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I. FROM THE EDITOR

I am pleased to be serving as Newsletter editor for the year while Mimi Kahn is on sabbatical. As I looked through the stacks of issues in the archives I was struck by the string of impressive individuals who have been editors in the past. While the format and printing have improved over the years as computers made their appearance on our desktops, the quality of the content of the Newsletters has always been very high. I will of course endeavor to maintain the tradition!

I have been receiving lots of interesting material in my mail and even more information through email. Thank you to those who are sending things my way.

Several ASAO members have been nominated to fill the two vacant board positions. A ballot is included on the last page of this newsletter. Please check two names, tear off the sheet, and mail the ballot to Suzanne Falgout by November 1.

The next issue will include information on the annual meeting to be held in San Diego, from February 8th to the 13th. Susan Pflanz-Cook, the site selection chair, will let us know the details in the next Newsletter. The deadline for submission of material to be included in the Newsletter is December 15.

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II. GENERAL ASAO NEWS

Secretary-Treasurer Report, Annual Meeting 1993

The board elected Karen Nero as the new chair-elect, replacing Richard Scaglion, who became the new chair at the final plenary session. Those nominated for the two vacant positions on the board were Michele Dominy, Karen Sinclair, Tamar Gordon, Vilsoni Hereniko, Niko Besnier, and Jill Nash. To promote continuity and stability, the board voted to amend the bylaws to include on the board the past-chair. All Pomponio, as the out-going chair, will be the first to serve in this capacity during the coming year.

Officers presented their annual reports. Juliana Flinn, Secretary-Treasurer, reported that ASAO had 287 members and fellows, 13 honorary fellows, and 35 institutional members in 1992. The balance of the account at the end of the year was $21,464.77. She also announced her resignation as secretary-treasurer, and Suzanne Falgout was later appointed to the position. Susan Pflanz-Cook, the Site Coordinator, was unable to attend but sent a report requesting local arrangements assistance. Kathryn Creely later agreed to help with arrangements for the meetings next year in San Diego. Larry Mayo, Program Chair, mentioned a problem of late session submissions this year. Mimi Kahn, the Newsletter Editor, announced that she will resign after publishing the next newsletter. Andrew Strathern, Monograph Series Editor, announced an agreement with University of Pittsburgh Press to publish ASAO monographs. Deborah Gewertz, Special Publications Editor, was unable to attend, but reported success in acquiring royalty payments from University Press of America.

The board voted to amend the bylaws to have the chair and secretary-treasurer maintain a historical record of policy decisions made at board meetings as a partial history of the association and to promote continuity. The board also established a memorial fund in honor of deceased ASAO members to be used to assist Pacific Islanders in attending ASAO meetings. Since the monograph series is financially healthy and in no need of additional ASAO funds, the $4.00 out of every $20.00 dues that used to go to the series will be used instead for the memorial fund for at least two years. Other contributions from individual members and from royalties may be made as well. A committee will be appointed to devise guidelines for dispersal of funds, review applications, and allocate grants.

News on Newsletters

The Northeastem Wantok System Newsletter, in addition to its hard copy version, is now available electronically. N.E.W.S. was started a number of years ago by Rob Gordon and Terry Hays. Mimi Kahn was the next editor. Jim Roscoe served for the past six years and recently handed the job over to Dan Jorgensen, who is responsible for circulating the newsletter through email. Rich Scaglion will print and mail the paper copy for those who do not have access to email. At present, material from PNG predominates. Dan will be expanding the content to include “the Greater SW Pacific Pidgin Sphere,” which also includes the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. Other groups may be added in the future.
information on the newsletter, contact Dan Jorgensen, Department of Anthropology, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada N6A 5C2; or email: dwj@julian.uwo.ca; or FAX: (519) 661-2157.

An email list has recently been created covering developments and scholarship in the Melanesian area, particularly Bougainville. Persons with access to Internet may subscribe by sending in their address. They will then receive further information about the list. There is no charge. John MacDougall is administering the list. His address: apakabar@access.digex.net

The Centre for South Pacific Studies operates out the University of New South Wales and publishes a newsletter covering conferences, events, and publications on the South Pacific. John Lodewijks is the current editor. For information write to him at: Centre for South Pacific Studies, School of Economics, P.O. Box 1 Kensington NSW 2033. email: j.lodewijks@unsw.edu.au.

Pacific Literature Series
The University of Hawai'i Press established a Pacific Literature Series at its editorial board meeting on 29 June 1993. The aim of the series is to make the indigenous literature of the Pacific Islands more widely available to North American audiences. Pamela Kelley, of the UH Press, will assume editorial responsibilities while Vilsoni Hereniko will serve as Advisory Editor. The series, to be launched in early 1994, will begin with reprints of previously published books and will later expand to include original works.

Research Grants
The Council for International Exchange of Scholars grants awards for 3 to 6 months to conduct research in Pacific Island nations, not including New Zealand and Australia. Research may be conducted in more than one country. Eligibility requirements are US citizenship and Ph.D. or equivalent professional standing. The award includes round-trip travel and monthly allowance. An application deadline was this past August, but for further information contact: Marguerite Hulbert, Council for International Exchange of Scholars, 3007 Tilden Street NW, Suite 5-M, Washington DC 2008-3009, Tel (202) 686-4025.

Pacific Islanders in Communications provides grants for indigenous Pacific Islander programming. Proposals are accepted from independent producers, non-profit organizations, and public television stations. Solicitations have been for projects by and about Pacific Islanders. This year's special focus is given to projects on Chamorro or Guamanian themes or subjects. Grants are available for all phases of production including research and development, scripting, original production, works-in-progress, post production, and marketing and distribution. For applications and information, contact: Pacific Islanders in Communications, 1221 Kapi'olani Blvd. Suite #6A-4, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96814. Tel (808) 591-0059, Fax (808) 591-1114.

and ways to spend money
Antipodean Books, Maps & Prints is an antiquarian booksellers firm specializing in the Pacific, Australia and Antarctica. Their collection includes rare and scholarly out-of-print books such as A. Grenfell's Prices The Western Invasions of the Pacific & its Continents (1963) and a complete set of Cook's Voyages (1773-1784). For a catalogue, their address is: Antipodean Books, Maps & Prints, David & Cathy Lilburne, PO Box 189 Cold Spring NY 10516; Tel (914) 424-3867; Fax (914) 424-3617.
New, out-of-print and old books in French and English on the islands of the Pacific and Indian Ocean regions and more particularly, the French-speaking islands are available through Jean-Louis Boglio, a bookdealer in Australia. A catalogue which may be ordered for no charge, includes many books which have been published locally in the islands and an assortment of lesser-known works. Contact: Jean-Louis Boglio, P.O. Box 72, Currumbin, 4223, Queensland, Australia. Tel & Fax: Australia (075) 346-065; Int’l 61 75 346 065.

The Book Bin - Pacifica buys and sells (new and used) books. A catalogue of Hawaii and Pacific Islands materials may be ordered: Robert S. Baird, The Book Bin - Pacifica, 228 SW 3rd Street, Corvallis, OR 97333, Tel & Fax: (503) 752-0045.

Networking
I received a number of requests for assistance from the ASAO membership. The first is from Gary Heathcote at the University of Guam. He would like to correspond with Pacific Island researchers with field experience and insight in the areas of: 1. anthropology of work in Oceania, specifically the chronic activity patterns associated with work and recreation; and 2. yaws and venereal syphilis, specifically the cross-immunity of the pathogens, and the clinical course of each in the face of or absence of cross-infection. His address: Gary M. Heathcote, Anthropology Program, University of Guam, UOG Station, Mangilao Guam 96923, Fax (671) 734-7930, email: zinjman@uog.pacific.edu.

A second item is from a ham radio operator, Ted Brunner (KD6UVN) who relayed a request from Mark Ellmoos who is living on Pitcairn Island with his wife. He is the pastor, she is a Registered Nurse and the island’s medical officer. They will be there 3 more years and he is interested in pursuing his interest in family structure and family process with the hope of eventually writing a master’s thesis. If anyone has ideas on institutions or persons who might offer him advice, contact Theodore F. Brunner, Director, Thesaurus Linguae Graecae, University of California Irvine, Irvine, CA. 92717, Phone: (714) 856-6404, FAX: (714) 856-8434, email: TLG@UCI.BITNET

Rick Feinberg recently had a conversation with Peter Meioko, private secretary to the Governor General of the Solomon Islands, in which Meioko requested the assistance of an anthropologist to help record the language and customs of his home village. Meioko’s people are non-Austronesian speakers, living near the foot of Graciosa Bay in the Santa Cruz Islands—one of the most attractive locations anywhere. It is a mile or two from Lata, the provincial capital, making it rural, yet accessible. Meioko’s interests are in the realm of cultural preservation, but it should be possible to combine this with other concerns. Considering the difficulty of obtaining research permits in Melanesia over the past decade, this invitation from a prominent public official seems like an outstanding opportunity, particularly for an advanced graduate student or established professional anthropologist looking for a new field site. Anyone interested in obtaining further information may contact Rick at Kent State University or write or phone: Simon Peter Meioko, Private Secretary to Governor General, P.O. Box 252, Honiara, Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands. Phone: (677) 22923.

Misc.
Radio Australia announced at the end of July that the US embassy in Honiara closed its doors as one of 20 foreign missions shut down in an attempt to save money. US interests in the Solomon Islands will be represented by the US embassy in Port Moresby.
III. SESSIONS PLANNED FOR 1994 ANNUAL MEETING

This is a tentative list of sessions planned. The Spring Newsletter, #85, included reports from the 1993 meeting. The next Newsletter (deadline for submission of information is December 15) will have complete descriptions of content and lists of participants for the meeting in February.

Symposium: Changes in Housing and Social Relationships in the Pacific
Organizers: Margaret Rodman (York) and Jan Rensel (Hawai‘i)

Symposium: Strategies of Violence in the Contemporary Pacific
Organizer: Laura Zimmer-Tamakoshi (NE Missouri); Discussants: Dorothy Counts (Waterloo) and Richard Scaglion (Pittsburgh)

All session participants should send two copies of their completed papers to Laura by November 1 so that she can pre-circulate the papers (two to a participant) and send in a Symposium Session Proposal to the planners of next year’s meeting by December 1. Anyone interested in joining the Symposium should do the same. Laura’s address is: Division of Social Science, Northeast Missouri State University, Kirksville, MO 63501.

Apologies from the organizer to Richard Scaglion for the absence of any mention in the June 1993 Newsletter of his name and able contribution (as co-discussant with Dorothy Counts) to this past year’s working session.

Working Session: Anthropology and History of the Body in the Pacific
Organizer: Aletta Biersack (Oregon)
CANCELED

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

Working Session: Representations of the Past in the Pacific
Organizers: John Terrell (Field Museum) and Lin Poyer (Cincinnati)

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

Working Session: Sex and Gender Liminality in Pacific Cultures
Organizers: Niko Besnier (Yale) and Jeannette Mageo (Washington State)

Like its informal-session predecessor, this session is concerned with gender-identity and gender-role crossing, transvestism, and homosexuality in Pacific contexts, as well as with the associations of these categories with entertainment, popular culture, spirits, religious life, rites of reversal, tourism, and modernity. For a more complete description, please refer to the description of the Informal Session at last year’s meeting in the Fall 1992 issue of the Newsletter, or contact the organizers. The session will continue as a working session at the 1994 meeting. New and continuing participants should forward by November 15 a one-to two-page summary of their oral presentation in next year’s session to: Niko Besnier, Anthropology Department, Yale University, 2114 Yale Station, New Haven, CT 06520, phone: (203) 432-3674, Fax: (203) 432-3669, email: uttanu@yalevm.ycc.yale.edu.
Working Session: Women and Development in the Pacific
Organizers: Jeanette Dickerson-Putman (Indiana) and Laura Zimmer-Tamakoshi (NE Missouri)

Participants in this year's informal session on Women and Development in the Pacific as well as anyone else who is interested in the topic should send abstracts for papers to Laura by November 1. This allows time to submit a Working Session to the organizers of next year's San Diego meetings by December 1 (this year's American Anthropological Meetings fall in late November and will put pressure on everyone to get their proposals in earlier than usual). It is expected that participants will come to the San Diego meetings with papers in progress and that at the meeting they will circulate copies of their working papers to other participants for their later comments. Laura's address is: Division of Social Science, Northeast Missouri State University, Kirksville, MO 63501.

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

Informal Session: Current Trends in Marriages in Oceania
Organizer: John Altrocchi (Nevada)

IV. CONFERENCES AND ORGANIZATIONS

The impact of American anthropology's involvement in American Micronesia is the topic for the Center for Pacific Islands Studies 1993 Annual Conference to be held at Tokai University in Honolulu, October 20-23, 1993. Invited papers will focus on the contribution to anthropological theory and knowledge, and to history and historiography, that resulted from the influx of researchers into the area over the past 50 years. Several ASAO members have been invited to participate: Mac Marshall, Karen Nero, Lin Poyer, William Alkire, Fran Hezel, Vince Diaz, Donald Rubinstein, Glenn Petersen, Peter Black, Suzanne Falgout, Karen Peacock, David Hanlon, Ed King, and Robert Kiste. Ward Goodenough, Normal Meller and Leonard Mason will be serving as discussants. For information contact Tisha Hickson, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Center for Pacific Island Studies, 1890 East-West Road, Moore Hall 215, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822, Tel: (808) 956-2652.

One of the sessions at the American Anthropological Association meetings in Washington will be devoted to "Ecologies in collision." Stuart Kirsch is the organizer, other participants include Dan Jorgensen, Gabriele Sturzenhofecker, Pat Townsend, Donna Winslow, Joel Robbins, Jill Nash and Buck Schieffelin. Discussants will include Roy Wagner and Roy Rappaport.

The Research School of Pacific Studies, Division of Pacific and Asian History, Australian National University is sponsoring a conference, "Colonial Inheritance: The Pacific Islands Since Independence." The aim is to look at the colonial records of the departing powers and assess the value and utility of what was left to the new states. Contact Brij V. Lal or Hank Nelson.
The 16th annual Pacific Telecommunications Conference will be held in Honolulu, Hawai‘i on January 16-20, 1994. The theme of this year’s conference is “Forging New Links - Focus on Developing Economies.” For information contact: Pacific Telecommunications Council, 2454 Beretania Street, Suite 302, Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96826, Tel: (808) 941-3789, Fax: (808) 944-4874.

The Australian Institute for Maritime Archaeology (AIMA) is an organization formed to promote the advancement of maritime archaeology. Its objectives are to support and undertake scientific research in the field of maritime archaeology around the Pacific. Every year AIMA publishes two Bulletins, four newsletters, and a number of special publications. For information write to: AIMA, c/o Department of Maritime Archaeology, Western Australian Maritime Museum, Cliff Street, Fremantle WA 6160, Australia.

The theme of the 13th Annual Conference of AIMA will be “Discovery, migration, acculturation, exploitation or...? Reinterpreting seafaring activity within the Pacific Rim.” The conference will be held at the Queensland Museum, Brisbane, Australia, October 17-21, 1994. Perspectives from historians and anthropologists are sought concerning maritime evidence with a view toward defining how the data can contribute to new or revised interpretations of seafaring activity within the Pacific Rim. Contact Peter Gesner, Curator Maritime Archaeology, Queensland Museum, PO Box 3300, South Brisbane 4101, Australia, Tel: (617) 840-7673, Fax: (617) 846-1918.

V. BIBLIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Community Aid Abroad/Freedom From Hunger


Two books are available from the recent CAA conference: The first includes twelve papers given by academics, government representatives and representatives from PNG non-government organizations. It is 104 pages, $15.50 plus $2 postage and handling. The second publication, is a shortened version of the first book, but with illustrations and extra background information. 40 pages, $12.50 plus $2. Community Aid Abroad/Freedom From Hunger, 156 George St., Fitzroy, Vic., 3065. Tel 289-9444.

Craig, Robert D.


An introductory chapter illuminates the particular Polynesian character of these islands and shows how they are ethnically and culturally related. The history of each island state is summarized, with special emphasis upon events since European contact and especially during the last decade. Alphabetical entries then offer detailed information on important island leaders, wars, treaties, organizations, etc. Appendices include a comparative statistical chart, a time-line, a list of island rulers and administrators, and a map of the general area.
Deiye, Eadinur

*An Island.* Illustrated by Josefa Uluinaceva. Suva: USP.

A version of the story about the origin of the island of Nauru is told in the 9-page book, appropriate for third or fourth grade level children. USP has several other children's publications available that are written and illustrated by Pacific Island authors and artists. The address is: The Institute of Education, The University of the South Pacific, PO Box 1168, Suva, Fiji.

Golden, Graeme

*The Early European Settlers of the Solomon Islands.*

This book is the result of five years of research and includes a compendium of 150 short biographical sketches of European residents of the Solomon Islands in the period of 1870-1930, with 150 photographs and 13 maps. Also listed are 132 plantations and their owners, with reference to more than 750 residents of that period. It is a privately published limited edition that is available from the author for A$60 plus shipping and packaging: Graeme A. Golden, 4 Bourke Street, Mentone 3194, Victoria, Australia.

Hooper, Anthony, Judith Huntsman, Ian A.M. Prior and Clare E. Salmond


The book is edited by Albert E Wessen of Brown University, the authors are from the Department of Community Health, Wellington Hospital, New Zealand. Topics discussed include the ecology and history of Tokelau, the nature of Tokelauan culture and society, the problems of adaptation faced by migrants to New Zealand and their efforts to develop a viable Tokelauan community there, and the impact of modernizing influences upon atoll society. The publishers address: Walton Street, Oxford OX2 6DP, Tel: (0865) 56767.

Ibanex y Garcia, Luis de


The life of Governor Ibanex spanned most of the nineteenth century and he witnessed the final years of Spanish imperial rule. Portions of this book were known to exist elsewhere, but this volume is a complete translation of the work. It contains a description of all the islands in the Marianas and of the discovery of the Palaos Islands. Micronesian Area Research Center, University of Guam, University Station, Mangilao Guam 96923. Tel: (671) 734-4473, Fax: (671) 734-7403.
Kaeppler, Adrienne L.

The author began her studies of dance with the late Queen Salote in 1964 and has continued to the present. This book is a compilation of eight essays on the aesthetics and structure of dance. Traditionally, Polynesian dance was essentially a visual extension and enhancement of sung poetry based on complex arm movements performed either in a seated position or standing in one or more rows facing an audience. The many photographs taken by Kaeppler over 20 years included in the book illustrate the ways that dance projects oral literature into visual form.

Keck, Verena

The book represents the results of 20 months of fieldwork among the Yupno of Papua New Guinea. At the center of the medical anthropology study is a case of sickness of a small boy. The aims of the research are to present the concepts of illness from the Yupno point of view and, together with the physician involved, to give the interpretation of disease from the point of view of Western medicine. The Yupno concept of the human being is analyzed and their medical system is systematically presented. There is a 10 page summary translated into English.

McPhetres, Sam

*The Practical User's Guide to the Trust Territory Archives.* University of Guam: MARC.

The author, as archivist of The Trust Territory Archives, designed this guide to provide students, academics and researchers with a better understanding of how thousands of historical documents, photographs, audio and video tapes, movies and maps have been systematically preserved for most of the islands in Micronesia from the Spanish period to 1987.

Ntumy, Michael, A, Ed.
1993 *South Pacific Islands Legal Systems.* Honolulu: University of Hawai‘i Press.

This comprehensive reference and textbook provides an overview of the laws, legal structures, and governmental institutions of each of the 23 nations and territories of the south and central Pacific region. Among the topics covered are sources of law, and constitutional, judicial, and land tenure systems.

Siegrist, H. Galt

Souder, Laura  
1992 *Daughters of the Island: Contemporary Chamorro Women Organizers on Guam.* University of Guam: MARC.

Modern Chamorro women living today have as their inheritance both the Chamorro and Hispanic traditions. They are deeply in contact with the latter and are recovering the former in new and innovative ways. The unique focus of this work is women as organizers in civic, church, island-wide, regional, national and international forums. This work reflects important changes from the first edition from a glossary of Chomorro terms to the meaning given to the contributions and struggles of these women as the island community moves toward self-determination as a people.

Thompson, Laura  
1991 *Beyond the Dream: A Search for Meaning.* University of Guam: MARC.

This is an autobiography of Dr. Laura Thompson as she searches for patterns of behavior, ways of thought, and moral standards relevant to present global realities. It explores a current trend toward the development of applied anthropology, defined as a study of humankind and its application to practical life problems. Dr. Thompson has conducted field studies in Fiji, Guam, Hawaii, Iceland, Germany, as well as among several Native American groups. She was named ASAO Honorary Fellow in 1990.

Van der Grijp, Paul  

The ethnography of Tongan society examines the interplay of Polynesian and Western ideas within contemporary social and economic practices. Systems of subsistence, kinship, as well as economic, political and ideological dimensions of Tongan life are intertwined with discussion of attitudes on life and death, marriage and divorce, social rights and obligations, migration and remittances. Effects on Tonga of global development are expressed in the commercialization of the means of subsistence.

Wassmann, Jurg  

This volume is an English translation of Wassmann's 1982 book and makes an important contribution to the study of song poetics and mythology in PNG. It makes clear how song poetry, far from a superstructural reflection of presumably more fundamental realms of culture, is itself central to holding cultural memory, and to implementing, enacting, and circulating critical
cultural knowledge, particularly of places, clan histories, and mythology. Wassmann illuminates latmul system of knowledge by explicating song texts through the knotted cord, a very secret mnemonic device held by important men and run through their hands during performances. The National Research Institute, Cultural Studies Division, PO Box 5854, Boroko, PNG.

Wassmann, Jurg

The ways of thinking and the knowledge of the Yupno of Papua New Guinea are the main topic of the present study. The cognitive structure by which the Yupno understand themselves and through which they order their environment are analyzed by a new methodological approach: the interdisciplinary cooperation of an anthropologist and a cognitive psychologist in the field.

White, Geoffrey

The book was reviewed in Newsletter #83, but the author has recently convinced the publisher to lower the price from $55.95 to $19.95 for classroom use. It may be purchased in hardcover at this discount by calling the Press's 800 number: (800) 872-7423.

VI. ANTHROPOLOGY Ph.D.s AND M.A.s

University Microfilm (UMI) is an international service that publishes dissertations and masters theses. The abstract database is accessible through a number of means: Dissertation Abstracts Online, Dissertation Abstracts Online (CD-ROM), and printed sources indexed in Dissertation Abstracts International, Comprehensive Dissertation Index, American Doctoral Dissertations, Masters Abstracts International and various subject catalogs. Microfilm or paper copies of manuscripts are available for a fee. For information on searches or to order a manuscript, UMI has a toll free number: 1-800-521-0600, extension 3732. In Canada, 1-800-343-5299. Fax number is (313) 973-2088.

Kirsch, Stuart A. (Ph.D. 1991, University of Pennsylvania)
"The Yonggom of New Guinea: An Ethnography of Sorcery, Ritual and Magic" (UMI #9211955).

Sturzenhofecker, Gabriele (Ph.D. 1993, University of Pittsburgh)
"Times Enmeshed: Gender, Space and History among the Duna"
VII. PERSONAL NEWS

Mark Mosko has been appointed Chair of Social Anthropology at the University of Auckland in New Zealand. Until he takes up the post in April 1994, he will be conducting archival and field research in Auckland, Canberra and Mekeo (PNG) under fellowship from NEH.

The FSM national government has created a staff archaeologist position to oversee historical artifact research. Rufino Mauricio of Kittu Municipality (Pohnpei), the first FSM citizen to receive a doctoral degree in archaeology, has assumed this U.S. funded position. Maurico earned his degree earlier this year from the University of Oregon. He is the fourth FSM citizen to receive a (non-medical) doctoral degree.

Eytan Bercovitch has taken up a new appointment at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore.

Ted Schwartz is on sabbatical starting this fall and plans to return to Manus in October and November for his twelfth trip in four decades. He is continuing his work on the Paliau Movement.

Bob Franco is currently on sabbatical from Kapi'olani Community College while he is with the Program for Cultural Studies at the East-West Center. His research is on contemporary political discourse in Samoa and Tonga.

A Fulbright has been awarded to Roger Lohmann and he will be traveling to PNG’s West Sepik Province to conduct fieldwork among the Asaganu/Duranmin of the upper Om River system for a year beginning this January. He will be studying religious evolution in the context of Christian syncretism.

Aletta Biersack is carrying out research among the Paiela of Enga Province, PNG. While there she will be studying the contemporary relevance of kinship.

Mimi Kahn is on a year-long sabbatical from the University of Washington. During part of the time she will be in French Polynesia beginning new fieldwork studying the concept of place.

Juliana Flinn spent part of her summer in Saipan doing fieldwork. This Fall her plans include her wedding. Her husband-to-be is a craftsman who makes hammer dulcimers.

Charles Gregory Pomponio Perry is Ali Pomponio’s newest project. Her baby was born July 11th. Mother, father and son are reported to be doing well and all are delighted with each other.