I. FROM THE EDITOR

With Kona on the horizon, this edition of the newsletter details the feast of sessions, events and great opportunities for conversations that await us. Pay special attention to the booking information as rooms are filling fast.

During the last issue, our Chair and PISF presented a very strong case for increasing Pacific Islander involvement especially as Hawai‘i often affords greater opportunity for participation. In other words:

Please continue to support the Pacific Islands Scholars Fund.

The deadline for the next newsletter is April 20th.

Cheers
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II. FROM THE CHAIR

Greetings to everyone from rainy and slightly depressing eve-of-a-Nor’easter New York City! I hope that everyone has had a good few months, with those of you who teach having had engaged, excited students and those of you who work in other fields having had a lovely fall. We are all, I hope, looking forward to the 2014 meetings in Kailua-Kona on the Big Island of Hawai’i, February 5 to February 8. The meetings will be at the King Kamehameha Hotel and rooms can be booked through a link on the ASAO webpage. Mike Rynkiewich and Alex Mawyer have been hard at work organizing the site and the program and it really looks to be a wonderful place and program.

I’m especially excited that Ty P. Kawika Tengan, professor of ethnic studies and anthropology at the University of Hawai’i Manoa, has agreed to give the distinguished lecture this year. In addition to this event which will take place on Friday, February 7 at 6:00 PM, with a reception with hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar afterwards. This is a bit of a departure from ASAO tradition but we are hoping that this allows us time to really talk about the lecture afterwards (while enjoying lovely food and drinks).

Alex Mawyer, Lisa Uperesa (our incoming chair) and I are working with Joseph Genz to organize some off-site outings for members as well as some opportunities for session organizers and presenters to work with students from UH-Hilo's anthropology club during their sessions. Watch the ASAO list serve for more news about this in the New Year.

I’m also thrilled to report that we had 11 Pacific Islands Scholarship Fund (PISF) proposals and am really pleased to say that we were able to fund all of them. This is, as always, a wonderful moment for ASAO. Thanks to our PISF committee, co-chairs Maria Lepowsky, and Susanne Kuehling and member Ping-Ann Addo.

Finally, I urge members to register for the meetings before January 15, 2014. Early registration rates are $120 general, or $60 for students, retirees, or unemployed while rates after January 15 are $140 general, or $70 for students, retirees, or unemployed. I also urge you to register early so we know how many people will be joining us. We have some exciting plans for the meetings and want to make sure that there is enough space at every event for every member.

See you in February!

Paige West, ASAO chair

III. PACIFIC ISLANDS SCHOLARS FUND

This year we received eleven applications for Travel Awards, all of them strong, exciting, and enthusiastically supported by session organizers and professional colleagues. We were able to grant awards to every applicant, and all are planning to attend the meetings in Kona in February.

We look forward to meeting and welcoming all eleven scholars, and to introducing those who are newcomers to the benefits and pleasures of ASAO meetings. The committee thanks all session organizers who wrote strong and detailed letters, and to everyone who supported the PISF in varying ways this past year. Since we have used up all PISF money for the Kona meeting, we now need to renew our Call for Donations ...

PLEASE, Remember the Pacific Islands Scholarship Fund

ASAO exists because of the generosity of our hosts in Oceania. Many of us are closely connected to our adopted families, friends, and research partners, and we value the participation of our
colleagues from Pacific Islands at our annual meetings. ASAO members are contributing whatever they can to support the airfare, partial accommodation, and conference registration fees for colleagues from Oceania who need such support. Please have a look at the guidelines for PISF grants on the ASAO homepage/PISF: http://asao.org/pacific/pisf.htm.

Donations can be sent to Mary McCutcheon, our ASAO treasurer:

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With best regards,  
Maria Lepowsky and Susanne Kuehling, PISF co-Chairs and Ping-Ann Addo (at large member)

IV. THE 2014 ASAO ANNUAL MEETING

The 2014 ASAO Annual Meeting will be held at the King Kamehameha Hotel in Kailua-Kona on the Big Island of Hawai`i (http://www.konabeachhotel.com/). The dates are February 5-8 (the board and officers meeting will be February 4-5). Guest room rates are $135.00 for a double (plus tax) and are good for 3 days pre and post conference. The hotel is situated on the beach, has 452 rooms, 16 meeting rooms, two restaurants, complimentary in-room Internet, complimentary access to the fitness center, and is surrounded by bars and restaurants, not to mention the three S’s: sea, sand, and sun.

Kona International Airport (KOA) at Keahole is 7 miles from Kailua-Kona. The hotel address is 75-5660 Palani Road, Kailua-Kona, Hawai`i 96740 USA.

There is a website for booking your hotel room at the conference, though our room block is close to full: http://cwp.marriott.com/koacy/asao2014/ Or, reservations can be made by phone at 1800 367 2111. Just reference "ASAO 2014 Conference” when making a booking. However, we have currently filled our room block and are working on reserving more, but there are no guarantees. rooms are filling up fast and our allotted block of rooms may be gone by mid-December.

Mike Rynkiewich, ASAO Site Coordinator

V. NOTES FROM THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR

I would like to extend a hearty thanks to all the session organizers, board members and officers who have worked with me since Laura Zimmer-Tamakoshi’s passed the program coordinator’s baton at the end of the 2013 San Antonio meeting. Laura generously cc’d me in her ASAO correspondence over 2012 leading up to last year’s meetings and gifted a treasure of notes and suggestions. Thanks are also due to Mike Rynkiewich for his work on site coordination.  
Gratitude! To date it has been a pleasure to engage in the life of the association and to peer, as it were, behind the wizard’s curtain of association business where all is revealed to be so many well-oiled cogs and gears and bespoke machinery. Please stay in touch about any concerns related to program coordination.

We have a robust program emerging, with 6 formal symposia, 8 working sessions, 10 informal sessions, several off-site sessions, 2 special sessions, at least one on-site service learning opportunity, and our distinguished lecture. One imagines several busy days. A few potentially useful observations: Please note a number of session changes since our last newsletter; in order to draw attention, this year’s new sessions are all marked with a bang (!); room names for the sessions have not yet been determined; and, with the hope of increasing effervescent
participation in collective moments, we have moved some of our evening events to slightly earlier times than in past years; we have several special events including our second annual emerging issues in the contemporary Pacific lunchtime breakout session (bring a lunch or beverage or come after a quick bite), a presentation and discussion on scientific communication to broad and diverse publics, an auaka'i (excursion) and service project at Kahalu'u, Kona including an opportunity to learn about and participate in ongoing landscape and site restoration efforts (see below for more details). Registration for this Thursday morning event will be held at the meetings and we can accommodate about 25 participants; we are working to arrange another service learning and site visit opportunity for Wednesday about which I will post news on ASAO as possible.

With a sense of being there in Kona in mind, I want to render another shout out of thanks to Joe Genz, Kathy Kawelu, and colleagues at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo Conference Center for their support in helping our meeting acknowledge our site, foster new, and maintain long enduring bonds of community.

David Troolin (SIL, Papua New Guinea) has been serving as our Book Exhibit coordinator for the last several meetings. Once again, David is writing to presses asking for books and journals for display in Kona. If you have a recent publication, please contact david_troolin@sil.org, letting him know the title, press name, address and contact so he can be sure to request a publicity copy from that press. I would also like to remind members of an opportunity to get a free book while helping the meeting function smoothly. Each year we depend on volunteers to staff the book display and registration desk. We need two people for the registration desk and two people for the book exhibit during the following times:

Wednesday 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Thursday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Saturday 8:00 am – 12:00 noon

Volunteers earn one book for every two hours work. E-mail me, mawyer@lakeforest.edu if you are able to help, indicating which time slots you would be available to fill.

In organizing the program, the coordinator’s task is to see that 1) the many participants who will be in more than one session do not find themselves in two sessions at the same time and 2) that there is a good mix of sessions on any one day. These considerations along with individual concerns and a large number of sessions posed any number of challenges in organizing the program. With such a rich program, difficult choices will have to be made but I am happy to write that based on information from our session organizers very few persons will have to leave one session to present a paper in another. Looking forward to seeing you in Kona.

Alexander Mawyer, Program Coordinator
VI. 2014 ASAO ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

NOTABLE EVENTS

Session Organizers’ Meeting
*Wednesday, February 5, 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Location TBD*
All session organizers are requested to attend this meeting to discuss session organization and management questions. Certain officers of the association will be present to share insights and coordinate with respect to their positions. Light refreshments will be served.

Opening Plenary
*Wednesday, February 5, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm, Ballroom 1&2*
The Opening Plenary will include meeting announcements and reports from officers, nominations of new board members, announcement of this year’s Pacific Islands Scholars’ Fund recipients, announcement of the site of next year’s meeting, and introduction of ASAO Honorary Fellows and newcomers.

Welcome Party
*Wednesday, February 5, 7:30 pm – 10:00 pm, Lu‘au Grounds*
All are invited to attend this no-host cash bar social gathering, especially to welcome our PISF awardees, new ASAO members, and first-time annual meeting participants.

Newcomers Luncheon
*Thursday February 6, 12:00 Noon – 1:00 pm, Honu’s Restaurant*
This event introduces newcomers to the ins and outs of ASAO—its structure, goals, history and current concerns. The gathering will be informal, and discussion will be open to reflections on the Association from all participants. PISF committee members will facilitate the discussion.

Distinguished Lecture: Professor Ty Tengan
*Friday, February 7, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm, Location TBD*
Ty Tengan chairs the University of Hawai‘i (Mānoa)'s Dept of Ethnic Studies and is also an associate professor in the Department of Anthropology. His 2008 book *Native Men Remade: Gender and Nation in Contemporary Hawai‘i* presents an ethnography of a Hawaiian men’s cultural group on Maui called the Hale Mua. The ethnography analyzes ways in which Indigenous men remake their cultural and gender identities, with a particular focus on the intersection of nationalism and masculinities. He has published on the history of anthropology in Hawai‘i and the efforts of Hawaiians to repatriate human remains and burial objects from museums and government institutions. He has contributed to and published on a Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum exhibit entitled “Hui Panal‘āu: Hawaiian Colonists, American Citizens” that told the story of 130 young men of Hawai‘i who occupied islands in the equatorial Pacific between 1935-1942. He has been involved in exploring and developing new models for Indigenous research in anthropology and the social sciences, including ways to articulate local research agendas with other modes of critical scholarship. He is presently working on two new projects: a study of Native Hawaiian veterans’ experiences from WWII through the present, and a collaboration with Matt Tomlinson on retheorizing mana in the Pacific.

Reception for Distinguished Lecturer
*Friday, February 7, 7:30 pm – 10:00 pm, Pre-Function Area/Kamakahonu Ballroom*
A no-host cash bar reception will follow Professor Ty Tengan’s Distinguished Lecture to provide further opportunities for discussion.

Closing Plenary
*Saturday, February 8, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm, Ballroom 1&2*
Highlights of the Closing Plenary will include session reports and future plans, proposed new sessions for 2015, installation of the new ASAO Board Chair, and other association business.
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FORMAL SYMPOSIA

Emergent Masculinities in the Contemporary Pacific
Organized by Aletta Biersack, Margaret Jolly, and Martha Macintyre
Co-discussants John Taylor and Katerina Teaiwa
Meeting: Thursday, February 6, 8:00 am – 12:00 noon, Location TBD

Contributors to the collection “Emergent Masculinities in the Contemporary Pacific” who have not submitted a revision of the February 2013 version of their paper should do so to Aletta Biersack (abiersac@uoregon.edu). The paper should be tightly written and make its points cogently and efficiently, incorporating suggestions for revision the editors made in response to the papers and/or presentations given in San Antonio. Aim for no more than 35 double-spaced pages, including notes and bibliography. The editors eagerly anticipate reading these revisions and will send you comments as soon as we have a chance to read them. Thanks for your cooperation!

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Jolly, Margaret, “Men of War, Men of Peace: Changing Masculinities in Vanuatu” (margaret.jolly@anu.edu.au)
Koczberski, Gina, and George N. Curry, “Migrant Lives and Changing Generational Values and Aspirations in West New Britain, Papua New Guinea” (g.koczberski@curtin.edu.au, g.curry@exchange.curtin.edu.au)
Presterudstuen, Geir, and Schieder, Dominik, “Bati As Bodily Work: Rethinking Masculinity and Violence in Fiji” (g.presterudstuen@uws.edu.au, schieder_dominik@yahoo.de)
Rauchholz, Manuel, “Men, Masculinities, and Violence in Micronesia” (rauchholz@yahoo.com)
Schmidt, Johanna, “Male but not ‘men’: fa’afafine and the limits of masculinity in Samoa” (jschmidt@waikato.ac.nz)
Yang, Shu-Yuan, “Christianity and the Transformation of Manhood among the Bugkalot (Ilonot) of Northern Luzon, Philippines” (syyang@gate.sinica.edu.tw).
Zimmer-Tamakoshi, “Inequality and Changing Masculinities among the Gende in Papua New Guinea: The ‘Good’, the ‘Bad’, and the ‘Very Bad’” (lauratamakoshi@yahoo.com)
Mimesis and Transcultural Encounters
Organizers: Jeannette Mageo and Elfriede Hermann
Meeting: Friday, February 7, 8:00 am – 5:30 pm, Location TBD

Our third session aims at deepening our discussion of the theorization and illustration of mimesis in the context of transcultural encounters. Several common themes continue to develop: (1) the importance of mimetic ‘conversations’ in transcultural encounters; (2) the presence and signification through mimicry of specific perspectives of all parties involved; (3) the impact of history and power relationships on mimetic processes; (4) the existence of various layers of mimesis; (5) the relation between imagery and mimesis; (6) the significance of sensuality, emotionality, performativity and embodiment in mimetic processes; (7) mimesis as a mode in which to think simultaneously about similarity and difference; (8) the relevance of authorship, control and agency in mimesis; (9) the potential of mimesis for transculturation and cultural transformation. All participants should plan to have their papers ready for pre-circulation by January 24, 2014.

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Naming Systems and Naming Relations in Austronesia/Oceania
Organizers: Ku Kun-hui and Lamont Lindstrom
Meeting: Thursday, February 6, 8:00 am – 12:00 noon, Location TBD

Names implicate a number of central issues of anthropological, linguistic, and philosophical concern and it is no surprise that our papers go in a variety of directions. Diversity is further enhanced by our different field sites. A strength of the session is that our case studies come from across the Austronesian language area from Madagascar, to Sarawak, Taiwan, Chuuk, Papua New Guinea, and Vanuatu. And although the set includes non-Austronesian systems, one could hope that such breadth might provide comparative basis for Austronesian system and how this has developed, here and there. Given our diversity, we think the best approach is to gather papers into clusters, keeping in mind that papers will of course speak to more than one of these topics. Our session will form three clusters around three central topics:

1. Social Reproduction (how naming systems inform the constitution of local groups and personages from one generation to the next). Contributors include:
   • Lamont Lindstrom, “Nomination and Social Reproduction”
   • Latham Wood, “Personal Names on Aneityum, Vanuatu”
   • Isabelle Leblic, “What is Naming in Kanak Societies? Naming and personal Identity of the Paicî Kanak People (Ponérihouen, New Caledonia)"

2. Identity and Personhood (how names both identify and get used by persons and groups in strategic social and political competition; how individuals rename themselves throughout their life cycles or to reposition themselves in significant ways). Contributors include:
   • Monika Janowski, “Kelabit Names and Kelabit Titles: Grandparenthood, Prestige and Kinship”
   • Kun-hui Ku, “Naming relationship and constructing Hierarchy: Names, Value and Hierarchy among the Austronesian-speaking Paiwan”
   • Doris Balcazo, “Naming in Transcultural Kinship among the Wampar, Papua New Guinea”
   • Wente Chen, “Changing Name, Changing Personhood: The Case of the Pinuyumayan (Puyuma) People, Eastern Taiwan”
3. Global/Historical Impacts on Local Systems (how naming systems have responded to, and thus also record, historical events during the past several centuries). Contributors include:

- Denis Regnier, “The significance of Betsileo name changing”
- Chun-wei Fang, “Naming Practice, Appropriation and Christianity: a Case Study of a Bunun village of Eastern Taiwan”

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Naturalist Histories: Making nature in Oceania
Organizers: Jamon Halvaksz and Joshua Bell
Meeting: Friday, February 7, 8:00 am – 5:30 pm, Location TBD

From early explorers to contemporary scientists, naturalists have examined island flora and fauna of Oceania. Sometimes focusing attention on the discovery of new species, but also carefully documenting the lives of animals, their work has been central to the wider image of Oceania (consider recent discoveries in the Foja Mountains of New Guinea). These ‘discoveries’ and exploratory moves have had profound local and global impacts. But often, local knowledge and communities are silent in the ethologies and histories that naturalists produce. This session will examine the ways that indigenous and non-indigenous naturalists have made island natures visible to a wider audience, their relationship with the communities where they work, as well as the unique natures that they explore and help make.

In staking out an area of naturalists histories, we invite contributors from a range of disciplines whose work might address the following questions: What is the relationship between naturalists and Oceanic communities? How have naturalists’ histories shaped place and practices in the past and present? How have their works influenced communities, conservations, and development projects? What is the relationship between scientific and indigenous knowledge? Whose natures are revealed, and alternatively concealed, in the final work?

We are moving forward to a symposium including papers by Joshua Bell, Jamon Halvaksz, Edvard Hving, Maria Lepowsky, Lamont Lindstrom, Alex Mawyer, Carlos Mondragon, Richard Scaglion, and Paige West. Others expressed an interest in joining us as we move on to a Symposium during the next meeting. Completed papers will be due by January 24th in order to circulate them ahead of the meeting.

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Joshua A. Bell, Natural History Museum, Smithsonian Institution, PO Box 37012, Washington, D.C. 20013-7012, USA; <bellja@si.edu>

Obesity and Health in the Pacific
Organizers: Aunchalee Palmquist and Nancy Pollock
Meeting: Not appearing on the schedule, contact Nancy for more information.

The Obesity session will meet informally in Kona, as several participants cannot join us in Hawai‘i. We are discussing plans for a publication from the earlier ASAO sessions, and will
update each other on that progress. We will meet informally, and invite anyone with ideas and experiences of Obesity research in the Pacific to join us over coffee. Contact Nancy Pollock or Aunchalee Palmquist for further information. Nancy_pollock@paradise.net.nz and a.palmquist@elon.edu.

Participants:
Ofa Dewes (University of Auckland), “Obesogenic Environments in New Zealand: A call to action”
Jeremy Dorovolomo (University of the South Pacific), “Investigating the Fijian Child’s Day to Better Intervene in Obesogenic Environments”
Jessica Hardin (Brandeis University), “Mentalities and Priorities: Public Health Struggles with Health and Well-being Approaches to Body Size and Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) in Samoa”
Thomas Mountjoy (University of Bergen), “Obesity and Applied Anthropology: A Biocultural Perspective from Solomon Islands”
Aunchalee Palmquist (Elon University), “The Hands that Feed Us: Rethinking Obesity in the Context of Food Insecurity in Hawai‘i”
Nancy Pollock (Victoria University of Wellington), “Themes in Nauruan Obesity Research in the last 20 years - Pacific orientations”
Susan Wurtzburg (University of Hawai‘i -Manoa), “Body Image and Body Health: Samoan and Tongan Perspectives from Hawai‘i”
Ashley Vaughn (University of Hawai‘i -Manoa), “Sugar, Sorcery, and Sickness: Local Interpretations of Diabetes in Tautu, Vanuatu”

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Small Islands in Peril or Under Pressure
Organizers: Colin Filer and Simon Foale
Discussant: John Connell
Meeting: Saturday, February 8, 8:00 am – 12:00 noon, Location TBD

The session (informal for the second time) had only 7 presenters but the papers were generally very interesting and well received by the large audience present, and there was a relatively high level of cohesion among them. Papers covered a good spread of political economy and political ecology, with climate change prominent among the themes, though this will not dominate the collection. Due to our satisfaction with the quality of the papers and the quite large number of extra papers we are confident we can get firm commitments to have advanced drafts of by the end of the year, we have moved to a symposium for the 2014 meeting. Themes include:
Demography, Issues of carrying capacity & emigration (contemporary resettlement options);
Reconfiguration of social relations and kinship; Isolation and connection (the culture of ‘difference’ between small and big islands); Biodiversity conservation (with focus on coral reef ecosystems); Anthropogenic landscapes; Climate change adaptation (climate frontline or canaries in the coalmine); Seasonal and longer (e.g. ENSO) cycles of change; Disaster risk reduction and disaster management strategies; Vernacular models; Bridging epistemologies; Motivation of local attitudes and responses. Target publisher is ANU E Press.

Participants:
Colin Filer (Australian National University), “Small Islands in Peril in Papua New Guinea: Are They All in the Same Boat?”
Rivers have rarely been the subject of ethnographic enquiry in Oceania despite their cultural and ecological significance and the fact that most Pacific Island scholars have fascinating stories to tell about their personal experiences of rivers and other forms of fresh water. In this session we therefore hope to fill a gap in the ethnographic record but we are also finding that a focus on the social life of rivers enriches our understanding of culture in unexpected ways. Participants in our first working session addressed a variety of issues including: the symbolic opposition between saltwater and fresh water which can be especially prominent for coastal peoples; the legal, political, and economic struggles that arise over rivers as economic resources; the historical, symbolic and material relationships of rivers to the cultural identities of kin groups and communities; and the continuing importance of oral narratives that portray rivers as ‘spiritscapes’ that emerge, as primordial waters, through the actions of culture heroes or spirit beings. Several participants also noted the widespread metaphorical application of diverse notions of ‘flow’ and ‘blockage’ to ideas about health, intergenerational knowledge transfer, and the social relations among upstream, downstream, and cross-stream communities.

We were struck by the diversity of themes that emerged in our San Antonio session but we concluded that diversity would be our strength as we go forward to a symposium in 2014. We were especially gratified to have achieved some geographical as well as thematic diversity with papers from all Pacific Island regions (Melanesia, Polynesia, Micronesia). Although our primary
focus is on rivers we welcome more papers that focus on other bodies of fresh water such as springs and aquifers.

Seven participants contributed papers during our 2013 session but three more have now submitted abstracts and we are still willing to consider additional participants as long as they can commit to the abstract and paper deadlines required for symposia. Each participant will be asked to review and present someone else’s paper as part of an internal review process that will ideally allow us to move forward quickly after the session to publication.

Participants in 2013 who plan to continue with us in 2014 are Joshua Bell, Edvard Hviding, Jerry Jacka, Alexander Mawyer, Carlos Mondragón, Toon van Meijl and John Wagner. Additional participants for 2014 who have submitted abstracts are Eric Silverman, Eilin Torgersen, Jeffery Wescott and Marama Leigh Muru-Lanning. We are still able to accept up to two additional participants.

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WORKING SESSIONS

Beyond Kula: Assembling the Contemporary Massim
Organizers: Michelle MacCarty and Sergio Jarillo de la Torre
Meeting: Thursday, February 6, 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm, Location TBD

This working session is the continuation of last year’s informal session “Malinowski Centennial Symposium 2015.” Participants in San Antonio discussed possible themes to prepare a conference in Alotau, PNG in 2015, to celebrate Malinowski’s first arrival in an area that remains one of the most assiduously studied ones of the anthropological universe (and one that still attracts a large number of researchers). The informal session highlighted the need to elaborate constructive collaborations to assemble contemporary, up to date understandings of present-day Massim. Like elsewhere in PNG and the Pacific, the Massim is becoming an increasingly networked, translocal entity. Yet some anthropological literature still tends to portray this highly changing world as a resilient example of canonical models of exchange, ritual ceremonies and “traditional” ways of life. Whereas all these undoubtedly still have a place in academic syllabi and the lives of locals, participants in the session agreed that people in the Massim are nowadays more concerned about food security, climate change, migration, environment conservation, revival religious movements, education, land conflict resolution, resource extraction, mobile technology and banking, tourism or football.

The proposed working session aims at expanding established anthropological perspectives on the Massim. Surely enough, the anthropological agenda of the Massim cannot remain that individuated by Malinowski in 1915 and/or the scholars that worked in the area in the 1970s. Instead, we would like to have a discussion that:

(1) Identifies recent developments in the area
(2) Questions why are these issues important for the future and
(3) Asks how can they best be tackled to yield up-to-date understandings of the Milne Bay Province in a wider context

We envisage participants’ contributions to engage with social change from a series of perspectives: political/organisational/legal, religious/ritual/ceremonial, colonial/postcolonial/neo-colonial, local/translocal/global or economic/ecologic/cosmologic.
Massim scholars have also tackled issues regarding kinship, relations, consumption, architecture, art and material culture among other themes. Ideally, the proposed papers for the session will serve the double purpose of individuating those areas to which locals accord most relevance for their immediate future and help the organizers of the conference devise thematic panels/roundtables and those who will participate in them for the forthcoming conference in Alotau.

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Circulation of Children in a Global Context
Organizers: Judith Schachter and Isabelle Leblic
Meeting: Thursday, February 6, 8:00 am – 5:30 pm, Location TBD

Announcing a working session for the 2014 meetings, titled: Circulation of Children in a Global Context. This is a continuation of a successful informal session in 2013, where we developed themes that will organize the papers planned for 2014. Eleven people have pledged to do papers, including Pacific Islanders. In addition, we welcome others who have thought about the issue of “child circulation” to join our conversation. It promises to be lively and varied. Organizing themes include: Migration/circulation—from rural to urban settings; from one island setting to another; from island to former or current “colonial” nation-state; from islands under “western” influence to the western nation-state. Functions/purposes—providing educational opportunities, addressing economic needs, forming or solidifying kinship bonds, among others. Vocabulary/concepts—lack of compatibility in international conventions, legal systems, and customary interpretations, including the meanings of “child” and of “childhood” and the application of the “best interests” principle. Child exchange, gift exchange, and bridewealth—and the intersection of these exchanges within larger kinship systems. Finally, several presentations focus on the emotional and psychological dimensions of child circulation—the impact on child and adult of transfers from biological to social parent.

Participants:
Laurence Marshall Carucci (Montana State University), “Exploring the Interstices Between Kokajiriri and Adoption: Shifts in Marshallese Practice”
Mary L. Spencer (University of Guam): “Cross Context Studies of Childhood in the Micronesian Migration Stream”
Zag Puas, “Adoption on Lukunor (Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia)”
Rachana Agarwal (Brandeis University), “Adoptive Practices and Affective Experiences of Palauan Youth”
Kenneth Nehr bass (Belhaven University): “Adoption and Fosterage in Vanuatu”
Isabelle Leblic (CNRS), “Contrast between Kanak (New Caledonia) and Ma’ohi (French Polynesia) practices of traditional adoption versus International Adoption”
Leslie Butt (University of Victoria), “Mobile Children, Mobile Parents: Labour Migration and the Circulation of Children in the Asia-Pacific Region”
**First Fieldwork: 1960-1985**

Organizers: William Heaney and Laura Zimmer-Tamakoshi  
*Meeting: Saturday, February 8, 8:00 am – 5:30 pm, Location TBD*

This session – renamed from Ethnographic Presence - will continue as an “advanced” working session at the 2014 meeting in Kona. Seven participants have full-length papers already and five others are headed in that direction. All the papers focus primarily on first (or early) fieldwork experiences during a period of time involving critical changes in both the island Pacific countries we work in and in anthropology, changes that affected the outcomes and directions our research took in our first and subsequent fieldwork. Numerous themes, contrasts and commonalities have emerged, one in particular being how frequently we change or modify topics in the field as we learn what is important to our interlocutors or unexpected events dictate such changes. Another is how different the fieldwork experience is now in contrast to our past experiences when we had little or no contact with advisors and others outside the local communities we were immersed in.

Richard Feinberg (Kent State) has agreed to be our discussant and to situate our individual papers in an introductory chapter of a future volume or special issue and a larger discussion of a period of much change in the political and anthropological history of Oceania. While most of us continue to do field research and are to one degree or another tech savvy, we are looking for a second, younger discussant to write a contrasting conclusion from the perspective of someone who has begun his or her research in a time when home and our informants are a mobile phone call away and new theoretical perspectives and concerns shape research and ‘field’ methodologies. We are still hoping to attract more participants with field experience in Micronesia and Polynesia to help balance our New Guinea contingent. Pacific Islander anthropologists who began their research between 1960 and 1985 are also most welcome. Those interested in joining our session as active participants should contact both organizers as soon as possible. Full-length working papers of 20-25 double-spaced pages were due October 15 so that they can be pre-circulated and read by everyone in the session by January 15 and so that Rick Feinberg can contemplate the papers sufficiently before the meeting in Kona.

Participants:  
Richard Scaglion (University of Pittsburgh), “Changing Topics in the Field”  
Glenn Petersen (Baruch College and Graduate Center, City University of New York), “Led Astray by Too Much Kava”  
William H. Heaney (University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh), “In Search of Our Ancestors: Rolling Back the Genealogy to Find Where We’re To”  
Anton Ploeg (Radboud University, Nijmegen), “Into the Unknown”  
Nancy J. Pollock (Victoria University, Retired), “Reflections and Reconnections of Early Gastronomic Fieldwork in the Pacific”  
Patricia K. Townsend (University of Buffalo) and William H. Townsend (Retired), “On the Fringe: First Fieldwork in the Upper Sepik, 1966-67”  
David Boyd (University of California – Davis, Emeritus), “Practicing Ethnography in the Mountains of Papua New Guinea: Four Decades of Intermittent Research with the Awa (Eastern Highlands) and the Hagahai (Madang)”  
Laura Zimmer-Tamakoshi (Truman State University, Retired), “Interrupted Voices: the Untold Story and Politics of Thwarted Fieldwork in Morobe Province in 1982”
Law and Custom in Micronesia
Organizer: Manuel Rauchholz and Zag Puas
Discussant: Richard Scaglion

Meeting: Friday, February 7, 8:00 am – 12:00 noon, Location TBD

The main goal of this working session has been to consider the relationship between law and custom/tradition 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. The mix of senior and junior scholars from both anthropology and law and the resulting time span of nearly five decades of field work and research experience being covered promises for an overall well grounded diachronic and synchronic look at consistencies and changes in the understanding and the interpretation of law and custom in Micronesia.

It was decided to continue the session in 2014 as an advanced working session to allow for the new participants' written contributions.

Participants:
Sue Farran* (Northumbria University), “A Pacific Perspective on Law and Custom in Micronesia”
Scott Garvey* (Attorney at Law, FSM, together with Walberg Hadley)
Edward C. King (Attorney at Law, Former Chief Justice, Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia), “Law and Custom in the Federated States of Micronesia”
Puas, Zag (PhD candidate, ANU), “The FSM Legal System: Responses to US Influence”
Manuel Rauchholz (University of Heidelberg) and Ben Enlet (Attorney at Law, FSM), “Achemwir (adoption as a sibling) versus Mwúúmwú (adoption as a child) in Chuuk, Micronesia: A Case Study on the Interpretation of Law and Custom in an Adversary Court System.
Yuping Chen (National Taitung University), “Western law, customary law, and the role of the State: Land issues in Palau”
Rita Tsai (University of Pittsburgh), “Customary concepts of adoption and their interaction with modern law in Pohnpei, FSM”

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**Mobilities of Return**  
Organizers: Helen Lee and John Taylor  
*Meeing: Friday, February 7, 8:00 am – 12:00 noon, Location TBD*

After an excellent session in San Antonio in 2013 we are convening a working session at the 2014 conference. Participants in the 2014 session include Rachana Agarwal, Leslie Butt, Maggie Cummings, Alan Howard, Wolfgang Kempf, Thorgeir Kolshus, Helen Lee, Kirsten McGavin, Pyone Myat Thu, Ryan Peseckas, Jan Rensel, Taomi Tapu-Qiliho, John Taylor, Susan Wurtzburg, Shu-Ling Yeh, and Laura Zimmer-Tamakoshi. We now have a Dropbox folder, set up by Rachana Agarwal, which participants are using to share drafts of papers and useful resources.

The papers in the session discuss research from across the Pacific, extending to Taiwan and Timor-Leste, on the flows of people ‘back home’ from urban areas to rural villages and from the diaspora to home islands. We have already identified strong themes linking the papers, including the linguistic and cultural disconnect often experienced with ‘return’, questions of forced and voluntary movement, reflexive questions concerning ‘culture’ and ideas of ‘home’, the importance of kinship obligations and family support across dispersed communities, gender and generational differences in experiences of mobility, and class mobility.

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**New Food: Cultural Consequences of Dietary Change in the Pacific**  
Organizer: Ryan Schram  
*Meeting: Thursday, February 6, 8:00 am – 12:00 noon, Location TBD*

Food, whether in the garden, presented at a feast, purchased in the trade store, or served on the mat, is perhaps the most important medium of social relationships in many Pacific societies. Ethnographies of Pacific societies in many ways turn out to be ethnographies of food and eating because the foodways of this region offer perspectives on the organization of society, cultural ideas about personhood, health, the body and relationships, and the way societies classify, value and adapt to their natural environment. Over the history of anthropology’s engagement with the Pacific, these foodways and ideas about food have been changing along with new subsistence practices, technologies, crops, and imported foods. Also, Pacific environments have been subject to increasing stress and struggle in the midst of a global ecological crisis. Today everyone in the Pacific is eating new food.

Can new food open a perspective on social transformations in general? This working session will present papers that examine the interrelations between dietary change, economic change, social transformations, colonialism, and globalization. While each paper introduces one ethnographic case of dietary change, we do not necessarily assume that all dietary changes are the same. What makes a food new is always relative to the specific social, cultural, historical and political context, and specific ideas about nutrition, health, wellbeing, family. Familiar foods are represented in new ways. New technologies enable different agricultural patterns and uses of environmental resources. Markets make new products available, but may also limit the availability of local foods. Bearing in mind that food is both natural and cultural, these papers seek to bring cultural conceptions of the meaning and value of different ways of making, eating and sharing food into discussions of health, poverty, security and ecology in the Pacific.
Participants:
Baio, Wasang (U Goroka), “Infrastructural Determinants of Sago Mobilisation for Food Security Requirements in Daru Town, Papua New Guinea”
Burton, Mike (UC Irvine) and Karen Nero (U Otago), “Breadfruit and Chicken: Two Contrasting Circulations of Food within Kosrae”
Garibaldi, Lisa R. (UC Riverside), “Tinned Tuna, Bongos, and Maggie Noodles: Generational Shifts in Food Preference in Rural Fiji”
Levy, Josh (U of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), “Rice at Least Once a Day: Appropriation, Sovereignty, and Rice Consumption on Pohnpei, 1914-1986”
Townsend, Patricia K. (U Buffalo, SUNY), “Saniyo Encounters with New Foods: The Only Difference Between Us Is What We Eat”
Wentworth, Chelsea (U Pittsburgh), “What’s Good for Breakfast?: Situating Imported Foodstuffs in Cultural and Dietary Context in Vanuatu”
Wurtzburg, Susan J. (U Hawai’i), “Engendering Kava with New Meaning in Hawai’i”

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Pacific Spaces and Sacred Buildings (!)
Organizers: Albert L. Refiti and Tevita O. Ka’ili
Meeting: Friday, February 7, 8:00 am – 5:30 pm, Location TBD

The Pacific Ocean can be said to be an undulating site where many things intersect and connect in a ‘trans-localism’, where lives are lived as stories that take on full meanings only when linked to other stories and places (Matsuda 2012). The surging and heaving quality of the ocean swells suggests the idea of multiple parts distributed among the many possible sites, rather than a straightforward resolution of form, which are linked via the simple human need to knit a co-belonging together. Such a co-belonging is a co-mingling of persons, objects and buildings – bounded by the exchanges of prestige values and genealogies. These produce an architecture of encounters: between buildings as people (and people as building) and between spaces and places, in which vā lines (lines of relations) intersect to build relationships (Refiti). In Samoa, this intersection of relations (in loops and knots) not only binds (tofi) people and things together in ancestral places, but also allows them to move and extend (māvaē) their kinship lines to loops and knots elsewhere.

An important Pacific building is first and foremost an apparatus that acts to corral and hold communities and their rituals together. The words for building - fale (Samoan), whare (Māori), vale (Fijian), hale (Hawaiian) - literally mean to cover (malu, maru) or to shade over. Important buildings like the Māori wharenui and the Samoan failetele are sited on raised foundations where important clan ancestors once lived. This arrangement has been explored in anthropology in terms of ‘House Societies’ or as a process of ‘topogeny’. The ancestor ties or vā lines of relations are manifest throughout these houses, especially in the roof and posts, which in turn provide the power and vitality for the continuing legacy of its descendants.

Significant shifts to the being of these houses occur therefore when they lose their physical and metaphorical foundations and lines of connection. Past and present movements of Māori and Pacific houses show a performative power of indigenous buildings’ iconicity and relationality in far-away locations like London or Chicago. What associations arise out of those
new cross-cultural configurations? How do they change the houses as apparatuses?
Increasingly, critical issues arise from an exponentially growing, global commodification of indigenous cultures.

Participants:
Mike Austin (Unitec Institute of Technology), “The architecture of openness”
* Deidre Brown (University of Auckland), “Māori architecture in Oceania”
Tina Engels-Schwarzpaul (AUT University), “Travelling houses”
Marianne George (Pacific Traditions Society), “Spiritual presence, protected functions, and windward vantage of the Haehale of Vaka o Lata”
Athol Greenstreet (University of Auckland), “Māfu’a‘aga: The technical implications of tradition”
*Michael Goldsmith (University of Waikato), “Dialogical relations in and between sacred Pacific buildings and their occupants”
Tevita Ō. Ka‘ili Bingham Young University Hawaii‘i), “Maunawila Heiau: A sacred spatiotemporal site linking Hawaiians, Tahitians, Tongans, and Sāmoans”
Tate LeFevre (Franklin and Marshall College), “Constructing cases, creating Kanaky: Spaces of indigenous sovereignty in Nouméa”
Spencer Leineweber (University of Hawai‘i Manoa), “Ho‘okowa ‘Oiwi”
Sailiemanu Lilomaiva-Doktor (University of Hawai‘i Oahu West), “Constructing fale tele or maota (guesthouses): constructing vā (socio-spatial relationships)”
*Sean Mallon (Te Papa Tongarewa Museum of New Zealand), “Making secular spaces, sacred spaces”
Karlo Mila-Schaaf (University of Auckland), “Mana Moana: The journey to Motutapu”
Karamia Muller (University of Auckland), “Relational drawing as agency: Negotiating the tangible and intangible of Samoan diaspora social space”
Moana Nepia (University of Hawai‘i Manoa), “Pacific spaces of invisibility”
Martha Noyes (University of Wales Trinity Saint David), “Centered space at Kūkaniloko”
*Semisi Potauaine (AUT University), “Tatau: Symmetry as conflict-mediation of line-space Intersection”
Albert L Refiti (AUT University), “The circulation of mana in centralised spaces, striated territories and shimmering houses in Polynesia”
*Jeremy Treadwell (University of Auckland), “The 19th century whare Māori: The culture of technology”

Value — Objects, Relations, and Emotions
Organizer: Susanne Kuehling

Meeting: Saturday, February 8, 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm, Location TBD

This session explores the construction and negotiation of value in a broad sense, including tangible and intangible valuables (objects, consumables, rituals, performances, and personage, e.g. first-born children). We are interested in wisdoms and uncertainties, shifts in value from generation to generation, and the relations between monetary and non-monetary value. Papers are taking into account that value is mediated in an embodied and gendered way, causing emotions (e.g. the burden of fame, the shame of owing too much, the fear of envy and anger, the pride of giving). The production and reproduction of value, in our ethnographic case studies, speaks to shifting desires, (re)negotiations of systems of measurement, and modified outlooks into the future.
Ping-Ann Addo (University of Massachusetts, Boston, ping_ann@yahoo.com), “Mafana or Mamafa (warmth or weight)? Diasporic Tongans assess the Worth of their Gift-giving”
Juliana Flinn (Univ. of Arkansas at Little Rock, jbflinn@ualr.edu), “Value in Dress and Adornment”
Regina Knapp (Max Planck Institut, Leipzig, gina.knapp27@googlemail.com), “Netting and Networking: The Social Value of String Bags in Bena, Eastern Highlands, Papua New Guinea”
Susanne Kuehling (University of Regina, susanne.kuehling@gmail.com), “Kula: Motions and Emotions of Exchange”
Michelle MacCarthy (University of Bergen, mmaccarthy@yahoo.com), “The Value of Dance in the Trobriand Islands”
Naomi McPherson (University of British Columbia, naomi@emusoftware.ca), “Reproducing Elements of Value: The Firstborn and Exchange in Bariai, West New Britain (inactive in 2014 but hopefully back in 2015)”
Susan Montague (DeKalb University, spmontague@yahoo.com), “O Tamagu, Inagu; How does your garden grow?”

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INFORMAL SESSIONS

Colonialism and Globalization in the Pacific (!)
Organizers: Rich Scaglion and Chris Beaule
Meeting: Thursday, February 6, 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm, Location TBD

This session uses colonialism as a springboard for the examination of interregional and cross-cultural interaction in the historic and ethnographic records. Colonialism subsumes a wide range of relationships between an occupying polity and subject populations, but its forms are complex. And because the pre-European Pacific saw intricate cross-cultural networks emerge as different cultural groups created widespread trade networks, waves of migration and political alliances, the exploration and eventual exploitation of populations throughout the region by Spanish, French, and German explorers, among others, was arguably just one more incarnation of the centuries of cross-cultural interaction that preceded Europeans. Yet the formal brands of political and economic colonialism that soon followed were qualitatively different in their scale and intensity.

The organizers are particularly interested in understanding Spanish colonialism in the Pacific in a broader conversation about the complexity of colonialism and related social forms more generally: what are some of the variants of both European and non-European colonialism, how does colonialism compare with other forms of cultural interaction and domination, and does it make sense to think of globalization as yet another of these forms of cross-cultural and interregional interaction? We envision a broad exploration of cross-cultural contact, particularly between parties whose home societies enjoy(ed) very different levels of political and economic power, and their impact on Pacific cultures.

We are seeking participants who wish to address these issues from multiple regions and time periods. We particularly welcome those who are interested in Spanish colonialism or in comparisons with it, but we also seek participation from anyone with interests in power and intercultural interaction, both in the Pacific and beyond. Those interested in participating should contact Rich Scaglion (scaglion@pitt.edu) or Chris Beaule (Beaule@hawaii.edu).

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**Ethnic Tension in Hawai‘i (!)**
Organizers: Joseph Genz and Julianne Walsh  
*Meeting: Saturday, February 8, 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm, Location TBD*

Inter-island and inter-group tension in the age of diaspora is a critical topic throughout the Pacific. Mounting friction in Hawai‘i, in particular, between recent immigrant groups and local communities has resulted in stereotyping, anxieties, discrimination, and open conflict. Of particular relevance to the upcoming 2014 ASAO conference on the Big Island of Hawai‘i, a local high school in Kailua-Kona closed for two days in December 2012 due to violence along Hawaiian and Micronesian lines. Combatting this potentially deepening rift are individuals, programs, and communities that are encouraging more awareness and empathy.

This informal session explores the rising ethnic tension in Hawai‘i. It seeks to foster a conversation into the histories of the recent immigrant groups and their realities and perceptions of living in Hawai‘i, the forms and degree of accommodation, mutual stereotyping, and discrimination, and the various community services, projects, and outreach efforts to support, train, and empower the immigrant groups while fostering understanding and respect. The organizers invite all those interested in participating in this dialogue to register their interests, and be prepared at the informal session to share ideas and any relevant field experiences.

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**Friendship and Peer Relationships (!)**
Organizers: Jessica Hardin and Mary Good  
*Meeting: Not appearing on the schedule*

While kinship is widely regarded as a classic domain of ethnographic research, other crucial relationships including friendships and peer-oriented relationships have received relatively less anthropological attention until recent decades. Relationships between peers, whether friends, colleagues, or trading partners, also have significant impact in the creation and maintenance of contemporary communities and publics. Friendships and other intimate relationships can be taken as overlapping the realm of kinship (in the case of relatives with whom close friendships are shared), but range more broadly to encompass forms of sociality extending beyond filial bonds. In the Pacific region, friendships and peer relationships have been a critical part of expanding linguistic and social networks, carrying out symbolic and economic trading activities, and building political connections. In recent years, many of these relationships have emerged as responses to global changes in expectations about aging, gender, and sociality as well as transformations in economic, urban, and educational contexts. Scholarship also suggests such relationships, under conditions or contexts of change, might develop in particularly globalized forms, including egalitarian friendship. In this informal session, we will discuss various aspects of friendship and peer relationships, keeping in mind previous ASAO volumes on *Anthropology of Empathy* (Hollan & Throop) as well as recent work including *Intimate Strangers* (Smith), *The Ways of Friendship: Anthropological Perspectives* (Desai & Killick), and the *Anthropology of Friendship* (Bell & Coleman). This session will be held as an e-session in 2014, with interested participants circulating abstracts and other ideas through the co-organizers online. We plan to meet in person in 2015. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jessica Hardin or Mary Good with a brief description of your proposed contribution or an informal abstract.

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A Grave Matter: Changing Burial Practices in Pacific Island Societies (!)
Organizers: Leasiolagi Malama Meleisea and Penelope Schoeffel
Meeting: Saturday, February 8, 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm, Location TBD

This session will discuss the historical and modern burial practices in Pacific Island societies, with a focus on modes of interment and re-interment; grave and tomb styles, cemeteries; location of burials in relation to land tenure and land claims; beliefs about graves and burial; and graves and tombs as status symbols.

Those who have expressed interest are Albert Refiti, Sailimanu Lilomaiava-Doktor, Simon Kanema, Julien Clement, Toon Van Meijl, Moskang Kito, Martha MacIntyre, Naomi McPherson, Cyril Schafer, Eric Silverman, Rick Scaglion, Laurence Carucci, Jan Rensel, and Martin Orans.

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Homelessness and Homeland in the Contemporary Pacific (!)
Organizer: Kalaniopua Young
Meeting: Thursday, February 6, 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm, Location TBD

Homelessness among Hawaii’s indigenous peoples is a timely topic of concern for a growing number of anthropologists and geographers. Within the last decade, astronomical increases in the costs of living and housing have forced a growing number of Hawaiians onto public lands. As a result, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific peoples are making their ways into makeshift homeless encampments following often violent and destructive raids or sweeps by law enforcement. As housing becomes an increasingly restricted luxury for those who have a sizeable income and those endowed by law with “ownership” of land, a growing number of Hawaiians and other Pacific Island communities encounter forced displacement from public parks and beaches. This informal session seeks to bring together scholars, activists and local community members to discuss the violent impact of such forced displacement in contemporary Hawai’i relative to broader discourses on homelessness, the body and healing. Moreover, this session invites home-free and house-less activists who are living in Hawai’i to contribute their knowledge to this conversation. Borrowing from Dr. Kali Fermantez, a Native Hawaiian geographer, this session is interested both in the causes of forced displacement and homelessness in contemporary Hawai’i and also the different efforts to Re-place Native Hawaiians on their own homelands vis-à-vis autonomous zones or pu’uhonua. In line with Fermantez’ play with language, using the word “place” and the prefix “re”, this session is interested in exploring how Native Hawaiians and other Pacific communities are going back to place in space and time in order to assert political autonomy and AlterNatives to state and governmental interventions.

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Levi-Strauss, Myth, and The Contemporary Pacific (!)
Organizer: Eric Silverman
Meeting: Friday, February 7, 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm, Location TBD

In 2015, we collectively mark the 60th anniversary of Claude Levi-Strauss’s groundbreaking essay, “The Structural Study of Myth.” The article, first published in The Journal of American Folklore, marked a pivotal moment in anthropology and modern social thought. Since then, no subsequent analysis of myth or culture more broadly can rightly refuse to address in one way or another Levi-Strauss’s analytic method—the linguistic analogy, the innovative interpretation
of the Oedipus myth, and the famous canonical formula. Nor can we ignore the underlying philosophical outlook of the essay in regard to the structure of the mind, the relationship between thought and practice, the role of history in social analysis, and the sway of 20th century modernism. I propose a hybrid, Informal-Working Session in Hawai‘i this February 2014 to begin thinking about a Symposium in 2015, “Levi-Strauss and Myth in Contemporary Oceania: Essays on the 60th Anniversary of The Structural Study of Myth.” What is the relevance of structuralism in the contemporary Pacific? How can we re-assess the Levi-Straussian paradigm for understanding myth (and culture) in regard to recent concerns and theories such as modernity, globalization, the reinvention of tradition, post-structuralism, deconstruction, obviation, Lacanian psychoanalysis, the importance of history, Sahlins’esque structures of conjuncture, dialogism, gender, violence, and so forth? Let us, in short, honor the publication of this ground-breaking essay by re-thinking the structuralist analysis of myth in, and through, the contemporary Pacific.

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Order in Melanesia (!)
Organizer: Alex Golub
Meeting: Saturday, February 8, 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm, Location TBD

According to Melanesians, what sort of forces create order in human action across time and space? What cultural concepts of order and regimentation guide the conduct of Melanesians, and how do they reflect on and talk about these concepts? Social movements in Melanesia often emphasize the benefits of unity, including unity of mind and heart, as well as unity of conduct through synchronized, regularized activity. Yet often Melanesians seem unable or unwilling to realize this unity in practice, and often consider themselves temperamentally unable to achieve them. In many Melanesian countries people bemoan the lack of bureaucratic rationality and regular delivery government services, all the while questioning the legitimacy of the state. Students of Island Melanesia take issue with portrayals of Melanesians which emerge from the New Guinea mainland, and argue vociferously that some Melanesians are interested in order rather than spontaneity, and corporate unity rather than social-structural fluidity. In this session we will attempt to explore these hoary issues through the concept of order. Can we move beyond rough dichotomies of ‘Austronesian’ and ‘Nonaustronesian’ to a more nuanced regional typology of different concepts of order? Can we understand the articulation of indigenous orders to the state and its civil service? Can we use the concept of order to synthesize Dumontian, Silversteinian, and Stragnerian approaches to social life? These and other questions will be taken up in the panel.

People who have expressed interest include: Dan Jorgensen, Carlos Mondragon, Ryan Schram, Barbara Anderson, Tuomas Tammisto, Alex Golub, Thorgeir Kolshus, Stephanie Hobbis

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The Pacific Islands in the Digital Age (!)
Organizers: Alan Howard and Geoffrey Hobbis
Meeting: Friday, February 7, 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm, Location TBD

This session will provide an opportunity to explore ways in which the advent of digital media is affecting Pacific Island populations and the anthropologists who study them. For example, how has access to the Internet, the introduction of mobile phones, computers, video cameras and other digital media impacted social life in the islands? How have social media like Facebook affected relationships within diasporic communities? To what extent and in what ways do
islanders use blogs, websites and other means of expressing themselves publically, and to what effect?

From the ethnographer’s perspective, how has access to digital media affected the research process? What technological innovations have been most significant for generating new kinds of data and for storing and processing information? What use can be made of items posted on the Internet and what are the ethical issues that might be involved? What use can be made of digitalized information and digital media to present ethnographic accounts in innovative ways? We invite anyone who would like to participate in the session to contact us. If you already have a case study you would like to share please send an abstract that can be circulated to other participants. If interested in participating, contact Alan Howard or Geoffrey Hobbis.

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Sustainability Lost
Organizer: Cathy Pyrek
Meeting: Saturday, February 8, 8:00 am – 12:00 noon, Location TBD

In 2013, we held an informal session called “Buyers’ Remorse,” a title that Cathy thought was genius, but it turns out, left many confused. We had a group of about 17 takers, but since the focus was not clear, we elected to try another informal session this year. Roger Lohmann summed up the focus of the session this way:

In the Pacific at this point in history there are many people who were born living in a sustainable culture but have lived through the period when they collectively adopted consumerism and the throwaway culture. They were attracted by its siren song, but as the garbage and poverty grows and self-sufficiency and fulfillment in non-consumerist aspects of life are being diminished, some recognize they are losing something. Maybe they want to get that something back. What is it? How are they going about returning to sustainability in the new context, or are they simply sinking into acceptance of the new way? What is the diversity of opinion in these communities—some no doubt are enthusiastic converts to materialism while others have their doubts. How is this variation expressed?

This informal session has been retitled, but still seeks to explore what people of the Pacific have given up in trade for what they perceive as “better.” Possible topics include: health/nutrition, language loss, threats to identity, land loss, housing, environmental concerns, transportation, traditional knowledge, economic and religious changes and challenges to long-held values that have resulted, engagement with outside influences and efforts at modernization, etc. The emphasis is not on what has gone wrong, but rather, where are people in their maturity path of recognizing what’s been lost and what are they willing to do about it? What will be their role in the future for securing a more satisfactory balance of old and new? Participants are encouraged to attend with a topic in mind to discuss with the group, including a rough outline or abstract. Please contact Cathy Pyrek to express your interest any time.

Attendees who have indicated an interest in continuing: Ping-Ann Addo, Elise Berman, Aletta Biersack, Terry Brown, Yaping Chen, Dominica Colobro, Frederick Errington, Rick Feinberg, Deborah Gewertz, Isabella Leblic, Roger Lohmann, Kirsten McGavin, Naomi McPherson, Melissa Moniz, Zag Puas, Cathy Pyrek, Rita Tsai, and John Wagner.

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Theorizing Race and Culture in the Pacific  
Organizer: Lisa Uperesa  
Meeting: Saturday, February 8, 8:00 am – 12:00 noon

Paradigms of culture, ethnicity, and indigeneity pervade life in the Pacific and analyses of island life, group relations, and identity and belonging. While discussions of race and racialization have been the subject of recent publications, its importance in historical and contemporary life deserves a more sustained conversation across island areas. This panel takes as its task enunciating the generative potential of race in our examination and analyses of life in the Pacific, tracing how it interacts with the more privileged frameworks of culture, ethnicity, and indigeneity. We see this as the first of several scholarly conversations, building on and extending existing work in this area. Current participants represent a range of scholars trained in, appointed in, or engaged with anthropology of Oceania, and are considering the following (and other) questions:

- How are group relations across the Pacific informed not only through shared local cultures and across ethnic identities, but also by the ways in which particular bodies have been racialized by American and European colonialisms?
- How do racial and indigenous claims to belonging intersect and divide islanders’ claims to land and rights?
- How are ideas about race constitutive of and sublimated within ideas about culture in particular contexts [like sport, for example]?
- How have racialized colonial constructions shaped race relations in areas of the Pacific, and Pacific peoples’ own self-conceptions?
- How is race used as a proxy for assumptions about cultural knowledge or epistemological perspective?
- How might indigenous Pacific practices be mobilized to address tensions and heal rifts caused by festering racial and ethnic divisions?

Interested participants may join at any time – feel free to contact the session organizer.

Participants:
Hokulani K. Aikau, University of Hawai‘i-Mānoa, “Some Cultural and Racial (Il)logics of Restoring Lo‘i Kalo on ‘Public’ Lands”
Monisha Das Gupta, University of Hawai‘i-Mānoa, “Race, Illegality and U.S. Settler Colonialism: The Case of Mexican Residents in Hawai‘i”
Ann Iwashita, Columbia University, “Making Mauna Kea: Marrying Race, Epistemology, and Policy in Hawai‘i”
Rod Labrador, University of Hawai‘i-Mānoa, “I'm not trying to act Black': Towards an Oceanic Urbanism in Hawai‘i Hip Hop”
Joaquim Peter, University of Hawai‘i-Mānoa, “Pecheseset and Rewinipos: Channeling Aloha for Hawaiians and Micronesians in Contemporary Traveling Narratives”
Lisa Uperesa, University of Hawai‘i-Mānoa, “FOB Immigrants, Criminals, Performers, Athletes and Laborers: Samoan Cultural Alterity and Racialization in the U.S.”
Other participants include Vince Diaz (University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign), Tarcisius Kabutaulaka (University of Hawai‘i-Mānoa), and Nitasha Sharma (Northwestern University).

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Unasked Questions and Missed Opportunities: Cases from Fiji (!)
Organizers: Guido Carlo Pigliasco and Matt Tomlinson
Meeting: Saturday, February 8, 8:00 am – 12:00 noon, Location TBD

This is a working session focused on Fiji, asking what key issues in theory and ethnography are being overlooked and what the consequences of overlooking them might be. Participants are asked to consider one or both of two main issues. First, the Thomas Kuhn-inspired question: what ethnographic data are being ignored in the literature because they do not fit standard scholarly expectations? That is, what things do scholars—indigenous and non-indigenous alike—observe in the field but find difficult to get into presentations and publications because they do not harmonize with previously circulated representations of Fiji? Second, the Arjun Appadurai-inspired question: what key questions have not even been posed because the link between place and cultural theme has become too well established in the anthropological literature? Participants are urged to think as provocatively as possible in order to assess the unexplored spaces for genuine collaboration between academic anthropologists and indigenous communities, the limitations of current research, the implications of our missed opportunities, and the most fruitful potential questions yet to be asked.

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SPECIAL SESSIONS

Emerging Issues
Meeting: Friday, February 7, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm, Location TBD

At the opening plenary of the 2013 ASAO meeting in San Antonio, the ASAO board announced the formation of an annual “open” session on Emerging Issues. A modest number of participants in the first year described a robust and interesting conversation that generated a number of valuable moments, and we hope to foster an equally lively and even better attended session in this second year.

Tell Me What You Do: Communicating Science to the Public
Convener: Michael French and Jana Goldman
Meeting: Saturday, February 8, 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm, Location TBD

ASAO members are greatly concerned about inaccurate media representations of the people among whom we work and the work that cultural anthropologists do. Jared Diamond’s latest book aroused the most recent flurry of discussion, but the larger issue of how to inform the public more successfully about what we do and what we know comes up repeatedly. We propose a session on science communication in which a professional in the field - Jana Goldman, recently of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) - presents an overview of key issues in public communication in the natural sciences, followed by a moderated discussion of the public communication issues facing cultural anthropology in the Pacific Islands.

Ms. Goldman was a Public Affairs Officer with NOAA’s office of communications, assigned to its research programs, for over fourteen years. In that post she helped scientists communicate the nature and results of their research accurately and in plain language. She collaborated with scientists to write easily understood press releases conveying complex research findings, helped prepare scientists for media interviews, and developed media events highlighting
NOAA’s scientific work. While at NOAA, Ms. Goldman also became one of a small cadre of trainers certified to help federal government agencies put into practice the Plain Writing Act of 2010, which requires federal agencies to use “plain language” in communicating with the public.

Ms. Goldman came to her work at NOAA from a career as a newspaper reporter and editor, a member of the communications staff of a state governor, and the deputy press secretary for a US Senator. She is an independent media consultant, doing business as Press Here, focusing on science communication.

**Huaka’i and Service Project at Kahalu’u, Kona**

*Meeting: Thursday, February 6, 2013, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm.*

The lands of Keauhou-Kahalu’u on the North Kona district island of Hawai’i have been a center of politics for our ali’i for at least 18 generations of paramount chiefs from pre-Contact to Kau’ikeaouli (Kamehameha III). Ruling chiefs such as Lonoikamakahiki gathered experts in all matters of ike (knowledge) creation and dissemination here. The huaka’i (excursion) and service project will be led by Mahealani Pai. The day will begin at Kahalu’u makai learning about how restoration efforts began and the involvement of lineal descendants and the larger community. A portion of the morning will involve walking among the restored temples of Hāpaiali’i and Ke‘ekū heiau. Our next venture will be to Maluaka in Keauhou mauka to visit remnants of the Kona field system (agricultural stone terraces) to learn of the work that is taking place there. The service component of the day will be giving back to the land by vegetation removal at Maluaka. There will be a break for lunch and time for reflection. *Shuttle transportation provided to and from hotel.*

**ASAO Newcomers Luncheon**

The PISF Committee will host an event for newcomers to the ASAO meeting in February in Kona. We welcome everyone – and anyone – who has not attended an ASAO meeting before the 2014 meeting. Over a light lunch, we will discuss “rules, rigmaroles, and rituals” that may not be evident in formal introductions to the ASAO. Our gathering is informal, relaxed, and open to questions, comments, and random thoughts. It’s a time for getting to know one another, for raising questions or concerns, and for exchanging ideas. The PISF Committee includes Ping-Ann Addo (ping_anna@yahoo.com), Susanne Kuehling (Susanne.kuehling@googlemail.com), and Maria Lepowsky (lepowsky@wisc.edu).
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