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MELANESIAN CULTURAL POLICY AND NATIONAL IDENTITY

A planning meeting on *Cultural Policy and National Identity: Melanesian Traditions Today* was held at the East-West Center's Institute of Culture and Communication from 25-29 July 1990. Coordinated by CPIS affiliate faculty Dr Geoffrey WHITE, the meeting convened a small group of scholars to discuss issues of "cultural policy" in postcolonial Melanesia and jointly plan a future conference on this topic. The geographic scope of the meeting encompassed Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu. Invited participants included Jacob SIMET and Wari IAMO from Papua New Guinea, Lawrence FOANAOTA from the Solomon Islands, and Lamont LINDSTROM from the United States. A participant invited from Vanuatu was unable to attend. Anyone interested in further information should contact Dr Geoffrey White, Institute of Culture and Communication, East-West Center, 1777 East-West Road, Honolulu, HI 96848 USA.

CENTER GRADUATES

Suzanna LAYTON, who received her MA degree in Pacific Islands Studies last May, has been named the 1990 Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications (AEMJC) Markham Award winner for postgraduate research. Her plan B paper, *The Contemporary Pacific Islands Press*, was chosen out of a field of 67 masters and doctoral research papers in this internationally recognized competition.

Two Center students are also graduating this August having completed the requirements for an MA in Pacific Islands Studies, they are: Anne Catherine WOODS whose plan B paper is entitled, *Women in the Islands: An*

Annotated Bibliography of Women's Issues, 1982-89; and Mark E. SKINNER whose plan B paper is entitled, *Contemporary Micronesian Literature: A Preliminary Bibliography*.

Our congratulations to all three!

OCCASIONAL SEMINARS

On Friday, 22 June 1990, Ms Elise HUFFER, a doctoral candidate in political science at the Université d'Aix-Marseilles, gave a talk on *The Foreign Policies of Fiji, Tonga and Vanuatu*. Her talk was based on information gathered during the period 1988 to 1990 while she was based in Noumea on a grant from ORSTOM.

Recent Environmental Changes in the Pacific Islands, was the topic of a presentation by Dr Patrick NUNN, on 26 July 1990, jointly sponsored by the Center, the Hawaiian Academy of Science and the Environment and Policy Institute, East-West Center. Dr Nunn is a professor of geography at the University of the South Pacific in Suva, Fiji, and is currently a fellow at the Environment and Policy Institute where he is undertaking research related to climate change.

Dr Peter LARMOUR, Lecturer in political science at the University of Tasmania, gave a presentation on *Ethnicity, Class and the Bougainville Rebellion*, 7 August 1990. Dr Larmour formerly taught politics at the University of Papua New Guinea and was in Hawai'i attending a conference of the Research Committee for Ethnicity and Politics of the International Political Science Association hosted by the Institute for Polynesian Studies at Brigham Young University - Hawai'i.

UPCOMING ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Center's annual conference, to be held in Honolulu on 9-10 November 1990, will focus on the role of Australia and New Zealand in the Pacific Islands. Speakers from the Islands, as well as Australia and New Zealand, will offer a range of perspectives on recent reviews of Australia and New Zealand's relations with the

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Islands. For more information contact Ms Tisha Hickson, Outreach Coordinator, at the Center.

PACIFIC ISLANDS SOCIETY OF THE UK AND IRELAND

The Pacific Islands Society of the United Kingdom and Ireland (PISUKI) was formed in 1981 with the objective of helping to bridge the gap between the United Kingdom and Ireland and the Pacific Island states. The idea grew out of the needs felt by the Pacific Islanders and expatriate people who have lived and worked together. PISUKI believes that what is happening in the Pacific is, or should be, of real concern to everyone as the voice of this fast-growing region is increasingly heard internationally.

The society seeks to kindle the relationship between the United Kingdom, Ireland, and Pacific Islanders in practical ways by offering assistance and hospitality to Islanders visiting the UK; promoting social gatherings, seminars and conferences in the UK for all interested in the Pacific; encouraging Pacific studies in the UK and Ireland; providing a platform for visiting Pacific leaders; helping to make Pacific arts more widely known; enabling those who have lived and worked in the Pacific to keep in touch; and encouraging contacts and consultations between bodies in the UK and Ireland and those in the Pacific.

PISUKI publishes a newsletter, *The Outrigger*, and makes available to members a comprehensive register of academics involved in Pacific studies in the UK and Ireland.

For further information about the society write to Mrs Andrea Tuisovuna, Na-Tara-I-Rovu, 32 Forest Glade, Highams Park, London E4 9RH, or to the Secretary, Dr C C Clerk, 75 Ballards Road, London NW2 7UE.

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ROCKEFELLER FOREIGN LANGUAGE FELLOWSHIPS

The Rockefeller Fellowship Program will award US\$5,000 fellowships to 100 teachers for use in the summer of 1991. **Eligibility:** individuals who are full-time high school foreign language teachers with significant service to their schools and communities; completion of at least three years of full-time paid teaching before the fellowship summer begins; 3/5 of their schedule or the equivalent during each of those years in the foreign language discipline in grades 7-12 in US schools (ESL excluded); have at least five years of service remaining before the expected date of retirement; hold no other fellowship or paid job during the fellowship period; have not previously received any Rockefeller award; and willing to participate in the evaluation of the applications in the winter following the fellowship summer. To request an application write to: The Rockefeller Fellowships for Foreign Language Teachers in the High Schools, Connecticut College, 270 Mohegan Avenue, New London, CT 06320, Phone (203) 447-7800. **Application Deadline: 31 October 1990.**

NEW PUBLICATIONS

The First Journal of Polynesian Philology
Rongorongo Studies: A Forum for Polynesian Philology will commence publication with Volume 1, Number 1, in Summer 1991. As the first international scholarly journal dedicated exclusively to the investigation of all aspects of Polynesian philology, it will fill a long-standing lacuna in international studies. *Rongorongo Studies* will provide a new forum for all philologists whose field of research involves ancient Polynesian chants, songs, tales, legends, myths, genealogies, etc., yet will include reviews and discussions of the modern literature of Polynesia as well. In addition, it will offer serious studies in Polynesian diachronic and synchronic linguistics.

Notes of scholarly interest are invited in English, French, German, and Spanish; articles not in English should include an English abstract. The Editor cannot be responsible for unsolicited material.

Send enquiries to Publisher and Editor: Dr Steven Roger Fischer, Droste-Hulshoff-Weg 1, D-7758 Meersburg, West Germany.

Pacific Morbidity and Mortality Monthly
 Volume 3, Numbers 2 and 3 of *PMMM: Pacific Morbidity and Mortality Monthly* published by the International Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research at the School of Public Health, University of Hawai'i are now available. For more information

enquiries should be directed to: Dr Jonathan S. Raymond, Editor, PMMM, International Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research, School of Public Health, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, 1960 East-West Road, Honolulu, HI 96822; Phone (808) 956-7587, Fax (808) 956-6230.

conferences. For further program information contact: Dr Miles M. Jackson, Dean, or Dara Lee Howard, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Honolulu, HI 96822; Phone (808) 956-8204 or Fax (808) 956-5835.

BULLETIN BOARD

Fulbright Association Annual Meeting

The Fulbright Association's annual meeting is to be held in Honolulu, Hawai'i, 5-7 October 1990. The meeting is cosponsored by the University of Hawai'i and the East-West Center. The conference title is *Pacific Focus, 1990*. For registration, program and local arrangements information contact: Dr Barbara Peterson, University of Hawai'i, 1341 Laukahi Street, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96821. Fulbrighters and other interested scholars are invited to attend.

Pan-Pacific Library Conference

The Pan-Pacific Library Conference on Information Transfer and Networks is scheduled for 9-11 January 1991 at the Princess Kaiulani Hotel in Honolulu, Hawai'i. The conference theme is, *Information Linkages Over Space and Time*, and is sponsored by the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa in cooperation with the UH Conference Center. The objective of the conference is to bring together outstanding leaders from the library and information sectors in the Asian and Pacific region to discuss the current state of affairs of libraries, information transfer and networks. The Pan-Pacific Conference is planned to precede the annual Pacific Telecommunications Conference (PTC'91) being held 13-17 January 1991. The PTC'91 theme is *Accessing the Global Network*, and participants will have the opportunity to attend both

Health Research Project Manager Wanted

The Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center is seeking a highly motivated individual to coordinate the activities of a five-year, National Cancer Institute funded, community-based, research project for native Hawaiian breast and cervical cancer control. Project focuses on formation of women's groups in the community to promote early detection of disease. **Duties:** Under supervision of the Principal Investigator, develop protocols and curricula, supervise and train para-professional staff, coordinate evaluations, provide individual and group education, and write reports and operation manuals. **Required Qualifications:** Graduate degree in human services or equivalent; excellent writing skills; supervisory experience; Native Hawaiian cultural sensitivity. **Preferred Qualifications:** Work experience in Hawaiian community; program development experience; community-based research experience. **Completed Application Deadline:** 15 September 1990. Send resume, salary history and three letters of reference to: Search Committee Waianae Cancer Research Project c/o Patricia Hall, Personnel Mgr., Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, 86-260 Farrington Highway, Waianae, HI 96792; Phone (808) 696-7081.

OOPS, Our Mistake!

In the article, *Books for Palau's Public Library*, **Pacific News from Manoa**, Number 3, May-June 1990, we mistakenly identified the volunteer librarian as Ms Aggie Quigg. The *real* person was Ms Susan BURRELL, who graduated from the UH Library program in May.

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