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ANTHROPOLOGY AND MICRONESIA TOPIC OF ANNUAL CPIS CONFERENCE

The impact of American anthropology's involvement in American Micronesia is the topic for the center's upcoming 1993 annual conference to be held at Tokai University in Honolulu, 20-23 October. Invited papers will focus on the contributions to anthropological theory and knowledge, and to history and historiography, that resulted from the unprecedented influx of anthropological researchers into the area over the past fifty years, beginning with the Coordinated Investigation of Micronesian Anthropology (CIMA) during World War II.

In addition, papers will assess the impact of anthropology on the administration of the former US Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and how it has influenced political and legal developments and public policy, particularly in the areas of health, education, and social welfare.

The conference is open to the public. For information, contact: Tisha Hickson, Outreach Coordinator, at (808) 956-2652.

ASAO NAMES HEYUM HONORARY FELLOW

Renée HEYUM was recently made an Honorary Fellow of the Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania at its annual conference held in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii.

Ms Heyum, the builder of our Pacific Collection, began

her career as a librarian in France. While working for the library of the Musée de l'Homme, she was for many years the compiler of the *Bibliographie de l'Océanie*, which appeared in issues of the *Journal de la Société des Océanistes*. In 1969, she became the curator of the Pacific Collection at the University of Hawaii, acquiring difficult-to-obtain materials from Pacific Island governments and colonial administrations, as well as published and manuscript materials on the Pacific.

As curator of the Pacific Collection, she strongly believed that her mission was to make available to Pacific Islanders what had been written about their cultures, and to encourage them to add their own voices. She also went out of her way to put scholars with like interests in contact with one another. By the time she retired from the curatorship in 1987, the collection had become the major locus of library materials on the Pacific. Ms Heyum still works on the collection on a volunteer basis and maintains an office at the Center for Pacific Islands Studies.

EPELI HAU'OFA VISITS

Eveli HAU'OFA's recent visit to Hawaii and the various topics that he presented at different times throughout his stay exemplify his versatility as a scholar and author. Hau'ofa was in Hawaii as keynote speaker for the conference of the Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania held in Kailua-Kona in March. His keynote address there concerned the democracy movement in Tonga. Hau'ofa then spent a few days in Honolulu as a Visiting Fellow with the Pacific Islands Development Program at the East-West Center to discuss Pacific Islands writers and research projects. On 31 March 1993, Hau'ofa gave a fiction reading sponsored by the Center for Pacific Islands Studies, *Manoa: A Pacific Journal of International Writing*, the Pacific Islands Development Program (PIDP) and the Program for Cultural Studies (POC). The reading was preceded by a presentation in "the oral tradition"—a true story and a fictional story—about the effects of colonialism and development on a small Melanesian island. The reading was an excerpt from his book *Kisses in the Nederends*.

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On 1 April 1993, Dr Hau'ofa gave a seminar in the Center's Occasional Seminar series entitled *A Sea of Islands*. In this talk, he argued against the prevailing view that the Pacific Island countries are too small, poor, and remote to escape dependency on aid from wealthy nations. The talk was co-sponsored by the East-West Center's PIDP and POC.

Hau'ofa is a renowned comic writer and satirist from Tonga best known for his two books, *Tales of the Tikongs* and *Kisses in the Nederends*. He is head of the department of sociology at the University of the South Pacific in Suva, Fiji, and is a social anthropologist with a PhD from the Australian National University. He has also attended school in Papua New Guinea, Tonga, Fiji.

UPDATE ON PACIFIC ISLANDS STUDIES PROGRAMS

At our November 1992 Conference, a concern was expressed about keeping various Pacific Islands Studies programs informed of each other's activities. This newsletter was presented as an already existing forum for dissemination of information. This column will be used whenever items of interest pertaining to the study of the Pacific Islands come to our attention.

Department of Religion, UH-Mānoa

The Department of Religion of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa now offers a Master of Arts degree in Polynesian Religions. This program, which includes writing a thesis and doing field research, offers students an opportunity to earn a graduate degree in the important and growing field of Polynesian Studies. The graduate faculty in Polynesian Religions is John CHARLOT. For more information write to: Professor John Charlot or Professor Lee SIEGEL, Graduate Chair, Department of Religion, Sakamaki Hall A-304, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, Hawai'i, 96822. Phone: (808) 956-8793.

Australian National University

Beginning in 1994, the Australian National University will offer a Graduate Diploma (by coursework) and a Master of Arts (by coursework and research essay) in Pacific Islands Studies. This innovative and interdisciplinary program is designed for those with qualifications in the social sciences and the humanities, or in other fields relevant to the professional and academic understanding of the Pacific Islands region. Candidates for both degrees are required to complete satisfactorily three core units as well as additional units selected from a wide range of graduate and advanced level courses. The three core courses are: Images, Identities, and Issues in the Pacific Islands, which will provide a broad historical overview; Pacific Islands Economies: Structure, Data, and Analysis, and; Economic Policy in the Pacific Islands: Issues and Experience. For more information contact: Dr Brij V. LAL or Dr Stephan HENNINGHAM, Division of Pacific and Asian History, Research School of Pacific Studies, Australian National University, ACT 2601, Australia. Phone: (06) 249 3106. Fax: (06) 257 1893.

CPIS Courses for Fall Semester

The Contemporary Pacific (PACS 491) will be taught by Terence WESLEY-SMITH. This course uses a multi-disciplinary approach to analyze some critical issues facing Pacific Island societies today. *Approaches to Pacific Islands Studies* (PACS 691) is a graduate seminar co-taught by Vilsoni HERENIKO and Wesley-Smith. This course serves to acquaint new students to the program as well as to provide an introduction to Pacific Islands Studies as an interdisciplinary field of research and scholarship. The topic for the graduate seminar changes every semester and in the fall the topic is *Gender and Development in the Pacific Islands*, (PACS or GEOG 690) taught by Nancy LEWIS. Pacific development issues and concerns will be addressed and reassessed from a gender-sensitive perspective.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hereniko in Australia

CPIS assistant professor Vilsoni HERENIKO attended the Pacific Arts Association conference held in Adelaide, South Australia on 12-17 April. He presented a paper entitled *Clowning as Political Commentary: Polynesia Then and Now*. Hereniko also had a reading at Windward Community College sponsored by the Hawaii Literary Arts Guild on 8 April. In the fall, Dr Hereniko will be commuting to Hilo to teach a course in Pacific Literature at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo. He is planning to direct one of his plays there as well.

Ogden in Japan

Michael Ogden attended the Second Joint Meeting on Development of a Global Distance Education System for the

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Pacific Region held at the University of Electro-Communications in Tokyo, Japan on 9-13 March. He presented a paper entitled *USPNET: Educational Telecommunications Network for the South Pacific*.

Diplomatic Seminar Date Changed

The date for the diplomatic seminar cosponsored by the Asia Foundation and the Center for Pacific Islands Studies has been changed. It will be held from 12 September to 1 October 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. This conference will be held at the Tokai University in Honolulu.

The Contemporary Pacific

As you may have noticed, brochures for our journal *The Contemporary Pacific* accompanies this newsletter. It is an award-winning, semi-annual journal, edited by David HANLON. Payment and order forms are included in the brochure. We hope you will consider subscribing.

E-mail interest?

We would like to participate in the age of telecommunications by having this newsletter available through e-mail if there is an interest. If you would like to receive the next edition of this newsletter via e-mail, send a message to Diane AOKI at the following address: aoki@uhunix.uhcc.hawaii.edu.

VISITORS

On 8 March Ambassador Evelyn TEEGAN, former US Ambassador to Fiji visited the Center en route home to Minnesota. Ms Teegan recently completed three years as President Bush's ambassador to Fiji.

Mr Dan LARSEN, foreign service officer stationed at the US Embassy in Manila stopped en route to a temporary duty assignment in Apia, Western Samoa with stops in Tonga and Fiji. As of 1 July 1993, Larsen will be assigned to the Office for Pacific Island Affairs, US Department of State, Washington, DC.

On 22 March, Mr Bruce GROGAN, Program Development Officer with the Foundation for the Peoples of the South Pacific visited on his way to Suva from the FPSP San Diego office.

On 5 April, Father John MOMIS, member of Parliament from the North Solomons Province of Papua New Guinea, called at the Center. He was visiting friends in Hawai'i.

Dr Paul LEARY, Director of the Bureau of Public Administration of the University of the Virgin Islands in St Thomas, US Virgin Islands, visited the Center. He is involved with the planning of the 1994 conference on US relations with its Caribbean and Pacific territories.

On 22 April, Ambassador Robert FARRAND of the American Embassy in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea visited on his way to PNG after consultations in Washington.

OCCASIONAL SEMINARS

Vilsoni HERENIKO presented a seminar entitled *Identity Through Dance* on 2 March. The seminar was an analysis of Rotuma's traditional dance, the *tautoga* as a metaphor for Rotuman constructions of identity in the contemporary Pacific.

On 3 March, Ian C. CAMPBELL presented a seminar on *Recent Political Evolution in Tonga: Towards Democracy or Oligarchy?* Dr Campbell is a lecturer in Pacific history at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand. He had recently arrived from Tonga where he was present for the February elections.

Robert W. FRANCO, assistant professor of anthropology at Kapi'olani Community College, gave a seminar entitled *A King and 10,000 Matai: Chiefs Today in Tonga and Samoa* on 9 March. Dr Franco is currently on sabbatical from KCC and is with the Program for Cultural Studies at the East-West Center, doing research on contemporary political discourse in Samoa and Tonga.

On 16 March, Merrie Carol GRAIN, Executive Director of the Consortium for Pacific Arts and Cultures, presented a seminar on *Promoting and Preserving the Arts and Cultures of American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands*. Ms Grain spoke about CPAC-funded programs in the member states and in Hawai'i, as well as projects that the member arts councils have developed and funded.

On 17 March, Ben R FINNEY presented a seminar entitled *Reviving Pacific Canoe Voyaging*. Dr Finney, Professor and Chair of the Department of Anthropology at UHM, co-founded the Polynesian Voyaging Society. He spoke about the successes, in both cultural and scholarly dimensions, of revivals of Pacific canoe voyaging.

David EARLE, a graduate student in Pacific Islands Studies and an East-West Center Degree Associate from New Zealand, presented a seminar on 30 March entitled *Resistance through the Ballot Box: Hui Kalai'aina and the Mechanics and Workingmen's Political Protective Union in*

Hawai'i, 1887-1893. Earle spoke about the campaigns by native Hawaiians and working class *haole* to preserve the independence of Hawai'i and oppose the domination of the *haole* elite at the time of the overthrow of the Hawaiian kingdom.

Tiva AGA, Merina SAPOLU, William FRUEAN, and Bob FRANCO, all members of the *Fetu Ao* Organization, presented a seminar on *AIDS Education in Hawai'i Samoan Community* on 6 April. The *Fetu Ao* AIDS education program, now in its fourth year, employs a call-in format on local radio, as well as workshops in public housing areas, churches, and the wider community to deliver up-to-date HIV/AIDS information to the Samoan community.

On 13 April, Dr Mara ROSENTHAL presented a seminar entitled *Fortifications, Temples, and Political Resistance in Nineteenth-Century Fiji: An Archaeological Case Study*. Dr Rosenthal is currently a Post-Doctoral Fellow at the East-West Center. Prior to coming to the EWC, Dr Rosenthal was a fellow at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC.

Michael OGDEN presented a seminar entitled *Islands on the Net: Telecommunications Technologies and Pacific Islands Development Futures* on 21 April. The seminar focused on the social, economic, and political impacts of recent telecommunications developments in the Islands as well as future scenarios and policy considerations.

Moshe RAPAPORT, a former EWC degree student in the Program on Environment and a PhD candidate in geography at the University of Hawai'i, presented a seminar on the *Tuamotuan Mahele: Hegemony, Resistance, and Ideology in French Polynesia* on 23 April. Mr Rapaport discussed his research on the Takaroa oyster wars, problems of lagoon allocation, and their relevance for "ethnic problems" in Fiji, Bougainville, and other areas.

The Honorable Eni F. H. FALEOMAVEGA, US Congressman from American Samoa, presented a seminar on 26 April entitled *American Samoa's Relationship with the United States*. Faleomavaega has served as the delegate from American Samoa to the US Congress since 1989.

CPIS Seminars Broadcast through PEACESAT

PEACESAT, acronym for the Pan-Pacific Education And Communication Experiments by Satellite, housed at the old engineering quad under the supervision of the Social Science Research Institute at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, recently broadcasted several CPIS Occasional Seminars.

After giving seminars to the general public at UH, Bob FRANCO and Michael OGDEN gave their talks a second time in the PEACESAT studios. The seminars were aired to

various participants throughout the Pacific Basin and Rim. The seminars have also been audio-taped at the seminar and then replayed at a more suitable time. Seminars by Merrie Carol GRAIN and Epeli HAU'OFA were broadcast in this way. PEACESAT has the capability to broadcast live from outside their studio as well.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Vilsoni HERENIKO recently published a chapter entitled "When She Reigns Supreme: Clowning and Culture on Rotuman Weddings" in *Clowning as Critical Practice: Performance Humor in the South Pacific*, edited by William MITCHELL. The volume is published by the University of Pittsburgh Press (hardback: ISBN 0-8229-3734-4, paperback: ISBN 0-8229-5487-7). To order write: University of Pittsburgh Press, Pittsburgh PA, 15260.

The December 1992 issue of *Pacific Studies* (Vol. 15, No. 4) included a reprint of Hereniko's play *The Monster (A Fantasy)* and an interview with the playwright. In the interview, Hereniko discusses the Fiji coups and how the play relates that these events, especially the effects on the people. He talks about the relationship between art and politics, the function of art, and the responsibility of the artist. That issue of *Pacific Studies* was a special issue guest edited by Karen NERO, of the University of California at Irvine focusing on the intersection of the arts and politics in contemporary Pacific societies. For ordering information, write: *Pacific Studies*, The Institute for Polynesian Studies, Brigham Young University-Hawai'i, Lā'ie, Hawai'i, 96762-1294.

The Institute of Education of the University of the South Pacific announced the availability of three educational publications. The *Pacific Curriculum Network*, edited by Tabasu Nathan GOUNDER, is a bi-annual bulletin intended to disseminate and exchange news, views, and information about curriculum issues in the Pacific. Volume 1, Number 1, was published in September 1992. Annual subscription rate is F\$5.00. The *Proceedings of the Pacific Teacher Education Forward Planning Meeting 1992* (F\$17.50) is a conference report and that contains country papers from twelve regional nations as well as keynote addresses by five speakers, including Konai Helu THAMAN and Srinivasiah MURALIDHAR. Occasional Paper One: *A Conversation about Development*, by Konai Helu Thaman, (F\$3.00) is also available. It is the first in a proposed IOE series and is a paper presented at a conference entitled *Development that Works! Lessons from Asia-Pacific*, held at Massey University, New Zealand in August 1992. To order, write: The DIRECTOR, The Institute of Education, University of the South Pacific, PO Box 1168, Suva, Fiji. Fax: (679) 305-053.

Migration and Health in a Small Society: The Case of Tokelau (ISBN 0-19-854262-3) by Antony HOOPER, Judith HUNTSMAN, Ian A.M. PRIOR and Clare E. SALMOND, of the Department of Community Health, Wellington Hospital, New Zealand, has been published by Oxford Science Publications. The book is edited by Albert F. WESSEN, Department of Sociology, Brown University, Rhode Island. Topics discussed include the ecology and history of Tokelau; the nature of Tokelauan culture and society; the problems of adaptation faced by migrants to New Zealand and their efforts to develop a viable Tokelauan community there; the impact of modernizing influences upon atoll society, among others. To order contact: Oxford Science Publications, Walton Street, Oxford OX2 6DP. Phone: (0865) 56767.

CLIONET, an electronically published refereed journal distributed on the Internet is now running and available. Edited by Dr Paul TURNBULL at the James Cook University in Queensland, Australia, *CLIONET* is part of The History Network, an international collaborative effort designed to maximize the potential of Bitnet and Internet. By being part of the History Network, *CLIONET* will bring the work of Australian historians to scholars around the world. As planned, *CLIONET* will be an anonymous FTP site, but one providing the international scholarly community with electronic copies of historical documents, papers, bibliographies, lectures, maps, and graphics, relating to the history of Australia, Melanesia, and possibly southeast Asia. Articles or discussion papers are being solicited for publication. *CLIONET* is particularly interested the dissemination of information about computer-based history projects, and the problems and successes people have experienced with hardware and software. For more information about *CLIONET*, write: Dr Paul Turnbull, Department of History and Politics, James Cook University of North Queensland, Townsville, Queensland 4811, Australia; e-mail: hipt@marlin.edu.au; phone: (61) 77 814470; Fax: (61) 77 814487.

BULLETIN BOARD

Summer Institute in Hawaiian and Polynesian Studies
Innovative courses in Hawaiian and Polynesian culture, language, and performing arts will be taught at Windward Community College's new Summer Institute in Hawaiian and Polynesian Studies from 14 June to 3 July. Nine courses will highlight the intensive three-week session taught by visiting faculty from Hawai'i, Tonga, Rapa Nui, New Zealand, Samoa and the US mainland. Among the instructors will be Rubellite Kawena JOHNSON, Professor of Hawaiian Language and Literature at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Dr Joann KEAKI'INOHOMOKU, executive

director of Cross-Cultural Dance Resources in Flagstaff, Arizona, and Wiremu Mangai KAA, who teaches Maori Studies at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. A special pre-registration price is available to those who register by June 1. For a brochure or further information, contact the Office of Community Services at (808) 235-7433.

Oceans in World History

The Second Annual International Conference of the World History Association will take place in Honolulu, 24-27 June 1993. The main theme of the conference will be *Oceans in World History*, and featured speakers include Professor KN CHAUDHURI (European University Institute), Professor Colin PALMER (University of North Carolina), and Professor Ben FINNEY (University of Hawai'i). Since the United Nations has designated 1993 as the Year of the Indigenous Peoples, the conference will also feature panels on "Indigenous Peoples in World History." At the conference banquet, Mr Nainoa THOMPSON (Sailmaster of the Polynesian Voyaging Society) will deliver a slide-illustrated talk on traditional methods of Polynesian navigation and the voyages of the *Hokule'a*. For registration materials write: UH Conference Center, University of Hawai'i; 2530 Dole Street; Honolulu, HI 96822.

Settlers, Convicts, Coolies, Chan-Dang

An International Colloquium sponsored by the Université Française du Pacifique will be held in Noumea, New Caledonia on 12, 13, and 15 July 1993. The title refers to imported, transported, and deported populations in the peopling of the Pacific Islands in the 19th century, specifically from 1788 to 1914. This colloquium, as well as four major exhibitions and other events, will be realized under the aegis of the New Caledonian Cultural Affairs Delegation, the Territorial Archives, the Territorial Research and Documentation Center and the Museum of New Caledonia. For information, contact Dr Paul DE DECKER; BP 11453; Noumea Magenta; New Caledonia.

Rapa Nui Rendezvous

A conference *Rapa Nui Rendezvous* will be held at the University of Wyoming from 3-6 August 1993. The conference is in recognition of Easter Island research contributions made by the late Dr William MULLOY, Wyoming anthropologist, and his colleagues of the Norwegian Expedition led by Thor HEYERDAHL. Dr W.G. SOLHEIM II, Professor Emeritus of the Department of Anthropology at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa will present a paper. For more information contact: George W. GILL, PhD, Chairman, *Rapa Nui Rendezvous*, Department of Anthropology, University of Wyoming, PO Box 3431, Laramie, WY 82071; phone (307) 766-6282; fax (307) 766-3700.

Colonial Inheritance: The Pacific Islands Since Independence

The Australian National University's 1993 conference, *Colonial Inheritance: The Pacific Islands Since Independence*, will be held 1-3 December 1993 at the Research School of Pacific Studies. The conference aims to look at the colonial records of the departing powers and to assess the value and utility of what was left to the new states. This is not to advocate a broad rewriting of all the colonial period, but to scrutinize states at the point of transition; to assess the material and non-material assets of the going concerns; to invite comparisons; and to ask for an evaluation of colonial records and legacies in the light of subsequent events. For more information: write to the convenors, Brij V LAL and Hank NELSON at the Australian National University, Research School of Pacific Studies, Division of Pacific and Asian History, GPO Box 4, Canberra ACT 2601, Australia.

Pacific Islands Research Program

Up to two awards for 3 to 6 months to conduct research in Pacific Island nations, not including New Zealand and Australia, are available from the Council for International Exchange of Scholars. Projects should lead to increased US knowledge and understanding of these countries. Preference is for applications in economics, history, political science,

and sociology. Research may be conducted in more than one country. Grantees may be asked to give occasional lectures at local universities. Researchers may include brief consultations or collaboration with specialists in New Zealand or Australia on their projects. Eligibility requirements: US citizenship at time of application; PhD or equivalent professional standing. Benefits: Round-trip travel for grantee but not dependents; monthly allowance to cover maintenance costs. Application deadline: 1 August 1993. For application and information call Marguerite HULBERT (202) 686-4025 or write Council for International Exchange of Scholars, 3007 Tilden Street NW, Suite 5-M, Washington DC 20008-3009.

Call for Theses and Dissertations for Pacific Collections

The Pacific Collections of the libraries of the University of the South Pacific and the University of Hawai'i at Manoa have requested that copies of theses and dissertations pertaining to the countries of the Pacific region be deposited at their libraries. The Collections are particularly interested in work by Pacific Islanders. Please send copies of dissertations to The LIBRARIAN, Pacific Collection, University of the South Pacific, P.O. Box 1168, Suva, Fiji and Karen PEACOCK, Pacific Collection, Hamilton Library, 2550 The Mall, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, Hawai'i, 96822.

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