CONTESTED GROUND
DECEMBER 1995 CONFERENCE

Plans are proceeding for the center’s 1995 annual conference “Contested Ground: Knowledge and Power in Pacific Islands Studies,” to be held 6-9 December 1995 in the Imin Conference Center at the East-West Center. Professor Ranginui WALKER, head of the Department of Maori Studies, University of Auckland, will give the keynote address. The following scholars will be joining Professor Walker as featured speakers: Vicente DIAZ (University of Guam), Danny KEENAN (Massey University), Lilikalā KAME'ELEHIWA (UHM), Suzanne ROMAINE (Oxford University), Kanalu G Terry YOUNG (UHM), Mālama MELEISEA (University of Auckland), Teresia TEAIWA (University of California, Santa Cruz), Tamasailau SUA‘ALI‘I (University of Auckland), Arvind PALAT (University of Auckland), Evelyn FLORES (University of Michigan), Sonia SMALLACOMBE (University of Melbourne), David GEGEO, Tarcissius KABUTAULAKA (University of the South Pacific), Bruce KOPPEL (East-West Center), Haunani-Kay TRASK (UHM), Arohia DURIE (Massey University), Debbie Hippolite WRIGHT, Jon JONASSEN, Paul SPIKARD, and William WALLACE (BYU-Hawai‘i Campus), Mason DURIE (Massey University), James RITCHIE (Waikato University), and John HENDERSON and Ueantabo NEEMIA-MACKENZIE (University of Canterbury).

Some of the issues to be discussed in the papers that have been selected are indigenous constructions of the past in Guam, New Zealand, and Hawai‘i; visions of history in Pacific Islands oral and written narratives, decolonizing the disciplines, native scholars and indigenous ways of knowing, and the construction of area studies programs. In addition to the featured presentations there will be poster sessions with reports of ongoing research.

A limited number of rooms are available for participants in East-West Center housing. For further information, please contact Tisha HICKSON at the center or email address on the masthead. The conference registration fee will be US$20 (US$10 for students).

Joining the Center for Pacific Islands Studies as cosponsors of the conference are the Center for Hawaiian Studies, the School of Hawaiian, Asian & Pacific Studies, and the Population Studies Program at University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa; the Program for Cultural Studies, East-West Center; and the Institute for Polynesian Studies, Brigham-Young University-Hawai‘i Campus.

HISTORY, CULTURE, AND POWER IN THE PACIFIC
JULY 1996 CONFERENCE

The Pacific History Association and the Center for Pacific Islands Studies, in association with the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo, will present a joint Eleventh Pacific History Association Conference and twenty-first annual CPIS conference on "History,
Culture, and Power in the Pacific," 9-13 July 1996, at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo. Some of the topics that panels will be addressing are: vernacular sources, gender relations, sovereignty and decolonization, issues of representation, diasporas and nationhood, and postcolonial historiography. Detailed information on the conference was given in the last two newsletters.

If you are interested in presenting a paper in one of the sessions that has been proposed, please get in touch with the panel organizer as soon as possible. For a complete list of panels and panel organizers, contact Tisha HICKSON at the center's address on the masthead.

Logistics and Planning: It is expected that the majority of conferees will want to take advantage of the special rates for accommodations and food on the Hilo campus. Conference rates will also be negotiated with the three major hotels in Hilo, all about a five-minute drive from the university. In addition, Max QUANCHI is investigating the possibilities of a package deal with Qantas Airlines for those traveling from Australia and New Zealand. Registration materials will be available by 1 February 1996.

A Request: It would help conference planners to have some indication of the number of people who will be attending the conference in Hilo. If you are planning on attending, we would appreciate it if you would fill in the form that follows and send it to Tisha Hickson via email, fax, or regular mail, to the address on the masthead. This is not an official registration form, but simply an early measure of interest in the conference.

CONTRIBUTIONS IN HONOR OF RENÉE HEYUM

Donations in the amount of $6400 have been made to the Heyum Endowment in memory of Renée HEYUM, renowned Pacific Curator Emerita of the University of Hawai‘i Library, who died in December. Ms HEYUM established the endowment last summer to offer scholarships to enable Pacific Islanders to study at the University of Hawai‘i. Contributions may be sent to UH Foundation/Heyum Endowment, University of Hawai‘i, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, 96822. The trustees of the endowment would like to acknowledge the following people who have contributed since the last newsletter:

Linley CHAPMAN
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ALUMNI AND STUDENT NEWS

We would like to congratulate our Spring and Summer 1995 MA graduates, listed below with the titles of their theses or Plan B papers:

Kathy CZAR, "Winds of Change," a Pacific Islands studies curriculum for secondary high school students;

Anne Perez HATTORI, "Righting Civil Wrongs: The Guam Congress Walkout of 1949";

Ursula MILLER-EISENPRESS, "Pacific Islands Nations: The Wave of the Future";

Jennifer L PETHIG, "Through Khaki-Tinted Lenses: An Analysis of New Zealanders' Impressions of the Pacific during World War II";

Jamie Kalani ENGLISH, "New Environmental Policy and Federated States of Micronesia: International Instruments and State Obligations";

Lisa MACQUOID, "The Women's Mau: Female Peace Warriors in Western Samoa."

We would also like to welcome incoming Fall 1995 MA students:

Wanda Kaanohiokalani AKI, BA in Hawaiian Studies at UH Mānoa, who is also an MA student in Library and Information Studies;

Lysah M FLATNESS, BA in Anthropology from University of Virginia;

Kazumi NISHIHARA, BA in Anthropology and Sociology from UH West O‘ahu;

Junko OBA YAS, LLB from Sophia University in Tokyo;

Heather L STANTON, BA in International Relations and Economics from George Washington University.

Jane Reeves (MA 1992) visited the center in September on her way home to New Zealand from New York. Jane was accepted into the Television-Radio master's program at Syracuse after graduating from UHM and then worked in cable television in New York City. She has also been doing some freelance writing on Pacific Islands issues.

PACIFIC STUDY ABROAD 1995

UH Mānoa sponsored two study abroad programs in the Pacific Islands during summer session 1995.

The Study Abroad Program in Tahiti, directed by CPIS faculty member Jack WARD, took place in June and July and involved eight upper-level students of Tahitian language plus two ethnomusicology students of CPIS faculty member Jane MOULIN. Jack Ward taught the pre-departure country and culture orientation sessions in Honolulu. Mrs Roiti Tehetu SYLVA, who team teaches Tahitian during the year with Dr Ward, led the in-country phase, which ranged from four to six weeks depending on the needs of each student. In addition to their stay on Tahiti, some of the students spent time on Moorea, in the Tuamotus, and on Bora Bora. The prerequisite for the study abroad course, which is offered every three years, is one year of Tahitian language.

"Pacific Islands Studies and Politics of Oceania in Rarotonga," led by Kristine DAVIDSON, graduate student in political science, offered students the opportunity to earn six credits in two writing intensive courses, PacS 492/WI, "Topics in Pacific Islands Studies," which focused on traditional and contemporary facets of Cook Islands identity and culture, and Political Science 345-C/WI, "Pacific Islands Politics," which looked at "traditional" and "additional" aspects of politics, as well as contemporary events. Seven students enrolled in the four-week program. For more information, contact the UHM Study Abroad Center, Moore Hall 115, 1890 East-West Road, Honolulu, HI 96822.

Since 1978, the Samoan Language Program has had eight summer study abroad programs for which students can earn credits similar to the Tahitian program. Planning is underway for a program in summer of 1996, and those interested should get in touch with John Mayer, Samoan Language Program, (808) 956-3558. For all of the programs, students meet their own airfare, housing, tuition, and other costs, but they can apply for financial aid.

PACIFIC PROGRAMMING ON HAWAII PUBLIC RADIO

The voice you are currently hearing when you tune into Pacific Islands News twice-daily on KHPR belongs to Ms Katalina UILI of Radio Tonga.
Katalina was an intern earlier with KHPR and has returned to Honolulu to study journalism at Kapi'olani Community College and the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. She is helping out as station staff await their new interns. Two interns for 1996 have been selected, from Tonga and Fiji, and two more are to be selected under the program, which is a collaboration of the Pacific Islands Broadcasting Association and the Pacific Islands Development Program at the East-West Center.

Al HULSEN, who left his post four years ago as developer of Pacific and Asia programming to become President and General Manager in order to help get the station on firm financial ground, is looking forward to returning to his long-term area of interest by the first of next year. The station is committed to expanding Pacific Islands and Asia programming, and looks forward to a weekly "Talk of the Pacific" program that would be aired nationally and regionally. The Pacific Islands internship program, according to Hulsen, has been a huge success, and the alumni of this program now form a network of reporters across the Pacific who will be linked into the station's Pacific Islands programming.

PACIFIC ISLANDS AND THE WEB

Internet surfers around the world may be interested to know about several new World Wide Web sites concerning the Pacific Islands and originating in Hawai'i.

The Center for Pacific Islands Studies site is at http://www2.hawaii.edu/shaps/pacific/Pacific-Overview.html and includes information about faculty, courses, the library, publications, and the degree program as well as the latest copy of the newsletter. Information about the center's two book series and the journal, The Contemporary Pacific, can be obtained through the center home page or through the University of Hawai'i Press's home page at http://www2.hawaii.edu/uheapRESS/UHPHome.html. It also contains information on other books about the Pacific, including Talanoa: Contemporary Literature Series.

Also from UH Mānoa, Michael OGDEN's New & Improved Pacific Islands World Wide Web "Things" at http://www2.hawaii.edu/usr-cgi/ssi/~ogden/ogden-newpacific.html contains information on Pacific Islands resources, including document collections, academic institutions, regional organizations, and travel information for the region as a whole, as well as maps and images and other information about each island entity.

Asia Now Online at http://www2.hawaii.edu/hptv/ is based on the North American version of the weekly public television series "Asia Now," which has a segment each week on the Pacific Islands. Included at this site is information on the Fall 1995 Online Project on the Pacific Islands. Classrooms that have signed up for the project, which focuses on nuclear testing and independence and cultural issues in the Pacific Islands, have access to thirteen online "Asia Now" Pacific Islands segments, lesson plans, and a moderated newsgroup to discuss issues arising in these segments. Center staff members Terence WESLEY-SMITH and Robert C KISTE and four center students (or former students) John FUGUI, Anne Perez HATTORI, Jojo PETER, and Heather STANTON will be responding to students' questions and helping to guide online discussion. The site also has a Online Forum in which everyone is invited to participate.

The Pacific Science Association is on the web at http://www.bishop.hawaii.org/bishop/psa/psa.shtml with announcements of future PSA meetings, the Pacific Meeting Register (which will be updated regularly), notices of publications, and general information, including a membership form which can be automatically forwarded to the association.

Pacific Telecommunications Council Web pages offer information on PTC contact names, telephone, fax and email addresses; forthcoming meetings, conferences, and seminars; and PTC publications. The PTC address is http://www.ptc.org.

USIA GRANT TO EWC FOR PACIFIC ISLANDS STUDENTS

Six Pacific Islands Students have begun their studies at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo as the result of a $250,000 grant from the United States Information Agency, made possible through legislation sponsored by Congressman Eni FALEOMAVAEGA of American Samoa and Senator Daniel INOUYE of Hawai'i. The South Pacific Islands Scholarship Program is administered by the Pacific Islands Development Program at the East-West Center. Since the scholarship initiative was launched in 1992, students
have come to the University of Hawai‘i from 14 island countries.

The six undergraduate students who began their studies at UH Hilo this Fall are: Georgina AINUU (Western Samoa), environmental studies; Andrew KAIPU (Papua New Guinea), engineering; Winis MAP (Papua New Guinea), journalism; Aram OROI (Solomon Islands), agriculture; Arti REDDY (Fiji), environmental studies; and Ilisapeli VUKIALAU (Fiji), environmental studies. Several of the students have already been accepted into the Honors Program. In addition to their studies in Hilo, all of the students will participate in an exchange program that will enable them to study for a semester at various mainland US universities. The students will also have an opportunity to take summer session courses at University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa and will take part in a summer enrichment program in Washington, DC.

CENTER VISITORS

William ALKIRE, Professor of Anthropology at the University of Victoria in Victoria, BC, Canada, was a Visiting Colleague at the center during the months of September and October. Dr Alkire was in Hawai‘i to use the Pacific Collection at UH Mānoa in preparing a new and updated edition of his widely read book An Introduction to the Peoples and Cultures of Micronesia, originally published in 1976.

Stewart FIRTH, Professor of Politics at Macquarie University in Sydney, spent two weeks at the center in September, during a short teaching break, in order to use the Pacific Collection and to finish some projects that were in the works.

NEW PACS COURSES AT UH

Two new courses have been added to the offerings from the Center for Pacific Islands Studies.
PACS 432, Drama and Theatre of Oceania, taught by Vilsoni HERENIKO, will survey the contemporary drama and theatre of Oceania, which combines island and western traditions. The course will include ritual and secular clowning, storytelling, popular theatre, and scripted plays of Papua New Guinea, Hawai‘i, Fiji, Samoa, Australia, and New Zealand.

PACS 692, Research Materials and Design, will introduce students in the MA program in Pacific Islands Studies to the materials and research skills necessary for successful completion of the thesis or Plan B final paper. It will involve the supervised production of a proposal for research, and include an intensive survey of reference and bibliographic materials. Evaluation will be based on production of an annotated bibliography and a research proposal. Terence WESLEY-SMITH, Vilsoni HERENIKO, and Karen PEACOCK will be team-teaching the course.

CENTER STAFF AND FACULTY ACTIVITIES

Congratulations to Karen PEACOCK, Curator of the University of Hawai‘i’s Pacific Collection, who received the 1995 Outstanding Alumni Award from the School of Library and Information Studies, University of Hawai‘i. After receiving her library degree, Karen was awarded an MA in Pacific Islands Studies and a PhD in History. In addition to her research and writing and curatorial responsibilities, she is the editor of the resources section of The Contemporary Pacific.

Robert C KISTE, center director, who is on a six-month sabbatical through December, attended the South Pacific Forum Meeting in Madang. Dr Sitiveni HALAPUA, Director of the Pacific Islands Development Program, EWC, invited Kiste to attend as part of the PIDP delegation.

Vilsoni HERENIKO was in Suva in August, where he took part in the Oceania Lecture Series at the University of the South Pacific, organized by the School of Social and Economic Development. Hereniko delivered his talk, "Indigenous Knowledge and Academic Imperialism," to a standing-room-only audience, which included many members of the Rotuman community in Suva. In his talk, using Rotuma and Hawai‘i as reference points, he critiqued academic practices that marginalize traditional sources of knowledge and preempt the emergence of indigenous scholarship.

Aumua Mata'itusi SIMANU, instructor in the Samoan Language Program at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, was invited to be a member of the committee to review the Samoan Studies Programme at the National University of Samoa. Also on the committee, which met the last two weeks of August, were The Rev Dr Lalomilo KAMU, The Rev Dr Otele PERELINI, Mr Agafili L TUITOLOVA‘A, Dr Malama MELEISEĂ, and Professor Aiono F Le TAGALOA. The university offers a BA with a major in Samoan
studies and a Diploma in Samoan Studies. The comprehensive review included areas such as staffing, course content, course materials, library facilities, and subject assessment procedures.

OCCASIONAL SEMINARS
Edward J Michal, Deputy Chief of Mission, US Embassy, Papua New Guinea, spoke on 20 July on The Future of United States Relations with the Pacific Islands Nations. Michal, who received his MA in Pacific Islands Studies at the University of Hawai‘i, was on his way to PNG to assume the post of Deputy Chief of Mission.


NEW PUBLICATIONS FROM UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I PRESS
The Neglected War: The German South Pacific and the Influence of World War I, by Hermann Joseph Hiery, research fellow at the German Historical Institute in London, tells a story of German colonial occupation in the Pacific in the early part of the century and of islander responses to this occupation. ISBN 0-8248-1668-4; US$35.


The Death of William Gooch: A History's Anthropology, a study, by Greg Dening, of historical narrative and meaning, is an expanded paperback edition of History's Anthropology: The Death of William Gooch, first published by University Press of Oceania. The book, which is for sale only in the US, its dependencies, Canada, and Mexico, is US$20.

To order the books above, contact the University of Hawai‘i Press, Order Department, 2840 Kolowalu Street, Honolulu, HI 96822-1888; tel (800) 956-2840 or (808) 956-8255; fax (800) 650-7811 or (808) 988-6052. For shipping within the US, please add US$3.00 for the first book and US$1.00 for each additional book. For orders outside the US, please add US$4.00 for the first book and US$2.00 for each additional book.

OTHER NEW RESOURCES
"Unlabeled" Maps of the Pacific Islands
Now available from the Center for Pacific Islands Studies are 8 1/2 x 11 inch maps of the Pacific Islands for classroom use, with the entities unlabeled. The center created the maps in response to teachers requests for maps that could be used to test students' knowledge of the Pacific. Just looking at the maps, for those of you are used to looking at labeled maps complete with political divisions, is an education in itself. The black-and-white maps, which are $.50 plus postage, are screened to photocopy well and come with a separate map with the political divisions marked, as a teachers' aid. For information, contact the Center for Pacific Islands Studies at the mailing address or email address on the masthead.

Japanese Micronesia Bibliography on Microfiche
"A Bibliography of Micronesia Compiled from Japanese Publication 1915-1945," compiled by Sachiko Hatanaka with the assistance of Matori Yamamoto and Hisaumi Saito for the Research Institute for Oriental Cultures, Gakushin University, has been out of print for many years, but it has been republished in a microfiche version. Though the materials compiled are mainly in Japanese, the bibliography itself is in English. For details of cost and shipping, contact Matori Yamamoto, Professor, Faculty of Economics, Hosei University, 4342
Aihara, Machida, Tokyo 194-02 Japan; fax 81-427-83-2611; email matoriy@mt.tama.hosei.ac.jp.

1995 FSM Code Annotated
The FSMCA is a compilation of the national laws of the Federated States of Micronesia and the first complete codification of the nation's laws since the original FSM Code was published by the government in 1982. The two-volume, US$95 set is intended for use by practicing attorneys, government administrators, and students of international law. Contact Pacific Island Planning Consultants, PO Box 1618, Kolonia, Pohnpei FM 96941.

Wan Smolbag Theatre Resources
Wan Smolbag Theatre has reasonably priced videos, music cassettes, and books that can be used in schools and by NGOs and other interested community groups. The materials capture in different forms, including scripts, the work that Wan Smolbag has been doing over the years using community and development theater to look at issues of health, the environment, tourism, and domestic violence. Videos are in NTSC and PAL formats. For more information, contact Wan Smolbag Theatre, PO Box 1024, Port Vila, Vanuatu; tel (678) 24397; fax (678) 25308.

The Christian Mission in the Pacific
The London Missionary Society Bicentenary Commemorative Issue of the Pacific Journal of Theology has just been published. The theme of the commemorative issue is the legacy of the Christian Mission in the Pacific. Contributors include Bernard THOROGOOD, Mark GALLAGHER, Raeburn LANGE, Featuna'i LIUA'ANA, John GARRETT, Leslie BOSETO, Konai HELU THAMAN, Sevati TUWERE, Bruce DEVERELL, and Jeanette LITTLE. The price is US$10, airmail, and US$9, surface mail, from Pacific Journal of Theology, South Pacific Association of Theological Schools, PO Box 2426 GB, Suva, Fiji; tel (679) 303 924; fax (679) 303 924.

BULLETIN BOARD

Last Virgin in Hilo

Last Virgin in Paradise, Wilsoni HERENIKO and Teresia TEAIWA'S "serious comedy" that debuted in Hawai'i to standing-room audiences last year, will be performed in Hilo at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo Theatre 10-12 and 17-19 November 1995. The University of Hawai'i at Hilo Acting Troupe, directed by Jackie Pualani Johnson DEBUS, associate professor in the UHH Performing Arts Department, are creating their own Pacific island on stage, and the experience has been very educational for the cast, says Debus, as they work together in lively sessions with indigenous teachers to master a Maori stick dance and the Samoan sasa, as well as hula and hapa-Haole hula.

According to the UHH Theatre Season Flyer, "This may be a spoof, but it's based on the age-old search for Pacific myths: virgins, idyllic palm-encrusted isles, innocent islander, and intact culture." Says Debus, "the production is designed to provide fun but the performances will also be emotionally stirring." The play has been double cast in the lead roles of Helmut, Jean, and Temanu, and those who attend the play on more than one night will be treated to new insights into the play through the interpretations of different casts. For ticket information and information on the Saturday evening luau performances, contact the UHH Theatre at (808) 933-3310.

New Pacific Collection Hours at UHM
The Pacific Collection at Hamilton Library has announced new hours. The collection is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Friday from 9:00 am to 4:45 pm, and Sunday from 2:00-6:00 pm. The collection is closed Saturdays and holidays.

Pacific Islands Literature Position
The Department of English, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, is advertising for an assistant professor of English, full-time, tenure-track position in Pacific literature in English, beginning 1 August 1996, dependent upon funding. Minimum qualifications include PhD in English, or in a comparable specialty, or equivalent degree; dissertation and/or publications in Pacific literature in English, and teaching experience at college of university level. Applicant should be available for an interview in Honolulu in December or January or at the MLA in Chicago in December. Letter of application and CV should be sent to Professor Glenn Man, Chair, English Department, University of Hawai'i, 1733 Donaghho Road, Honolulu, HI 96822. The closing date is 15 November 1995.

Opening for Primary Health Care Specialist
Universities of England Consortium for International Activities (UNECLA) is searching for a primary
health care specialist to work in the Marshall Islands for February-December 1996 (11 months), August-October 1997 (3 months), August-October 1998 (3 months), and May-June 1999 (2 months), as part of the Marshall Islands Health and Population Project funded by the Asian Development Bank. For further information, contact Ms Suzanne Parkin, Health Division, UNECIA Ltd., 4 Claremont Place, Sheffield S10 2TB UNITED KINGDOM. Tel 44-114-272-6661; fax 44-114-278-8226.

**Pacific Islands Film Industry: A Conference**
"Developing a Pacific Island Film Industry: A Pacific Islands Conference" will be held in Honolulu, 7-8 November 1995. The conference, which will consider the technical, artistic, and community involvement aspects of a Pacific Islands film industry, coincides with the 15th annual Hawai‘i International Film Festival, 3-16 November. Conference registration is US$150. For more information, contact Chuck BOLLER, Conference Coordinator, Hawai‘i International Film Festival, 700 Bishop St. Suite 400, Honolulu, HI 96813. Tel (808) 528-3456 or (800) 752-8193; fax (808) 528-1410.

**Pacific Science Intercongress on the WWW**
Plans are proceeding for the 8th Pacific Science Intercongress to be held at the University of the South Pacific in July 1997. Details of the intercongress can be obtained on the Web at http://www.usp.ac.fj/~psa.

**1996 Congress on Coastal and Marine Tourism**
The 1996 World Congress on Coastal and Marine Tourism will take place at the Ilikai Hotel in Honolulu, 19-22 June 1996. The congress seeks to evaluate the progress that has been made toward sustainable coastal and marine tourism since its meeting in 1990. Major topic areas include sustainable development, technology and facility/vessel design, local or bottom-up management, and size and scale of development. The congress is inviting papers as well as workshop proposals. Abstracts and requests for information should be sent to: Dr Jan Auyong, CMT 96 Convenor, c/o Oregon Sea Grant College Program, Oregon State University, AdS A500G, Corvallis, OR 97331-2131. Tel (503) 737-5130; fax (503) 737-2392; email auyongj@ccmail.orst.edu. The deadline for abstracts is 31 January 1996.

**Visiting Position in Micronesian Studies**
The University of Guam invites applications for a Visiting or Adjunct Professor in Micronesian Studies. The position is offered on a one-semester to one-year basis with teaching duties beginning in January 1996 or August 1996. The Micronesian Studies Program is an interdisciplinary, area studies MA program. For more information, contact Donald H Rubinstein, Chair, Micronesian Studies, c/o Personnel Services Division, University of Guam, UOG Station, Mangilao, Guam 96923 USA.