The number of directors of the corporation shall be seven..." to include the past Chair.

   c. Article III, Section 1, change "Members of the Board serve for three years" to:
      Members of the Board serve for three years. Chairs for four (see Section 7).

2. Change duties of Secretary-Treasurer and Chair

   a. Article III, Section 7, delete:
      A history of the corporation will be kept by the Chair of the Board of Directors and passed on to his/her successor. Copies shall be prepared for all members of the board and each new member shall be given a copy. From time to time, an abstract of this history shall be prepared by the Chair of the Board for publication in the ASAO Newsletter. Each Chair shall submit a draft of his/her addition to the history to the members of the Board for comment. On the basis of comments received, the Chair will prepare a second draft and again submit it to the members of the Board for comment. All commentary from this second round will be incorporated into the third and final draft. Each Chair is responsible for keeping the history up to date and for passing a copy of this history on to his or her successor.

      b. Article IV, Section 4a (on duties of the Secretary-Treasurer), break into two sentences at the first comma: "The Secretary shall attend and keep minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors and the members, and shall keep a record containing the names, alphabetically arranged, of all persons and institutions who are members of the corporation, showing their places of residence or business." Between these two sentences, insert:

      The Secretary, in consultation with the Chair of the Board of Directors, will select excerpts from the minutes of the annual meeting of the Board of Directors that reflect policy decisions and ensure that these are added to those from previous minutes and passed on to the next Chair of the Board of Directors.

Roger Keesing's Death

On Friday, May 7, 1993, while dancing at a party at the Canadian Anthropological Society Meetings in Toronto, Roger Keesing, at the age of 58, died of a heart attack. The news comes as a shock. It is hard to imagine Pacific anthropology without him. On behalf of the ASAO membership, I express our deep sympathy to those he left behind. The following obituary is written by David Akin, University of Hawaii.
A Note on Roger Keesing:

Most Newsletter readers are familiar with Roger Keesing's contributions as a scholar and teacher of Anthropology and Pacific studies. But some may not be aware of his efforts to assist the people of Kwalo, Malaita, his hosts during his field research. From the start he was deeply concerned that the Kwalo themselves benefit from his work. During the 1970s Roger helped to found the "Fataia Development Fund" to support community development in the area, and funded it with royalties from his book about the Kwalo. Through the years this fund has supported many projects, most notably a community store and a successful arts marketing business. It currently pays for teachers' salaries and supplies at two community-run schools in the mountains.

These undertakings emerged from the Kwalo Cultural Centre, opened in 1979 near Roger's field residence on the slopes of Sinalagu Harbour. In the late 1970s he had called meetings with the area people to discuss how he might repay them for their help through the years. They requested aid in obtaining education for young people (there have never been government schools in the mountains), bringing cash into the area, and in recording and preserving local culture. The Cultural Centre was founded to pursue these goals. Roger helped the Kwalo to organize the project, located initial Australian funding, and convinced the Peace Corps to post two volunteers at the site. Fourteen years later the work of the Cultural Centre continues, especially at the two schools, now taught by teachers educated at the Centre in its early years.

What the Kwalo wanted most from Roger Keesing was that he communicate their perspectives and aspirations to a wider audience. Roger responded in a way perhaps unmatched in Pacific anthropology. He edited two Kwalo autobiographies (Eiota's Story, and From Pig Theft to Parliament, the latter being the story of his long-time friend and collaborator, the late Jonathan Fifil), and a third by a Queenslander of Malaitan descent (Fragments of a Lost Heritage by Noel Fatnowna). At the time of his death, a fourth book presenting the thoughts of another Kwalo man was in the works, as well as a collection of autobiographical accounts of Kwalo women. Keesing's other books and papers were noteworthy for the extent to which they let the Kwalo speak for themselves. Few anthropologists have given such a broad voice to the people they have studied.

Roger Keesing's untimely death is a great loss for the international academic community and especially for those of us in Pacific Studies, but nowhere will he be more missed and fondly remembered than in Kwalo itself.

Anthropological Forum

Geoff White and Bob Tonkinson urge ASAO members to consider submitting papers to Anthropological Forum, an international refereed journal with an expanding subscription base. They are interested in having material on the Pacific as well as on Southeast Asia. For further information, contact the Editor, Dr. John Gordon, Department of Anthropology, The University of Western Australia, Nedlands, Perth, Western Australia 6009. Fax (09) 380 1062.

Below is the "Table of Contents" from the up-coming issue, Vol. VI, No. 4, 1993 (on Kastom Today in Oceania, originally an ASAO session).

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Indispensable Fieldwork Items

There were so many requests for copies of Jan Rensel's and Alan Howard's "Reciprocity Recipes" at the ASAO party in Kona that they have asked to have the recipes printed in the newsletter. Here are the indispensable recipes.

Being in the field with no skills at producing food through gardening, fishing or raising animals, we found it useful to have a stove for transforming some of what we were given into something we could give. The basic ingredient we used for baked goods was bananas, but other foods, such as pumpkin or squash, cooked and mashed to a similar consistency, also worked well. Given about a cup of sugar and 2 cups of flour, plus a little margarine, we could make a quick bread with one egg, or a fluffy cake with 3 eggs. More precise recipes follow, along with a suggestion for adding a little variety to your basic starchy root.

Reciprocity Cake
1/2 cup margarine
3/4 cup sugar (cream together)
3 eggs (add singly & beat well)
3 ripe bananas (mashed)*
1 tsp. vanilla essence
2 cups self-rising flour
2 tbsp. heated milk
1 tsp. baking soda

Mix in order. Bake in greased tin 40 minutes, medium-hot oven.

Reciprocity Bread
1/3 cup margarine
2/3 cup sugar (cream together)
3/4 tsp. lemon rind
1-2 eggs (beat in)
1 to 1-1/4 cups ripe banana pulp*
1-3/4 cups flour
2-1/4 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
Optional:
1/2 cup chopped nuts
1/4 cup chopped apricots

Add dry to wet ingredients in three parts and beat after each addition. Bake in greased pan 1 hour, medium-hot oven.

*can substitute cooked pumpkin and 1 tsp cinnamon.
Jean't Stand-Another-Meal-of-Boiled-Taro-Patties
cooked taro**, mashed
egg
curry powder
chopped onion
salt
pepper
Mix together, form into patties. Fry in oil.
**or any starchy root

Books about Tonga
"The Friendly Islands Bookshop," a Tongan-owned business, has a catalogue and an
elegant selection of material on Tonga. It carries several volumes written in Tongan
and English by Tongan authors, as well as by Palangi authors. It also stocks various
Tongan government reports and periodicals. In addition, it has been active in
republishing material that is out of print, and arranging publication of new materials.
The bookshop is considering some more academic publications at present, but is not
hooked into any distribution network. If folks are interested in directing the bookshop
towards a library, just send them an address. To correspond about information or to
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The Journal of Ritual Studies
Andrew Strathem wishes to draw to the attention of ASAO members that since January
1993 he has been a co-editor of the Journal of Ritual Studies (JRS), produced from the
Department of Religious Studies at the University of Pittsburgh. The new emphasis of
the Journal will be theoretical and interdisciplinary, and submissions from
anthropologists are very welcome. Andrew Strathem will be primarily responsible for an
upcoming issue, no. 8/2, and submissions are urgently needed. The following extract
from the updated descriptive statement regarding the Journal may help to indicate the
types of articles that would be acceptable.

Founded in 1987, this Journal is the only serial publication dealing with ritual in all its
aspects. Our readers come from such disciplines as religious studies, anthropology,
sociology, psychology, ancient, medieval, and early modern history, area studies,
performance studies, and literature. We solicit articles about ritual in its various forms
and contexts, as well as correspondence debating its interpretation, and
announcements about relevant conferences, seminars and publications.

The JRS provides a forum for debate about ritual's role and meaning, and seeks better
definition for this rapidly growing field. We currently publish reviews and review essays of
the better half of fifty or sixty books annually published on the subject in English.
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III. SESSION REPORTS FROM THE 1993 ANNUAL MEETING

"Symposium: Chiefs Today in Oceania
Organizers: Lamont Lindstrom (Tulsa) and Geoffrey White (East-West Center)

A goodly crowd of chiefs and supporters gathered to deliberate a range of issues pertinent to contemporary leadership practices in Pacific Islands states. Papers prepared for or presented at the session are listed below. We plan to work with a selection of these papers oriented around accommodations between traditional Pacific leadership and the post-colonial state, and will pursue publication opportunities either as an edited volume or a special issue of an appropriate journal.

Kathleen Adams (Beloit)
"Of Chiefs and Water Buffalo Heads: Constructing and Contesting Authority in Contemporary Tana Toraja, Indonesia"

Niko Besnier (Yale)
"The Demise of the Man Who Would Be King: Sorcery and Ambition on Nukulaelae Atoll"

Laurence M. Carucci (Montana State)
"Iroq to ad: Measures of Chiefly Ideology and Practice in the Marshall Islands"

Bill Donner, not present (Kutztown)
"Rich Man, Poor Man, Big Man. But No Chief: Resistance to Centralized Authority in a Polynesian Society"

Richard Feinberg (Kent State)
"Elements of Leadership in Oceania"

Robert Franco (Kapi‘olani CC)
"A King and 10,000 Matai: Chiefs Today in Tonga and Samoa"

Alan Howard and Jan Rensel (Hawaii)
"Ritual Status and Power Politics in Modern Rotuma"

Kerry James (East-West Center)
"Princes and Power: Rank, Title, and Leadership in Contemporary Tonga"

Elizabeth Keating (UCLA)
"Chiefs Today: Honorific Language"

Roger M. Keeling (McGill)
"Tuesday's Chiefs Revisited"

Stephanie Lawson (ANU)
"The Tyranny of Tradition: Chiefs and Politics in Contemporary Fiji"
Lamont Lindstrom (Tulsa)
"Chiefs and the State in Vanuatu"

Cluny MacPherson (Auckland)
"The Continuity of Chiefly Authority in Western Samoa: Some Thoughts on its Persistence"

Karen Nero (UCI)
"The Meanings of Chiefly Power in Contemporary Palau"

Glenn Petersen (CUNY)
"A Micronesian Chamber of Chiefs: A View from the 1990 Federated States of Micronesia Constitutional Convention"

Eve Pinsker (U Chicago)
"Traditional Leaders Today in the Federated States of Micronesia"

William Rodman (McMaster)
"Sorcery and the Silencing of Chiefs: 'Words on the Wind' in Post-Independence Ambae"

Richard Scaglion (Pittsburg)
"Papuan, Austronesian, Big-Man, Chief: The Rhetoric of Chiefly Politics in Papua New Guinea"

Toon van Meijl (Nijmegen, Netherlands)
"The Re-emergence of Maori Chiefs: 'Devolution' as a Strategy to Maintain Chiefly Authority"

Geoffrey White (East-West Center)
"Big-Man, Chief, Lord, King: Representing Chiefs in a Solomon Islands Society"

Matori Yamamoto (Hosei)
"Urbanization of a Chief System: Multiplication and Role Differentiation of Titles in Western Samoa"

"Symposium: Contemporary Pacific Island Migration
Organizers: Karen L. Nero and Michael L. Burton (UC, Irvine)"

Franco, Robert
"Hawaii's Changing Role in the Samoan Movement System"

Yamamoto, Matori
"Western Samoan International Travelers"

Altrocchi, John and Altrocchi, Laurel
"Tradition and Identity in Cook Islanders in Three Locations"

Marshall, Mac
"Beyond the Reef: Circular, Step, and Permanent Migration from Namoluk, Atoll, FSM"

Howard, Alan and Rensel, Jan
"Rotuma in the 1990s: from Hinterland to Neighborhood"

Flinn, Juliana
"From Sea and Garden to School and Town: Changing Gender and Household Patterns among Atoll Migrants"
Nine papers were presented in an all-day session beginning at 10:30 to avoid conflicts with other sessions. Cluny MacPherson, Kerry James, Tony Hooper, Alan Ward, Grant McCall, Don Rubenstein, Craig Severance and many others joined us, allowing us to benefit from their long-term Pacific migration perspectives. Others (Larry Gorenflo and Mike Levin, Patrick O'Brien) of the original symposium were not able to attend, but offered papers.

The papers in this session all dealt with migrations across relatively open borders. In contrast with earlier studies of exile and forced migrations, most of the population movements studied were voluntary (although economic and political factors of course mediate such decisions). We benefited from several longitudinal studies, especially Howard's restudy of Rotuman migrants, and Marshall's long-term look at Namoluk migrants. These longitudinal studies permit the analysis of generational differences in issues of ethnic identity and participation, and return migration.

We began with a series of papers (Franco, Yamamoto, Altrocchi) studying regional systems of migration, such as the Samoan system which spans New Zealand/Australia, the two Samoas, Hawaii, and California, raising issues of remittances and other forms of transfers between communities, and the generational effect on participation. Yamamoto discussed the differential effects of malaga and remittances on home communities. Altrocchi's paper on Cook Islanders in three communities sparked a lively discussion on the ways in which self-identity is contextualized.

After lunch we took a closer look on the effects of outmigration on the home communities, assessing the impacts on women in Chuuk (Flinn), and on the elders in Niue (Barker). Marshall's restudy of Namoluk discovered the return of many of the earlier outmigrants, and a surprise return to pre-existing preferential marriage patterns.

Hess presented preliminary results of an on-going study of the new Marshallese community in California, a perhaps more "official" overseas community — the Marshallese government has just opened a Consulate in Orange County. Hess presented an apparently anomalous finding of remittances flowing from the home to the migrant community, explained partially by the high proportion of students living in the community abroad and the high level of U.S. funding flowing into some Marshallese households.

Nero presented a paper on the phenomenon of the new Asian workers moving into Pacific island communities and their effects on "host" communities. The new immigrants are filling both skilled and unskilled labor positions vacated as islanders move into positions in the relatively stronger economies of their metropolitan links. This paper studying "replacement" labor parallels one given last year by Va'a on Western/American Samoa, however in the latter the replacement laborers are drawn from the same cultural group.

There is no plan to create an edited volume, since the topics ranged widely, but several papers are being submitted to regional journals which have specialized in migration topics, and the restudies will be submitted to the journal which published the original study.
Symposium: Culture and Disability in the Pacific
Organizers: Maureen Fitzgerald (School of Occupational Therapy, The University of Sydney and Pacific Basin Rehabilitation Research and Training Center, Honolulu) and Jocelyn Armstrong (Division of Rehabilitation Education Services and Institute for Research on Human Development, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

William Alkire, not present (Victoria)
"Traditional Perceptions of Physical, Mental, and Sensory Disabilities on Woleai and Lamotrek, Caroline Islands"

Jocelyn Armstrong (Illinois) with Jing Qui (West Virginia)
"The Ethnography of Disability in Pacific Societies"

Judith Barker (UCSF)
"Cultural Aspects of Diabetes Management: A Polynesian Perspective"

Maureen Fitzgerald (Sydney and PBRTC)
"Culture and Disability in the Pacific: Some Questions"

Evelyn Heinemann (Mainz)
"Disability in Palau: Traditional Beliefs and Family Situations"

Verna Keck (Basel)
"Being Speechless as a Criterion for Being 'Different': The Yupno Concept of Kadim"

Mac Marshall (Iowa)
"Social Isolation, Cultural Competence, and the Concept of Disability on Namoluk and Other Carolinian Atolls"

Ute Meiser (Frankfurt)
"Disability in Tonga: Cultural Beliefs, Values, Socialization Patterns and Their Consequences for Treatment, Education, and Rehabilitation"

Patrick O'Brien, not present (Open Sea Foundation)
"The Connection Between Ability and Disability on a Subsistence Atoll"

Joakim Peter (Hawaii)
"Humor and Joking Relationship: Cultural 'Rehabilitation' in a Micronesian Community"

Jan Rensel (Hawaii) and Alan Howard (Hawaii)
"The Place of Disabled Persons in Rotuman Society"

Rebecca Stephenson (Guam) with Eulalia Harui-Walsh (Guam)
"A Tale of Two Islands. The Disabled in the Western Pacific: Perspectives from Guam and Ulithi"

Linda Mitness (UCSF)
Discussant

The Culture and Disability in the Pacific Symposium included 12 papers representing the work of 15 authors. Papers based on field research in all 3 major cultural areas of the Pacific were included. Two additional papers, by the organizers, contribute a formation of issues and a review and analysis of existing literature. A full day meeting was scheduled and devoted to short summary presentations of the papers, open discussion following each presentation, and a concluding commentary by the symposium's discussant.
Following guidelines established in the 1992 working session, the paper summaries and discussion focused on 3 major themes: (1) perceptions and attitudes concerning disability, (2) full contextualization of case material, and (3) disability in relation to power, productivity, and personhood. A special appreciation is again due the discussant, Linda Mitteness, for her full and insightful comments. In particular, she noted the wealth of new ethnographic data represented in the papers and the potential for comparative analyses of disability causes, treatments, and issues of management.

Plans for a collective publication were discussed with some particular considerations of outlets that would reach both anthropology and the disability/rehabilitation community. A summary of the 1992 working session papers has already appeared as a special (January 1993) issue of *Interchange*, a publication of the International Exchange of Experts and Information in Rehabilitation, a project of the World Rehabilitation Fund.

*Symposium: Women, Age and Influence: The Politics of Age Differences Among Women*
Organizer: Jeanette Dickerson-Putman (Indiana, Indianapolis)

This symposium began three years ago at the Victoria meeting. This year five papers were pre-circulated, commented on (by participants and audience), and presented at the ASAO meeting in Kona, Hawaii. Dorothy Counts made extremely useful integrative comments as discussant. Ann Chowning and Martha Macintyre joined our symposium in Hawaii and will contribute papers to our volume. The theoretical concerns of the symposium included (1) an examination of the stages/phases of the female life course and the basis for entrance into these stages, (2) an exploration of the different kinds of relationships that exist among women of different ages, (3) an examination of the different sources of power that women have at different points in their lives and how these power differentials affect inter-generational relations, and (4) an exploration of how change has affected the power and relationships among women in different cultural contexts. A consensus was reached and a decision was made to go forward with various publication possibilities.

Laura Zimmer-Tamokoshi (NE Missouri State)
"The Women at Kobum Company, Madang Province, Papua New Guinea — Patterns of Participation and the Breakup of a Local Age Stratification System"

Naomi McPherson, not present (Okanagan C)
"Women, Reproductive Knowledge and Stratification in West New Britain"

Jane Goodale (Bryn Mawr)
"Taramaguti Today: Changes and Continuities in Household Leadership"

Mary Patterson (Melbourne)
"Breaking the Stones: Women Age and Power in North Ambrym"

Jeanette Dickerson-Putman (Indiana U — Indianapolis)
"From Pollution to Empowerment: Women, Age and Power among the Bena Bena of the Eastern Highlands"

Victoria Garcia-Petersen (Princeton)
"Women on Pohnpei: The Strength of Community Takes the Weakness Out of Aging"
"Working Session: Anthropology and History of the Body in the Pacific
Organizer: Aletta Biersack (Oregon)

Eytan Bercovitch (Chicago)
"Making Bodies: Gender, Procreation, and Society among the Nalumín"

Aletta Biersack (Oregon)
"The Feminization of the Physical Body in Paiela"

Robert Foster (Rochester)
"Bodies, Commodities, and the Nation-State in Papua New Guinea"

Tamar Gordon (Rensselaer Polytech Inst.)
"Inscribing the Lamanite Body: Mormon Representations and Tongan Appropriations of Race and Ethnicity"

Lisette Josephides (Minnesota)
"Name and Skin, Prestige Versus Encompassment; or, the Uncanny Resilience of Male-Privileging Models"

Martha Kaplan (Vassar)
"From Jew to Roman: Imaging Self and Other in Colonial Fiji"

Verena Keck (Basel)
"Out of Body and Still in Mind: Person and Mortality in Yupno Philosophy"

John Kelly (Princeton)
"The Gaze and the Grasp: Indian Bodies and Colonial Law in Fiji"

Stuart Kirsch (Mount Holyoke)
"Transacting Gender: Myths of Male and Female Bodies Among the Yonggom of New Guinea"

David Lipset (Minnesota) and Eric Silverman (DePauw)
"The Grotesque and the Moral: Ritual Figurations of the Body in Two Sepik Societies"

Barbara Burns McGrath (Washington)
"A View from the Other Side: Social Construction of the Tongan Body After Death"

Jeanette Marie Mageo (UC San Diego)
"Hair Dos and Don'ts: Hair Symbolism and Feminine Gender in Samoa"

Mark Mosko (Hartwick College)
"Politics in the Making (and Unmaking): Procreative Beliefs and Chiefly Agency in Mekeo and the Trobriands"

Mary Patterson (Melbourne)
"Is Anybody There? Sorcery, Violence, and Legerdemain in North Ambum, Vanuatu"

Nancy Pollock (Victoria, Wellington)
"Conflicting Body Images: Fat as Good and Fat as Bad"

Douglass St. Christian (McMaster)
"The Missionaries Problem: Misrecognitions of the Samoan Body"

Karen Stevenson
"Tahitian Body Ornamentation: A Visual Manifestation of Status and Power"
Andrew Strathern (Pittsburgh)  
"Keeping the Body in Mind"

Gabriele Sturzenhofecker (Pittsburgh)  
"Sacrificial Bodies and the Cyclicity of Substance"

Jehanne Teilhet-Fisk (UC San Diego)  
"The Symbolism of Hair in the Art and Life of Polynesia"

Jurg Wassman (Max-Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics)  
"The Yupno as Post-Newtonian Scientists: The Question of What is 'Natural' in Spatial Description"

*Working Session: Changes in Housing and Social Relationships In the Pacific  
Organizers: Margaret Rodman (York) and Jan Rensel (Hawaii)

This was the second working session on the interplay between changes in housing and social relationships in the island Pacific. Ten out of the eleven papers were pre-circulated and each participant presented someone else's paper. This process facilitated careful reading, review and suggestions, as well as cross-fertilization of ideas. Discussion focused around change and continuity in form and meaning of dwellings over time, as people throughout the Pacific have responded to environmental, sociopolitical and economic forces, and experience conditions ranging from growing material affluence to displacement and homelessness.

At this point we are not soliciting additional participants. Current participants will revise and recirculate their papers. Individuals will be assigned to review one another's papers, and will present suggestions for any further revisions at the formal symposium with an eye to developing a volume for publication.

Participants included: Ann Chowning (Wellington); Michele Dominy (Bard); Bob Franco and Tom Keene (Kapi'olani); Juliana Flinn (Arkansas); Christine Jourdan (Concordia); Cluny Macpherson (Auckland); Judith Modell (Carnegie Mellon); Joakim Peter and Rainer Buschman (Hawaii); Jan Rensel (Hawaii); Margaret Rodman (York); and Dan Shaw (Fuller).

*Working Session: Fieldwork and Families  
Organizers: Juliana Flinn (Arkansas, Little Rock) and Leslie Marshall (Iowa)

Jocelyn Armstrong (Illinois)  
"Fieldwork With and Without Family in New Zealand"

Sheila Clark (UCLA)  
"Both Ways Through the Looking Glass: The Accompanied Ethnographer as Repositional Other"

Dorothy and David Counts (Waterloo and McMaster)  
"Fictional Families in the Field"

Juliana Flinn (Arkansas, Little Rock)  
"What is a Family and Where Do I Fit?"
Ruth Goodenough  
"Oliver's Story"

Tamar Gordon  
"Border Crossing in Tonga: Marriage of an Anthropologist to a Tongan"

Nancy Grimm  
"Fieldwork in the Solomons and Papua New Guinea as an Anthropologist's Spouse"

Jocelyn Linnekin (Hawaii)  
"Family and Other Uncontrolables: Impression Management in Accompanied Fieldwork"

Kelsey Marshall (Iowa)  
"Developmental Advantages and Disadvantages of Growing up in the Field"

Barbara Burns McGrath (Washington)  
"Through the Eyes of a Child"

Channing Rodman  
"A Brush with the Pigs: A Small Child's Experience on Ambae"

Karen Sinclair (Eastern Michigan)  
"Being There: Families in the Field"

Leslie Marshall (Iowa)  
"Feathered Family: Pets and Fieldwork in the Pacific"

Heather Young-Leslie and Hazel Mason also commented on their experiences, Heather as an anthropologist and a mother in the field, Hazel as an anthropologist's wife and a mother left at home.

Participants included field workers, spouses of fieldworkers (both those who accompanied the anthropologist and those left at home), and children. In several cases we had more than one voice from a family. The notion of "family" included family brought to the field, family left at home, and family created or acquired in the field. Thus a number of different perspectives were represented -- except for the fact that we were so heavily female. For next year, we encourage polyvocal texts and more male voices. Anyone interested in such a contribution please contact one of the co-organizers.

The papers challenged the traditional image of the lone fieldworker, and we discussed the impact of accompanied fieldwork on the acquisition and interpretation of cultural knowledge. Not only does a different type of knowledge become available because of the presence of the family (accompanied and created), but field experiences seem to become subjective, emotional, and value laden in ways that participants found enhanced cultural understanding despite what we have been taught of objectivity and neutrality. Other issues that emerged include (1) need for control, independence, tenderness, protection; (2) defining self and family, and contending with local perceptions and definitions of self and family; (3) separation from home, family, support; (4) conflicting goals — of fieldworker (as academic/spouse/parent), among family members, and with local people (about childrearing, for example); (5) impact of gender and age; (6) ties with host community; (7) childrearing issues that become problematic in the field.

Participants will revise their presentations and circulate copies by Halloween. Anyone wishing to join the session should contact one of the co-organizers, send an abstract by September 1, and circulate their papers by the Halloween deadline. Anne Marie Tietjen and Michele Dominy have agreed to serve as discussants.
Working Session: The Legitimacy of Violence in the Pacific: Historical and Cross-Cultural Perspectives
Organizers: Laura Zimmer-Tamakoshi (Northeast Missouri) and Dorothy Counts (Waterloo):

Seven persons presented papers or paper ideas at this year's session on violence in the Pacific — Victoria Burbank, not present (UCD), Ann Chowning, not present (Victoria, Wellington), Jeanette Dickerson-Putman (Indiana, Indianapolis), Rolf Kuschel (Copenhagen), Martha Macintyre (La Trobe), Ernest Olson, not present (SUNY, Oswego), William Rodman (McMaster), Karen Sykes (Princeton), George Westermark (Santa Clara), Laura Zimmer-Tamakoshi (NE Missouri).

Five of the attending or absent participants were new to the session. Nevertheless, after listening to one another's ideas, the group identified a number of common themes and issues that make it worthwhile to move to Symposium level at next year's ASAO meetings in San Diego. The identification of themes was aided greatly by our two discussants, both of whom have done extensive research and writing in the field of violence and its social and cultural contexts. Although the papers represent even more commonalities and contrasts, several common threads are:

1. The notion that violence is used as a strategy for accomplishing various ends (e.g. sexual violence to compel "proper" behavior in women; group violence to establish legal claims to land; vigilante behavior to uphold the integrity of the whole).

2. The questions of what kinds of things or persons are worth fighting about and in what fashion. The answers to these are changing as women are no longer regarded as worth starting a war over and in yet other cases bloodfeuds are used to contain more widespread violence.

3. Even more generally, social change is a critical element in all the papers raising questions of Who are the victims and perpetrators now? And are they perceived as such? Are certain kinds of violence being imported? What baseline notions of violence existed? And how do people talk about and perceive violence?

Picking up one of the major themes emerging in the session, Bill Rodman suggested a name change to "Strategies of Violence in the Contemporary Pacific," a change accepted by the other participants. It was also decided that the organizer should enlist the participation of several more participants from Micronesia and Polynesia (in order to explore the possibility of Austronesian/non-Austronesian differences) and to seek the inclusion of anyone having data on rascalsm. That will be accomplished by the direct circulation of this report to a number of anthropologists known to the organizer as well as the inclusion of this report in the ASAO newsletter.

Anyone interested in joining this session and participating in a formal symposium in San Diego should send a letter or abstract of intent to the organizer (Dr. Laura Zimmer-Tamakoshi, Division of Social Science, Northeast Missouri State University, Kirksville MO 63501) by early summer. All session participants should send a completed paper to the organizer by November 1, 1993 so the organizer can pre-circulate the papers (two to a participant) and send in a Symposium Session Outline and Participant's List to the organizers and planners of next year's ASAO session by December 1. If these time constraints are a problem please contact Laura at the above address or by phone (816-785-4545) or fax (816-785-4181) and some compromise will be worked out.
*Working Session: Representations of the Past in the Pacific
Organizers: John Terrell (Field Museum) and Lin Poyer (Cincinnati)

By keeping their remarks short and pithy, all 18 (out of 19 scheduled) session participants who made it to Kona were able to summarize their papers on Thursday with time to spare for discussion and commentary. David Hanlon of the Department of History at the University of Hawaii-Manoa kindly served as discussant. We learned three important things. (1) Last year's impression at our informal session in New Orleans was right: we have enough descriptive case studies to craft a fascinating volume on how history is constructed in a number of Pacific societies. (2) What anthropologists know isn't necessarily what other people know: we may think it is self evident that history is a social/cultural construction but other people (many historians, for instance) should find our documentation eye-opening. (3) What we had in hand at Kona needs cross-fertilization and work; everyone agreed to send written comments ("reviews") on the papers to the authors/organizers by July 1st so that we can all have "hard copy" feedback on how well we did in sticking to the themes and questions of the symposium. If this assignment is successful, we will move on to a symposium next year. If not, we will do another working session. Several individuals have asked to join the symposium and so the line-up next year may be somewhat different in either case.

*Working Session: Socio-Religious Movements in Melanesia Today
Organizer: Doug Hayward (Biola)

This working session was canceled because almost all the participants were unable to make this year's meetings. The organizer is willing to organize a session for next year's meetings if there is sufficient interest. Anyone interested should contact Douglas Hayward, School of International Studies, Biola U, 13800 Biola Avenue, La Mirada, CA 90639. Tel. (310) 903-4844, FAX 310/903-4748.

*Informal Session: The Bougainville Crisis: Implications for the Pacific Islands
Organizer: Gene Ogan (Minnesota)

This informal session was designed to share knowledge about a topic for which reliable information is difficult to come by. Such information was provided by Geoff White and Roger Keessing for the Solomons; Dan Jorgensen for a view from Telefomin, as well as other information sources electronically available; Aletta Biersack for responses in the Porgera area; Rob Foster for views in Tanga and Port Moresby; and Nancy Feinberg for responses in the atolls of North Solomons. Despite the informality of the session, there were a gratifying number of concerned spectators, and interest in either a second informal (but more structured) session or working session at the next meeting. Whatever the format, the goal will be to raise the visibility of extremely important issues (e.g. violation of national boundaries) in the lives of modern Pacific Islanders, and within ASAO and more generally the profession of anthropology. Those interested should contact Ogan, Department of Anthropology, 215 Ford Hall, Minneapolis, MN 55455, new FAX 612-625-3095.

*Informal Session: Sex and Gender Liminality in Pacific Cultures
Organizers: Jeanette Mageo (UC San Diego) and Niko Besnier (Yale)

The session was attended by approximately 35 people, 16 of whom listed themselves as participants, 7 of whom presented ethnographic material. Issues raised in discussion included: how transvestism reflects upon gender roles in Polynesia and Micronesia,
terminology, the relative cultural specificity and cross-cultural comparability of gender liminal roles, lesbianism and homophobia in the Pacific today, historical aspects of gender liminality in the Pacific, transvestites in connection to entertainment, popular culture, spirits, and rites of reversal. Although gender liminality is culturally salient in the Pacific and is key to understanding many aspects of Pacific cultures, little data on the topic has been gathered or analyzed. We intend to go on next year to a working session and are interested in expanding the session to include new participants and new data. To date most of the data on gender liminality in the Pacific come from Polynesia, although even here the data are very incomplete. We are, therefore, interested in additional contributors from Micronesia and Melanesia, as well as Polynesia. Please send requests for more information and statements of interest to either Jeanette Marie Mageo (Anthropology Department, UCSD, La Jolla, CA 92093-0101) or to Niko Besnier (Anthropology Department, Yale University, P. O. Box 2114, Yale Station, New Haven, CT 06520).

*Informal Session: Women and Development in the Pacific
Organizers: Jeanette Dickerson-Putman (Indiana, Indianapolis) and Laura Zimmer-Tamakoishi (Northeast Missouri)

Ellen Boreparth (Hawaii-Hilo), Sonia Jurik (Hawaii-Hilo), Victoria Garcia-Petersen (Princeton), Dawn Ryan (Monash), Kimberlee Khleng (Hawaii-Manoa), Heather Young Leslie (York), Mike Evans (McMaster), Elizabeth Keating (UCLA), Kathy Creely (UCSD), Jeanette Dickerson-Putman (Indiana-Indianapolis), Laura Zimmer-Tamakoishi (NE Missouri State).

A lively discussion of the meaning of the development and women's role in it took place in this informal session. A decision was made to go forward with a Working Session next year that will consider (1) local level perceptions and goals of development, (2) women's role in the development process, (3) cases in which men and women work together in the context of the household, and (4) the importance of moving toward a more de-gendered model of development. Persons interested in joining the session should contact one of the organizers.

*Informal Session Planned for 1994 Meetings
Current Trends in Marriages in Oceania

John Altrocchi is exploring interest among the membership in an informal session next year in San Diego on current trends in marriages in Oceania. It seemed to him at the meeting in Kona that many members have collected observations and data on how marriages are changing in Oceania and yet there hasn't been a program on that for some time. An appropriate theme might be the cultural change that is occurring in Oceania which leads marriages more towards the western (North American) model of marriage and a lot of information about that process, its results, and implications for the future might be shared. Key foci might be: 1) To what extent are marriages now arranged by family or by the two individuals? 2) To what degree are marriages moving from a male-dominated to an egalitarian model? 3) How much is the emphasis changing from extended family to nuclear family? 4) To what degree is divorce allowed by the culture and what changes are occurring in frequency of divorce? He would like to hear from anyone who is interested in participating in such an informal session and would be similarly interested in their ideas about specifying the topic areas. Contact John Altrocchi, University of Nevada, School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Manville Medical Building/354, Reno, Nevada 89557-0046.
IV. CONFERENCES AND ORGANIZATIONS

The First International Conference on Oceanic Linguistics (FICOL) will be held at the Vanuatu Complex of the University of the South Pacific from July 5-9, 1993. Papers are solicited in any of the following areas: descriptive studies, sociolinguistic studies, historical and comparative studies, contact between Oceanic and other languages, applied studies (dictionaries, language teaching etc.), and other areas. For information contact John Lynch, Pacific Language Unit, University of the South Pacific, P.O. Box 12, Vila, Vanuatu. Tel. (678) 22748, FAX (678) 22633.

Some 1,000 Pacific educators will meet from August 2-4, 1993 in Chuuk, FSM, for the 10th annual Pacific Educational Conference. The theme for this year's conference is "The Pacific Child: Our Most Precious Resource." This year there will be a special emphasis on mathematics and science education. Workshop presenters are now being recruited. For information contact PREL Conference, 1164 Bishop St. Suite 1409, Honolulu, HI 96813.

The University of Papua New Guinea will host its 20th session of the Walgani Seminar, a bi-annual event that has taken place since its inception some 28 years ago. The theme of the seminar is Environment and Sustainable Development from Rio to Rait. International, regional and national level participants will meet at the Main Walgani Campus of the University of PNG August 23-27, 1993. For information contact Joseph Sukwianomb, Vice Chancellor, University of PNG, P.O. Box 320, University P.O. NCD, PNG, Tel. (675+) 267 142, FAX (675+) 260 320.

The Pacific Islands Political Studies Association Conference will be held in Rarotonga, Cook Islands, from December 5-10, 1993. Papers on national politics, regional and international politics, local government, and other topics of interest, will be presented. For information contact Ron Crocombe, Box 130, Rarotonga, Cook Islands. Tel. (682) 28100, FAX (682) 21315.

European Society for Oceanists (ESO), a new society, addresses itself to researchers with a regional interest in Oceania. "Oceania" is defined as including the South Pacific Islands, Papua New Guinea, Irian Jaya, Australia and New Zealand. The society was established on the occasion of the First European Colloquium on Pacific Studies, which was organized by the Centre for Pacific Studies in Nijmegen from 17 to 19 December 1992. The members on the board of the ESO represent those countries which have a long tradition of research in Oceania, I.e. Scandinavia; Great Britain, France, the Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, Austria and Spain/Portugal. The ESO wants to be understood as an interdisciplinary organization; membership is open to anthropologists, linguists, historians, geographers, psychologists and any other researchers in the social sciences and humanities. In the context of an increasingly intensive political, economic and academic cooperation in Europe, the new society aims at enhancing the intellectual exchange and cooperation between individual researchers and between institutions (universities, museums), both within and outside Europe. This goal is to be achieved by publishing a newsletter, by establishing an information network, and by organizing biennial conferences. The next conference will be held in Basel, Switzerland, from 15 to 17 December 1994. For information and suggestions please contact: Jürg Wassman (chair), Verena Keck (deputy), Institute of Anthropology, University of Basel, Münsterplatz 19, CH-4051 Basel, tel. (41) (61) 261 26 38, FAX (41) (61) 266 56 05.
V. BIBLIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

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*Bryant, Jenny

This book combines the author's two long-term interest in urban poverty in Fiji and her role in environmental issues.

*Campbell, Ian C.

This is the story of Tongan society since its beginning by pottery-making, seafaring settlers about 1500 B.C. The Tongans developed the most elaborately hierarchical society in Polynesia. The author shows how European Imperialism, far from oppressing these people, merely set new challenges to which they responded through assimilating Christianity and by political innovation.

*Crocombe, Ron

A study of how New Zealand fits into the Pacific today. An amazing range of ties connects New Zealand with the rest of the Pacific Islands. Few are aware of the complex networks created by the movement of visitors and settlers in both directions, by the media, by diplomatic activity, the military, the business community, churches, sporting fixtures, voluntary agencies and service clubs, and youth and women's organizations.

*Davies, Tom

This saga of Polynesian voyaging is told by one of its most distinguished sons, Sir Tom Davies, Pa Tuterangi Ariki, KBE, a navigator and former Prime Minister of the Cook Islands. In the form of a novel, he gives a fascinating account of 300 years of voyaging of a single historic canoe, Takitumu, by his forebears as told in their traditions.

*Directory of Libraries, Archives and Museums in Micronesia
1993
The first edition of the Directory of Libraries, Archives and Museums in Micronesia is a joint effort of the Pacific Islands Association of Libraries and Archives (PIALA), the Guam Library Association, and the Micronesian Area Research Centre (MARC) at the University of Guam. It includes over 100 libraries, archives and museums. Copies can be purchased for $13.50 (from Rosita Tosco, Marketing Representative, MARC, University of Guam, UOG Station, Mangilao, Guam).

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1992 Western Samoa's Census of Agriculture: Major Features and Implications for Development. Kensington: Centre for South Pacific Studies, Publication #7 (The University of NSW, P.O. Box 1, Kensington, NSW, 2033).

Western Samoa recently published a report on its first Census of Agriculture which was conducted in 1989. The Census is a landmark in the country's continuing effort to realize its agricultural potential. The purpose of this monograph is to highlight some of the major findings of the Census and their implications for agricultural development. The analysis focuses on those aspects of the Census results that throw light on the present structure and operation of household agriculture in Western Samoa and the extent to which these households are using modern agricultural techniques and practices, including access to development credit, the use of modern agricultural equipment, fertilizers, and herbicides.

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*Garrett, John
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The book introduces Islanders and mission leaders and shows how Christianity was adopted into local cultures and how it interacted with traders and colonial administrators. The role of women, Islanders, and expatriates is also explored. The book is a sequel to the same author's To Live Among Stars: Christian Origins in Oceania.

*Hoadley, Steve

This Handbook draws together heretofore scattered facts and figures on the political history, governing institutions, and international relations of the 22
island countries and territories. It describes the structure of 8 regional organizations and analyzes the interests of a dozen outside powers active in the South Pacific region.

*Jansen, A.J., S. Parkinson, and A.S. Robertson (eds.)


*Jolly, Margaret and Nicholas Thomas (eds.)

These papers, drawn from the Politics of Tradition research project based at Macquarie University and the Australian National University, review scholarly approaches and the politics of anthropological comment on the field. Through case studies of PNG, Fiji, and Vanuatu, offer a distinctive historical and comparative perspective on tradition and identity in the region.

*Knauff, Bruce

This book comparatively analyzes sociopolitical organization, fertility cults, gender, and sexuality among seven south coast language-culture areas (Asmat, Kolodem, Marind, Trans-Fly, Kival, Purari, and Elema); in the process, it uses critical historiography to critique the configuration of regional comparison in anthropology.

*Layton, Suzanna

This is the first comprehensive study of "one of the world's freest and least known Third World media systems" in 20 years. Over 400 print and broadcast media organizations are listed in the following sections: print media in the Pacific Islands, print media with a Pacific focus, news services, professional associations, and regional broadcast media.

*Lee, Georgia

Dr. Lee is also the publisher of the Rapa Nui Journal, a serial dedicated to professional and amateur commentary about Easter Island.

*Mitchell, William (ed.)
Examines clowning as an act of political, personal, or cultural criticism among island peoples of the South Pacific.

*Moerenhout, J.A.

This translation is made from the 1942 reprint of the original 1837 French edition. This important anthropological document records the observations and experiences of the merchant adventurer whose theories of the origins of the islands are narrated in great detail, including the first full-length account of the fate of the *Bounty* survivors. Moerenhout was both an excellent reporter and artist and Borden includes his two volumes and original illustrations.

*Palomo, José R.

Dr. Palomo’s recollection of ranch life in Guam at the beginning of this century is remarkable for its scope and precision. The tools, the plants, the domestic animals, and the way of life are faithfully and sympathetically recorded.

*Perfect Beat

A new journal, edited by Philip Hayward. The most recent issue includes articles about Papua New Guinea, Hawai’i, and Australia.

*Reddy, Narendra

This is a major piece of research on managers and management in the South Pacific. Twenty general managers/chief executives were closely studied (four each from Fiji, Western Samoa, Solomon Islands, Kiribati, and Tonga) over a seven-month period (1989-90). The participants were the chief executives of the largest companies in their countries.

*Reynolds, Henry and Richard Nile (eds.)

Eleven articles intended to coincide with the 1993 International Year for Indigenous Peoples.
Sutherland, William

Sutherland examines Fiji's history in class terms, an approach that has been relatively neglected.

Teasdale, Bob and Jennie Teasdale (eds.)

A small but important book dealing with the contribution education can make to the survival of small cultures under threat from processes of cultural standardization.

Walke, John

A concise book describing the quick and steady growth of the many small, isolated and self-sufficient societies that made up the fledgling British Papua and German New Guinea colonies towards the end of last century. The book traces how the British and German colonies grew and the effects that each administration had on the health, religion, education, trade, and individuals up to and beyond independence in 1975. It also traces the attitudes of the local population towards the involvement of Australia as a colonial power from 1918 to independence.

VI. FILMS, VIDEOS

Na Laua Nf Ravitaki (28 min.) is a video documentary featuring one of the taro irrigation systems and showing the traditional method for constructing the terraces. Put together by Robert Kuhlken, it is narrated in Bauan with English subtitles. It would be suitable for classroom use in geography, anthropology, or agricultural sciences. It is available for $15. The video format is PAL, compatible with Commonwealth nations video players. North American NTSC format is available for an additional conversion charge of $5. For information contact Robert Kuhlken, Department of Geography and Anthropology, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803.

VII. ANTHROPOLOGY Ph.D.s and M.A.s


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McGrath, Barbara Burns (Ph.D. 1993, University of Washington)
"Making Meaning of Illness, Dying and Death in the Kingdom of Tonga"

Rodriguez, Suzanne (M.A. 1993, University of Iowa)
"Early Contact and Exchange in Western Micronesia: A Multi-Field Approach"

VIII. PERSONAL NEWS

A state funeral was held in Honiara, Solomon Islands, in July for Francis Bugotu, the country’s ambassador to the U.S. and the United Nations. He was in Honiara for the South Pacific Forum annual meeting when he died of a heart attack while playing tennis. He once served as secretary-general of the South Pacific Commission. He was 55.

Center for Pacific Islands Studies assistant professor Vilsoni Hereniko attended the Sixth Annual Festival of Pacific Arts held in Rarotonga, Cook Islands in October. During the Christmas break, he returned to his home island of Rotuma to conduct research on cultural identities there. In February, he presented a talk on "The Preservation of Culture Through Literature" at the Pacific Islands Area Seminar held at Tokai University in Honolulu.

Mr. Teddy John, the FSM National Historic Preservation Officer, died in his residential home in Pohnpei on November 22, 1992. His home was Kosrae.

Barbara Burns McGrath (now "Dr. McGrath") will be returning to Tonga during June-July to attend the Tongan Historical Society conference and the festivities for the king’s birthday. While there, she will also follow up on some of her previous research.

Karen Nero will be moving across the Pacific Ocean to begin her new position teaching at the University of Auckland.
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