



# *Pacific News from Mānoa*

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## **CONTESTED GROUND DECEMBER 1995 CONFERENCE**

The dates for the center's 1995 annual conference, "Contested Ground: Knowledge and Power in Pacific Islands Studies," have been expanded. The conference will now run for four full days, 6-9 December 1995. Professor Ranginui WALKER, head of the Department of Maori Studies, University of Auckland, will give the keynote address. A comprehensive schedule for the conference will be available by October 1. Registration will be US\$20.

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.

Further information on the conference will be published in the next issue of this newsletter. To receive registration information in October, contact Letitia Hickson at the address on the masthead.

## **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 Pacific

Islands Studies Program at 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. Detailed information on the conference was given in the last newsletter.

The conference will explore, through presentations, discussions, and cultural performances, the following issues:

- what history in the Pacific has been, is now, and might become;
- the possibilities and issues for doing history in the Pacific posed by the convergence of academic disciplines with their multiple theories and methodologies, and by the changing politics of what remains for many areas of the region an essentially on-going process of decolonization;
- the ways in which the historical interplay between global forces and local conditions has been understood and represented, and how that interplay might be understood and represented differently using varying approaches that are more culturally nuanced and locally sensitive;
- the intimate, bound-together relationship between Pacific pasts and presents, and how particular forms of localized historical knowledge, expression, and consciousness are now showing themselves.

In addition to contributed papers, cinematic, theatrical, and other artistic expressions of local histories are most welcome as well.

In addition to the panels that were listed in the previous newsletter, one new panel and panel organizer have been added:

### Theaters of Encounter

Dr Michael Goldsmith  
Department of Political Science and  
Public Policy

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Anyone wishing to propose or chair an additional panel should contact the conference convener, Dr David HANLON, after 15 August, at Department of History, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96822-2383, tel (808) 956-9957; fax (808) 956-9600. If you are interested in presenting a paper in one of the panels that have been proposed, please get in touch with the panel organizer as soon as possible. For a complete list of panels and panel organizers, contact Letitia 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 on or before 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. This is not an official registration form, but simply an early measure of interest in the conference. Thank you for your cooperation.

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YES, I plan to attend the Eleventh Pacific History Association Conference in Hilo, 9-13 July 1996.

\_\_\_ I am interested in presenting a paper.

\_\_\_ I do not intend to present a paper.

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

Please return to Letitia HICKSON at the center's address on the masthead.

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## CONTRIBUTIONS IN HONOR OF RENÉE HEYUM

Donations in the amount of \$5800 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 recently contributed:

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## ALUMNI AND STUDENT NEWS

Edward J MICHAL, who received his MA in Pacific Islands Studies in 1991, will assume the position of Deputy Chief of Mission in the US Embassy in Papua New Guinea as of July 1995. Michal formerly served in Micronesia and Papua New Guinea as well as on the US State Department's Pacific Islands desk.

## SHAPS SEEKS NEW DEAN

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa invites applications and nominations for the position of Dean of the School of Hawaiian, Asian, and Pacific Studies. The school houses eleven programs and centers, including the Center for Pacific Islands Studies and the Center for Hawaiian Studies, and offers BA and MA degrees in Asian Studies, an MA in Pacific Islands Studies, a BA in Hawaiian Studies, and a graduate certificate in Pacific Islands Studies.

Minimum qualifications include PhD or equivalent scholarly achievement, university or college teaching, a distinguished scholarly record combining a Hawaiian, Asian, or Pacific area and an academic discipline commensurate with appointment at the tenured professor level, and significant administrative experience. Letters of inquiry may be sent to Dean Raymond Yeh, Chair, SHAPS Dean Search Committee, Office of the Senior Vice President and Executive Vice Chancellor, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, 2444 Dole Street, Bachman Hall 105, Honolulu, HI 96822. Review of applications will begin 1 October 1995.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Janet Bell Pacific Research Prizes

The University of Hawai'i Library has announced the winners of the 1995 Janet Bell Pacific Research Prizes for papers on the Pacific Islands area. Joakim Peter (Center for Pacific Islands Studies) won the graduate student prize for his paper, "Eram's Church (Bell): Local Appropriations of Catholicism on Ettal." Elisabeth A K Contrades (Department of History) won the undergraduate prize for her paper, "Where There is Unity There is Strength: The Impact of the 1946 Sugar Strike and the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (ILWU) on Labor Organization in Hawai'i."

### KHPR Intern from Fiji

Ms Makareta KOMAI, from Fiji, is the latest Pacific Islands intern at Hawai'i Public Radio. An accomplished news journalist, she is Sub-Editor for Radio Fiji in Suva. In Hawai'i she is responsible for Pacific Island News, broadcast weekdays, morning and afternoon. Ms Komai will be with Hawai'i Public Radio through the end of September.

### Hawaiian Language Resources Office

Need help on Hawaiian language meanings, markings, and usage? The Hawaiian Language Resources Office, established by the 'Ahahui 'Ōlelo Hawai'i (the private, non-profit Hawaiian language association), in downtown Honolulu provides direct access to speakers of Hawaiian who can answer your questions. The phone number for this free service is 808-528-5453. The office can also provide

information on the activities of the 'Ahahui 'Ōlelo Hawai'i, including educational programs, public forums, publications, and curriculum development and training opportunities for educators.

## NEH SUMMER INSTITUTE

The 1995 NEH Summer Institute on The Politics of Culture and Identity: Pacific Islands Perspectives, directed by Dr Geoffrey WHITE and Dr Lamont LINDSTROM at the East-West Center, runs for eight weeks in June and July. Seminar participants, who are either college teachers in non-graduate degree departments or independent scholars, are focusing on Pacific Islands material as they examine how people create, maintain, and contest their understanding of culture, identity, traditions, and pasts.

Participants include: Gloria ABERNATHY-LEAR (University of Illinois-Chicago), John COLE (Kapi'olani Community College), Helen COX (Salt Lake Community College), Robert J GORDON (University of Vermont), Arlene GRIFFEN (University of the South Pacific), Lisa KLOPFER (University of Michigan), Marjorie KELLY (Leeward Community College), Barbara LAWSON (Redpath Museum, McGill University), Mary MCCUTCHEON (George Mason University), Pnina MOTZAFI-HALLER (Boston University), Ernest OLSON (Wells College), Eric SILVERMAN (DePauw University), George WESTERMARK (Santa Clara University), and Sarah WILLIAMS (Evergreen State College).

## ISLAND IMAGES FILM FESTIVAL

Pacific Islanders in Communications (PIC) will present its second annual film festival, 3-6 August, at various locations on the islands of O'ahu, Maui, Moloka'i, and Kaua'i, with a special program in Hilo on 18 August. The purpose of the festival is to showcase films and videos about, or produced or directed by, indigenous Islanders. Included in the festival are *Storytellers of the Pacific* (PIC, video), *Once Were Warriors* (Aotearoa/New Zealand), *Koro's Hat* (Aotearoa/New Zealand), *Fakapangai: In the Circle of Sovereignty* (Cook Islands), *Aka Maro Kura* (Tonga), *Tangata/Tangata* (Samoa), and *The Visitation* (Aotearoa/New Zealand, video). The special festival program in Hilo on 18 August at the Wailoa Center is *Storytellers of the Pacific*. For more information, contact PIC, in Honolulu, at 808-591-0059.

## CENTER VISITORS

The Rev Marie ROPETI-IUPELI visited the center the first week of April to discuss the development of a Pacific Studies program at Knox Theological Hall at the University of Otago. The Rev Ropeti-Iupeli is a

teaching fellow in the Faculty of Theology at the University of Otago.

Cluny MACPHERSON, Head of the Department of Sociology at University of Auckland, visited the center the third week in May. Dr Macpherson was in Hawai'i to attend a conference on ethnic identity at Brigham Young University-Hawai'i in Lā'ie.

## STAFF AND FACULTY ACTIVITIES

Robert C KISTE, center director, began a six-month sabbatical on 1 July. While on sabbatical he will finish editing, with Mac MARSHALL, the collection of papers from the center's eighteenth annual conference on American Anthropology and Micronesia held in 1993. He will also plans to complete his biography of Macu SALATO, former Fiji statesman. During Kiste's absence, Terence WESLEY-SMITH will be acting director of the center.

Terence WESLEY-SMITH, Graduate Chair of the center, and Ed PORTER, Acting Associate Dean of the School of Hawaiian, Asian, and Pacific Studies, visited the University of Auckland the second week of July to discuss the possibility of establishing an exchange program between the University of Auckland and the University of Hawai'i.

At least two members of the CPIS faculty were involved in the Eighteenth Pacific Science Congress in Beijing, 5-12 June, as conveners of sessions. Professor Emeritus Barbara B SMITH was the co-convenor, with Professor DU Yaxiong, of the session "The Traditional Musics of the Pacific Areas and Their Role in the Twenty-First Century." Smith's paper was "The Role of Traditional Music and Dance of Micronesia in the Twenty-First Century."

Nancy LEWIS, who was elected to the Executive Committee of the new Pacific Science Association Task Force on Pacific Peoples, convened a session on "Human Resources for the Future: Women and Young Scientists in Asian and Pacific Science" for the congress. Sponsored participants from the Pacific Islands included Professor Spensin JAMES (College of Micronesia), Dr Cecelia NEMBOU (Pro Vice-Chancellor, UPNG), Dr Kesaia SENIOLI (School of Social and Economic Development, USP), and Dr Jane MOGINA (Biology Department, UPNG). Dr Lynn RAULERSON (University of Guam) had to withdraw because of illness. Similar sessions are planned for the 1997 Inter-Congress in Fiji.

Three other faculty members were in the Pacific on special projects during the University of Hawai'i summer break. David A CHAPPELL taught two Pacific history courses at American Samoa Community College during June. Jane Freeman

MOULIN, who was recently elected to the national council of the Society for Ethnomusicology, is in Tahiti doing research on changing transmission patterns in Tahitian traditional music and dance and the implications of moving toward formalized training. Her research is supported in part by the NEH Endowment Fund.

David HANLON will be in Canberra until the middle of August on a three-month visiting fellowship with the Division of Pacific and Asian History of the Australian National University's Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies.

## OCCASIONAL SEMINARS

D William WOOD, Associate Professor of Public Health at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, presented *Traveling the Back Roads of the Information Highway: Numbers, Information, and Decision-Making in the Health Sector in Micronesia* on 5 May.

Cluny MACPHERSON, Head of the Department of Sociology at the University of Auckland, gave a seminar, cosponsored by Program for Cultural Studies, EWC, entitled *Breaking the Mold: Emerging Forms of Samoan Ethnic Identity in New Zealand* on 15 May. Professor Macpherson's paper outlined some preliminary observations on ethnic identity among New Zealand-born Samoans and some ways of explaining this diversity.

On 22 June, Hilarian M A CODIPPILY, Senior Economist with The World Bank, and Irene DAVIES, Country Officer, participated in a roundtable discussion on *The World Bank's Policies and Programs in the Pacific* and presented the 1995 Regional Economic Report, "Pacific Island Economies: Building a Resilient Economic Base for the Twenty-First Century." The roundtable was cosponsored by the Pacific Islands Development Program, EWC.

## CPIS PUBLICATIONS

The center recently announced the thirteenth volume in its Pacific Islands Monograph Series. *Strangers in Their Own Land: A Century of Colonial Rule in the Caroline and Marshall Islands*, by Francis X HEZEL, SJ, continues a history of the region begun by Fr Hezel in his earlier work *The First Taint of Civilization: A History of the Caroline and Marshall Islands in Pre-Colonial Days, 1521-1885*. The current volume continues the tale of cultural upheaval and attempts to capture the response of Micronesian islanders to the initiatives of Spanish, German, Japanese, and American intruders. Price is US\$38. (An order form is enclosed.)

Professor Edvard HVIDING of the University of Bergen, Norway, has just been awarded a publication subsidy of US\$8000 by the Research Council of Norway for *Guardians of Marovo Lagoon: Practice, Place, and Politics in Maritime Melanesia*. In the book, scheduled for publication in early 1996, Professor Hviding examines Marovo people's vast knowledge of the coastal-marine environment, as well as the striking flexibility of social relationships expressed most clearly through the customary marine tenure system. *Guardians of Marovo Lagoon* will be number fourteen in the Pacific Islands Monograph Series.

## THE CONTEMPORARY PACIFIC VOLUME 7(2) - FALL 1995

The fall issue of the center's journal, *The Contemporary Pacific*, is now available. Featured articles are:

Forestry, Public Land, and the Colonial Legacy in Solomon Islands by Judith A BENNETT,  
Models for Masculinity in Colonial and Postcolonial Papua New Guinea by Wayne FIFE, and  
Active Agents versus Passive Victims: Decolonized Historiography or Problematic Paradigm? by David A CHAPPELL.

Also in this issue are an interview with Alan DUFF conducted by Vilsoni HERENIKO and a remembrance of Renée HEYUM by Karen PEACOCK, as well as political reviews of Melanesia and the Pacific Islands region as a whole, and reviews of books in the fields of contemporary history, anthropology, economics, and literature.

## OTHER NEW PUBLICATIONS

*Destiny's Landfall: A History of Guam*, by Robert F ROGERS, traces the past in Guam from the precontact era through Spanish domination, colonial rule under a United States naval government, and the days since. Published by University of Hawai'i Press, the book is US\$45 cloth, US\$24.95 paper.

*Tapa in Tonga*, by Wendy ARBEIT, describes the variations in decorative patterns, techniques of manufacture and decoration, and methods of use of Tongan tapa. Distributed by University of Hawai'i Press for Palm Frond Productions, the book is US\$9.95 paper.

*Pacific Islander Americans: An Annotated Bibliography in the Social Sciences*, by Paul SPIKARD and others, is a guide to the scholarly work that has been done about Pacific Islanders living in the United States, including Native Hawaiians,

Samoans, Tongans, Chamorros, and others. Distributed by University of Hawai'i Press for the Institute for Polynesian Studies, Brigham Young University-Hawai'i; US\$14 paper.

*Culture, Kastom, Tradition: Developing Cultural Policy in Melanesia*, edited by Lamont LINDSTROM and Geoffrey M WHITE, is a collection of essays surveying efforts in Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu to manage cultural change in ways that both preserve and develop island cultures. Seven appendixes include examples of cultural policies and development plans from local and national governments. Contributors to the volume include David Akin, Nick Araho, Lissant Bolton, Willie Bongmatur, Ben Burt, Catherine Cole, Ron Crocombe, David Gegeo, Lawrence Foana'ota, Margaret Jolly, Roger Keesing, Ralph Regenvanu, David Roe, Kenneth Roga, Jacob Simet, Mali Voi, and François Wadra. Available from the Institute of Pacific Studies, University of the South Pacific; US\$10.

*Daughters of the Pacific*, by Zohl DÉ ISHTAR, is about Pacific women and the major issues facing them, including the nuclear industry, waste dumping, sea pollution, feminist ecology, tourism, and sovereignty. The book contains interviews with indigenous women in Hawai'i, The Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, Guam, the Republic of Palau, Fiji, Aboriginal Australia, Aotearoa/New Zealand, and Tahiti. Published by Spinifex Press; US\$24.95 paper.

*The Language of Wallis Island*, by Karl H RENSCH, describes the characteristic features of Wallisian phonology, morphology, syntax, and lexicon. Written with the non-specialist in mind, it contains a section on language use and a Wallisian-English and English-Wallisian word list. It is available from Archipelago Press for US\$12.50.

## BULLETIN BOARD

### Ko'okahi 'Ohana, Ko'okahi Kai

This photography exhibition by Kathryn BENDER of Honolulu is presented by the East-West Center Gallery to coincide with the triumphant voyages of the two traditional Hawaiian canoes along the West Coast of the United States from Alaska to San Diego. The exhibit features the crews of the Hōkūle'a and Hawai'iloa during their Tahiti journey of March 1995. The gallery, at John A Burns Hall, East-West Center, is open from 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday and noon to 4 pm on Sundays (closed holidays and Saturdays). The public is invited to a reception on Friday, 4 August, from 6:30-8:00 pm to honor Kathryn Bender and the crew members from the West Coast tour.

**Bishop Museum Native Hawaiian Internship**

Bishop Museum is looking forward to a second Native Hawaiian collections care internship following the completion of the current internship. The internship is for Native Hawaiians and is full time (40 hours a week) for one year. It is designed to strengthen understanding between the Hawaiian community and the museum staff. Funding sources require that the intern be able to provide documentation of at least 50% Hawaiian ancestry. For information, contact Carol HIGA, Personnel, PO Box 19000, Honolulu, HI 96817-0916.

**Institute of Polynesian Languages and Literatures**

The institute's Board of Trustees announces the incorporation of the institute as a non-profit charitable trust in New Zealand. The object of the institute and its trust is to promote the study and use of Polynesian languages and literatures. Currently books on Polynesian languages and literatures are being sought for the institute's library. Interested parties are encouraged to contact Institute Director Dr Stephen Robert FISCHER, PO Box 6965, Wellesley St., Auckland, New Zealand; tel 64-9-372-5094.

**1996 PTC Meeting**

The Pacific Telecommunications Council's eighteenth annual Pacific Telecommunications Conference, 14-18 January 1996, in Honolulu will feature two keynote speakers from the Pacific Islands: The Honorable John MOMIS, Minister of Communications, Papua New Guinea, and The Honorable Berenado VUNIBOBO, Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Fiji. They and other speakers will speak on the theme of "The

Information Infrastructure: Users, Resources, and Strategies." For registration information, contact Pacific Telecommunications Council, 2454 South Beretania St., Suite 302, Honolulu, HI 96826-1596. Tel (808) 941-3789; fax (808) 944-4874; email ptc96@ptc.org.

**8th Pacific Science Inter-Congress**

The Pacific Science Congress has issued an invitation to participate in the General Symposium and Sessions of the 8th Pacific Science Inter-Congress to be hosted in July 1997 by the University of the South Pacific in Fiji. The exact dates will be determined later. The inter-congress will focus on the Pacific Islands in the twenty-first century. It will emphasize the role of science and technology in development and review research in key areas of the natural and social sciences, including the relevance of gender issues. The inter-congress encourages interested persons to write to: Secretariat, 8th Pacific Science Inter-Congress, c/o School of Pure and Applied Sciences, the University of the South Pacific, PO Box 1168, Suva, Fiji; tel 679-313-900, ext 2691 or 2430; fax 679-302-548; email psa@usp.ac.fj.

**Centre des Hautes Etudes Touristiques**

The Center des Haute Etudes Touristiques (CHET) of the University of Law, Economics, and Sciences in Aix en Provence has published fifty-three volumes of bibliographic references on tourism in the Pacific Islands. The center also maintains a computerized database of references to over fifty-six thousand documents relating to tourism and leisure. Interested persons should contact CHET at 38 avenue de l'Europe, BP 661, 13094 Aix en Provence Cédex 2; tel 42-20-09-73; fax 42-20-50-98.

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