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I. FROM THE EDITOR

At the annual meeting last February, Jan Rensel agreed to serve as Newsletter Editor. She is currently out of the country (see Personal News) and will take over the next issue that comes out in December. In the meantime, please continue to send notices and information to me, and I will forward everything to Jan later. In some ways being a newsletter editor is similar to owning a sailboat: the happiest day is when you pass it on to someone else. On the other hand, I’m glad I had the opportunity to become more involved in the Association. It has also been very interesting to be on the receiving end of so much Pacific news. Thank you to all for sending me material. I am anticipating some degree of information withdrawal! The Site Coordinator sent out a packet of information for our upcoming meeting Florida. If your did not receive one, please contact her. Details for registration and hotel arrangements are on page 2. The Distinguished Lecture will be given by Robert Underwood, the former President of the University of Guam and currently a U.S. Representative for Guam.

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II. FROM THE SITE COORDINATOR--Terri Aihoshi

By now you should have received your information package about the 1995 Annual Conference being held in Clearwater Beach, Florida. If you did not get one, please contact me and I’ll mail a packet to you. The site is the Holiday Inn Clearwater Beach Surfside, located on Florida’s Gulf Coast right on the beach. The dates are February 21 - 26, 1995 with a tentative schedule as follows:

Tuesday, February 21  7:00 p.m.  Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 22  9:00 a.m.  Board Meeting
          1:00 p.m.  Registration and Exhibits Open
          8:00 p.m.  General Meeting
Thursday, February 23  8:00 a.m.  Registration Open
          9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  Regular Sessions/Workshops/Symposia
          8:30 p.m.  General Meeting
Friday, February 24  8:00 a.m.  Registration Open
          9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  Regular Sessions/Workshops/Symposia.
          8:30 p.m.  Reception/ Cash Bar
Saturday, February 25  9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  Regular Sessions/Workshops/Symposia
          5:30 p.m.  Closing Plenary

Room rates are: $75/single or double, $85 triple, $95/quad. Full Gulf View rooms are an additional $15 per night. Suites range from $125 to $150. These rates are guaranteed until January 21, 1995 by booking directly with the hotel by telephoning (813) 461-3222, FAX (813) 446-1583, or by mail: Reservations Office, Holiday Inn Clearwater Beach Surfside, 400 Mandalay Avenue, Clearwater Beach, Florida 34630. You must indicate that your reservation is for the association for Social Anthropology in Oceania February 1995 Conference, and provide the assigned ASAO Code ‘ASF’ when booking. A deposit of one night room plus tax must be included, and payment may be made by check (payable to Holiday Inn Surfside), American Express, VISA, Mastercard, and Diners Club. The Holiday Inn Clearwater Beach Surfside is located 21 miles from Tampa International Airport and 15 miles from Clearwater/St. Petersburg Airport. Limo Service Inc. (1-813-572-1111 or 1-800-282-6817 toll-free) provides 24-hour passenger van service from both airports for about $11 per person. Taxi service is approximately $25 from Tampa International, $15 from Clearwater/St. Petersburg. Car rental agencies are located at both airports and at the hotel.

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III. FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER--Tamar Gordon

There are 60 beautiful 1994 Directories still available for purchase for the ridiculously low price of $5.00! Buy one today! **

I am in the process of updating our membership files and I would like to call your attention to the new annual dues notice that will appear in the December Newsletter. The form will ask you to update your current Directory listing by indicating any recent
changes or corrections to your address, particularly phone numbers and electronic mail. Please take a minute to write down your information, even if nothing has changed. The new dues notice will also allow you to make a tax-free donation to the Pacific Islands Scholars Fund, and to prepay 1995 Meeting and Directory fees.

In the meantime, feel free to contact me by e-mail, or to write to me with any changes in your whereabouts or to order a Directory.

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IV. FROM THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR--Larry Mayo

Tentative Program 1995 ASAO Annual Meeting

The following list represents the sessions confirmed (by letter or call of intent to the Program Coordinator) for inclusion on the program. If you plan to organize a session, you must notify the Program Coordinator before the 1 December deadline. Please report any changes in session titles or participant list also by the 1 December deadline. Moreover, send request for AV or other special equipment needed for your sessions to the PC as soon as possible.

Informal Sessions
Television, Nationalism and Transnationalism in the Contemporary Pacific.
Organizer: Kathleen Adams (Loyola)

Culture, Class and the Modern Pacific Island State
Organizer: Gene Ogan (Minnesota)

Constructing and Imagining Images of Women in Contemporary Pacific Culture(s)
Organizers: Pamela C. Rosi (Bryn Mawr) and Teresia Teaiwa (Santa Cruz)

Oral Traditions-Literacy
Organizers Karen Nero (Auckland) and Rufino Mauricio (FSM)

Working Sessions
Current Trends in Marriages in Oceania
Organizer: John Altrocchi (UN Reno)

note: the newsletter editor received these announcements, but they are not officially part of the program until the Program Coordinator is notified:

Working Session:
Righting Wrongs: Compensation, Apology and Retribution in Contemporary Pacific Islands Societies.
Organizers: David Akin and Jan Rensel (Hawaii)

Informal Session:
Indigenous Currencies and Changing Exchange Spheres in Melanesia
Organizers: David Akin and Joel Robbins (Virginia)

Touristic Encounters in the Pacific--Identity, Representation and Ethnicity
Organizer: Eric Silverman (DePauw)
Musts for Session Organizers

1. As soon as your announcement and call for papers is prepared, send a special notice to: 1. The Program Coordinator, 2. the Newsletter Editor, and 3. anyone you’d like to invite or who you might think might be interested in participating. Warning --if you fail to notify the Program Coordinator of you intent to organize a session, it will not be on the program.

2. Write to your participants often, reminding them of deadlines that you and they must meet.

3. Working Sessions (W) and Symposia (S) organizers: it is your responsibility (a) to facilitate circulation of copies of papers or abstracts/synopses to participants; and (b) for W sessions, copies of abstracts/synopses and for S, the title page (with authors name) and first full page of text of each paper, must be sent to the program coordinator before the 1 December deadline.

4. Know how many people are actually going to show up! You must produce seven (7) on-the-spot participants to be more than an Informal Session. Send all participants copies of hotel information and registration forms copied from the special mailing of the Newsletter.

5. If you plan to have a discussant for a Symposium or volume, you should invite that person to participate in the early stages of your session (e.g., working session) so that she or he becomes familiar with the participants, papers, and issues from the start.

6. If you have Honored Participants or guests from the Developing World and you wish to waive the registration fee for them, you must contact the President of the Association in advance of the meetings.

7. Be ready to report at the Closing Session on the results of your session and on your future plans. A written copy of your report should be sent to the Newsletter Editor for inclusion in the spring issue.

8. If you plan to transform your Symposium into a volume, you should contact the Monograph Series Editor (A. Strathern) at the meetings and invite him to sit in on the session. He can then advise on what further action to take.

9. Make sure your participants have a copy of the Guidelines for Session Organizers & Participants; and if you plan to publish, the 1984 ASAO Style Guide. Both are available from the Program Coordinator.

10. If you have any questions or problems, please call the Program Coordinator for assistance. Use the home phone number (see below) during the summer and December if necessary.

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ASAO Roommates

As in previous years, the Program Coordinator will help members arrange for roommates for the Annual Meetings. Please provide the following information: 1. Mate preference (i.e., male /female, nonsmoker, etc.), 2. number of mates desired, 3. date of arrival and length of stay, 4. and phone number(s) at which you can be reached. Larry will put people in contact with prospective roommates.
V. GENERAL ASAO NEWS

Awards

Applications are still being accepted for the Pacific Island Scholars Fund to provide financial support for the participation of indigenous Pacific Island scholars at the ASAO annual meeting. Airfare costs and conference expenses are awarded to the selected individual. Early communication is important (see ASAO Newsletter #88 for all the details), contact Bob Franco, Dept. Social Science, Kapi’olani Community College, University of Wasai’i, 4303 Diamond Head Road, Honolulu, HI 96816. Tel (808) 734-9784, Fax (808) 734-9151, email: bfranco@uhunix.uhcc.hawaii.edu

The organizers of the ‘These-Pac’ competition have announced that entries are now requested for the 1994 competition. The competition is for all reports, dissertations, theses and other documents submitted for the award of a higher education degree or diploma. Prizes include the following.
1. 100,000 pacific francs (approximately US $ 1,000) for best work on the Pacific Islands and Australia....
2. A prize of the same amount for the best work on New Caledonia.
3. Three special prizes of 30,000 pacific francs (approx. US $ 300) for the best work on - general or specialized medicine, including veterinary science, pharmacy etc.- a third year diploma in a social, medical, or related field, - and the best work in respiratory health
4. Two prizes of 50,000 pacific francs (approx. US $ 500 each) for the best work on nursing.
The closing date is 31 december 1994. For full information contact THESE-PAC, BP 920, Noumea, New Caledonia, Telephone: 25 15 98.

Electronic Forums

ASAONET has been up and running since last April. Our Board president, Karen Nero, was the first subscriber, and there have been 128 more subscribers since. The Net has been active, particularly during the spring and now in the fall. There have been several extended threads of conversation, one on proverbs and one on “cloth” in the spring. In the fall, there has been some interesting exchanges having to do with films and videos, how to locate them, and where to order them. There have also been a few proposals for annual meeting sessions, including Gene Ogan’s call for a look at the emergence of class structure in Oceanic nations and Eric Silverman’s proposal for a session on tourism. Subscribers have used the net to locate people, particularly scholars who have moved from one job to another. Dan Jorgensen has most recently begun a thread on Oceania course syllabi, based on the necessity of finding a way to get students to actually do the required reading. Given our experience on other nets, we would say that ASAONET is an active one that looks like it will get a lot more active. There appears to be a mix of people, some of whom have a lot of experience with Nets and others with little experience, and as subscribers become accustomed to reading and responding to notes that others post, there will be fewer lurkers and more discussants, kind of like sessions at the annual meetings. I’m pleased with the Net so far.

For those of you who’d like to subscribe, all you have to do is send a message to: listserv@uicvm.uic.edu. Leave the subject line blank and type into the message area: SUB ASAONET your first name, lastname. Then send your message. You’ll be automatically subscribed and will receive a confirmation note that contains useful Listserv commands. For those of you who have just subscribed or who have missed Net time and want to look at messages posted over the last few months, just send a note to the Listserv (as above) and in the message area type: INDEX ASAONET. You’ll get back a list of archive numbers by month. Choose the months that you want to look at and send another note to listserv saying: GET ASAONET LOG940X (X being the number of the
month containing the files you want to see). You'll get back all the messages posted for that month. Any problems you have with getting subscribed or unsubscribed, with sending or receiving messages, just email Mike at: U28550@uicvm.uic.edu or Dan at: dwj@julian.uwo.ca. (from Mike Lieber and Dan Jorgensen)

In addition to ASAONET and WANTOK NEWS there are several other listserv groups that may be of interest to Pacific scholars. The Endangered Languages-L was established on majordomo@coombs.anu.edu.au to provide a world-wide communications vehicle and a central electronic archive for anyone working on, or interested in, the study and documentation of disappearing or endangered languages. Transactions of the Forum are archived in the WAIS dbase "ANU-Endangered-Languages-L". To join (subscribe to) the forum send e-mail to: majordomo@coombs.anu.edu.au message: subscribe Endangered-Languages-L <your e-mail address>. Pacific Islands-L is also on majordomo@coombs.anu.edu.au. This Forum was established by the Pacific Island Liaison Centre, RSPAS, ANU to provide a world-wide communications vehicle and a central electronic archive for anyone working on, or interested in the study and documentation of the Pacific Islands region. Initial communication should include a brief introductory note: Who are you, your institution or affiliation, your general and specific interests. To join (subscribe to) the forum send e-mail to: majordomo@coombs.anu.edu.au; message: subscribe Pacific-Islands-L your e-mail address. If in doubt how to interact with any of the coombs.anu.edu.au lists, send a message 'help' to: majordomo@coombs.anu.edu.au

There is an on-line Library and Archives catalog for the Bishop Museum in Hawai'i. Access is through telnet uhcarl.lib.hawaii.edu OR via most on-line library catalogs. UHCARL is part of the CARL system - if you don't find them right away, ask your librarian or send email to ask for help: @bishop.bishop.hawaii.org. The catalogs include books, serials, pamphlets, art, photos (no visuals yet, but it's coming), manuscripts, maps, oral histories, etc. Interlibrary loan of published materials is available. On-line access is made possible in part by support from the Native Hawaiian Culture and Arts Program. Notes of thanks to the ask address would be helpful.

The Asia-Pacific Exchange Journal (APEX-J) editorial team invites you to submit your works. Its premiere issue was planned for distribution via the InterNet in July 1994. Please send your articles, reviews, essays, announcements, and letters. Topics should be suited to the purpose of APEX-L, the electronic forum, which serves as the base for the journal: The purpose of APEX-L is to promote international and multicultural education on college campuses, with a special focus on Asian and Pacific curricula, instructional strategies, educational resources, and campus/community activities. APEX-J is meant to serve as a medium for the sharing of information and discussion of topics, trends and issues that are determining the shape of education on our multicultural, international campuses. (To join APEX-L, write to LISTSERV@UHccVM.bitnet). The journal will be divided into two sections: refereed and un-refereed. It will be published quarterly, in January, April, July, and October. Submissions for the refereed portion should follow either the APA or MLA guidelines. All works should be formatted in standard ASCII text, with line lengths of approximately 60 characters, and emailed to: Jim Shimabukuro <JamesS@UHunix.UHcc.Hawaii.edu.

Research Notes
The Oceania volume of the Garland Encyclopedia of World Music, edited by Adrienne Kaeppler and Jacob Love, is nearing completion. At least fourteen ASAO members have written articles for the volume. The editors are requesting the following information:
1. Where have the ASAO members deposited archival copies of tapes of music made during fieldwork in the Pacific?
2. Short articles on music and/or dance in the Pacific can still be accommodated. If you are interested in contributing short articles on specific areas or topics related to music (500 to 1000 words), please contact:

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A Short Guide to Research Procedures in the Solomon Islands was submitted by Michael W. Scott, The University of Chicago:

Anthropologists, when they start to plan research in a distant country, often find it difficult to know how to set up their research. To whom should the prospective researcher write? How will the application be processed? How often does the body which reviews applications meet? What are the research and residency fees? This short guide seeks to address such questions and is written to help those who are considering research in the Solomon Islands.

Firstly, inquiries for applications to do research in the Solomon Islands should be mailed to:

The Senior Research Officer
Ministry of Education and Human Resources Development
P.O. Box G28
Honiara, Solomon Islands
Telephone: 23900

The current (Feb. 1994) Senior Research Officer is Ms. Audrey Rusa.

The application not only requires an outline the proposed research, a listing of benefits to the Solomons, two general letters of reference but also a letter of support from the people in the area in which you are intending to do research.

Given this latter requirement it is perhaps desirable- if not always possible - to attempt to go, on a tourist visa, to the area in which you are proposing to do research. Traveling as a tourist you can attempt to contact individuals who would be willing to help you to get research permission. A letter of support from the village to attach to the application is important. Contacts could also be made with members of the local Area Council and at the Provincial assembly level. If a pre-field work trip is not possible, try to establish local contacts through correspondence - though this might be a more time consuming route.

If a reconnaissance trip is possible, after returning to your home institution the completed application is to be sent to the Senior Research Officer and it is then passed down to the Area Council of the area in which you propose to do research. Area Councils tend to meet sporadically and you may need to wait some period of time. If approved the Area Council will forward you application to the Provincial Assembly which will then, in turn, forward it to the central government.

In Honiara the newly reconstituted research committee is scheduled to meet every month to review research applications. It is composed of Audrey Rusa, Derrick Sikua (Under Secretary of Education), John Naitoro (Director of the National Archives), Lawrence Foanaota (Director of the National Museum), Walter Hubert (Director of Library Services), and Moses Biliki (of the Conservation Division).

Currently research permits are given for three months and they are renewable (recently some have been renewed five times or more). There is currently talk of extending this period to six months. In order to obtain a research permit a deposit of $200 (Solomon dollars; this is currently approximately $70 U.S.) must be given and this will only be returned to you once four copies of your final research report have been received by the Senior Research Officer. In addition the research permit costs $150 (Solomon dollars) for three months.

You must also have a Residency Permit while conducting research. You cannot apply for a Residency Permit until you have the Research Permit in hand but the
moment the Research Permit is given to you the clock starts ticking on your first three months. As a consequence a few weeks of your research permit will be spent having your application for Residency processed. In order to receive resident status, you will either have to give the Immigration Division the homeward portion of your airline ticket to keep on file; or set up a joint account with them at a local bank for the amount of a ticket which would get you home - insurance that the Solomons will not have to pay for your trip home. The Residency Permit costs $210 (Solomon dollars) for three months.

Both the Research Permit and the Residency Permit can be renewed by mail from you field site and do not require quarterly trips to Honiara.

The research fees charged by the Provinces vary: for example, Guadalcanal charges a lump sum of $200 (Solomon dollars) and Makira/Ulawa charges $500 (Solomon dollars). Currently only Western Province have placed a ban on research and they are seeking to pass a research ordinance.

Research Permission for the National Archives and the National Museum are also reviewed by the Research Committee although both institutions fall under the Ministry of Home Affairs. Once again initial contact should be made with Ms. Rusa.

The listserv group WANTOK NEWS (Dan Jorgensen) recently ran a great summary of suggestions that members submitted regarding equipment in the field. Here is an edited version:

Floppy disks: Many people mentioned problems with floppy disks due to high humidity. They may be stored in a sealed plastic container with silica gel, a ploy familiar to some who had problems with photographic gear in the past. The silica gel must be dried periodically (every month or several weeks or so) in an oven or over a fire. Zip-lock plastic bags (expel all air) also work for disk storage. In the experience of one researcher no disk will last more than six months in the tropics, though people now talk of Teflon-coated diskettes that may hold up better.

Disk drives: If you take a computer with a floppy disk drive to the tropics it's a good idea to bring along a head cleaning disk, since humidity can cause disks to disintegrate and jam the heads. There have recently been serious problems with 3.5 inch disks covered in a fine film of mold which completely stuffs up floppy drives. If this happens, dismantle and clean is the only solution. Mold may also grow on the hard disk and the heads will slowly sweep it up, until one day they stop reading and writing. It may be that the old vacuum box, electric light bulb or moisture-absorbing crystals are the only solutions.

Printers: Citizen has produced a printer which is extremely light and works on a battery. The letter quality is very good.

Power sources: There is pretty universal agreement that batteries are unreliable and long-term work requires some reliable means of charging. Laptop users can buy the vehicle cigarette lighter attachment, which many laptop manufacturers have available. Then make up a lead with two alligator clips and connect that to the cigarette lighter attachment. On arrival in the field a battery suitable for the most common vehicles around (e.g. Toyota Hi-Lux) can be purchased for around K50 to K80. The battery will keep a laptop going for days/weeks, compared to the internal battery which will only last a few hours. Every now and again you can put the battery in a vehicle and charge it up for a day. If you are away from all roads, generators etc., a more expensive option is a small solar panel which in Australia is manufactured to charge 12 volt batteries for electric fences and pumps. This will keep the battery charged.

Alan Howard described a solar collector at length in a brief paper a couple of years ago called "The Solar Powered Anthropologist," which appeared in the AAA Newsletter. He recommends a flexible panel (the sort used on boats) because they will stand up to some abuse (still functioning when holed, for example, and are less subject to corrosion, which may be a consideration in coastal areas). The panel he chose goes by the brand name Sovonics. The solar panel can then be used to charge the battery. The following firms in North America are for those interested in solar power: Real Goods (966 Mazzoni St., Ukiah, CA 95482; tel. 1-800-762-7325) and Solar Electric (175
Cascade Court, Rohnert Park, CA 94928; tel. 1-707-586-0690. The Real Goods Alternative Energy Sourcebook ($10) has much information, while the Solar Electric Catalogue ($5) is more restricted in scope. A good general reference is Living on 12 Volts with Ample Power, by David Smead and Ruth Ishihara.

Warnings: Power adapters for different pieces of gear are not (or not always) interchangeable. Using an adapter meant for a camcorder charger on a computer blew the logic board on the latter. An additional concern prompted by some tales of woe: it may be useful to invest a bit to find out precisely how much gear can be bought in the host country, since customs hassles tend to accompany the importation of anything out of the ordinary. For those using other power sources (such as generators) is the advice that a voltage regulator may be essential (consult tech people for your equipment's characteristics).

Carrying Spares: The practice of having a spare recorder seems fairly widespread. Other spares suggested by comments from folks replying: anything that plugs in, especially cigarette-lighter power adapters and microphone jacks. Constant use seems to be hard on these items.

Repairs: There are now repair shops in Port Moresby which can fix most makes of laptop - but they may not be up to date on the latest models. It would be a good idea to contact them (fax or phone) and find out which models they can handle. The Institute of Medical Research sends their laptops by special delivery and it seems to be secure. There is probably a similar service in Lae. Macintosh users can count on good technical support in Suva and Noumea, but spare parts are still mainly available in the Pacific via orders through Australia (= delays and cost).

Theft: A laptop was lost in the Port Moresby Airport domestic lounge. "We put it down, walked away from it for a few minutes and it was gone. Obviously it is known what these small cases contain and there is a market for them. So watch out."

Sound Recording Equipment: DAT (digital recording) machines may not withstand the combination of high temperature and high humidity. One compromise has been to use small analog recorders like the Walkman Professional. Another advises that "the easiest solution is to buy three Sony D-7 DAT machines at $600 (US street price) each. They're not much bigger than a Walkman. Record with two machines, one as a backup. When one machine fails, you still have an extra." For those with less demanding standards for recording, the Sony TCS-430 tape recorder is a real gem. It is a hand-held STEREO cassette recorder with decent built in stereo microphones and runs on 2 AA batteries. It costs about $80.00. If you buy a cheap pair of booster speakers ($25.00 and up) you can use it for transcription in the field. Good results are also obtained with a Marantz CP430 recorder which is light and works off 4D size batteries. An AKG D900E microphone is a three foot directional device that can pick up from 100 feet away. The impedance match of mike to recorder is not perfect but a good audio engineer should be able to adjust sensitivity for a user. The really important device for anyone doing language work is a transcriber. There are no battery operated transcribers made so far as anyone knows, but any audio engineer can construct a battery power supply for these.

The University of Guam Field School conducted a program in Anthropology on Angaur Island in Palau in Summer 1994. Nine UOG students and three faculty members spent 11 days on Angaur in July. Team members conducted a census and documented the social organization and ecology of the macaque monkeys of Angaur and their relationships with the local people. Faculty for the project were Rebecca Stephenson - Anthropologist in the College of Arts and Sciences (an ASAO member), Hiro Kurashina - Director of the Micronesian Area Research Center at UOG, and Bruce Wheatley - Visiting Primatologist from the University of Alabama- Birmingham.
The University of Papua New Guinea is facing several challenges as it struggles to respond to increasing enrollment (current enrollment of 8,000 is expected to double in the next decade) without any increase in funding; and to provide higher education without losing the country’s diverse linguistic and cultural heritage. The student body is politically active--last year the school was closed for 10 months after riots by students protesting a cut in the university’s budget by 15% while increasing the salaries of government officials by 15%. This year the National Union of Students said there were be “severe unrest” if foreigners were recruited on the three-year contracts that are supported with a $300 million aid package provide by the World Bank. The University offers the only teacher-training program in the country, which is facing a shortage of high school teachers. The students are pressing for changes in the education ministry to develop a national system to train their teachers.

Position Available

A Lectureship in Anthropology, University of Auckland is available (Vacancy UAC.444). Applicants should be social anthropologists with a Ph.D., a demonstrated record of research and publications with research interests in contemporary processes such as: state formation and disintegration; emerging regional and multi-state networks, ethnic identities and conflicts, or other phenomena of comparable scale. The successful candidate must have skills in a wide range of contemporary theoretical perspectives. A research commitment to the Pacific is required, with preference for Southeast Asia, East Asia or Australia. The Department of Anthropology has 22 tenured academic appointments in archaeology, biological anthropology, ethnomusicology, linguistics and social anthropology. Academic and technical staff have a strong focus in the tropical Pacific Islands, New Zealand, Australia and Island Southeast Asia. Close academic links exist with the Centre for Asian Studies, the Department of Maori Studies, and the Centre for Pacific Studies. The Department has substantial resources including a library, computer network, Photographic Archive, Archive of Maori and Pacific Music, Centre for Archaeological Research, a range of laboratories and audio-visual and field equipment. Commencing salary will be established within the range $NZ 39,500 - $NZ 50,000 per annum. Further information, Conditions of Appointment and Method of Application, should be obtained from the Academic Appointments Office, Telephone 64-9-373 7999, Ext.. 5790; FAX 64-9-373-7454. Three copies of applications should be forwarded to reach the Registrar by 15 August, 1994. W B Nicoll, Registrar University of Auckland, Private bag 92019, Auckland, New Zealand.

Obituaries

“On 9 August 1992 Jan van Baal died, 82 years old, at Doorn where he had lived. In him we lose a man whose influence on the anthropological study of Irian Jaya we can hardly measure. Van Baal, like so many anthropologists of his generation, had a varied career. He studied 'Indologie', an academic course for colonial officials, at Leyden University. In 1934 he was awarded a doctorate for an anthropological thesis on the headhunting complex of the Marind-anim. Shortly after, Van Baal left for the Dutch Indies to enter the colonial administration. He was appointed for two years as assistant-district commissioner at Merauke (Dutch New Guinea) in 1936. Detained by the Japanese during the Pacific War, he returned to Holland in 1950. Here, he first published on what became a major theoretical theme in his work, the study of religion. In 1951 he was once again posted to New Guinea, this time to set up a Bureau of Native Affairs, which he headed for over a year. He then left New Guinea for Holland, only to return in 1953 for a three-year stretch as Governor of Dutch New Guinea. In 1959 he began his academic career at the department of anthropology of the Royal Tropical Institute in Amsterdam. The following year he was appointed to part-time professorships at the Universities of Utrecht and Amsterdam. During these years he
wrote Dema (1966), an extensive study of the culture of the Marind-anim. Six years before his retirement in 1975 he was appointed to a full professorship in anthropology at Utrecht. “ (By Sjoerd Jaaarsma, via CPS-L)

Dr. Saul Riesenberg, an ASAO Honorary Fellow, died May 21, 1994 in Miami, FL. Saul was Curator Emeritus of Pacific Ethnology at the Smithsonian Institution. He went to Pohnpei (still known as Ponape in those days) with CIMA in 1947 and '48. His report, “Ponapean Political and Social Organization,” later became The Native Polity of Ponape (1968), one of the finest studies of the Micronesian social life ever published. He received his Ph.D. from the University of California in 1950.

Saul taught at the University of Hawaii from 1949 to 1957, also serving as the Trust Territory’s Staff Anthropologist (1953-54) and as an advisor to the government of American Samoa (1955-56). In 1957, he joined the Division of Ethnology (later the Department of Anthropology) at the Smithsonian Institution, where he worked until his retirement in 1979.

Though the use of history has only recently become fashionable in anthropology, Saul has long been an ethnohistorian. He edited Charles O’Connell’s A Residence of Eleven Years in New Holland and The Caroline Islands (1972) after years of study in nearly available Pacific island archive, and with Jack Fischer and Marjorie Whiting translated and edited the Pohnpeian language manuscript history The Book of Luelen (1977). While he is best known for his Pohnpei research, Saul also worked on Puluwat (1967) and has published a good deal of material on the Central Carolines in addition to his voluminous writings on Pohnpeian culture, society, and history. (from Glenn Petersen’s ASAO Honorary Fellow biographical sketch)

VI. CONFERENCES

Annual Conference on Pacific Literature “From the Inside Out: Theorizing Pacific Literature” is the title of the center’s nineteenth annual Pacific Islands studies conference, to be held 14-17 September 1994 at Tokai University at Honolulu. The aim of the conference is to bring together critics and writers to assess the growing body of literature written by indigenous Pacific Islanders since the 1960’s.

Linking our Sea of Islands: Samoa, Fiji and Tonga, a conference to explore links between the three countries both historically and in contemporary times. The conference will be fully participatory with invited speakers introducing the theme, participants submitting written responses and serving on panels, and workshops organized to provide opportunities for discussion of issues related to the themes. It will be held January 26-28, 1995, at Waipapa Marae, University of Auckland. Contact: (send registration to): Dr. Elizabeth Wood-Ellem, History Dept., University of Auckland, Private Bag 92019, Auckland, New Zealand, FAX 64-9-373 7420 e-Mail: jwh@antnov1.auckland.ac.nz, Phone: 64-9-373 7599 xt. 5893 or 64-9-630-8803. Conference fee (including lunches, morning/afternoon tea) waged $80, unwaged $40, sleeping accommodation on Marae (maximum 4 nights) $8.00/night, conference dinner (Samoan style), waged $25 unwaged $15.

The Second International Conference on Oceanic Linguistics will be held in Suva, 3-7 July, 1995, co-organized by Dept., of Literature & Language of USP and Institute of Fijian Language and Culture (Ministry of Fijian Affairs). Email contact: tent_j@usp.ac.fj or mugler_f@usp.ac.fj
The next meetings of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) are set for Atlanta from November 30 to December 4, 1994. Among other things, Karen Brison, Steve Leavitt, and Joel Robbins have organized a session entitled "What Do Melanesians Want: Desire, Development and Visions of Social Transformation in the Contemporary Pacific." The focus of the session will be "Melanesians' intense desire to effect broad changes in their material circumstances, their moral systems, and their status in the world community..." The roster of participants is slated to include the organizers and Alexander Bolyanatz, Karen Sykes, Deborah Gewertz and Fred Errington, Ted Schwartz, Michael French Smith, Stuart Kirsch, Fitz Poole, Roy Wagner, and Monty Lindstrom.

The European Society of Oceanists (ESO) conference will be held in Basel, Switzerland, from 15 to 17 December 1994. The theme of the conference will be "Knowing Oceania -- Constituting Knowledge and Identities." Papers are invited on any of the following sub-themes:

1. Local and imported knowledges -- Christian and Islamic fundamentalism; syncretism; indigenous use of scientific, medical, and technical knowledges; acculturation or appropriation of exogenous forms.
2. Common worlds and single lives -- Communal identities; changing concepts of the person; changing ontology; making biographies and autobiographies.
3. Cultural practices of identity construction and nation building -- Democracies and aristocracies; co-consumption of imagery, goods, foodstuffs; sport; construction of shared ideologies; pidgins and creoles; living with diversity; hegemonic practices.
4. Genealogies, land and titles -- Kinship in local and national life; reassessing colonial law; going to court and landmark court cases.
5. Competing and converging systems of exchange -- Migration in a historical perspective; remittance economies; subsistence production and monetarization; urbanization; the 'village' in the city; old and new elites.
6. Ecological pluralism? -- Ecologies in collision; politics of ecology; ecology and development; myth, ritual and ecology.
7. Scrutinizing regional systems -- Constructing units for comparison; perils of essentialism and the attraction of distance; regional systems over time ('Melanesia', 'Polynesia', PNG-'Highlands', 'kula-cultures').
8. Modeling Oceania -- The relevance of Oceanic models beyond Oceania; the applicability of non-Oceanic models to Oceania (kinship, exchange, social structure, identity).
9. Identity of objects - objects of identity -- Museumification; Cultural Centres and the production of locality; souvenir-culture; projecting local cultures; proliferation of objects and performances; consumer products.
10. Ethics and politics of fieldwork -- Use and exploitation of informants and anthropologists; authorship and copyright; feedback of information; mediating between cultures; selection of field sites; theoretical, personal and institutional expectations; university politics and the marginalization of Oceania; anti-anthropologism and regional marginalization.

Abstracts should be no longer than 1/3 page (A4) and are requested by 1 September 1994. A complete collection of abstracts will be made available to all conference participants. For further information and suggestions please contact:

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VII. BIBLIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Aldrich, Robert

Robert Aldrich looks at the realities of French territories in Oceania, as well as the former Franco-British condominium of the New Hebrides (now Vanuatu). This sequel to the author’s The French Presence in the South Pacific, 1842-1940 is based on archival material and published sources, statistics, and interviews. It discusses the effects of World War II in the islands; changing French colonial administrations; the economic, social, and political history of the islands; and the evolution of local politics and international relations, all set in the general context of decolonization and the metamorphosis of the Pacific basin.

Aoude, Ibrahim (editor)

A critical look at foreign investment and growth at “the end of the American age of abundance” constitutes the focus of this volume. It also includes a fascinating history of tourism and the Mormons and the social-historical development of Hawaiian songs.

Bonnemaison, Joel

This personal observation of Tanna, an island in the southern part of the Vanuatu archipelago, presents an extraordinary case study of cultural resistance. The book is based on interviews, myths and stories collected in the field, and archival research. It analyzes the resilience of the people of Tanna, who, when faced with an intense form of cultural contact that threatened to engulf them, liberated themselves through an imaginary world which they recreated and sometimes invented. Following a lengthy history of Tanna from European contact, the author discusses in detail original creation myths and how Tanna people revived them in response to changes brought by missionaries and foreign governments. The final chapters of the book deal with the violent opposition of part of the island population to the newly established National Unity government.

Brown, Dorothy

Founded in 1892 by a small band of amateur enthusiasts who considered it their duty to record the life and language of Maori and other Polynesian peoples, the Polynesian Society and its Journal grew in status and influence, and is now the longest-serving academic journal devoted to the scholarly study of the peoples of the Pacific. Celebrating a century of published research, the Centennial Index documents the achievements and aspirations of a wide variety of professional and amateur scholars. The
Index is a completely new work, and acknowledges by name the many Pacific Islander co-workers whose recorded or translated oral traditions were originally published under the name of the collector. Memoir No. 50. Brown, Dorothy. Centennial Index 1892-1991. 279 pp., 1993.

NOTE: This publication is available to Members of the Polynesian Society (at a 20 per cent discount on the listed price) and to New Zealand residents who are not members (at the listed price) from the Assistant Secretary, Polynesian Society, Department of Maori Studies, The University of Auckland, Private Bag 92019 Auckland, New Zealand. Others should write to: The University of Hawaii Press, 2840 Kolowalu Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822, USA, who handle overseas sales to non members.

Cote, James E.

This book undertakes an interdisciplinary analysis of Freeman's criticisms [of Mead] and an assessment of the plausibility of Mead's work. Addressing the issue of what has become of Mead's Samoa of the 1920s, this book historically tracks the nature of the "coming of age in Samoa" to the present, in order to give the reader an understanding of the circumstances confronting young people in contemporary Samoa. It shows that Mead's Samoa has been lost; what was once a place in which most young people came of age with relative ease has become a place where young people experience great difficulty in terms of finding a place in their society, to the point where they currently have one of the highest suicide rates in the world. Lawrence Erlbaum Assoc., Inc, Hillsdale, NJ (1-800-962-6579).

Dark, Philip J.C., and Roger G. Rose (eds)

This collection of essays, based on the Fourth International Symposium of the Pacific Arts Association, represents the diverse concerns evident in Pacific arts and provides an overview of recent scholarship in the region. The volume ranges widely - from ancient archeology and art historical materials of the initial contacts with Western culture, through changes and concerns for the future.

Ellwood, Robert S.

Alternative spiritual movements have flourished throughout New Zealand’s post-contact history, from little-known UFO cults and the exotic Order of the Golden Dawn to the popular and more widespread Spiritualism and Theosophy. Island of the Dawn, the first book-length treatment of the subject, explores the history of these and other spiritual traditions during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.
Ernst, Manfred  

The number of new religious groups and their memberships has grown rapidly in the Pacific Islands in the last 30 years. The mainline churches were accustomed to look at the new groups with either indifference, condemnation, rejection or ignorance. In using written records and extensive interviews and statistics, the author collected invaluable resource materials for this study which can be seen as an attempt to promote a new understanding of new religious groups in a Pacific Islands context. To order: The Pacific Conference of Churches, PO Box 208, Suva, Fiji, Phone (679) 311277, Fax (679) 30 3205.

Fitzgerald, Thomas K.  

Placing identity within its cultural context, Fitzgerald offers ethnographic case material to examine the meaning and changing metaphors of ethnicity, male and female identity, and aging and identity. The case studies are well chosen and provide sufficient descriptive data to substantiate the theoretical claims of the author.

Henningham Stephen, and R.J. May (eds).  
1994 Resources, Development and Politics In The Pacific Islands, ANU

A study of the political contexts and implications of resource development projects and resource exploitation, either in the Pacific Islands region or, with reference to indigenous communities, in Australia and New Zealand. The subjects they examine include the environment, fisheries, forestry, indigenous rights and resource issues, and mining and oil exploitation. The case studies presented are complemented by discussion of broad conceptual and theoretical issues. Papua New Guinea - including Bougainville, in North Solomons Province - receives strong emphasis, but issues and conflicts in Australia, Fiji, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Solomon Islands and elsewhere are also considered. Price: $25.00 plus postage ($3 within Australia, $5 o/seas seamail).

Orders can be sent to: Publications Officer, Dept. Political and Social Change, RSPAS, ANU, Canberra, 0200 ACT., Fax:(06)249552, telephone: (06)2495915, e.mail:bevley@coombs.anu.edu.au.

Hezel, Francis X, S.J.  

“A tour de force through bits and pieces of data from three and a half centuries of Micronesian contact with European explorers, missionaries, military personnel, beachcombers, traders, and encroaching colonial governments,”-Ethnohistoire.
IN 1967 the Peace Corps sent P.F. Kluge to paradise - or so the American possessions in Micronesia seemed. He immersed himself in the lives of the diverse peoples of the islands. He wrote the stirring manifesto that became the Preamble to the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia. He began a friendship with the man who would one day be president of the new Republic of Palau. And then, a generation later, Kluge went back. The Edge of Paradise describes the impact of America’s presence in an undeveloped part of the world: how juke boxes and cold beer accomplished what guns and bibles could not; how twenty years of aid turned “a fish-and-taro subsistence economy into a Spam-and-cheese cargo cult”; how governmental intrigues led to death and despair.

Kramer, Augustin (Translated by Theodore Verhaaren)

Die Samoa Inseln, an account of Kramer’s 1897-1899 sojourn, was published in 1902 and 1903 and is now regarded as a classic. Almost a century later, volume one remains an important ethnological record. Of particular significance to Samoans are the original documents containing fa’alupega (ceremonial greetings) and gafa (genealogical pedigrees) included in Kramer’s work; their legal authority in land and title courts is well established. All Samoan-language text in the original has been retained in this edition. Volume two will be available in spring 1995.

Lal, Brij V., Doug Munro, and Edward D. Beechert (eds.)

A volume on plantation labor; remarkable for the level of its theoretical sophistication about resistance and accommodation, its empirical detail and ethnographic grasp, its historical grounding, its comparative sweep, and its analytical cohesiveness.

Levesque, Rodrigue (editor)

A collection of original source documents from European manuscripts. The translated accounts are introduced by engaging historical scene-setting passages, surrounded by detailed and fascinating background material and graphically illuminated. It offers readers an opportunity to examine and compare texts, logs, diaries, reports, and letters of the major European actors in the Western expansion into the Pacific.
Lewis, David  (Edited by Sir Derek Oulton)  

The second edition of David Lewis' classic book on Pacific navigation includes a discussion of the theories about traditional methods of navigation developed during the past two decades, the story of the renaissance of star navigation throughout the Pacific, and material about navigation systems in Indonesia, Siberia, and the Indian Ocean.

Lieber, Michael D  

Lieber compares changes in the fishing activities of the Polynesians of Kapingamarangi with other activities in the larger Kapinga community. His findings offer a lucid portrayal of how culture shapes a community’s response to change.

Lindstrom, Lamont  

The cargo cult story is more significant than it at first appears, for it recapitulates in summary form three generations of anthropological theory and Pacific studies. Of particular interest to this history is his argument that accounts of cargo cult are at heart tragedies of thwarted desire, melancholy, anticipation, and crazy unrequited love. Lindstrom makes a convincing case that these stories expose powerful Western scenarios of desire itself - giving cargo cult its combined titillation of the fascinatingly exotic and the comfortably familiar.

McCall, Grant  

Written in response to the growing interest in Easter Island, this second edition contains new material based on fieldwork carried out by the author from 1985 to 1986 and short stays in 1984 and 1992. As in the first edition, McCall provides readers with a comprehensive account of what the island is like today and the historical and contemporary forces that have produced a lively and integrated society.

McGavin, P.A.  

This study explores the management of mineral resources development as a means of promoting economic security in Papua New Guinea and applies these lessons for potential mineral resources development in the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu.
Michoutchikine, L.A. and N.  
1989 Ethnography and Art of Oceania (2nd rev. ed., Moscow)

Covers 190 pages with numerous prints and may be obtained for US $40 (US $50 air mail) from the Michoutchikine -Pilioko Foundation, P.O. Box 224, Port Vila, Vanuatu (Fax: 678-3710). (This is a bilingual French - English edition.)

Otto, Ton, editor  

The essays in the volume deal with material and conceptual aspects of the radical transformations that have occurred in South Pacific societies during the colonial and post-colonial eras. Contributors: Maurice Godelier, Jean Guiart, Alan Howard, Roger M. Keesing, Tan Otto, Stephen Polonhou Pokawin.

1994 Pacific History Journal Bibliography

Originally compiled by Mr. Clive Moore, History Dept, Univ. Queensland and published in 1992 by Pacific Manuscripts Bureau, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, Australian National University, Canberra ACT 0200. This full-text data base (4440 references, 900Kb) has been developed and published on Internet. The journal articles listed in this bibliography have been selected from sixteen journals for the islands of Micronesia, Melanesia and Polynesia, including Maori New Zealand, Australia's Torres Strait Islands and Indonesia's Irian Jaya. For information, contact: Dr. T. Matthew CIOLEK, tmciolek@coombs.anu.edu.au, ANU Social Sciences & Asian Studies phone: +61 (0)6 249 0110, fax: +61 (0)6 257 1893.


The directory is an update of one section of the Resource Kit for Pacific Women published in 1988 and lists 500 women’s associations, clubs, offices, groups, and organizations in 21 of the island member countries and territories of the SPC. To order, contact Pacific Women’s Resource Bureau, South Pacific Commission, BP D5, Noumea Cedex, New Caledonia, Phone (687) 26 2000; Fax (687) 26 3818.

Pollock, Nancy J.  

“Very readable, well illustrated, full of ideas, and points up a large number of areas where more research is badly needed... It is to the author’s credit that she has made such an interesting story of these roots.”- Archeology in New Zealand
Schutz, Albert J.

An account of Hawaiian history from a language-centered point of view. Beginning with the observations of Captain Cook and his crew, continuing through the missionaries' profound effect on the language and its speakers, and ending with current issues of language policy, Schutz gives readers not only a historical overview of Hawaiian but also an analysis and critique of nearly every work ever written about the language. Throughout the study there is an attempt to trace the development and spread of knowledge about Hawaiian in terms of the social and scientific climate of the times.

Spickard, Paul (Editor)

With the exception of Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders in Hawaii are little studied and less understood. This begins to redress that lack by examining several issues important to Pacific Island peoples in Hawaii.

Tongamoa, Taiamoni
1988 Pacific Women: Roles and Status of Women in Pacific Societies. Institute of Pacific Studies, USP.

Presents the viewpoints of some Pacific women with varying degrees of exposure to modern technologies and western culture.

Webb, Michael

1993 Lokal Musik: Lingua Franca Song and Identity in Papua New Guinea. The Music Dept. of the Cultural Studies Division of the National Research Institute (formerly, Institute of Papua New Guinea Studies)

The book is a fascinating study of Tok Pisin sing in PNG that puts these songs in the context of an emergent national/popular culture. The National Research Institute, PO Box 5854, Boroko, PNG. FAX: 675-25-0531

The following publications are available from the Department of Political and Social Change RSPAS, ANU.

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VIII. PERSONAL NEWS

Drs. Alan Howard and Jan Rensel will be conducting fieldwork July 15 -October 12 this year. They will start in Suva with a book launching for Hef Ran Ta: The Morning Star, Alan’s biography of Wilson Inia, Rotuma’s first senator, being published by the Institute for Pacific Studies, USP. Besides a trip to Rotuma island, they will visit Rotuman migrants in Fiji, the Sydney area of Australia, and New Zealand. The focus of their research will be the ways Rotuman migrants contribute to an emerging cultural identity.
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