CENTER FOR PACIFIC ISLANDS STUDIES CELEBRATES FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Friends and staff of the Center gathered at Bishop Museum's Atherton Halau on 6 September for a reception hosted by the Bank of Hawai'i to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of Pacific Islands Studies at UH Manoa. Honored at the reception for their contributions to the Pacific Islands Studies program were Emeritus Professor and first director of the program, Lenard E. Mason; Emeritus Professor Norman Meller; and Emeritus Pacific Curator, Renée Heyum. Ilima Piianaia, Director of the Office of International Relations, Office of the Governor, presented citations from Governor John Waihee to each of the honorees commending them for their many accomplishments and for their roles in building the Pacific Islands program and the Pacific Collection at Hamilton Library at UH.

GEOFFERY HENRY FIRST PACIFIC ISLANDS DISTINGUISHED LECTURER

The Honorable Geoffrey A. Henry, Prime Minister of the Cook Islands, will be the inaugural speaker in the Center's newly-announced Bank of Hawai'i’s Pacific Islands Studies Distinguished Lecturer Series. Howard Stephenson, Chairman and CEO of the Bank of Hawai'i, announced the bank's sponsorship of the new Distinguished Lecturer Series at the reception celebrating forty years of Pacific Islands Studies at UH.

The Prime Minister will speak on Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands at 5:00 PM on 9 November in the Keoni Auditorium, Jefferson Hall, 1777 East-West Road. The Prime Minister's lecture will also serve as the keynote address for the Center's Fifteenth Annual Pacific Islands Studies Conference which continues on Saturday, 10 November, with a morning session on Australia and the Pacific Islands and an afternoon session on New Zealand and the Pacific Islands. Among the speakers will be Greg Fry, ANU Research School of Pacific Studies; Robert J. Tyson, Australian Consul General in Honolulu; Charles Lepani, Office of the Prime Minister, Papua New Guinea; Roderic Alley, Victoria University of Wellington; Josefa Maiava, UNDP, Western Samoa; Graham Fortune, Deputy Secretary (Political and Security), New Zealand Ministry of External Relations and Trade; Henry Albinski, Australia-New Zealand Studies Center, Pennsylvania State University; Richard W. Baker, East-West International Relations Program; Colin Aikman, New Zealand Law Commission; and Barrie MacDonald, Massey University.

For information about the conference contact Outreach Coordinator Tisha Hickson at the Center. Geoffrey Henry's lecture, sponsored by the Bank of Hawai'i, is free and open to the public. Registration for Saturday's program, which begins at 8:30 AM and is also open to the public, is $50.00 for institutions, $10.00 for individuals, and $5.00 for students.

NEW INCOMING MA STUDENTS

Eight new students have been admitted to the MA program in Pacific Islands Studies this Fall Semester. The incoming students are:

Kathleen Akik, AB Degree Cum Laude in Anthropology from Harvard University (1986);
Linda Barney-Campbell, BA Degree in Social Science from Raymond College, University of the Pacific (1965) and a MA in Teaching from The Citadel (1973);
Malia Kaa'i, BA Degree in History from Witworth College (1989);
Eunice Kane, BA Degree in Hawaiian from the University of Hawai'i, Manoa (1989);
Sailieumanu LILOMAIAVA-NIKO, BA Degree in Arts from the University of Newcastle, Australia (1982); Edward MICHAL, BA Degree in Political Science from University of Colorado, Bolder (1974); Jane REEVES, BA Honors Degree in History from Otago University, New Zealand (1990); Ruhiyiy HUNKIN, BA Degree in History from the University of Hawai‘i, Manoa (1990).

**CENTER FACULTY HONORED**

Dr Allen HOWARD, Professor of Anthropology and Center affiliate faculty, was recently honored by University of Hawai‘i President Simone as one of the 1990 Matsuda Scholars at the Honors Convocation held on 4 May 1990. Belated congratulations Dr Howard!

**FALL 1990 VISITING FACULTY**

Dr Greg FRY from the Research School of Pacific Studies at the Australian National University is at the Center as a Visiting Professor during Fall Semester 1990. Dr Fry is teaching a graduate seminar course on *The International Politics of the South Pacific* and will serve as a resource person for students and faculty during his stay at the Center.

**OCCASIONAL SEMINARS**

On 31 August, cosponsored by the Department of Indo-Pacific Languages, Mr Galumalemana A. HUNKIN from Victoria University of Wellington gave a presentation on *The Pacific Islands Community in New Zealand and the Development of the Samoan Studies Program at Victoria University of Wellington*. Mr. Hunkin is Coordinator of the Samoan Studies Program at Victoria University of Wellington and Lecturer in Samoan. He was visiting the Samoan Language Program at the University of Hawai‘i.

Dr. Jean-Louis RALLU, Institut National d’Etudes Démographiques, gave an interesting talk on the *Historical Demography of the Marquesas Islands and North Malokula*. His presentation was on 13 September and was cosponsored with the East-West Population Institute and the Department of Geography. Dr. Rallu, a demographer with INED in Paris, has written on New Caledonia and Wallis and Futuna as well as on French Polynesia and Vanuatu. The basic data for the study presented at the seminar were genealogies reconstituted from civil registration (Marquesas 1886-1945). Dr. Rallu discussed the use of genealogies for demographic analysis, with insights into other islands of the South Pacific.

*Tongan Politics in the Changing Pacific,* was the topic of a 19 September presentation by Dr Rodney C. HILLS from the National Centre for Development Studies, The Australian National University. Dr Hills, who was the Australian High Commissioner to Tonga from 1987 to 1990, has worked in East Africa and Southeast Asia in addition to the Pacific. From 1980 to 1987 he was Director of Science, Technology and Research Programs in the Australian Development Assistance Bureau, and he is currently Deputy Executive Director at the National Centre for Development Studies.

In a well attended seminar on 25 September, cosponsored with the Department of History and the History Students’ Association, Greg DENING, University of Melbourne, discussed *The Art and Science of Claptrap: A Defense of Reflective History*. Greg Denning is the Max Crawford Professor of History at the University of Melbourne. Among his many critically-acclaimed works are *Islands and Beaches: Discourse on a Silent Land: Marquesas, 1774-1800* and *History’s Anthropology: The Death of William Gooch*. Professor Denning’s talk focused on the problems presented for history by post-modernism.

Mr Leland BETTIS, Guam Commission on Self-Determination, spoke before a capacity crowd on 28 September on the topic, *Issues Surrounding Guam’s Quest for a New Political Status: Commonwealth*. Mr Bettis has served as Executive Director of the Guam Commission on Self-Determination since January 1989. For two years prior, he was Research and Policy Analyst for the Vice Chairman of the Commission. Mr Bettis stopped in Hawai‘i on his return to Guam after meeting with Federal officials on the U.S. mainland.

On 10 October, Thomas BARGATZKY, Universität Bayreuth, spoke on *The Most Accomplished Work of Art: Liturgy, Poiesis, and Metaphorical Descent Groups*, cosponsored with the East-West Institute of Culture and Communication. In his talk, Dr Bargatzky, Professor of Anthropology, introduced *poiesis* and *liturgy* as the conceptual nucleus of a theory that attempts to explain Samoan ceremonial descent groups and related
phenomena that have generally been subsumed under the category of descent.

*The Contemporary Pacific Islands Press,* was the topic of a presentation on 17 October by Suzanna LAYTON. Ms LAYTON is completing concurrent masters degrees in Pacific Islands Studies and Communication at UH Manoa. A former editor of the *Arawa Bulletin* in the North Solomons Province of Papua New Guinea, she has spent the last two years updating a twenty-year-old study of print news media published in the Pacific Islands. In May 1990, her paper was selected as the First Place Markham Award winner for postgraduate research in international communication by the US Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

UVIC LANSDOWNE LECTURE SERIES

During the week of 24 September, Center Director Robert KISTE presented a series of lectures under the sponsorship of the Lansdowne Lectures Series and the Department of Pacific and Asian Studies at the University of Victoria, Canada. Dr Kiste presented three lectures open to the public on the topics of *Regional Cooperation Among Pacific Island Nations, Pacific Island Economies: The potential for Development,* and *Decolonization in Micronesia.*

MICRONESIA DEVELOPS CULTURALLY SENSITIVE STANDARDIZED TESTS

(from *Northwest Report,* July/August 1990) A new standardized language arts test for Micronesian eighth-graders is full of stories and images familiar to the Pacific islanders: typhoons and yellow-fin tuna, beaches and blue lagoons, centipedes and mango trees. The test is the product of a two-year collaborative effort among Micronesian educators and the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory's evaluation and assessment specialists to develop culturally relevant tests for Micronesian students.

The project began in 1988 when educators from Yap, Chuuk (Truk), Pohnpei and Kosrae requested NWREL assistance in developing national, standardized tests to measure national minimum standards in math and language arts. The educators wanted tests that not only would assess students’ grasp of basic subject matter, but also would overcome the problem of cultural bias in instruments that are devised for mainstream American culture. Plans are also underway for developing similar tests in other subject areas, including social studies and science. For further information contact, Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory, 101 S.W. Main Street, Suite 500, Portland, Oregon 97204; or, Center for the Advancement of Pacific Education, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1409, Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813.

PACIFIC COLLECTION’S HOURS CUT

Because of cuts in funds for student help, the UH Library has decided to reduce hours in several areas, thus allowing the building and the highest use reference points to remain open. This has unfortunately meant the elimination of one evening and half of Saturday in the Hawaiian and Pacific Collections. They hope to restore normal services as soon as funding becomes available. In the meantime, the new hours are:

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NEW PUBLICATIONS

Lamont LINDSTROM, 1990-91 resident Rockefeller Fellow, has two new books out. *Knowledge and Power in a South Pacific Society,* published by the Smithsonian Institution Press (ISBN 0-87474-357-5), applies a discursive model of knowledge and power to the Tanna society of southern Vanuatu. *Island Encounters: Black and White Memories of the Pacific War* (with Geoffrey White, East-West Center Research Associate and CPIS affiliated faculty), also published by the Smithsonian Institution Press (ISBN 0-87474-457-1), explores the massive and sudden contact between the powerful military forces present in the Pacific islands during the war, and the Pacific islanders themselves. The authors blend oral histories recorded in the islands after World War II with more than 175 photographs gleaned from Japanese newspaper archives, private albums of US veterans, and Allied military archives.

*Sydney Talk: Australia in the South Pacific,* Grant McCall, General Editor (ISBN 0-7334-0075-2). This collection of papers are derived in part from AUSPAC '88, a conference of the Centre for South Pacific Studies. Twenty-eight researchers in twenty-seven contributions explore economics, politics, minerals exploitation, culture, history, art, and women's issues as they relate to Australia's evolving role with its most immediate neighbors. The cost is A$15.00 (in Australia, post paid) or A$20.00 (overseas, surface postage); to order, write to the Center for South Pacific Studies, University of New South Wales, PO Box 1, Kensington, NSW 2033, Australia, or fax (61-2) 313-7859.

*This Dynamic Planet:* a world map of volcanoes, earthquakes, and tectonic plates is now available. This
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Foreign Investment & Tourism Conference in Palau
A major conference on Foreign Investment and Tourism will be held in Palau on 9-11 January 1991 at the Palau Pacific Resort in Koror. The conference, supported by the Department of the Interior, Office of Territorial and International Affairs, is being planned by Palau's Office of the President and the Pacific Business Center Program of the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa. During the three-day event, thirteen noted speakers from Honolulu, various Pacific islands, and Washington, DC, will share their experiences, explain the benefits and ways to avoid pitfalls. Topics will include Planning for Development; Benefits and Costs of Foreign Investment; Foreign Investment Laws and Experiences of other Pacific Island States and Nations; Issues, Concerns and Policy Options; Preservation of Island Culture; Land Impact Fees and Other Ways of Assessing Investment; Land Ownership, Use and Property Rights; The Role of Japan; Alien Labor; the role of Education; and Responsible Tourism Development. Inquiries should be addressed to Jane vanSchaick, Palau Business Development Specialist, Pacific Business Center Program, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa, Business Administration Building A-413, 2404 Maile Way, Honolulu, HI 96822; or fax (808) 956-6278.

Third Congress of Heritage Interpretation International
The Third Global Congress of Heritage Interpretation International, sponsored by the East-West Center and units of Eastern Michigan University and University of Hawai‘i, is to be held 3-8 November 1991 in Honolulu, Hawai‘i at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel. The Congress theme is Joining Hands for Quality Tourism: Interpretation, Preservation, and the Travel Industry. The seven sub-themes are: preserving environments and cultures; guided travel experiences; interpreting across cultures; interpreting communities; applying appropriate techniques; building partnerships; and tourism planning and management. The 1991 HII Congress will be of interest to those concerned about preserving cultural and natural heritage while helping visitors seek special experiences. Interested persons should write or contact: Gabe Cherem, Program Chair, EMU Dept. of Geography & Geology, Ypsilanti, MI 48197 (fax 313-485-1980); or Ray Tabata at UH Sea Grant, 1000 Pope Rd., MSB 226, Honolulu, HI 96822 (fax 808-956-2858).

France in the Pacific: Past - Present - Future
The Department of Pacific and Southeast Asian History in the Australian National University's Research School of Pacific Studies plans to hold an international conference of France in the Pacific: Past - Present - Future from 22-25 January 1991. The conference aims to supply the historians' dimension and to place colonial history in the Pacific in comparative perspective, both in the context of the ocean itself and the Third World at large. Offers of papers are invited; please contact Dr Deryck Scarr, Dept. of Pacific and Southeast Asian History, Research School of Pacific Studies, the Australian National University, GPO Box 4, Canberra, ACT 2601, Australia; or fax (61-6) 257-1893.