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ANNUAL TEACHERS' WORKSHOP SCHEDULED FOR SPRING BREAK

Teaching Pacific Islands Studies: Focus on Indigenous Rights, is the title of the ninth annual Pacific Islands Teachers' Workshop, to be held at Kapi'olani Community College, 22-23 March. In Hawai'i, activities commemorating the overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy in 1893 and the growing movement for Hawaiian self-determination have raised public awareness of indigenous rights. This year's workshop, in this, the UN-designated International Year for the World's Indigenous Peoples, is designed to expand teachers' knowledge of indigenous rights issues.

Presentations will aim at examining the evolution of indigenous rights at the international level as well as some of the indigenous rights issues that have been raised in the Pacific. Workshop speakers will also discuss Pacific Islands library resources and ways of enhancing student interest in and knowledge of prehistory, history, and culture in the islands.

In addition to University of Hawai'i faculty and students, speakers include Poka Laenui, Director of the Pacific Asia Council of Indigenous Peoples, Sergio Rapu, Director of the Institute for Polynesian Studies at BYU/Hawai'i, and Debbie Hippolite Wright, Associate Director of the Pacific Islanders in America Research Project, BYU/Hawai'i. Cosponsoring the workshop with the center are Kapi'olani Community College, the UH College of Education, and the UH College of Continuing Education and Community Services.

CONFERENCE ON RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND TERRITORIES

A conference, *A Time of Change: Relations Between the United States and American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Marianas, Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands* was held at George Washington University, Washington DC, 8-11 February, 1993. The event was cosponsored by the Community College of American Samoa, the Northern Marianas College, the University of Puerto Rico, the University of the Virgin Islands, the University of Guam, and two units within the University of Hawai'i at Manoa -- the William S. Richardson School of Law and the Center for Pacific Islands Studies in cooperation with the George Washington University and the Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area.

Over 25 papers focused on the past, present, and future relations between the United States and the island territories in the Caribbean and the Pacific. The University of Hawai'i was well represented by Prof. Jon Van Dyke, School of Law; Dr. Robert C. Kiste, Center for Pacific Islands Studies; Dr. Belinda Aquino, Center for Philippines Studies; and Dr. Norman Meller, Department of Political Science. Other participants from Hawai'i were Mr. Jerry Norris and Dr. Michael Hamnett, both of the Pacific Basin Development Council, and Mr. Myron Thompson, Trustee, Bishop Estate.

BRIJ LAL AUTHOR OF NEW MONOGRAPH ON FIJI HISTORY

The latest in the Pacific Islands Monograph Series was recently published. The book, *Broken Waves: A History of the Fiji Islands in the Twentieth Century* (ISBN 0-8248-1418-5, US\$38.00) was written by Dr Brij V. Lal, formerly a professor of history at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, and currently at the Australian National University.

Broken Waves examines the foundations and legacies of British colonial rule in the Fiji Islands and the responses of various segments of Fiji's society to the European-dominated colonial order. The author, an Indo-Fijian, makes no

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special effort to invoke an impartiality he does not feel. His interpretations are provocative and challenging because he writes not from a sense of "cool detachment" but from "critical attachment." In a sense, the book is a personal journey of self-exploration. *Broken Waves* treats Fiji's major developments in the twentieth century within a framework that allows the reader to gauge and judge those developments against each other.

"Much as we may desire it, we cannot escape the imperatives and demands of the late twentieth century by retreating to some imaginary, uncomplicated past, or we will do so at our own peril. This does not mean that we jettison all those traditional values that give meaning and pleasure to our lives. What it does call for is progressive adjustment and selective adaptation, to change when change is necessary."

Brij Lal, *Broken Waves*, p. xviii

INCOMING STUDENTS

Four students officially entered the CPIS MA program in the Spring semester of 1993. They are:

- Anne HATTORI from Guam, has a BBA in international business from the University of Hawai'i.
 Joakim PETER from Chuuk State in the Federated States of Micronesia, has a BA in Communication from the University of Guam.
 Jennifer PETHIG, from New Zealand, has a BA and a DipArts in History from the University of Otago, New Zealand.
 William WALLACE, from La'ie, O'ahu, has a BA in History from the Church College of Hawai'i and a JD from J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University in Utah.

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In addition a non-degree student has joined us:

Mette RAMSTAD, a doctoral candidate from the department of the History of Religions at the University of Bergen in Norway, is working on her dissertation. The working title for her research project is *The Conversion of the Polynesians to the Mormon Church in the Last Century*.

DIPLOMATIC SEMINAR ON THE CONTEMPORARY PACIFIC

The Asia Foundation and the Center for Pacific Islands Studies will cosponsor a three week seminar on the contemporary Pacific, 11-30 July, 1993. Collaborating institutions are the Pacific Islands Development Program (PIDP) and International Relations Program, East-West Center, and the Pacific Basin Development Council.

The seminar is primarily designed for mid-career professionals in the ministries of foreign or external affairs in the independent and self-governing nations of the Pacific region, but participants from universities and the news media will be invited. The number of participants is projected at fifteen.

The seminar will have three main components: presentations and discussions on national, regional, and international problems and issues; the trade and craft of diplomacy; and negotiating skills and strategies. Invitations are being extended to governments and appropriate institutions. The Asia Foundation is the funding organization, and the venue will be Tokai University, Honolulu, Hawai'i.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hereniko in Cooks, Rotuma

CPIS assistant professor Vilsoni HERENIKO attended the Sixth Annual Festival of Pacific Arts held in Rarotonga, Cook Islands in October. During the Christmas break, he returned to his home island of Rotuma to conduct research on cultural identities there. On 3 February, Hereniko presented a talk on the *Preservation of Culture Through Literature* at the Pacific Islands Area Seminar held at Tokai University in Honolulu.

Pacific History Conference

CPIS was well represented at the Pacific History Association conference held at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand on 2-5 December 1992. Entitled *Conflicts and Continuities in the Pacific*, the conference was hosted by the Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies. CPIS editor Linley CHAPMAN and faculty member David HANLON attended. CPIS faculty member

David CHAPPELL and MA student David EARLE presented papers, Chappell on *Prelude to Outmigration: Kanaka Voyaging on Euro-American ships 1767-1887*, and Earle on *Coalition Politics in the 1890 Elections in Hawai'i*. Also, CPIS alumni Sam KAIMA (1989), Ralph WARI (1983) from the University of Papua New Guinea and William TAGUPA (1974), from Hawai'i, presented papers.

Ogden, Torgersen at PTC

Michael OGDEN, CPIS faculty member, and John TORGERSEN, MA student, recently attended the 15th annual Pacific Telecommunications Conference, *Forging New Links: A Focus on Developing Economies*, held in Honolulu in January. Ogden presented a paper on *Development and Telecommunications Technology in Pacific Islands Microstates*. He also chaired a session on Distance Education and Evaluation in which a paper he had co-authored, *The Contribution of Distance Higher Education to National Development in Pacific Island Countries*, was presented. Torgersen was a volunteer at this year's conference.

Neemia, Campbell here for extended visit

Uentabo NEEMIA, from the Institute of Pacific Studies at the University of the South Pacific in Suva, Fiji, will be at UH-Manoa for a four-month stay to conduct research and write his doctoral dissertation. Neemia will be hosted jointly by CPIS and PIDP at the East-West Center.

Ian CAMPBELL, of the department of Pacific History at the University of Canterbury, was here in February and March conducting research in the Pacific Collection housed in the Hamilton Library at UH-Manoa.

SHAPS Graduate Student Conference

Several CPIS MA students were involved in the recent annual graduate student conference sponsored by the School of Hawaiian, Asian, and Pacific Studies held on February 19 at the Campus Center at UH, Manoa. The conference is held every year to give graduate students doing research about Asia and the Pacific the opportunity to present papers and receive input and criticism from discussants and others attending the conference. Gary OSTRICK was a co-coordinator and Alexander DEVOOGT and Diane AOKI presented papers, deVoogt on *Orthography and Development in the Pacific Islands* and Aoki on the *Political Nature of the Plays of Nora Vagi Brash*.

Send in your news

Please send any items of interest to the Editor, Pacific News from Manoa, Center for Pacific Islands Studies, Moore Hall 215, 1890 East-West Road, Honolulu, Hawai'i, 96822, or call Diane AOKI at (808) 956-2673 or Fax at (808) 956-7053.

VISITORS

On 2 January Ms Linda CROWL of the Institute of Pacific Studies at the University of the South Pacific in Suva, Fiji, visited the Center as well as the UH Press. She was en route to the US mainland for home leave.

Also on 2 January, Dr George BOUGHTON, of the Department of History at the University of Guam in Mangilão, Guam, stopped by en route to Washington DC where he participated in the planning for the conference on US relations with Pacific and Caribbean territories.

On 4 January, Dr KISTE, Center director, met with the Honorable William BODDE, former American Ambassador to Fiji, and later Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Mr Bodde, who was the first director of the Office of Pacific Island Affairs in the US Department of State, was en route to a new assignment as director of APEC in Singapore.

On 6 January, P. F. KLUGE, author of *The Edge of Paradise: America in Micronesia*, and a professor of English at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, visited. He was in Hawai'i for a meeting with the UH Press and to visit friends.

Also visiting on 6 January was Ms. Pamela HOLLIE, a representative of the Asia Foundation, who was here en route to the Philippines to take up a position in Manila.

Dr Kiste met with the Honorable Aurelia BRAZEAL on 19 January. Ms. Brazeal, the US Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia, was returning there.

On 28 January, Dr Ralph PREMDAS, of the Department on Government of the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad & Tobago, visited the Center en route to the Solomons and Fiji.

Also on 28 January, Dr Kiste met with Mr. Racio MOSES, Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Federated States of Micronesia. Mr. Moses in Honolulu to attend the meeting of the Standing Committee at the Pacific Islands Development Program at the East-West Center.

Also visiting in January was Mr Jon JONASSEN, who recently arrived in Hawai'i to take a position in political science at Brigham Young University-Hawai'i. Mr Jonassen, an alumnus of the CPIS MA program, was formerly Deputy Director of the Work Programme at the South Pacific Commission and the former Secretary of Foreign Affairs for the Cook Islands.

Mr Eric TUNIS, Chargé d'Affaires for the American Embassy in Apia, Western Samoa, was here on 18 February en route to the US mainland for home leave and consultations at the US Department of State.

OCCASIONAL SEMINARS

Joseph SUKWIANOMB, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Papua New Guinea, presented a seminar on 4 November on *The Role of UPNG in Facilitating National Development in Papua New Guinea: An Outlook for the 1990s*. Mr Sukwianomb was at Manoa en route to our Hilo conference.

A report on the Thirty-Second South Pacific Conference held in Suva, Fiji in October was given by Dr Robert KISTE on 4 November. Dr. Kiste, director of CPIS, was an invited observer to this annual meeting of the South Pacific Commission.

On his return from the Sixth Festival of Pacific Arts held in Rarotonga, Cook Islands in October, Dr Vilsoni HERENIKO gave a seminar evaluating the activities there. Dr Hereniko is an assistant professor at CPIS, teaching courses on Pacific literature. He is also an author and playwright and has written about Pacific art as well as cultural identities.

On December 9, CPIS co-sponsored, with the Australian and New Zealand Studies Project, a talk by Dr Bill GAMMAGE of Australian National University. The topic was *The Achievements of the Australian Aborigines*.

Aroha YATES-SMITH, a lecturer in the Maori Studies Department of the University of Waikato, gave a seminar entitled *A Personal Journey to Rediscover the Maori Goddesses* on 16 February. Ms Yates-Smith is doing research in the area of Maori goddesses and is presently conducting a comparative study of Maori and Hawaiian goddesses. She is currently a Fulbright Scholar and is at the East-West Center as a visiting fellow with the Program for Cultural Studies.

On 23 February, Geoffrey WHITE, anthropologist and director of the Program for Cultural Studies at the East-West Center, presented a seminar on *War Memory and National Identity* in which he talked about war memories associated with Guadalcanal and Pearl Harbor. With colleagues, Dr. White has been part of an extensive effort to document Islander memories of World War II and the implications for national identity throughout the Pacific. His publications include *The Pacific Theater: Island Representations of World War II* (coedited with Lamont Lindstrom), *Island Encounters: Black and White Memories of the Pacific War* (with Lindstrom) and *Identity Through History: Living Stories in a Solomon Islands Society*.

FYI: For Your Information

To date, there have been 92 graduates of the Pacific Islands Studies MA program since the first degree was awarded in 1956.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

The fourth Pacific Islands Monograph, *Nan'yo: The Rise and Fall of the Japanese in Micronesia* (1988, ISBN 0-8248-1987-2, US\$30.00, cloth, ISBN 0-8248-1480-0, US\$19.95, paper) by Mark R. Peattie, was recently released in paperback. "This comprehensive and fascinating book adds greatly to our knowledge of Micronesia's recent history and provides insights into the operation of colonial governments in general, the Japanese empire in particular, and the global significance of the Pacific Islands." — *The Contemporary Pacific*.

Pacific Islands History: Journeys and Transformations, (A\$15/US\$20) edited by Brij V. Lal, is a collection of papers presented at a workshop in Canberra in 1991. Published by *The Journal of Pacific History*, the collection reflects the many traditions and methods that comprise Pacific History scholarship, from Australia and New Zealand across the Pacific Islands to Hawai'i and California. To order, write to: *The Journal of Pacific History*, Inc. c/o Division of Pacific and Asian History, RSPacS, Australian National University, GPO Box 4, Canberra, ACT 2601, Australia.

The summer 1993 issue of *Manoa: A Pacific Journal of International Writing*, was guest edited by Center assistant professor Dr Vilsoni HERENIKO, and will feature new work from the Pacific Islands. The feature includes interviews, poetry, essays, drama, and fiction by Samoan, Tongan, Fijian, Indo-Fijian, Rotuman, Banaban, and Maori authors, in places ranging from Guam to New Zealand to the Cook Islands. Writers included in this edition are: Herb KANE, Teresia TEAIWA, Albert WENDT, John KNEUBUHL, Emil WOLFGAMM, Laura SOUDER, Joseph VERAMU, Raymond PILLAI, SUBRAMANI, Kauraka KAURAKA, Pio MANOA, Caroline SINAVAIANA, D.S. LONG, Konai THAMAN, and Hereniko. *Manoa* is available in bookstores and by subscription from the University of Hawai'i Press, 2840 Kolowalu Street, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96822. Phone orders may be called in to (808) 956-8833.

Letters From Fiji, 1987-1990: An on-the-spot record of what happened before, between, and after two military coups, (F\$6.00) by Len Usher, was recently published by Fiji Times Limited. It is a compilation of letters written by Sir Leonard Usher to Buckingham Palace and gives a first-hand account of the events surrounding the Fiji coups. Adding to the letters is a linking narrative. Usher came to Fiji from New Zealand in 1930 and has been a school principal, head of the Fiji Government's information department, editor and publisher of the Fiji Times, chairman of the Fiji Development Bank and deputy-chairman of the National Bank of Fiji, four times mayor of Suva, and one of the founders of the Pacific Islands News Association. For ordering information contact: Fiji Times Limited, PO Box

1167, Suva, Fiji. Phone (679) 304-111 or Fax (679) 301-521.

Pacific Neighbors: New Zealand's Relations With Other Pacific Islands (1992, ISBN 982 02 0078 4) by Ron Crocombe, has recently been published by the MacMillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies, Christchurch and the Institute for Pacific Studies, Suva. It is a comprehensive and novel review of the interrelationships between Aotearoa/New Zealand and its Pacific Island neighbors. Besides the old mainstays of trade, aid, migration, and tourism, Crocombe includes aspects such as volunteer workers, consultants, sporting links, missionaries, banking, education, television and cultural exchanges.

BULLETIN BOARD

Linguistics position available at UOG

Applications are invited for a tenure or non-tenure track, full-time position, instructor to associate professor in Micronesian Languages. Minimum qualifications include an advanced degree or ABD in linguistics or a related discipline; ability to teach comparative Austronesian languages focusing on a survey of Micronesian languages, as well as field linguistics and one Micronesian language through intermediate level. Preference will be given to candidates with proven ability to teach in a culturally diverse university setting, and with a record of research and scholarly publications. Salary range: instructor \$31,152 - \$45,371; assistant professor \$34,307 - \$50,765; associate professor \$39,300 - \$59,307 per academic year. Review of applications will begin 15 March, 1993 and will continue until the position is filled. Requests for applications may be directed to: University of Guam Personnel Services Division, UOG Station, Mangilão, Guam 96923. For further information, call (671) 734-9535, 734-9109 on Guam, or call Dr John Rider, our representative on the US Mainland west coast, toll free at 1-800-821-9233 between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Pacific Standard Time.

ASAO to be held in Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i

The annual conference of the Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania will be held at the King Kamehameha Hotel in Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i from 24 March to 27 March, 1993. This year's conference features special guest speaker, Epeli Hau'ofa, noted satirist who teaches at the University of the South Pacific. For more information, contact the Program Coordinator: Larry Mayo, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, DePaul University, 2323 N. Seminary Ave. Chicago, IL 60614. Telephones: (312) 362-8612 (o), (312) 267-9779 (h), fax: (312) 362-5691.

Education Conference scheduled for Chuuk

Some 1,000 Pacific educators will meet from 2-4 August, 1993, in Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia, for the tenth annual Pacific Educational Conference. For the past ten years, this conference has been sponsored by the Pacific Region Educational Laboratory, Honolulu. Each year the conference is hosted by a Pacific department of education. The theme for this year's conference is The Pacific Child: Our Most Precious Resource. This year there will be a special emphasis on mathematics and science education. PREL is now recruiting workshop presenters for this event. For more information contact: PREL Conference, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1409, Honolulu, HI 96813.

PTC Seminar in Guam

A Pacific Telecommunications Council Seminar, Telecommunications and Development in the Western Pacific will be hosted by the Guam Telecommunication Authority, and will be held in Agana, Guam on 25-26 October. For more information contact the PTC at 2454 South Beretania Street, Suite 302, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96826. Telephone: (808) 941-3789, Fax: (808) 944-4874, Telex: 7430550 PTC.

PIPSA Conference

The Pacific Islands Political Studies Association Conference will be held in Rarotonga, Cook Islands from 5-10 December 1993. Papers on national politics, regional and international politics, local government, and other topics of interest, will be presented. If you are interested in presenting a paper or attending this conference, contact Ron Crocombe, Box 130, Rarotonga, Cook Islands. Telephone: (682) 28100, fax: (682) 21315.

Imi Ho'ola Program at Burns School of Medicine

The University of Hawai'i John A. Burns School of Medicine is now seeking applicants for the 1993-1994 class of the Imi Ho'ola Program. Application deadline is 1 April, 1993. *Imi ho'ola*, Hawaiian for "those who seek to heal," is an intensive, one-year, pre-medical program designed to increase the medical school enrollment of Filipinos, Guamanians, Hawaiians, Micronesians, Samoans, and others who are underrepresented in the field. The program concentrates on developing students' English, science (biology and chemistry), communication, and learning skills. To ensure academic success, the program provides academic, financial, and personal counseling and assists students in the medical school application process. For more information and an application, contact Agnes Malate or Nanette Judd at (808) 956-7412, or write to: Imi Ho'ola Program, John A. Burns School of Medicine, 1960 East-West Road, Biomed B-104, Honolulu, HI 96822.

Errata: MOC, COM

The July-August issue of this newsletter, the special acronym edition listed MOC as the Micronesian Occupational Center. Established as such in 1969, MOC attained the status of college in 1977. It is fully accredited by the Accrediting Commission of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Also, the COM, College of Micronesia is made up of three co-equal campuses which were independent institutions prior to the formation the COM in 1977. Though COM's Central Office is located in Pohnpei, there is no "main campus" as our newsletter stated.

COM also has COM Centers, which offer courses in the FSM states of Chuuk, Kosrae, and Yap. Thank you to Joel E. Miles, Ph.D., Assistant Dean of Instruction at the COM for bringing this to our attention.

Post Script Regarding Acronym Newsletter

Many thanks to those who sent comments about the acronym edition of the newsletter. We hope to update the list periodically, so please keep us abreast of any changes, additions, or deletions.

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