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IN OCEANIA

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I. FROM THE EDITOR

Thanks again to the Officers, both the outgoing and incoming Chairs, the
Board and others who provide ongoing consultation regarding the
newsletter, and whose contributions make up each issue. In the present
issue I want to call your attention to two items. First, in response to a
discussion on ASAOnet regarding meeting locations, Kathy Creely and Jan
Rensel have assembled the past meeting and membership data in order to
better inform future discussions. I would like to thank them for this work,
which was above and beyond their expected contribution to this issue.

Secondly, this issue includes research reports from some of our newer
scholars preparing for, currently in, or just back from the field. In the
future I hope to include more of these, in addition to brief entries on new
projects by those of us who are at some distance from the dissertation.
The deadline for submission to the September newsletter is August 20th.

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II. FROM THE CHAIR

While the onset of spring has made a distant memory of the immense snow that disrupted our meeting in Old Town Alexandria, VA, I wanted to thank all of you who braved the weather and persisted in coming, and to apologize to those of you whose trip was cancelled or otherwise disrupted. Despite these problems, I am pleased to report that our Alexandria meeting, though significantly smaller, was full of productive sessions and informal exchanges. To this end, I would like to thank all of the Board members and Officers who helped to make the conference run. Particularly, I need to single out Laura Zimmer-Tamakoshi and Kathy Creely for their help in reorganizing sessions on the fly, and to Alan Howard for diligently working to keep the website up to date from afar. In addition to the sessions, it was my pleasure to take a group to the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History storage facility in Suitland, Maryland to see our Pacific collections. I am grateful to Rick Feinberg and Lisa Humphrey for assisting transport people to and from Suitland, and for everyone’s patience in dealing with logistics. Collectively everyone’s efforts were a vivid reminder of what makes ASAO such an important and collegial organization.

As someone who first came to an ASAO meeting while a graduate student in 1998, and who has been affiliated ever since, I am honored with the privilege of serving as Chair of the ASAO Board of Directors this year. Under outgoing Chair Toon van Meijl’s leadership the board has been busy with updating our by-laws (which will be available shortly), exploring the details involved with setting up an ASAO ePress, and passing several new policies, namely on Greening and New Media. While the details of these last two policies will be published in the next newsletter and be made available online, collectively they will help our meetings have less of an environmental impact and facilitate the use of various technologies (e.g., PowerPoint and Skype) in sessions to further the reach and possibilities of scholarly exchange.

Officers are integral to these initiatives, and Board and organizations functioning. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank outgoing officers Kathy Creely (Membership Coordinator), Jocelyn Armstrong (Secretary) and Keith Chambers (Pacific Islands Scholars Fund Committee Chair) for their many years of service, and help in assuring the smooth function of ASAO. The Board, other Officers and membership are grateful for their time and energy. I am pleased to announce that Eric Silverman is taking over the position of Membership Coordinator, that Cato Berg will be our new Secretary, and that Judith Schachter will be leading the PISF committee. The Board, Officers, and I look forward to working with them. We are, however, still seeking someone to take over the position of Site Coordinator. Please think about being involved so that we can continue ASAO’s meetings.

This May we will be holding our annual elections for Board members and Honorary Fellows. You will all be getting a link to the electronic ballot shortly. I am pleased to announce that we have a full roster of candidates, the biographies of which will be enclosed in the electronic ballot. The candidates are:

- Ping-Ann Addo
- Juliana Flinn
- Edvard Hviding
- Jerry Jacka
- Susanne Kuehling
- Maria Lepowsky
- Manuel Rauchholz

In addition to this we are asking you to consider the nomination of 1) Deborah Gewertz and Fred Errington, 2) Mac Marshall and 3) Roy Wager for an Honorary Fellowship. Later in the newsletter you will find short sketches of each of these three nominee’s biographies. The list of voters for these elections will be established on May 1st, and only those who have renewed their membership by then will be able to vote. In May, members will be sent an e-mail message with a link that will take them to the ballot on a server. We will continue to print and mail paper ballots to members who do not have e-mail addresses. Voting will close on June 1st.
Our 2011 meeting will be in Honolulu at the Hilton Waikiki – Prince Kuhio. Please see Site Coordinator, Mike Rynkiewich’s report in this newsletter for details. Professor Jon Osorio at the Kamakakuokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies in the University of Hawai‘i, Manoa has agreed to give the Distinguished Lecture. Lamont Lindstrom will announce the title of Professor Osorio’s talk in an upcoming newsletter. As with prior meetings, the Board and Officers are working to arrange a host of activities before and during the meeting in Honolulu. These will be announced in upcoming Newsletters.

Finally, echoing Ping-Ann Addo’s call at our meeting in Old Town Alexandria, I hope that our Honolulu meeting we will involve and host more Pacific Scholars. To this end, please consider this when organizing a session, and please remember to give to the PISF so that we can award more travel grants.

I look forward to seeing you all again in Honolulu in 2011, and to working with you all to help continue the work of ASAO.

Joshua A. Bell

III. PACIFIC ISLANDS SCHOLARS FUND

This year’s PISF Committee consisted of continuing at-large members Ping-Ann Addo and Michael Goldsmith, new member Elfriede Hermann representing the Board, chair, Keith Chambers, and chair-designate, Judith Schachter.

The committee reviewed and evaluated ten applications for travel awards this year. Following an intense and productive conference call, the committee proposed nine candidates for awards, and the Board approved the choices. Two individuals subsequently declined their awards (for personal reasons) and, given the weather, only three awardees were able to attend the February meetings in Alexandria: Bronwyn Williams, Nuhisifa Williams, and Marcellin Abong. Bronwyn and Nuhisifa came to the Board lunch, and introduced themselves and their work (Marcellin arrived later that day). Our other awardees, Courtney-Savali Andrews, Dionne Fonoti, Mahina Okusitino, and Teena Brown Pulu, did not make it to Alexandria. Elfriede and Judith attended the Board lunch; due to weather, Ping-Ann missed the lunch, but she made an eloquent plea for support of the fund at the closing plenary. Unfortunately, neither Michael nor Keith were able to come to Alexandria.

One mini-grant was awarded at the ASAO meetings. This follows the new policy of making those awards at the meetings themselves.

Keith Chambers has been chair of the PISF committee for the past five years, and he has done a wonderful job. Organized, gracious, and attentive to the applicants (as well as to the members of the committee), Keith has ensured that the PISF maintain its vigor, its significance, and its importance to Pacific Island scholars: we are all grateful to Keith for his work, and we look forward to drawing on his advice over the next several years. Thank you, Keith.

We’d also like to thank Elfriede Hermann for her work on the committee. Elfriede provided thoughtful and considered comments on a range of issues, and we will miss her calm interventions. We welcome Aletta Biersack, her successor as representative of the Board on the committee. We look forward to working with Aletta, which we know will be a pleasure. Ping-Ann and Michael continue as at-large members. Judith Schachter will replace Keith as Chair, after having “shadowed” him for the year. Keith has been an unfailing source of advice, providing clear and cogent guidelines for running the committee, and lots of good, reassuring support.

Action items for the future include: ensuring a wide range of applicants, with interests in diverse sessions; continuing a discussion of the interpretation of “Pacific Islander;” initiating new efforts to raise supplementary funds; reviewing our evaluation process; possibly extending the tenure of the Board representative.
Instructions for applying for ASAO travel awards are posted on the ASAO website.

_We thank ASAO members for their generous contributions, which support ASAO’s travel awards – and we encourage all to donate as this year goes on. These funds make a big difference in the professional lives of our young Pacific Islands colleagues. (For those who pay taxes in the USA, donations to the PISF are tax deductible.) And thanks to the PISF Committee members for good work and good will._

Judith Schachter
PISF Committee Chair

**IV. FROM THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR**

In this issue of the newsletter you will see reports of the sessions held at the 2010 meeting in Alexandria as well as proposals for new sessions. For those sessions that will continue at the 2011 meeting, organizers are asked to send updated announcements to me for the September newsletter by August 20th. Please mark all ASAO deadlines (below) on your calendar now. Guidelines for session organizers and participants and a timetable can be found in this issue for your convenience, and are also available at the ASAO Web site. Please note a policy adopted by ASAO’s Board in 2008:

“For session proposals to be entertained, organizers must be ASAO members in good standing at the time the proposals are submitted. For session proposals to be accepted and announced in the Newsletter and on the ASAO Web site, organizers must preregister and prepay dues for the year in which the sessions will be held.”

One of the things that makes ASAO a different kind of scholarly organization is the rich discussion made possible by the three-year sequence of sessions. This allows for a progressively developing collaborative project, pursued as long as needed to investigate a topic across Pacific Oceania. Sessions normally meet for three successive years. Organizers should be members of ASAO. An informal session allows an exploratory discussion of a topic to determine the level of interest and possible directions for a new collaboration. Participants may pre-circulate abstracts, statements of interest, or drafts, or may meet without advance preparation. A working session involves pre-circulated papers, which, rather than being formally presented, are discussed by participants. If a coherent theme and common focus emerges from the discussion, and at least seven participants agree to further develop and recirculate advanced drafts of their papers, they may proceed the next year to meet for a formal symposium. Symposia allow a more sophisticated discussion to emerge from the long-term engagement with one another’s papers, and include final honing of the project as a whole, typically with the goal of publication as an ASAO volume, an edited book published by another academic press, or a special issue of a journal.

Typically, the three types of session occur in successive years; however, the full sequence is not required. For example, a group with advanced papers already prepared may commence at the working session level and proceed to symposium the following year. While joint publication is often a goal, sometimes participants seek publication for their work individually. Participants in informal or working sessions sometimes decide not to meet again the following year, if their interests are disparate or the collaboration has already served its purpose. Any session that generates new insights through discussion can be celebrated as a success.

Whatever the level of your session, during your meeting please remember to allow all participants equal time to speak and contribute. This requires time management, acting as a timekeeper, and serving as a discussion facilitator on the part of the session organizer.

I welcome any questions you may have about organizing sessions after reading the guidelines below.

Laura Zimmer-Tamakoshi
GUIDELINES FOR SESSION ORGANIZERS AND PARTICIPANTS

ASAO is characterized by social informality and collegial cooperation regardless of rank. At the same time, the rigorous examination of data and ideas in ASAO sessions is designed to lead to high quality, publishable sets of comparative papers on topics of importance in Pacific anthropology. The format of ASAO sessions differs from those at many scholarly meetings where individual papers are presented. Instead, ASAO sessions feature the ongoing give-and-take required for penetrating intellectual examination of difficult, yet vital, issues. ASAO sessions are of three types:

A) INFORMAL SESSIONS involve the informal sharing of ideas to determine whether there is common ground for further inquiry. Anyone who has relevant data is welcome to attend and participate. If such sessions generate enough interest, participants make plans to develop and share lists of bibliographic references, draft and circulate papers, and discuss them (possibly via e-mail) in preparation for the next stage (see below).

Informal Sessions are of two types. Impromptu Informal Sessions can be announced at the Opening Plenary Session of the annual meeting and posted on the bulletin board in the registration area during the meeting. These sessions do not have pre-arranged meeting locations but may meet in available conference rooms, participants’ rooms, or local cafes. The second type of Informal Session may be announced at the prior year’s meeting, proposed in the ASAO Newsletter or on ASAONET, or otherwise pre-arranged. To appear in the full schedule of the annual meeting, which is published in the December Newsletter, announcements of Informal Sessions must be submitted to the Program Coordinator by November 1 (see Timetable).

The level of organization for Informal Sessions varies. Participants are not required to write papers in advance, although it is helpful to session organizers if people advise them of their interest beforehand. If planned with sufficient lead time, some Informal Sessions may be well organized, with pre-circulated abstracts or papers and, perhaps, be only one or two papers shy of meeting the criteria for a Working Session.

Thus time given to Informal sessions will vary depending on the number of committed participants or people indicating an interest in the topic, and the level of organization of the session. Ordinarily, scheduled Informal Sessions will be given no more than three hours of meeting time, and most will receive only one and a half hours.

B) WORKING SESSIONS are based on prepared papers that are briefly summarized (NOT READ) during the session. Abstracts, if not drafts of papers, must be pre-circulated among session organizers and participants. Most of the meeting time during the session is allocated for discussing common themes, with an eye toward finding coherence and preparing for a second round of writing.

Session organizers can be imaginative in how they organize Working Sessions. Participants should respond to and make constructive suggestions on each other’s papers. If complete drafts are pre-circulated, some organizers assign people to read particular papers and prepare commentary ahead of time; some have participants present each other’s papers, allowing the authors time afterward to clarify points and respond to questions. One or more invited discussants can be helpful at this stage, but again, only if complete drafts of papers are circulated in advance.

Working Sessions form the heart of ASAO meetings and require considerable time for the discussion of provocative ideas, the analysis of different approaches, and the search for core themes. Accordingly, Working Sessions are ordinarily given first priority when meeting time and space are allocated. Time will be allocated according to the number of participants attending and presenting papers.

A minimum of seven participants presenting papers in person at the meeting is required for Working Session status. A list of participants, paper titles, and copies of their abstracts must be sent to the Program Coordinator by the November 1 deadline (see Timetable). Sessions that do
not meet these criteria by the November 1 deadline will appear on the Program of the Annual Meeting as Informal Sessions.

(C) SYMPOSIA are sessions that normally have met at a lower level of organization at least once before. Papers must be precirculated among the session organizers, participants, and any invited discussants. Contributors do not read their papers but discuss the key issues that arise from them. Conversation in the session focuses on those issues and provides a constructive critique that contributes to building a coherent set of papers or book chapters.

Time should be set aside during the Symposium to discuss whether and how to pursue publication. Options include the ASAO Book Series (which has an informal right of first refusal for volumes arising from ASAO sessions) or other academic publishers; a special issue of an appropriate journal; or separate publication of individual papers.

Some Symposia may require only an hour and a half to wrap up unfinished business, while others may need as much as six hours to discuss issues, themes, and future plans. Symposium organizers should advise the Program Coordinator of their time requirements.

The presence of seven participants with precirculated papers is required for full Symposium status. A list of participants, paper titles, and copies of the first and last pages of their papers must be sent to the Program Coordinator by the November 1 deadline (see Timetable). Sessions that do not meet these criteria by the November 1 deadline will appear on the Program of the Annual Meeting as Informal Sessions or Working Sessions, according to their level of preparedness as judged by the Program Coordinator.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF SESSION ORGANIZERS:

1) Submit the required information about your session to the Program Coordinator by the March 20, August 20, and November 1 deadlines. (See Timetable for Session Organizers and Participants.)

2) Assist any Pacific Islands scholars who are interested in applying for support from the Pacific Islands Scholars Fund. (See PISF Guidelines.)

3) Advise the Program Coordinator by no later than November 1 of any particular scheduling needs (e.g., late arrivals, early departures, or potential conflicts with other sessions).

4) Advise the Program Coordinator by November 1 of audio-visual or other special needs. The hotels are responsible for providing equipment for those with disabilities. In all other cases, however, the rental of equipment from hotels is quite expensive for ASAO. Session organizers should encourage their participants to make their own arrangements for costly equipment.

5) Send the Program Coordinator your contact information, and advise of any changes during the year.

6) Plan to attend both the Opening Plenary and Closing Plenary Sessions at the annual meeting. All session organizers are expected to deliver a Closing Plenary Report on the results of their sessions and future plans. If the organizers cannot be present at the Closing Plenary, they should appoint one of the participants to deliver the report. A written copy of the report must be sent to the Newsletter Editor before the March 20 deadline.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF SESSION PARTICIPANTS:

1) Please respect the deadlines for your particular session and your session organizer’s responsibility for meeting the overall deadlines (see Timetable). Submit and circulate your abstracts and draft papers on time. Advise the organizer well in advance (before the organizer’s November 1 deadline) as to whether you will be able to attend the session in person.
2) Members should limit themselves to participation in **no more than two sessions**, preferably at different levels. In the past, problems have sometimes resulted from members participating in multiple sessions. For the ASAO format to work, contributors must give their sessions their undivided attention. Multiple participation creates scheduling conflicts, which often disrupt sessions and distract contributors. If you must be in more than one session, please send the Program Coordinator a note indicating your priority. First priority in case of scheduling conflicts will go to session organizers and discussants. However, since ASAO sessions are lengthy and relatively few in number, there is no guarantee that scheduling conflicts can be avoided.

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### TIMETABLE FOR SESSION ORGANIZERS AND PARTICIPANTS:

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V. 2010 ASAO SESSION REPORTS

FORMAL SYMPOSIA

Diaspora, Identity and Incorporation
Organizers: Alan Howard, Jan Rensel, and Michael Lieber

This was the fourth year that this session met. We anticipated 15 participants (including the session organizers) presenting 11 papers and one discussant. In the first half of the morning part of the session, we had only the Discussant Mike Rynkiewich who led the meeting and four participants (Wolfgang Kempf, Susanne Kuehling, Manuel Rauchholz and Micah Van der Ryn). At break, we added two more (Ping-Ann Addo and Mike Lieber), and in the afternoon we added one more (Laurence Carucci). So, in the end we had the Discussant leading the session, and 7 out of the 15 anticipated participants (missing were Alan Howard, Jan Rensel, Dionne Fonoti, Suzanne Falgout, Wily Peter, Rosita Peter and Mike Borong, and finally, Sela Panapasa who did not submit a paper).

At this stage, each paper had been reviewed by two readers who provided a critique with the goal of improving the paper. After receiving these critiques, the participants moved on to identify themes again to see what might have changed at this penultimate step in completing the papers. The papers reveal some issues that arise in diaspora, between the diaspora community and the homeland, and between the diaspora community and the larger community where they have settled. The most common concern of the writers was with the many levels of identity that must be negotiated by those in diaspora. What are the sources of identity? Consciously or unconsciously how are traditions, practices and objects reshaped in the new setting? How does identity shift as the “other” shifts? Specifically, the second theme focuses on the way that traditions, practices and objects might be recombined as the culture changes and adapts to the requirements of life in a new setting. The third theme is about the way that family/family is redefined and thus reshapes relationality in diaspora, as revealed in the domains of exchange, land rights, church and relationships with other kinds of kin and descent groups. The fourth theme is the issue of power, used in a relative sense to expose differential relations between diaspora communities and other levels of governance. Finally, we ended with a caution to be careful about buying into the theories of center/periphery or homeland/diaspora as these concepts seemed to be blurred and sometimes more problematic than helpful. Diaspora itself seems to shift shapes over time. And, that alone is good reason for our last decision, which was to complete our final drafts by August 1st and to move on to publication as a book. --- Submitted by session discussant, Michael A. Rynkiewich

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Dumont in the Pacific
Organizers: Joel Robbins, Serge Tcherkézoff and Mark Mosko

Due to weather conditions in Washington and Alexandria, our session was cancelled. We are in the process of determining if we will hold this year’s planned symposium next year or proceed immediately to pull together a publication. We will report on our decision in a future newsletter.
WORKING SESSIONS

Austronesian Linkages
Organizer: Kun-hui Ku

In recent years, the debates on the homeland of Austronesians have been assessed from archaeological, linguistic and DNA/genetic approaches (the latest ones being in *Science* [January 2009] and *Current Anthropology* [April 2010] where Taiwan is featured again prominently in the debates). But how these grand theories fill the gap in knowledge about the social life world of individual societies is less apparent. Anthropologists are not absent in the discussion: founder ideology, principle of precedence, house society and social hierarchies, among others, are proposed to explain the rapid expansion of the Austronesians and their social characteristics. This session intends to re-assess and add to the current debates: we seek to identify the characteristics of Austronesian societies/cultures beyond their linguistic connections, and the possibility to identify less material similarities such as transformations of myth, symbolism and social ranking throughout the Austronesian area. Cross-border comparison (either among Austronesian societies or between Austronesian and non-Austronesian societies) is encouraged to further the agenda of Austronesian Linkages. While only a few of the intended participants were able to make it to the Alexandria meeting, the participants in this session have written working papers which lean heavily to the following three themes: Austronesian hierarchy, prehistorical connections, and symbolic forms. In future we will place more emphasis on linkages between papers within a more comparative framework. Current participants include: Toon van Meijl, Rich Scaglion, Nancy Pollock, Cato Berg, Lamont Lindstrom (our discussant), Glenn Peterson, Tom Gibson, Serge Dunis, David Blundell, Scarlett Chui, Kun-hui Ku and James Fox. Please contact Ku if you are interested in joining the session.

Cargo Cults, *Kastom*, and *Kago Kalja*: Old Theories and New Realities in the Study of Melanesian Movements
Organizers: Marc Tabani and Marcellin Abong

Before the end of the second round (2010) of this session we already had ten papers. Most of them were almost finalized. To the papers already received, Joel Robbins proposed to add his own contribution. Joshua Bell proposed also to implicate James Clifford who gave so many rich comments during our 2009 session in Santa Cruz. In Alexandria, four out of the original ten participants discussed their papers (Elfriede Hermann, Joshua Bell, Marcellin Abong, Marc Tabani) and Martha MacIntyre’s important contribution to the general discussion was presented in absentia by Christine Jourdan. Terry Brown, who was among the session attendees, brought some fresh and interesting thinking to the issues and has agreed to write a paper for our expected volume.
Hence, it has been decided: 1) that this was the last round of this session; 2) that we go forward and edit the papers for a monograph at the Pacific-Credo Publishing House; 3) that the deadline to receive completed papers is mid-September 2010 (or sooner if possible); 4) that in order not to reproduce some critiques which have been raised against Holger Jeben’s book (mainly the absence of debate between the different papers in that volume), we ask all the participants to actively take into account and integrate in their own papers aspects of this debate issuing from our papers; 5) for that reason we ask all authors to comment and to critique as much as possible the papers of other authors and to send them directly through email to those concerned or to the whole list of authors; nevertheless everybody is free to concentrate on the papers they want and there is the option of even not commenting on other papers at all when it is justified; and 6) we ask that the final papers be no longer than 12,000 words.

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Forests of Oceania: Environmental Histories, Present Concerns and Future Possibilities
Organizers: Joshua A. Bell and Paige West

Despite the weather disruptions, seven of our ten participants were able to come to the meeting in Alexandria. We are grateful to those who were able to come, and are sorry that some had to cancel their trips. Ten papers were circulated prior to the session, and we had a productive day discussing these papers, which collectively dealt with a host of issues tied up with forests. Regionally the papers dealt with Papua New Guinea (Crater Mountain, East New Britain, Porgera, Purari Delta, Upper Bulolo River, Western Province), Mangareva and New Georgia in the Solomons. These wide-ranging papers dealt with various historical and ethnographic issues. It became apparent that while anthropology was well suited to engage with some of these themes. Value – both emic and etic – was of central concern in many of the papers. Not surprisingly value as connected to forests emerged as a troubled or emergent process through various internal and external pressures and scale-making activities by which resources and perceptions are made and unmade. Several of the papers – those by Michael Wood, Colin Filer and Jennifer Gabriel – dealt with the new valuation of forests as repositories of carbon, and what expectations locally and nationally these possibilities are creating. Papers by Edvard Hviding and Jerry Jacka showed how perspectives from ecology were needed alongside anthropological perspectives on kinship and land tenure to understand the entangled nature of forests with their denizens. It was apparent in all the papers that any discussion of forest extraction necessarily involves other extractive processes (i.e., mining, oil/gas, scientific knowledge production) and that these processes in turn help shape the ways that forests are used and perceived locally, regionally and globally. Papers by Paige West and Tuomas Tammisto reminded us of the complication of the State in the shaping of these processes. Work by Alex Mawyer, Joshua Bell and Jamon Halvaksz pointed to the ways history and memories are connected to forests, whether at the scale of landscape, portable objects, in persons or oral narratives, and that these histories appear and disappear over time. While Jennifer Gabriel’s paper gave an insightful look into the Malaysian conglomerate Rimbunan Hijau, it became apparent that we still lack detailed ethnographic understanding of the Asians who are engaged in regional forest extraction projects in Oceania. This absence has in large part to do with getting access to the new contexts of forest extraction in Oceania. Despite this lacuna, the papers collectively brought new perspectives on how Pacific Islanders are creatively engaging with the various processes at play in and around their forests, how the forests of Oceania are generative of relationships, and that they collectively remain an important focal point for research.
At this stage we are revising the papers, and are looking towards publication. Depending on the availability of participants we are discussing the possibilities of meeting again in Honolulu. As organisers we would like to thank all the participants for their papers, their comments and engaged interactions. The session reminded us of why ASAO is such a fruitful venue, for which we are grateful.

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Vernacular and Culturally Based Education in Oceania Today: Articulating Global, National and Local Agendas
Organizers: Marie Salaün and Christine Jourdan

Five papers were presented all addressing, from various angles, the socio-political and ideological tensions associated with vernacular and cultural education in colonial, post-colonial and diasporic situations. The now infamous winter storm did not prevent panelists from as far as New Zealand, Australia, PNG and France to make it to the session. Topics covered ranged from the integration of Pacific Island students in Queensland University (Bronwyn Williams) to the colonial ideology of merit (Nuhisifa Williams), the articulation of local and global education narratives (David Troolin), the place of vernacular education in the decolonization process of New Caledonia (Marie Salaün) and on the articulation of post-colonial language ideologies in Solomon Islands schools (Christine Jourdan). Discussion of these papers was lively and exciting and was enriched by the contributions of people in the audience, in particular Bill Heaney, Lisa Dobrin, Simone Pauweis, Unasa Va’a, Tevita O’Keili, Natashe Gagné and Ping-Ann Addo. The session will continue as a symposium in 2011. Some colleagues who did not make it to Alexandria have confirmed their presence for next year’s meeting. We invite other interested colleagues to contact us and look forward to their contribution.

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Villages and Their Alters in Melanesian Social Worlds
Organizers: Courtney Handman and Rupert Stasch

A large number of participants in this session were unable to come to the recent ASAO meeting and the scheduled Working Session was cancelled as a result. However, many session participants circulated very thoughtful and substantial papers by email. Despite the Alexandria setback, the session organizers would like to reconvene as a Symposium at the Honolulu meeting, with a view to moving the collaborative phase of the project forward at a good pace, whether it is heading toward nucleated or dispersed publication. The organizers will be in touch with existing session participants in coming weeks about a timetable for circulation of materials, including completion of initial paper drafts by late October. (We will need a suite of seven papers and participants who are able to commit to Honolulu by November 1st if we are actually going to attain Symposium standing.) Persons interested in the possibility of newly joining the session are encouraged to contact the organizers, so that we can share draft materials about the main ideas of the session that have already been in circulation among our group.
INFORMAL SESSIONS

Brothers and Sisters Going Global: New Perspectives on Pacific Kinship
Organizer: Mary Good

Our session intended to examine the continuing importance of the brother-sister kinship bond in the twenty-first century, highlighting both transformations in values and practices as well as continuity through historical and social change. Unfortunately, due to transportation issues related to inclement weather, only one of our session participants was able to attend the ASAO meeting, and thus the session was cancelled for the 2010 meeting. At this time we do not have plans to re-convene the session at the 2011 meeting, although we may decide to expand the topic slightly and/or try to organize a session at a later point this year.

A brief description of the informal session: The brother-sister sibling relationship has long been a topic of interest for anthropologists of the Pacific. In a number of cultural groups spanning all parts of the region, terms of address, specific rules for the distribution and exchange of resources, and other aspects of daily social life related to this bond have been shown to be rich in cultural meaning as well as critical to social organization and the maintenance of social identity. Now, as anthropology increasingly broadens its gaze to encompass global processes and transnational forces, it is important to understand how cross-gender sibling ties shape local understandings of global processes, even as these relationships are transformed through local economic and political developments, circular migration, and other large-scale forces. This session seeks to examine the multifarious ideas, interactions, and practices shaping brother-sister kinship ties in the twenty-first century. Questions or expressions of interest in this session can be sent to the organizer.

Contemporary Political Economies of Sport in Oceania
Organizers: Fa`anofo Lisaclaire Uperesa and Paige West

Unfortunately, due to unbelievably inclement weather this year at the Alexandria location, neither of the organizers was able to attend the meeting. Most of our confirmed participants likewise had to miss the annual meeting, so we formally cancelled the session. However, according to one participant who made it, those in attendance were able to have a small but lively discussion of the topic. Our nine session participants are all interested in developing full papers for a working session in Honolulu. Topics include the role of sport in forging national identity, the professionalization of rugby unions under neoliberal globalization policies, the political economy of fantasy and the creation of value through fantasy formations, sport as social capital, gendered dynamics of sporting practices and the reorganization of local space and time, as well as indigenous and indigenization of sport across the Pacific. We intend to propose a working session for next year’s meeting.
Ends of War: Causes of Peace in the Pacific  
Organizer: Roger Ivar Lohmann

Due to the bad weather, only three people attended the informal session: Roger Lohmann, David Troolin, and Ryan Schram. We nevertheless had very productive discussions of the abstracts provided by Peter Kanaparo, Glenn Petersen, Paul Roscoe, and Camellia Webb Gannon, who participated in absentia, and a full paper presented by Roger Lohmann. Our session’s central goal was to document ways of making peace in past and present Pacific societies and to ask how these methods might be useful in other situations. A general, four-field anthropological perspective on these matters was encouraged. We discussed topics such as:

* how to define peace and war, noting that warfare can be one method of establishing peace;
* the dialectical relationship between war and peace;
* the value of relating specific cases to bigger issues of human nature and ultimate goals of world peace;
* the practicalities and methods of peacemaking that succeed or fail;
* the cultural contexts upon which relationships of both war and peace depend, and how conflicting models of war and peace must be reconciled or worked around when combatants and peacemakers from different social cultures meet;
* how peacemaking is different when warring parties are on relatively equal versus unequal terms, with colonial pacification situations exemplifying the latter;
* the extent to which ideology vs. material conditions allow peacemaking.

We would like to meet again as a Working Session in Honolulu next year, and have received statements of interest to participate from Cato Berg, Terry Brown, Doug Hollan, Ryan Schram, and David Troolin. Anyone who would like to participate in the working session should send a title and abstract of the paper you would like to present to Roger Lohmann by October 20, 2010. Participants will pre-circulate full papers by January 15, 2011.

From “Romance” to "Reality": Representations of Pacific Islanders Across Time and Space  
Organizers: Judith Schachter and Nancy Lutkehaus

Having met at the 2010 ASAO meeting (at least half of the participants made it to Alexandria, and another portion who couldn’t make it sent in abstracts), the participants have decided to advance to a working session at the 2011 ASAO meeting. There were about 17 participants in the informal session, some of whom “came along for the ride,” so to speak, having not originally indicated a desire to participate in the session. Of the several dimensions of the issue of “representation of Pacific Islanders” that were discussed informally, the organizers have decided to continue with their original focus on the analysis of the creation, use, and change in various tropes – whether verbal, visual or aural – used to represent Pacific Island peoples, places, practices, and culturally specific ideas. As scholars such as Beverley Haun, in her recent book *Inventing Easter Island* have pointed out, many of these tropes have their origins in
the cultural imaginary of European explorers, sailors, and missionaries beginning as long ago as the 18th century and yet are current today in popular culture and mass media. The papers in this session are ethnographically grounded and based on fieldwork or are the result of the close reading of documents (visual or textual), exhibitions, or performances and are theoretically focused, advancing our understanding of how cultural stereotypes of Pacific Islanders have been created, maintained, or transformed over time. An important aspect of the session are those contemporary case studies that demonstrate how Pacific Islanders themselves are no longer simply the subjects of these stereotypes or tropes but have been transforming and refashioning them – sometimes ironically, sometimes humorously, sometimes dead seriously – for new political, economic or social purposes and new roles.

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Global Warming in the South Pacific
Organizers: Paul Shankman and Heather Lazrus

Although some of our participants were unable to attend the session due to the weather, we did have five extended presentations with lengthy discussions about global climate change impacts in the South Pacific. In the wake of the Copenhagen climate summit, it is apparent that global climate change will continue to be a pressing, multifaceted problem for the islands and islanders of this region. The presentations therefore focused on vulnerability, adaptation, and resiliency. Presenters included Heather Lazrus (Tuvalu), Wolfgang Kempf (Kiribati), Elizabeth Worliczek (Wallis and Rangiroa), Brent Vickers and Paul Shankman (Samoa) and, in absentia, Peter Rudiak-Gould (Marshall Islands). Given the relevance of this research, for next year’s meeting in Hawaii we want to encourage as much participation by Pacific Islanders as possible. If you are interested in participating, please contact Heather Lazrus or Paul Shankman.

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Identity Issues and Ethno-Racial Categorization in the Pacific
Organizers: Pauline McKenzie Aucoin and Michael Goldsmith

There were six confirmed participants in this session from the US, NZ, Australia and Canada, but this session was unfortunately cancelled when the first organizer had to cancel her attendance at the last moment, others were unable to make it because of inclement weather and the second organizer made an early decision not to fly from summer into winter. Only one of the interested participants was able to make it to the meeting. A future session on this topic is to be organized as a “working session” for 2011 and ASAO members interested in participating should contact the organizers before June 1, 2010.

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Land Reform in Papua New Guinea: “What’s new?”
Organizers: Ira Bashkow and Ryan Schram

We met this year for the first time as an informal session in Alexandria with 12 people attending. Our topic was the changes in land laws that were passed last year by the PNG Parliament (although reportedly they are not yet gazette). We discussed the background of these changes in the history of PNG land law, where they fit in the overall arc of PNG politics and what might be their implications for Papua New Guineans living in rural areas. We also discussed the relationship of the reforms to those proposed for other area nations, a matter closely bound up with the role of AusAID and the World Bank. There is a wealth of relevant scholarship on the registration of customary land and landowning groups, especially in contexts of resource exploitation and registration of customary land and landowning groups, especially in contexts of resource exploitation and conservation. Given that past attempts at reform of customary land laws in PNG were abandoned in the face of widespread and dramatic, indeed, sometimes violent, popular opposition, the general absence of such opposition to the current reforms appears to reflect profound changes in PNG society, culture, and politics.

We are committed to continuing the session and discussed various possibilities for doing so, including some non-traditional options such as meeting repeatedly as an informal session in order to draw the attention of other researchers to this issue, perhaps leading eventually to studies of the effects of the reform in different Pacific localities from a long-term perspective. We plan on reconvening in some form in 2011. In the meantime we have already been sharing information and documents by email, and plan to continue doing so by posting documents, other research materials, and commentaries on the blog, The Melanesian, at http://themelanesian.org/. This online venue will of course be open to all who are interested and will be announced on ASAOnet.

The session organizers would like to thank those who took the time to come discuss this important topic in Alexandria, including: Barbara Andersen, Joshua Bell, Terry Brown, Dan Jorgensen, Ian Keen, Mike Rynkiewich, Michael French Smith, Rupert Stasch, Laura Zimmer-Tamakoshi, Toon van Meijl, David Wakefield, and Jean Zorn. We would also like to thank those others who would have liked to attend the meeting but were unable to do so, and/or who have been participating in the continued discussions by email, including Colin Filer, Andrew Moutu, Justin Shaffner, and Christine Stewart.

Although the main focus of discussion this year was PNG, we welcome perspectives from other parts of the Pacific. We would very much like to welcome more participants to join in! If you are interested in joining or learning more, please drop a note to the session organizers Ira Bashkow and Ryan Schram.

Photographing Pacific Islanders
Organizers: Eric Silverman and Kathryn Creely

The session, co-organized by Kathryn Creely and Eric Silverman, took place as scheduled on Saturday, February 13, from 2-5 p.m. In addition to the organizers, five other participants attended, as did about 12 others at the periphery who often contributed to our discussions. We precirculated no papers or abstracts but a list of relevant books and articles.
Eric Silverman spoke about Margaret Mead’s and Gregory Bateson’s 1938 Sepik River photos. Kathy Creely touched on institutionally-based digitization and virtual repatriation projects at the Melanesian Archive, focusing on Roger Keesing, Harold Scheffler, and early 20th century images taken by physician Sylvester Lambert. Jocelyn Armstrong surveyed her own photographs taken in 1970s documenting Maori leaders and communities on the South Island of New Zealand. Larry Lake talked about the images from the 1930s taken during the scientific expedition to New Guinea by Richard Archbold. Lisa Lawson Burke spoke on photographs depicting dance/dancers in Kiribati, contrasting commercially-produced works with those taken by local residents. Pamela Rosi gave a presentation on challenges to stereotypical images of Pacific women, expressed in the work of contemporary Pacific artists, Shigeyuki Kihara and Rosanna Raymond. Jamon Halvaksz gave brief remarks on his work regarding representations of relationship and place in photographs taken by Biangai people in Morobe, PNG. Three other participants – Francois Deschamps, Alan Howard, and Nancy Lutkehaus – were unable to attend.

The session concluded by discerning three common topics and themes. First, many papers will focus on the contexts, purposes, and visual tropes of photographs of Pacific Islanders taken by anthropologists and other outsiders. Second, several papers will discuss how Pacific Islanders today use and see these older collections of outsider photos. Third, several participants mentioned the concept of agency in photographs taken by Pacific Islanders. We agree to move forward to a Working Session in 2011. If you would like to participate in the Working Session, please contact Eric and Kathy.

### Spatial Orientation
Organizers: Alex Mawyer and Rick Feinberg

Although this was an informal session, six papers and abstracts were pre-circulated. Some were quite preliminary; others were at advanced stages of preparation. Because of the weather and other contingencies, only three of the six authors could be present for the Alexandria session, but two additional papers were presented in absentia by the co-organizers. A total of 13 people attended the session and took part in the discussion. Among the themes explored were: use of language as a roadmap to spatial cognition; the relationship between space and time; spatial orientation as a component of navigation; the contrast between orientation on the basis of abstract cultural models and physical experience of movement through space (whether the contrast is genuine); spatial orientation in land-based as opposed to maritime settings; and the role of spatial orientation across the range of cultural performances from highly ritual to relatively informal cultural actions. Several of those present, plus a number of contributors who could not be in Alexandria, expressed interest in writing papers for a Working Session at the 2011 meeting in Hawai‘i. We welcome new participants. Anyone interested in joining us in 2011 should contact one of the organizers.

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NEW SESSION PROPOSALS FOR 2011

INFORMAL SESSIONS

Issues in Law and Custom in Micronesia
Organizer: Manuel Rauchholz

The main goal of this informal session will be to consider the relationship between law and custom from the first colonial administrations that introduced their legal concepts and implemented them in Micronesia up into the present interpretation of law and custom within the independent States of Micronesia such as the Republic of Palau (RP), The Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI). What these island nations have in common today, is that while they have incorporated US law into their own legal systems they have also - to varying degrees – included the respect and acknowledgement of their past traditions and customs into their legal codes and constitutions. In other words local customs have been and are changing the way US law is being interpreted and implemented in Micronesia. At the same time, US laws are and have been changing Micronesian customs. After having laid some of the theoretical foundations on law and custom in Micronesia itself this session also intends to include contributions dealing with current issues related to Micronesians and their encounter with the legal system in the United States. With the discussion of both perspectives, the judiciary in the US, as well as the Micronesian it is hoped that some light will be shed on the current problems the legal system (especially in Hawaii) and Micronesian migrants are facing today. Educational challenges and difficulties on both sides of the divide are welcome to be discussed in an attempt to improve dialogue and understanding.

Current participants are Edward C. King, Former Chief Justice of the Federated States of Micronesia (relationship between custom and law in the FSM including the relationship between US law and law in the FSM, RP, RMI); William H. Martin, attorney at law with the Micronesian Legal Services on Yap (criminal law, comparing the goals of Yap State's justice system to the US); and the Attorney General of Pohnpei State, FSM (with traditional leaders on law and custom in Pohnpei).

Anyone who is interested in joining this session please send statements of interest to Manuel Rauchholz.

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Madang
Organizer: Laura Zimmer-Tamakoshi

For many years, Madang has been characterized as a “sleepy” and beautiful little town on the north coast of Papua New Guinea. With recent major developments in the Gende people’s homeland in southern Madang Province at both Kurumbukare (Ramu Nickel) and Yandera (Marengo), all that is changing very rapidly. Madang’s population is exploding and property values skyrocketing as mining company and construction personnel, NGOs, lawyers, migrants seeking work and land compensation, scholars, and many others pour in. Mining development threatens Madang’s coastal and river environments as well as the livelihoods of local communities. And angry demonstrations against the Chinese developers of the Ramu Nickel mine and the pipeline to the Basamuk area have turned ugly. “Public opinion” about these matters is largely the provenance of local bloggers and foreign NGOs, with news articles
frequently based on few cases and interviews with non-representative “landowner” groups hoping to stem the hated development and the undoubted environmental destruction it poses. While such popular means of highlighting environmental issues and alleged governmental corruption and support of mining projects have their place, there should also be a focus on quantitative data and grounded analyses of the chain of events and its impacts that go far beyond Madang Province. Having worked with the Gende for nearly 30 years as well as done intensive research on both the Ramu Nickel and Yandera mining developments – most recently in 1995, 2000, 2007, 2008 and 2009 – I am interested in both sharing some of what I have learned and in providing a forum for others who have worked in Madang Province during the past ten or so years. I am hoping that geographers and other serious scholars in addition to anthropologists will be interested in participating. And, at least at this point, it is not necessary for participants to have focused on mining and its impacts in their past research. It is more important to begin to identify researchers and research being done in Madang Province and to explore fruitful lines of inquiry and collaboration in terms of both future research projects and publications. Those interested in participating and/or attending an informal session on Madang at the 2011 ASAO meeting in Hawai‘i are asked to contact the organizer as soon as possible.

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The Pacific and Judaism
Organizers: Terry Brown and Lynda Newland

Periodically, ethno-linguistic and church groups in Oceania identify their communities as one of the Lost Tribes of Israel, linking, for example, their traditional genealogies with genealogies in Jewish Scriptures or identifying local archaeological ruins as models of the Temple of Jerusalem. This identification of Oceanic peoples with the Jews is not new. Many early missionaries to the Pacific linked Pacific languages with Hebrew, encouraging the view that Pacific people were somehow related to the Jews. Many Protestant churches in the Pacific relate very strongly with Jewish Scripture (Old Testament), sometimes more so than to specifically Christian Scripture (New Testament), for example, celebrating the Feast of Tabernacles as a public liturgical event. Some Pacific church leaders have visited Israel and, in relation with US Christian millenarian groups, have championed the cause of Israel in the Middle East. Some militant groups in Fiji and the Solomons have identified themselves with Israel and use the flag of Israel. While many Pacific Islanders initially thought Jews were only historical personages in Scripture, they have since come directly in contact with Jewish anthropologists, diplomats and tourists, forcing a reassessment and a working out of how Jews today are related to their world, including Pacific Christianity. This informal session welcomes any preliminary or ongoing work on any aspect of the relationship between the Pacific and Judaism.

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Reverse Mobilities and Pacific Youth
Organizers: Helen Lee and Jack Taylor

A great deal of research has now examined the flows of migration from the Pacific Islands. There has also been considerable work focusing on the transnational practices of Pacific
migrants, much of it focusing on the remittances they send home. Within this work less attention has been paid to the flows of people from the diaspora back to the home islands and this is especially true for the second and later generations. A similar gap can be found in the literature on rural to urban migration within the Pacific, with very little work addressing movement back to rural areas of youth raised in urban centers. This session will focus on issues associated with the ‘reverse mobilities’ of youth, both from the diaspora and from urban centers in the Pacific, to explore why such movement occurs and what impact it has on the people and places involved.

Participants are encouraged to look at diverse forms of reverse mobility, including return migration, holidays, church youth camps, short term visits for family reunions or events such as weddings and funerals, and the movement of children and youth against their will to live with extended family members and/or attend school. If you are interested in participating, please send statements of interest to Helen Lee.

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VIII. OFFICER REPORTS

1. PROGRAM COORDINATOR’S ANNUAL REPORT

This year’s program in Alexandria was to have included two symposia, five working sessions, and nine informal sessions for a total of 16 sessions. This would have represented a slight increase over 2009’s 15 sessions in Santa Cruz (the 2008 meeting in Canberra had 19 sessions). As it turned out, severe weather conditions and transportation delays and cancellations made it difficult for some of the participants to come to the meeting and impossible for others. Fortunately, with the help of Site Coordinator Mike Rynkiewich and then Membership Chair Kathy Creely - along with numerous email communications from those on their way and advice from members who had already made it to the hotel - I was able to restructure the program schedule twice, thereby allowing the meeting to go on. While a few sessions were completely cancelled, most were held all day or for a morning or afternoon on Friday and Saturday. Thus, session participants who were able to attend were able to discuss their papers and/or interests, audience members filled the rooms as there was little appealing about going out in the snow, and even Josh Bell got to take a group of ASAOers on a Smithsonian tour and still lead his session.

As can be imagined, with all sessions for Thursday moved to Friday or Saturday, the book display room was well attended on Thursday even though there were fewer books than usual. While I had invited over forty presses to send books and journals, few took the chance with one storm after another hammering the Northeast and D.C. areas. As I requested, some participants brought or had sent copies of their recently published volumes and several members brought along reprints of recently published articles for the reprint table. Looking ahead to Honolulu, I ask that members who have a new publication coming out this year or next write to me (and their publisher) so that their book may be given space on the book display tables.

I would also like to thank the staff at the Crowne Plaza in Old Town Alexandria – and especially Jennifer Southerland – for staying on site the duration of the meeting and doing everything possible to make the meeting a pleasurable experience. In spite of all the schedule, room and food order changes, Jennifer and the hotel staff were always agreeable and on top of things.
Finally, I would like to thank Toon van Meijl who chaired the meeting and graciously stood aside while I called for session reports at the closing plenary. Normally this is one of Chair's many tasks but given all the last minute changes in the program it was easier for me to do. Next year it's all yours, Josh! (hopefully 😊).

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Zimmer-Tamakoshi
Program Coordinator

2. SITE COORDINATOR REPORT
Our 2010 annual meeting was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Alexandria, Virginia under very trying weather conditions. A snowstorm, just before the meeting, closed the airports limiting access from the west, and another snowstorm, the first day of the meeting, further hampered travel. Yet, by Friday we had a decent number of people in attendance, the schedule was rearranged, and most of the sessions were able to function. The hotel personnel were gracious and accommodating as they worked to make the best of the situation. By the end, the Board was moving in the direction of ruling out cold weather venues.

Next year’s meeting should not be dogged by snow or sleet. The 2011 meeting will be held on February 9-12 at the Hilton Waikiki Prince Kuhio Hotel at 2500 Kuhio Avenue, Waikiki Beach, HI 96815. They have 601 rooms on 37 floors; and 9 meeting rooms (we will use 5). Our cost will be $149/night single or double, king or double bed; with taxes of $20.81, that means $169.81 per night. We have free WiFi, TV, refrigerator, coffee maker, and safe in room. There is no shuttle to the airport, no free parking ($25/night), and no self-parking (Valet only). The hotel is situated one block back from the beach (between the beach and Ala Wai) and between the International Market Place and the Diamond Head end of Waikiki. On site amenities include the MAC 24-7 Restaurant and Bar; the Hang 10 Pool Bar; and the Lobby Bar.

Mike Rynkiewich

3. DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES REPORT
Adrienne Kaeppler (Curator of Oceanic Ethnology at the Smithsonian Institution) presented the 2010 ASAO Distinguished Lecture, which was titled “Interpreting Ritual as Performance and Theory.” We thank Dr. Kaeppler for defying the elements to join us in Alexandria, and we hope that her talk will be published in an upcoming issue of Oceania, as was James Clifford’s 2009 lecture, extended our agreement with that journal to publish annual ASAO Distinguished Lectures.

No expenditures were made this year from the Special Publications account and just under $7650.00 remains available to support future publication and also future Distinguished Lecturers. In future, ASAO will cover travel expenses for Distinguished Lecturers, as needed, in addition to the modest honorarium that each currently receives.

Lamont Lindstrom

4. FROM THE SECRETARY
2009-10 was my fifth and final year in the office of secretary. It has been an honor and pleasure to serve the Association in this way. At the close of the 2010 meeting, the office passed to Cato Berg who has agreed to serve for a three-year term. Please welcome him. We will be working together during the first months of the year to effect a smooth transition. As in previous years, the secretary’s responsibilities during 2009-10 included a mix of routine and special tasks. Among routine tasks, minutes of the annual board meeting remained a main
one. As well, a full year of virtual meetings (via email) made keeping the minutes of these meetings and producing a summary a major task. An increase in the number of major donors to the Pacific Islands Scholars Fund meant more letters of appreciation to write. Among special tasks, my contributions to revision of the Association's bylaws were modest compared to previous years due to input from others and, in particular, the oversight and noble personal efforts of Chair Toon van Meijl toward production of a fully revised version. Even so, I was not able to give time to other special tasks some of which have been on hold for a number of years. The sizeable backlog is cause for concern.

Throughout my five years as secretary, I have enjoyed significant support from a series of chairs, other board members, and fellow officers. I thank them all for their advice and counsel as well as the needed collaborations.

Respectfully submitted by Jocelyn Armstrong

5. ARCHIVIST’S REPORT
The ASAO Archives are housed in the Pacific Collection of Hamilton Library at the University of Hawai‘i, Manoa. Deposited there in January 2003, they currently contain materials dating from ASAO’s founding in the late 1960s up through 2002. I have been collecting and organizing materials from ASAO officers and meetings from 2003 to present, as well as going through documents from previous years, which other members have submitted recently, to determine which items might fill gaps in the record and which are duplicates. I am also updating the “finder list” for each file (e.g., treasurer’s reports, board meeting minutes) as well as the overall list of archived materials. The new lists and materials will be delivered to the Pacific Collection all at once, rather than piecemeal, at the request of the librarians, because of all the work involved.

At the moment, the following have been identified as missing, and anyone who has older ASAO records is asked to check to see if they have any of these:

If so, please send me originals or copies to add to the archives. Many thanks!

Jan Rensel

6. BOOK SERIES EDITOR’S REPORT
The ASAO Studies in Pacific Anthropology book series is expecting in 2011 to see the arrival of our first volume with our new publisher Berghahn, titled The Anthropology of Empathy: Experiencing the Lives of Others in Pacific Societies. This excellent volume is edited by Doug Hollan and Jason Throop, and it grew out of a cycle of ASAO sessions. The book contains chapters by Elfriede Hermann, Maria Lepowsky, Jeannette Mageo, Roger Lohmann, Rick Feinberg, Anita von Poser, and each of the coeditors, as well as an afterword by Alan Rumsey. The review and revision process for this volume took roughly eight months, but once I (as series editor) took our reviews and recommendation to Berghahn, the process of securing a contract was smooth and quick.

A number of other promising edited collections and single-authored ethnographies are currently in various stages of review, revision, or pre-review for consideration for the series. As series editor, I enthusiastically welcome new submissions and enquiries from anyone seeking to publish Pacific-related scholarship.

Rupert Stasch
7. NEWSLETTER EDITOR’S REPORT
In my first year as ASAO newsletter editor, I distributed three issues (including the present issue) and one issue was distributed under Laurence Carucci’s tenure (April 2009). The following data can be offered for the September and December 2009 issues.

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Larry Carucci was especially helpful in the transition process, including me on correspondence, emailing further explanation and responding to my questions as he sent out the April issue. Kathy Creely and Jan Rensel were very helpful as I went through the process of printing and distributing my first issue. I’d also like to thank the Chair, the Board, and the Officers for their timely contributions, correspondence and patience as I learn this process.

Jamon Halvaksz

8. TREASURER’S REPORT
ASAO now has two separate bank accounts, an interest-earning savings account as well as our checking account. The general checking account is conceptually divided into two parts: our general working fund and our PISF account.

Savings Account Summary:
I set up the savings account on June 2 with an initial deposit of $25,000. Then another $1000 was deposited on September 18. The annual percentage of interest varies from month to month and is pitifully low, but still we earned $62.24 over the course of the 6 months. At the end of 2009 our balance in the savings account was $26,062.24.

Checking Account Summary:
The beginning balance on January 1, 2009 was $51,273.48 and the balance on December 31, 2009 was $34,404.87. Our biggest withdrawals were $26,000 put into the savings account, 6479.99 for the balance owed for the 2009 meeting plus the deposit paid for the 2010 meeting, $1192.14 for the newsletter production and postage, and $295.01 for copying and postage for the renewal drive. Other expenses include hotel room reimbursement for PISF recipients and qualified officers, costs for conducting the election, miscellaneous supplies, the AAA party, and flowers for Ben Finney.

Pacific Island Scholars Fund:
Included in the checking account is a portion dedicated to funding Pacific Island scholars attending our meetings. This portion comes from designated donations as well as from an $8.00 per membership allocation. The donations over the course of the year amounted to $3670, and the $8 per membership allocation amounted to $2632.

At the beginning of 2009 the Pacific Island Scholars fund had $6896.58. Our three 2009 grant recipients cost the fund $4383. Thus our balance at the end of 2009 was $8815.58 of which $5300 was budgeted for this year’s scholars.

Mary McCutcheon
9. WEB SITE MANAGER’S REPORT
During the year I updated the website as required to reflect session reports from the 2009 meeting in Santa Cruz, session announcements for the 2010 meeting provided by the Newsletter Editor and Program Coordinator, and information concerning the 2010 meeting in Alexandria provided by the Program Coordinator and Site Coordinator. Revised pre-registration/membership and PISF application forms for the 2010 meeting were uploaded in PDF format. Employment opportunities relevant to the membership have been posted as they were drawn to my attention.

The online archives have been updated to include all the newsletters in PDF format through the year 2008 (in compliance with the plan to add newsletters one year after their publication so that members maintain the benefit of having current newsletters that are unavailable to non-members). A photo album has been added to the archives with pictures from the Santa Cruz meeting.

The average daily statistics for 2009 are 90 visits and 271 pages observed, increases of 18% and 5% respectively over 2008. The greatest use of the site was to get information about the next meeting, followed by searches of the member database, and information about board members and officers.

As always, I would be happy to hear from members of the Association regarding ways to improve the website, and would appreciate being informed of any errors, misspellings, or bizarre experiences you might have when visiting the site.

Alan Howard

10. ASAO MEETINGS & MEMBERSHIPS, 1997-2010: A SPECIAL REPORT
A survey regarding meeting site selection has just been carried out by the current Chair of the ASAO Board, Joshua Bell. The survey invitation was sent to everyone who had (a) been an ASAO member at any point from 2005–2010 and (b) attended at least one ASAO meeting during the same period. The announcement of the survey was quickly noted on ASAOnet and led to an extended and lively e-discussion, in the course of which it became apparent that some statistical information might help to dispel misconceptions about ASAO membership and meetings. The statistics reported here are drawn from previous reports and the ASAO membership database.

From its beginnings in 1967 (as the Association for Social Anthropology in Eastern Oceania), most ASAO meetings have taken place in the continental United States. Regular annual meetings commenced in 1972 and since that time twenty-eight meetings have been held in the continental US and six in Hawai‘i (1984, 1990, 1993, 1996, 1999 and 2005). Three meetings (1991, 2000 and 2003) have been hosted in Canada, all in British Columbia. Two meetings (2002 and 2008) have taken place in New Zealand and Australia, respectively.

In the 1970s and 1980s, meeting site selection did not follow any particular pattern, but about half of the meetings took place in the western US, interspersed with other US locations in the Northeast, South, and Midwest. Since 1990 the meeting sites have been on a regular three-year cycle between Hawai‘i and the East and West Coast regions of North America. In 2002, with the meeting in Auckland, this cycle was amended to include a “Pacific” venue alternating with Hawai‘i. The current pattern is: East Coast, Hawai‘i, West Coast, East Coast, Pacific, West Coast. For a complete history of ASAO meeting locations and dates, please see http://www.asao.org/pacific/meetings72_03.htm.

On average, 83% of ASAO members reside in the Northern Hemisphere, with 72% in the US and Canada. Residence patterns of annual meeting attendees are similar, with an average of
nearly 79% of attendees residing in the Northern Hemisphere, and 69% in the US and Canada. But to encourage greater participation on the part of people from the Pacific Islands, Australia, and New Zealand, whose academic year begins in late February, since 1992 all ASAO meetings have taken place in February.

![ASAO Annual Meetings: 1997-2009](image)

The meetings have not been held during June, July, and August, which is the summer break for the majority of members and a time when many try to do fieldwork. ASAO meetings are also scheduled to avoid calendar conflicts with other academic conferences of importance for our members (e.g. the American Anthropological Association, Pacific History Association, European Society for Oceanists, etc).

The size of ASAO meetings over the years 1997-2009 has ranged from a high of 224 (2005, Hawaii) to a low of 100 (1998, Florida), with an average of just over 149 participants. Meetings on the East coast tend to be the smallest and meetings in Hawaii tend to be the largest. The meetings held in New Zealand (2002) and Australia (2008) drew higher-than-average numbers of participants residing in those countries, but few of these participants have come to subsequent meetings or become members of the organization. The meetings also had much lower-than-average turnout of participants from North America, where, as noted above, the majority of the members reside.

Ethnicity and nationality are not tracked in ASAO statistics, which are instead based on country of residence, but meeting participation and membership of Pacific Islanders (including persons of Pacific Islander ancestry residing in the US, Australia, etc.) has been an issue of ongoing concern within the organization. In 1998, J. Kehaulani Kauanui, herself a Pacific Islander, remarked on the topic:

“the general issue of under-representation is connected to larger issues...[having to do with a general need for] mentoring, educating young scholars about the complicated...
processes of professionalization, about presenting work at academic meetings, and helping them to understand why these association conversations are important ways to learn about the discipline as well as the region, and to get familiar with ways in which academics network with each other, with an eye to the future and an eye to meaningful dialogue...[possibly in the context of] long-term projects, and collaborative intellectual efforts. This is a tall order, yes, but it also seems critical in the ways in which one might see how these various suggestions could potentially enrich our meetings, and Pacific scholarship—that it has potential for epistemological diversity—not just a different looking ‘face’ as it were.” (J. Kehaulani Kauanui, as quoted in the ASAO Newsletter, issue 100 (April 1998), p. 4-5).

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ASAO continues encourage Pacific Islander scholars’ participation in the annual meetings. Financial barriers to participation are mitigated through the Pacific Island Scholars Fund (PISF). A program for Travel Grants, awarded annually on a competitive basis, has been in place since 1994; 71 grants have been awarded to date. In addition to support for airfare costs, the grants provide for waivers of meeting registration fees and membership dues. Whenever possible, arrangements have also been made for assistance with lodging. Another category of support, Minigrants, was instituted in 1999. Minigrants cover meeting fees and one-year membership dues to Pacific Islander scholars who are presenting papers or organizing sessions. To date, 87 minigrants have been provided. Funding for PISF comes primarily from allocation of a portion of each member’s dues and voluntary donations. (see chart on next page)
Pacific Island Scholars Fund: Travel Grants and Minigrants, 1994-2010

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-- Kathryn Creely (ASAO Membership Coordinator, 2007-2009; Treasurer, 2005-2006); and Jan Rensel (ASAO Secretary/Treasurer, 1996-2004).

VIII. RESEARCH REPORTS: NEW SCHOLARS

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Email: baa247@nyu.edu

I am a Ph.D student in my fourth year in the Department of Anthropology at New York University, working with the advisory committee of Rayna Rapp, Bambi Schieffelin, and Sally Merry. After completing a Masters thesis at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, BC on the subject of chronic illness and internet-based social movements, I decided to make a radical
regional and topical shift toward the study of the health sector in Papua New Guinea. My dissertation research, which will begin in October 2010, will investigate how nurses in Eastern Highlands Province are trained to engage with both the ‘universal’ categories of biomedicine and changing ‘local’ gender relations and ideologies. I am interested in nursing as a site where gender, class, religion and science intersect in complex and shifting ways. Though not officially part of my dissertation project, I am also keenly interested in neoliberalism, land tenure, commodity consumption, and witchcraft in the Highlands, particularly in (and between) EHP and Simbu Province. As one of very few North American anthropology graduate students working in PNG, I have found ASAO to be an essential source of information, support, and camaraderie as I prepare to do fieldwork. I have enjoyed meeting many ASAOers at previous meetings in Charlottesville, Santa Cruz and Alexandria, and look forward to meeting many of you in the future!

Tate LeFevre  
Ph.D. Candidate  
New York University, Dept. of Anthropology  
Email: tal273@nyu.edu

I am a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Anthropology at New York University, where I work with Fred Myers, Bambi Schieffelin and Haidy Geismar. My dissertation research investigates cultural production among Kanak youth in neighborhood and youth associations in Nouméa, New Caledonia. I am particularly interested in how young people mobilize different concepts of culture and custom (drawing from both “Melanesian” and “French” sources) in order to produce ideas about indigenous identity, citizenship and the future. I am currently in the field, and will be returning to NYU to write up in November 2010. As might be evidenced by my dissertation topic, my larger topical/theoretical interests include indigeneity and indigenous political movements, the anthropology of art and performance, colonialism/post-colonialism (particularly the differences between French and Anglo-Saxon settler-states), cultural change, youth and urbanization in Melanesia. I also hold a certificate from the Culture and Media Program at NYU and continue to pursue an interest in visual ethnography and filmmaking. I attended my first ASAO meeting as an undergraduate (in Salem, MA in 2004!), and since then I have found ASAO (and ASAO-ers) to been an indispensable source of support, information and advice. I look forward to meeting many of you when I return from the field!

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My PhD research investigates on the connections between perception of climate change, local adaptation and human impact on a changing environment. The two field sites that I compare in my analysis are Wallis (Wallis and Futuna) and Rangiroa (French Polynesia), which are, in the given French administrational context, two islands with a completely different geography. Hence I argue that the impacts and the perception of climate change vary considerably with the given geological, geographical, political and social environment. A large part of the local populations have already heard of the concept of climate change and a rising sea level, but a link with local environmental changes is not always established.

Wallis as a monarchy within the French Republic has a strong customary power structure; the display of wealth and the dependence on the island’s natural resources (for auto consumption) are high. Wallis is geographically quite isolated, and in the past the Catholic Church reinforced this isolation by restricting communication to the exterior to a minimum. The island itself is rather high (highest peak: 151m) and inland migration would be a possibility in the case of sea level rise.
Rangiroa is the biggest atoll in French Polynesia, and copra trade, black pearl farming, nuclear testing and nowadays tourism have influenced life on the island, where the French administrative structures have largely replaced the customary power system. Rangiroa is a typical low-lying atoll (highest elevation: 12m), hence the potential threat coming from the sea is perceived quite differently. Distances to the surrounding islands are smaller than in Wallis, which facilitates exchange and regular links.

The flow of information, the distance to information centres and the degree to which people depend on land and sea – in a larger sense the observation of the natural environment - are determining factors in the identification of current modifications in the islands' physical environment. The projection in the future and the conflict between long term and short term interests vary considerably. Human impact on coastal areas also shows significant variations, with house-building practices (e.g. building material, height, place,...) being an indicator for some of these variations.

A look into history reveals on each island particular migration movements, which were sometimes linked to natural hazards. This could also show an alternative to the complete depopulation of the whole region as it is anticipated by some natural scientists as a consequence of climate change.

V. RECENT JOURNALS

The Contemporary Pacific
Volume 21 (#2) 2009, contains the following articles and dialogue pieces:

- Modernity, Cosmopolitanism, and the Emergence of Middle Class in Tonga
  by Niko Besnier
- Sustainability of the Kava Trade
  by Nancy J Pollock
- Remembering Greg Dening
  edited by David Hanlon, contributions by Ben Finney, Marshall Sahlins, David Hanlon, Vicente M Diaz, Katerina Martina Teaiwa, and Greg Dvorak

The issue also features the art of Daniel Waswas, political reviews of the Pacific region and Melanesia, ten book and media reviews, and an index to TCP volumes 11–20 (1999–2008).

Volume 22 (#1) 2010 is also now available, containing the following:

- From Full Dusk to Full Tusk: Reimagining the “Dusky Maiden” through the Visual Arts
  by A Marata Tamaira
- A “Headless” Native Talks Back: Nidoish Naisseline and the Kanak Awakening in 1970s New Caledonia
  by David Chappell
- Miracle Workers and Nationhood: Reinhard Bonnke and Benny Hinn in Fiji
  by Lynda Newland
- Tapu: Essays in Honor of Epeli Hau‘ofa
  edited by Terence Wesley-Smith, contributions by Ratu Joni Madraiwiwi, Teresia Teaiwa, Geoffrey White, Tarcisius Kabulaula, Steven Edmund Winduo, Vijay Naidu, and Vilsoni Hereniko

The issue also features the art of Sue Pearson, political reviews of Micronesia and Polynesia, and nine book and media reviews.

To purchase any issue, or for subscriptions to The Contemporary Pacific, contact the Journals Department, University of Hawai‘i Press, 2840 Kolowalu Street, Honolulu HI 96822; tel 808/956-8833; http://www.uhpress.hawaii.edu/journals/cp/; e-mail uhpjourn@hawaii.edu.
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VII. OTHER CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

European Society for Oceanists, 8th Conference
Exchanging Knowledge in Oceania
July 5-7, 2010
University of St Andrews, Scotland
Website: http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/esfo2010/

Pacific History Association, 19th Biennial Conference
September 12-16, 2010
Goroka, Papua New Guinea
Pacific at the cross roads. Reflecting the past, adjusting the present and directing the future
Website: http://www.pacifichistoryassociation.com/17th_biennial_conference.htm

XVII. NOMINEES FOR ASAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES

The following have been nominated for the ASAO Board of Directors. Voting will be conducted via electronic survey. Brief bios will be available through the balloting process. Active members will receive an invitation to participate and vote.

- Ping-Ann Addo
- Juliana Flinn
- Edvard Hviding
- Jerry Jacka
- Susanne Kuehling
- Maria Lepowsky
- Manuel Rauchholz

XVIII. HONORARY FELLOW NOMINEES

The following have been nominated to be ASAO Honorary Fellows. Voting will be conducted via electronic survey. Active members will receive an invitation to participate in the vote.

DEBORAH GEWERTZ AND FREDERICK ERRINGTON

For 20 years, Deborah Gewertz and Frederick Errington have collaborated in writing books and essays about the contemporary Pacific, as it experiences market penetration. Two of their co-authored concern the Chambri, the group Deborah Gewertz studied for her dissertation and that Gewertz and Errington have continued to study as Chambrians become exposed to tourism and other contexts of monetization *(Twisted Histories, Altered Contexts)*, migrate to towns *(Emerging Class in Papua New Guinea*, CUP 1999). *Twisted Histories, Altered Contexts* received honorable mention in the Victor Turner Prize awarded for the Society for Humanistic Understanding (1991). *Articulating Change in the Last Unknown*, a collection of essays by Gewertz and Errington that was published in the Comaroffs’ series at Westview Press called “Studies in the Ethnographic Imagination,” is one of the most challenging collections of essays on the Pacific islands to has been published in the last 15 years. In *Yali’s Question*, a volume in the prestigious Lewis Henry Morgan series (Chicago 2004), the two focus on Ramu Sugar Limited, and widen their scope, from PNG nationals to these and expatriate entrepreneurs, plantation managers, and the rest, producing an ethnography of considerable complexity. In the process, they inaugurated a critique of Jared Diamond’s representations of the Pacific islands and approach to analyzing them. Their argument with him is one that is familiar from political economic analysis: the reason whites have more cargo than blacks—are richer than blacks—must be sought in the racialized power asymmetries world history has created.

There are three themes in these collaborative projects: 1) the intersection of political economy and culture; 2) change and its complexity (at root neither exogenous nor endogenous but
Deborah Gewertz and Frederick Errington have also written single-authored texts. Gewertz’s first book, *Sepik River Societies* (Yale 1983), was one of the first contributions to Pacific island studies to focus on a region rather than a particular culture. She was also one of the first to edit an anthology on historical anthropology (*History and Ethnohistory in New Guinea* [1985], with E. Schieffelin). *Cultural Alternatives and a Feminist Anthropology* (first published as a single-author work in 1987, CUP) tackled feminist anthropology. (It was revised and published two years later in paperback under the authorship of Gewertz and Errington.) Gewertz also edited *Myths of Matriarchy Reconsidered* in 1988. Errington’s two single-authored books are *Karavar: Masks and Power in a Melanesian Ritual* (Cornell 1974), a classic study of a body of Melanesian ritual, and *Manners and Meaning in West Sumatra* (Yale 1984).

Naming Gewertz and Errington as Honorary Fellows in 2010 would be extremely timely. This is the year that *Cheap Meat* (UC Press) will be published. *Cheap Meat* is yet another experimental ethnography one that required research among meat processors, importers, exporters, and consumers in the Western Pacific, including Australia, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, and Fiji. It is also the year that *The Handbook of Sociocultural Anthropology*, a collection Gewertz edited with James Carrier and published by Blackwell, will be published.

Apart from the books, Gewertz and Errington have published many single- and co-authored articles. They are both distinguished professors at their respective institutions. Since 1994, Gewertz has been G. Henry Whitcomb Professor of Anthropology at Amherst College. Errington, now retired, was a distinguished professor at Trinity College. They have received research funding from NEH, NSF (two awards), Wenner-Gren, and ACLS. In the volume and quality of publications, Deborah Gewertz and Frederick Errington, easily one of the most productive academic couples in Anthropology today, rival and even surpass many who have been honored with the ASAO honorary fellowship in the past. Additionally, year after year they have graced us with their presence at our annual meetings and made lively, intelligent, and provocative contributions to the various sessions. Naming them Honorary Fellows of ASAO would be fitting and timely.

—Aletta Biersack

MAC MARSHALL

We write to nominate Mac Marshall for the position of ASAO Honorary Fellow.

Unlike most other honorary fellows, many association members know Mac Marshall personally as well as through his scholarship. He has graciously welcomed several generations of young scholars into ASAO and encouraged them in their careers. Many of us are privileged to count him not only as a distinguished colleague, but as a friend.

Mac represents the best of ASAO, having “grown up” professionally with the organization and having helped guide and shape it into its current form. He has been involved virtually from the beginning and was an active contributor at our most recent meeting in Santa Cruz, California. Mac has served ASAO in almost every conceivable position. He was a member of the board of directors from 1984 to 1987 and chaired the association in 1986-87. As program chair in 1978-79, he planned ASAO’s eighth annual meeting. He was *Newsletter* editor in 1991-92 and served as monograph series editor and general publications editor for an entire decade, from
1974 through 1983. He continued his work on the editorial board for the ASAO monograph series from 1997 through 2000. In addition to these formal positions, Mac has long exemplified ASAO’s informal policy of welcoming all newcomers, particularly students and young researchers. He has chaired or co-chaired numerous sessions and has been an active participant in countless others. He was organizer of the original working session on “Alcohol and Kava Use in Oceania” at the third annual meeting in 1974. He organized a session on “The Meaning of Siblingship in Oceania” that met at the symposium level in 1978 and was published as ASAO Monograph Number 8. Along with Lamont Lindstrom, he co-organized a session on “Drugs and Interpersonal Relations” that met at the symposium level in 1984, and he was co-organizer with David Lewis of informal and working sessions on “Tobacco in Oceania” in 1989 and 1990. As an active participant in the Society for Medical Anthropology and the American Anthropological Association, Mac has also been an advocate for ASAO’s conference design and approach to scholarship, thereby enhancing our association’s visibility in the broader anthropological community.

Critical as Mac’s contributions have been to ASAO, honorary fellowship is not awarded simply in recognition of service to the organization. It is our highest honor, bestowed on outstanding scholars for their central contributions to Pacific anthropology and the discipline at large. In that respect as well, Mac is exemplary.

Mac Marshall is emeritus professor at the University of Iowa. He served multiple terms as department chair and was instrumental in shaping Iowa anthropology into a nationally-respected program at both the graduate and undergraduate levels. Equally, as a medical anthropologist he made important contributions to the University of Iowa’s program in community and behavioral health. He is a core scholar in the field of alcohol and drug studies, both within the United States and in the international arena.

Mac is a leader in exploring the intersection between kinship and social practices associated with the use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. His research has been grounded ethnographically in Chuuk (Micronesia), Papua New Guinea, and, most recently, diasporic communities of Chuukese in Hawai‘i and the United States. His publications have been expansive, from modest beginnings (“A New Method for Sewage Treatment on Coral Atolls” [Atoll Research Bulletin, 1969]) to “Structural Patterns of Sibling Classification in Island Oceania” (Current Anthropology, 1984), and “Problematizing Impairment: Cultural Competence in the Carolines” (Ethnology, 1996). He helped lay the groundwork for numerous research endeavors with the 1975 publication of Micronesia 1944-1974: A Bibliography of Anthropological and Related Source Materials (with James Nason). That was followed by a series of overviews, introductions, and conclusions to edited collections: the introduction and conclusion to Beliefs, Behaviors and Alcoholic Beverages (Marshall, ed. [1979]); the introduction to Culture, Kin and Cognition in Oceania (Marshall and Caughey, eds. [1989]); the introduction (with Robert Kiste) to American Anthropology in Micronesia (Kiste and Marshall, eds [1999]); and the preface to Relative Power: Changing Interpretations of Fosterage and Adoption in Pacific Island Societies (Dickerson-Putman and Schacter, eds. [2008]). His many books include the Micronesian ethnographic standby, Weekend Warriors: Alcohol in a Micronesian Culture (1979); Silent Voices Speak: Women and Prohibition in Truk (with Leslie Marshall [1990]); American Anthropology in Micronesia: An Assessment (with Robert Kiste [1999]); and, most recently, Namoluk Beyond the Reef: The Transformation of a Micronesian Community (2004).

There are a handful of living colleagues without whom ASAO would not exist and Pacific scholarship would be much the poorer. Mac Marshall is a core member of that exclusive group. We recommend him unequivocally for the status of ASAO Honorary Fellow.

Respectfully submitted,
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ROY WAGNER
We are pleased to nominate Roy Wagner for an Honorary Fellowship of the Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania. Wagner conducted extensive fieldwork in Papua New Guinea among the Daribi of Karimui and the Usen Barok of New Ireland. His books and articles have had a profound influence on studies of Oceania and anthropology globally.

Born in 1938 in Cleveland, Ohio, Wagner received his Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of Chicago (1966), where he studied under David M. Schneider. He has taught at Southern Illinois University, Northwestern University, and the University of Virginia, the last for 35 years.

Wagner’s works have introduced many far-reaching concepts to Anthropology. In *The Curse of Souw* (1967) and “Are There Social Groups in the New Guinea Highlands?” (1974), Wagner offered a radical critique of descent and alliance theories of kinship, establishing our current understanding that Melanesian kin groups are brought into being through creative acts, such as the giving of gifts and the sharing of meat, rather than being bounded decisively by consanguinity as formerly understood. In *The Invention of Culture* (1975), which has achieved the status of classic, Wagner portrayed this kind of creativity as the sine qua non of culture itself, prefiguring more recent syntheses of structure and agency as mutually constitutive.

Wagner’s *Habu* (1972) provided the ethnographic basis of a novel theory of metaphor, while wrestling with larger questions of human mortality and the attendant metaphysics of immanence and transcendence. In *Lethal Speech* (1978) and *Symbols That Stand For Themselves* (1986), Wagner developed the theoretical method of obviation, to show how metaphor generates meaning. Obviation attempts to model how symbolic categories figure and ground each other in perception, a process crucial to the making of meaning in mythology and culture as well as in ethnographic interpretation. Eluding the rigid arbitrariness that haunts certain models of symbolism, Wagner’s theory of obviation evokes a recursive framework, which operates through a process of substitution, self-cancellation, and return. Such concerns with re-perception are carried forward in Wagner’s latest book, *The Anthropology of the Subject* (2001), where meaning, indeterminacy, epistemology, and technology are brought together in an elaboration of what Wagner terms a “holographic theory of the subject.”

Wagner is by any measure one of Anthropology’s most adventurous thinkers, and he has spawned such seminal concepts as wandering hero stories (1972, 1996), analytic kinship (1967, 1977), the fractal person (1991), and the invention of culture (1975). He was influential in creating the genre known as the New Melanesian Ethnography, which emphasizes creativity and innovation in the crystallization of cultural meaning (Josephides 1991). Consistently throughout his career, Wagner has been profoundly engaged in developing theory from ethnography. His anthropology offers a limitless invitation to think creatively.

—Ira Bashkow, Andrew Moutu, Justin Shaffner

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