I. FROM THE EDITOR

As of this issue I have agreed to take over as ASAO newsletter editor. I am grateful to the former editor, Barbara Burns McGrath, for her assistance in the transition, and to the many others who provided input and advice. This newsletter can only be as good as the information you provide. Please keep me posted, and observe the deadlines for submissions. (Note: Given a choice, I prefer email!)

The deadline for the next issue will be April 1, 1995.
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Remember: requests for membership information and changes of address go to the ASAO Secretary/Treasurer, Tamar Gordon. Tamar maintains the ASAO mailing list, as well as the ASAO Directory. If all ASAO members will complete and return to her the Annual Dues Notice found at the end of this issue of the newsletter, you should have no problem receiving your newsletter.

Send the completed Annual Dues form by January 31, 1995, to:

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II. FROM THE SITE COORDINATOR

Just a reminder that the 1995 Annual Meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn Clearwater Beach Surfside, Clearwater Beach, Florida, February 21-26.

The package that was mailed to you during the summer contained detailed information and brochures to assist you in planning for the conference and your stay in Clearwater. Also, conference site details were announced in the September 1994 newsletter.

Remember: the conference room rate is guaranteed only until January 21, 1995, so get your reservation requests in!

If you did not receive your package, or need further site information, please contact:

Terri Aihoshi  
P. O. Box 384975  
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Waikoloa Hawaii 96738-4975  
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or the Holiday Inn Clearwater Beach Surfside, tel. (813) 461-3222, fax (813) 446-1583. Be sure to indicate the ASAO Code "ASF" when booking with the hotel.

The 1996 meeting dates and site will be announced during the 1995 meetings, with details to follow in the next newsletter and in the mail.

III. FROM THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Other than the Annual Meeting Program which follows, I have three announcements:

(1) I will need volunteers to work the registration desk. Volunteers will receive a complementary book--depending on the supply--for each TWO hours at the desk. If possible, volunteers should contact me in advance of the meetings and give me times they can work. Check the schedule for the times the registration desk is operating.

(2) I will also play matchmaker for those who want to be hooked-up with a roommate. Let me know the following: your name, phone number, sex, whether you're a smoker or nonsmoker, and whether you want to share a double or triple.

(3) Finally, I warn session organizers that so far NO ONE has requested AV materials for there sessions. Thus, I may not be able to accommodate last minute requests.

Regarding any of the above, contact:

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IV. THE 1995 ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

Distinguished Lecture: The Honorable Robert Underwood
Friday, 2/24, 8:30 pm - 11 pm, Salon D

We have invited Dr. Robert Underwood to be The Distinguished Lecturer for the Tampa meetings. Dr. Underwood, former Vice-President for Academic Affairs at the University of Guam, is currently Guam’s Representative to the U.S. House of Representatives, and an active proponent of commonwealth status for the island of Guam.

Current Issues Forum: Representations of Oceania in Popular Media
Moderator: Karen Nero
Meeting: Thursday, 2/23, 8:30 pm - 11 pm, Salon D

Glenn Peterson proposed: “The last couple of years have seen the appearance of a number of books about the Pacific island by popular authors, books that, at least in my estimation, tend to trash the islanders or at least insult them. Paul Theroux’s Happy Isles of Oceania is one, Kluge’s Edge of Paradise another, and most recent Krieger’s Conversations with Cannibals. Having had to review Kluge and Krieger for Library Journal, which goes to a non-academic, non-specialist audience, I feel particularly sensitive to the problem of how we who devote our lives to what we think are realistic appraisals of what’s going on in the Pacific should respond to this genre. I realize that in many cases the best strategy is simply to ignore this sort of work, instead of calling attention to it and thereby garnering it more attention, but I’m not sure that such an approach appropriately discharges our responsibilities.” An informal discussion is being organized for Thursday evening, in which we can consider not only books but other forms of popular media including television.

Working Session: Ethnography of Ethnography: Generating Ethnographic Statements and Cultural Brokerage
Organizers: Sjoerd Jaarsma (University of Utrecht) and Marta Rohatynskyj (University of Guelph)
Meeting: Thursday 2/23, 9:00 am - 5:15 pm, Mandalay Room
Participants:

Douglass St. Christian (McMaster University)
"Talking About Being Talked About: Accounting for Samoan Ethnography"

Michael Goldsmith (University of Waikato)
"On (Not) Knowing One’s Place"

Jane Goodale (Bryn Mawr)
"Ethnography of the Tiwi"

Sjoerd R. Jaarsma (University of Utrecht)
"Will the True Ethnographer Step Forward: The Asmat Case"

Mary N. MacDonald (Le Moyne College)
"Missionary Ethnography in Melanesia"

Judith Macdonald (University of Waikato)
"The Tikopia and 'What Raymond Said'"

Marta Rohatynskyj (University of Guelph)
"The Enigmatic Baining: The Breaking of an Ethnographer’s Heart"

Staff of the Centre for Maaori Studies and Research (University of Waikato)
"Living with the Consequences"
Working Session: Righting Wrongs: Compensation, Apology and Retribution in Contemporary Pacific Societies
Organizers: David Akin (Ann Arbor) and Jan Rensel (Honolulu)
Meeting: Friday, 2/24, 9:00 am - 5:15 pm, Mandalay Room
Participants:

David Akin (Ann Arbor)
“'The Bell Compensation’: Why the Kwaio Keep Claiming”

David Boyd (UC Davis)
“Pigs or Persuasion: Confrontation versus Confession in Enga and Hagahai Dispute Resolution”

Richard Feinberg (Kent State University)
“Righting Wrongs on Anuta”

Juliana Flinn (University of Arkansas - Little Rock)
“Brother versus Sister: Land Disputes among Carolinians of Saipan”

Alan Howard and Jan Rensel (University of Hawai‘i)
“The Tactics of Faksoro (Apology) Among Rotumans: An Historical Perspective”

*Cluny Macpherson (University of Auckland)
“Righting Wrongs: The Mediation of Interpersonal and Intergroup Conflict in Western Samoa”

Ernest Olson (Wells College)
“Noble Retribution: Caught Between Court and Community”

Susan Philips (Arizona)
“How Tongan Magistrate’s Courts Deal With Bad Language.”

Karl Rambo (University of Oklahoma)
“Geographic Distance and the Resolution of Disputes through Compensation: A Case From Simbu Province”

Joel Robbins (University of Virginia)
“Between Apology and Compensation: Equivalent Exchange as Ritual Reconciliation among the Urapmin of Papua New Guinea”

Andrew Strathern (University of Pittsburgh)
“Liability, Responsibility and Blame: Contestable Themes from the New Guinea Highlands”

*In absentia

Informal Session: Television, Nationalism and Transnationalism in the Contemporary Pacific
Organizer: Kathleen Adams (Loyola)
Meeting: Thursday, 2/23, 9:00 am - 12:15 pm, Salon A

In both urban and rural areas throughout the Pacific, television is becoming increasingly ubiquitous. The goal of this session is to explore the role of television in fostering reflections on local, national and transnational identities. That is, to what extent is television drawn upon by individuals and groups in the construction of local, national and transnational identities? To what extent is television a “globalizing force”? In some nations, such as Indonesia, the government envisions television programming to be a strategic element in fostering a unified national identity. Ethnic variety shows and nationalist slogans dominate the television landscape (particularly on the
government-operated station). In other areas, television is not consciously manipulated to serve such ends. Nevertheless, both local and imported television shows (such as "The Brady Bunch," with its images of 'American family life') appear to be fertile terrain for the contemplation of identity and the significance of diversity. Ideally, papers in this session would address such issues. Contributors from all areas of the Pacific would be welcomed. (Session participants so far include Laura Zimmer-Tamakoshi, Suzanne Falgout and myself.)

Those interested should contact Kathleen Adams, Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology, Loyola University of Chicago, 6525 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago 60626, tel. (312) email: <kadams@wpo.it.luc.edu>

Informal Session: The Culture of Contact: The Australian Mandate in PNG
Organizer: Naomi McPherson (Okanagan University College)
Meeting: Thursday, 2/23, 9:00 am - 12:15 pm, Salon B

This informal session is intended to provide a forum for exploring some of the issues and ideas that arise from perusal of the Microfiche of Patrol Reports from our particular field site(s). Rather than colonialism as an abstract analytical construct or as a faceless political presence in Papua New Guinea, I am especially interested in attempting to explore this era of PNG history from the perspective of (1) those men and women (kiaps, medical assistants, nurses, agricultural officers, and their families) who were its agents and representatives; (2) the Papua New Guineans who interacted with and were affected by these agents and representatives of a foreign mandate; and (3) the anthropologists who conducted their field research in Papua and New Guinea during this period.

Those interested in this informal session should contact Naomi McPherson, Dept. of Anthropology, Okanagan University College, Kelowna BC V1V 1V7 CANADA, fax (604) 861-5545 or (604) 470-6001.

Informal Session: Sustaining Islanders: Political Ecology and Pacific Island Nations
Organizers: Mike Evans (McMaster) and Charlie Stevens (Arizona)
Meeting: Thursday, 2/23, 9:00 am - 12:15 pm, Salon C

It has been a truism for some time that Pacific Island societies cannot maintain their distinctive ways of life, preserve their environment, and adopt a capitalist economy. This implies that political ecological studies of Pacific Island states must incorporate a multidisciplinary focus on ecological, economic, social, and cultural "sustainability". The organizers of this session invite preliminary musings on the meaning of "sustainable development" in the contexts of the ecologies, economies, social relations, and cultures of Oceania. A wide variety of methodological and analytical approaches are encouraged as we discuss the role of anthropologists in understanding the systemic nature of political ecological change in small island states in the Pacific.

For information, contact: Mike Evans, Anthropology Department, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario L8S 4L9 CANADA, email: <g8726246@mcmail.cis.mcmaster.ca> or Charlie Stevens, Anthropology Department, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721, email: <cstevens@anthro.arizona.edu>

Informal Session: Constructing and Imagining Images of Women in Contemporary Pacific Culture(s)
Organizers: Pamela Rosi (Bryn Mawr) and Teresia Teaiwa (Santa Cruz)
Meeting: Thursday, 2/23, 2:00 pm - 5:15 pm, Salon A
Today, as Pacific peoples revitalize and reassert their traditions while participating in world capitalism, modern education, and international travel, migration, and tourism, concepts of gender are being contested and reinvented. Drawing on old and new media of cultural communication (dance, song, theater, literature, the visual arts, film, video, the mass media, etc.) we wish to explore the ways images of women are being imagined and constructed in Pacific societies. For example, do the images created of women by men differ from those which women (of all ages) make or invest about themselves? Do governments, churches, or other powerful social institutions fabricate hegemonic images of women to support their special interests? How do class, race, and gender dynamically intersect to influence how images of women are presently being created, diffused, and evaluated in Pacific expressive culture?

Anyone interested in joining this informal session please contact either Pamela Rosi, 14 River Avenue, Monmouth Beach NJ 07750, tel. (908) 870-0370; or Teresia Teaiwa, P. O. Box 3720, Samabula, Suva, FIJI, tel. (679) 322-906, email c/o <Teaiwa-J@usp.ac.fj>

Informal Session: Indigenous Currencies and Changing Exchange Spheres in Melanesia
Organizers: David Akin (Ann Arbor) and Joel Robbins (Virginia)
Meeting: Thursday, 2/23, 2:00 pm - 5:15 pm, Salon B

In this session we will examine how the persistence of indigenous currencies has been embedded in changing concepts of exchange, the development of new exchange spheres, and the rearrangement of relations between exchange spheres. Questions we hope to explore include: (1) How are indigenous currencies being integrated into, or segregated from, state-issued currencies and market economies? (2) What have been the impacts of new cash-earning opportunities and shifting patterns of trade and exchange? (3) How have these and other factors changed the values of currencies, and altered who controls them? (4) Why, in some areas of Melanesia, have indigenous currencies become key symbols of autonomy, tradition or custom? Why in other places have they persisted despite being seen as anachronistic or as opposed to development, Christianity or modernity? In either case, why are they such powerful cultural symbols and, in this role, how are they juxtaposed to western money and economic practice? (5) Finally, what can answers to these questions tell us about the respective natures of exchange within Melanesian and western economies?

PLEASE NOTE: We would also like to hear from Micronesianists who are interested in this topic, with an eye towards possibly broadening the session’s areal focus.

Those interested in the session should contact: David Akin, 8483 Crane Road, Milan MI 48160, email: <userLN8X.umichum.bitnet> or Joel Robbins, Anthropology, Cabell Hall, University of Virginia, Charlottesville VA 22903, email: <jlr2t@darwin.clas.virginia.edu>

Informal Session: The Ties of Tonga from the Local to the International
Organizer: Ernest Olson (Wells College)
Meeting: Thursday, 2/23, 2:00 pm - 5:15 pm, Salon C

This session is an outgrowth of informal discussions among researchers of Tonga at the last ASAO meeting. At that time, a number of individuals expressed interested in taking advantage of the ASAO meetings for pursuing a more organized discussion of common research interests. It is proposed that this informal session be very broadly focused on Tongan society and the interconnections between local, national, and international spheres. This broad focus is meant to allow considerable freedom for participants to explore a wide range of areas such as education, religion, law, business, etc. In addition to researchers of Tonga, those with an interest in the ties between
Tonga and Samoa, Fiji, New Zealand, Australia, and other areas may wish to participate and thereby widen the scope of the session.

Anyone interested in the informal session on The Ties of Tonga should correspond with Ernest Olson, Wells College, Aurora NY 13026, tel. (315) 564-7416.

Informal Session: Current Trends on Marriages in Oceania  
Organizer: John Altrocchi (Nevada)  
Meeting: Friday, 2/24, 9:00 am - 5:15 pm, Salon A

In this second informal session, I propose we focus on how the marriage state in various parts of Oceania is changing from varied traditional models to a more "global, westernized" model of marriage. Such a discussion can include, for instance, the slow (sometimes rapid) dropping of traditional customs such as "feeding children" and moving toward a greater emphasis on the nuclear family and marriage partnership. These were some of the trends that were most noteworthy in Richard Marksbury's book published last year. There is plenty of room in that idea to include data on where family violence fits in. It could be that some people have data that suggest that violence within the family was more, or less, in more traditional times, or that suggests that violence happens more during this time of change.

Those interested in participating please contact John Altrocchi, Dept. of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science, University of Nevada School of Medicine, Manville Medical Building 354, Reno NV 89447, fax (702) 784-6096.

Informal Session: Touristic Encounters in the Pacific: Identity, Representation and Ethnicity  
Organizer: Eric Silverman (DePauw)  
Meeting: Friday, 2/24, 9:00 am - 12:15 pm, Salon B

Tourism and associated processes are significant developments in the lives of Pacific Islanders. Within the cross-cultural space of tourism, a wide range of issues are presented, negotiated and contested. These include visual and verbal messages about economic aspirations, hierarchy, power, ethnicity, personal and group identity, aesthetics, art collecting, "primitivism," representation (e.g., the film Cannibal Tours), etc. The goal of this informal session is to begin to work towards a comprehensive understanding of touristic processes and encounters in the Pacific. At this point, the session is wide open. However, in a future and more formal session we will address not only specific ethnographic issues but also a common body of theoretical literature. In the informal session we will discuss our individual and collective interests, however inchoate. In addition, I will provide an annotated bibliographic statement on recent and earlier works that discuss tourism within Pacific studies, anthropology and allied disciplines such as semiotics, art criticism and eclectic postmodernism. So, welcome all, and bring your data, ideas and, of course, any bibliographic material.

Contact: Eric Silverman, Sociology/Anthropology, DePauw University, Greencastle IN 46135, tel. (317) 658-4889. email: <ERICS@DEPAUW.EDU>

Informal Session: Multiple Media: From Oral Histories to Video  
Organizers: Karen Nero (Auckland) and Rufino Mauricio (Federated States of Micronesia)  
Meeting: Friday, 2/24, 9:00 am - 12:15 pm, Salon C

While anthropological attention has focused on transitions from orality to literacy, many Pacific peoples have been switching to visual and oral media. Historic preservation offices, as well as individuals, have been recording events and interviewing elders using
videos and tape recorders. What are the effects of the new media, and what is the place of these visual/oral recordings within the genre of oral histories? What new protocols are being established to deal with culturally-sensitive issues such as controlling knowledge while preserving it? Anthropologists (and others) have been involved in training islanders in the new media: how have these been transformed into their own theories of representation? We welcome the participation of those who have been involved in creating and well as studying these visual/oral histories.

For further information, you can try to fax Karen Nero until January 15 in Palau (fax (680) 488-1725) or until February 8 in Kosrae (fax (691) 370-3000); mark clearly "TO KAREN NERO"; or Rufino Mauricio in Pohnpei (fax (691) 320-5634). (Early morning is your best bet for faxes, and keep trying!)

Informal Session: Festival and Communitas: Enacting Identity in the Pacific
Organizers: Keith Chambers (Southern Oregon State) and Karen Stevenson (Van Nuys)
Meeting: Friday, 2/24, 2:00 pm - 5:15 pm, Salon B

This session will focus on the broad topic of festivals and festival behavior in Pacific Island societies. Our interest is in multi-layered events which bring communities together or in which community is enacted or affirmed through public spectacle. These may be small scale, "traditional" occasions, new events created in response to changing situations, or trans-national spectacles. Whatever the scale of the festive occasion, our interest is in stimulating discussion of common themes such as: (1) identity creation/affirmation, (2) "communitas" issues, (3) political integration and diversification, (4) playing out of competition/solidarity, (5) transforming traditional events/activities to fit new contexts.

Contacts: Keith Chambers, Office of International Programs, Southern Oregon State College, Ashland, OR 97520, tel. (503) 552-6338, fax (503) 552-6440, email: <chambers@wpo.sosc.osshe.edu> or Karen Stevenson, 14007 Runnymede Street, Van Nuys, CA 91405, tel. (818) 785-3501.

Informal Session: Weaving the World: Textiles in Oceania
Organizer: Heather Young-Leslie (York)
Meeting: Friday, 2/24, 2:00 pm - 5:15 pm, Salon C

Textiles are an excellent medium for examining social and economic transformation, sacred and secular power, gifting and exchange relationships, local histories, cultural transformation, invention of tradition, gender and identity. In this session, I propose we begin with and move from Weiner’s definition of ‘cloth’ to examine contemporary uses and meanings of textiles in Oceania. This broad definition means that articles created from fibrous material, be they barkcloth, fine mats, bilum, sinnet ropes, banana leaf skirts, or whatever, from all over the Pacific are included.

For further information, contact Heather Young-Leslie, Department of Anthropology, York University, Vari Hall, 4700 Keele Street, North York, Ontario M3J 1P3, CANADA, fax (416) 736-5768, email: <youngl@fhs.csu.mcmaster.CA>

Informal Session: Culture, Class, and the Modern Pacific Island State
Organizer: Gene Ogan
Meeting: Saturday, 2/25, 9:00 am - 5:15 pm, Salon A

The topic for this session originates in interests and ideas put forth by participants in the final "Bougainville Crisis" meeting in San Diego, and by such scholars as Naidu and Leckie (1990). There seems to be agreement that new forms of stratification have
developed as the Pacific Islands have been increasingly absorbed into a global world economy. However, there is a lack of attention to specific aspects of social class in the Pacific today, and certainly such studies as have been done fail to deal adequately with general social science theory on the subject. For example, there is actually very little in Class and Culture in the South Pacific (1987) about social class per se, and the most substantial contributions dealing with the topic (e.g., by Hau'ofa and by Naidu) are more descriptive than analytic.

Nation-building, ethnicity and identity have been considered in other ASAO sessions. I believe it is time to add serious discussion of class issues to our understanding of culture change in the modern Pacific. Questions that come to mind (many of which draw on interest expressed in the last meeting's Bougainville session) include, but are no means limited to the following: To what extent does the existence of clear cut class strata vary among Pacific Island nations? What are the most important factors (e.g., degree of precontact stratification, differences in colonial political economy, incidence of migration and remittance of funds) which might explain such variation?

Are national ideologies (Fox 1991) controlled by particular social classes? Do such notions as "The Melanesian Way" or "Kastom" reflect or mystify class interests? How does cultural production (e.g., of mass media) relate to class interests? What is the actual composition of social classes in Pacific Island nations? How did colonial history (e.g., mission education) affect class membership? Can one speak, as Hau'ofa suggests, of a pan-Pacific ruling class? What is the relation of class to ethnicity (e.g., do ethnic boundaries coincide with class boundaries among indigenous minorities like Kanak, Maori or Native Hawaiians)? How close are links between ruling classes in any Pacific Island nation with those in metropolitan nations?

I think that these and related topics can be explored profitably at the next ASAO meeting. Because this represents a significant shift from the loose discussion at the Bougainville session, and because my correspondence with members of that meeting does not suggest that there are seven people ready to produce papers by 1 December, I am proposing an informal session but with a firm commitment to move rapidly toward production of papers, if there is sufficient interest. I will provide the latest version of a working bibliography, and welcome additions thereto.

References cited:

Anyone interested in this session should contact Gene Ogan at 215 Ford Hall, 224 Church St. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455 USA; tel. (612) 625-3424, -3400; fax (612) 625-3095; email: <oganx001@maroon.tc.umn.edu>

Informal Session: Representations of the Past in the Pacific
Organizers: John Terrell (Field Museum) and Lin Poyer (Cincinnati)
Meeting: Saturday, 2/25, 9:00 am - 5:15 pm, Salon B

This continuing session deals with local constructions and uses of history across the Pacific. Please see session descriptions in previous newsletters, #83 (October 1992) and #85 (June 1993).

For further information contact John Terrell, Anthropology Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago IL 60605. tel. (312) 922-9410 ext. 330, or Lin Poyer, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati OH 45221, tel. (513) 556-2772, email: <poyerla@ucbeh.san.uc.edu>
Informal Session: The Crisis of AIDS and Sex Industries in the Pacific  
Organizer: Lawrence Hammar (Lewis and Clark College)  
Meeting: Saturday, 2/25, 9:00 am - 12:15 pm, Salon C

Across the Pacific, national and provincial capitals, port towns, and other townships are experiencing myriad crises regarding sex industries and STDs in ways that bode ill for likely future HIV transmission. I propose an informal session to share findings from ethnographic fieldwork at one such provincial capital--Daru, Western Province, Papua New Guinea--and to hear from others knowledgeable of and/or interested in same. I welcome those with narrow or broad medical interests as well as those with comparative, ethnographic concerns. I'd like us to consider together (1) local understandings of AIDS, STDs, and HIV transmission dynamics, (2) state of and obstacles to the delivery of appropriate health care and prevention messages, (3) forms and frequencies of sexual transactions which bear on HIV transmission, (4) roles (if any) that local sex industries and participants play in facilitating HIV transmission, and (5) appropriate dissemination of ethnographic or other research findings.

Those interested in attending should call Lawrence Hammar at (503) 768-7611, or write him c/o Department of Sociology/Anthropology, Box #60, Lewis and Clark College, 0615 SW Palatine Hill Road, Portland OR 97219.

Informal Session: Museums in and about the Pacific  
Organizer: Mary McCutcheon (George Mason)  
Meeting: Saturday, 2/25, 9:00 am - 12:15 pm, Mandalay Room

I would like to have an informal session at the meetings to discuss museums in the Pacific, and about the Pacific. For this first year, the topic will be broad but participants can consider how they might want to narrow it for next year. I want to discuss the purposes of museums and displays; the impact of museums on local people and on tourists; and resources for collections care, exhibitions, and educational outreach as well as for establishing and restructuring museums.

For further information, contact Mary McCutcheon, Anthropology, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax VA 22030, tel. (703) 243-3643 (home), email: <mmccutch@mason1.gmu.edu>

Video Discussion: "Kula: Ring of Power"  
Organizer: Vilsoni Hereniko (Hawai'i)  
Meeting: Saturday, 2/25, 2:00 pm - 5:15 pm, Mandalay Room

Vilsoni Hereniko will lead a discussion of the video, "Kula: Ring of Power," focusing on issues of representation. The video, made in 1992 and is distributed by One World Films, tells the story of Chief Nalabutau, a traditional and aging kula master from the Trobriands. The question addressed in this video is, can the ancient magic and rituals survive as the region struggles to adapt to the cash economy?

For further information, contact Vilsoni Hereniko, Center for Pacific Islands Studies, 1890 East West Road, Moore 215, Honolulu HI 96822, tel. (808) 956-2659, fax (808) 956-7053, email: <vili@uhunix.uhcc.hawaii.edu>
V. OTHER CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

Pacific Science Congress, June 1995, Beijing

With the theme, "Population, Resources and Environment," the 18th Pacific Science Congress will be held in Beijing, June 5-12, 1995. The Pacific Science Association was founded in 1920 to promote cooperation and communication in science and technology among the communities of the Pacific region, to review common scientific concerns and priorities in the Pacific Basin and to provide a multidisciplinary forum for discussion of the concerns through Congresses and Inter-Congresses and other scientific meetings.

The PSA Information Bulletin appears two times a year, containing authored, regionally oriented articles, book reviews, institutional spotlight, Pacific Meeting Register, and other pertinent material. The current [Volume 46(1-2), April/June 1994] lead article is, "Land, plant, animals and people: community-based biodiversity conservation (CBBC) as a basis for ecological, cultural, and economic survival in the Pacific islands" by Randy Thaman, USP. The supplement, Pacific Research Titles, contains photocopies of tables of contents of regional journals and periodicals.

A single Adhering Organization, e.g., national academy of science or like body, from each country of definite geographic area within or bordering the Pacific Ocean, or with major scientific interests in the region, jointly constitutes the regular membership of the Association. In addition, associate membership may be held by individual scientists, scientific societies and institutions, and corporations. Individual membership is US$25.00 and receipt of the PSA Information Bulletin and Pacific Research Titles, discounts on PSA publications, discounts on registration fees for Association meetings, and special offers from other publishers.

For further information contact: L. G. Eldredge, Executive Secretary, Pacific Science Association, P.O. Box 17801, Honolulu, Hawaii 96817, tel. (808) 848-4139, fax (808) 847-8252.

NEH Summer Seminar for College Teachers, June-August 1995, Honolulu

Lamont Lindstrom and Geoffrey M. White will co-direct a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar on "The Politics of Culture and Identity: Pacific Islands Perspectives" at the East-West Center in Honolulu, June 12 to August 4, 1995. This seminar takes advantage of recent analyses of Pacific tradition and identity to explore processes of cultural construction in general: How people create, maintain, and contest their understandings of culture, identity, traditions, and pasts. Although the seminar focuses on Pacific Islands material, scholars with comparative research interests are welcome to apply.

Twelve stipends of $4,000 for the eight-week seminar are provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Application materials as well as information about the seminar's scope and logistics are available from the directors. Applicants must be US citizens or have been residents of the United States for at least three years. Members of Ph.D. granting departments and graduate students are excluded.

Application deadline is March 1, 1995.

Contact Geoffrey M. White, Program for Cultural Studies, East-West Center, Honolulu HI 96848, tel. (808) 944-7343, fax (808) 944-7333, email: <whiteg@ewc.bitnet> or Lamont Lindstrom, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74104, tel. (918) 631-2888, fax (808) 944-7333, email: <anth_ll@vax1.utulsa.edu>
Symposium on Magic, August 1995, Mexico City

The International Congress of History of Religions, to be held in Mexico City, August 5-12, 1995, will include a two day symposium on magic. Proposed papers may address matters of theory and method or may focus on the practice of magic in particular historical and cultural contexts. A panel on magic in Oceania would be welcomed by the program committee. Proposals for papers must be submitted by January 30, 1995. A decision on proposals will be made by the end of February.

For further information, or to submit proposals for papers, contact Dr. Mary N. MacDonald, Le Moyne College, Syracuse NY 13214, fax 315/445-4540, email: <macdonal@maple.lemoyne.edu>

PNG Conference, September 1995, Brisbane

Conference Title: "Importing Cultures - Regional transformations in myth and ritual in the western Papua New Guinea Highlands"
To be held at Emmanuel College - University of Queensland, 18-22 September 1995
Convenors: Dr. Laurence Goldman (Anthropology - University of Queensland), Dr. J. Clark (Anthropology - James Cook University), C. Ballard (RSPAS - ANU).

This international conference will attempt to look at "partial connections" (M. Strathern) for myth, ritual and history to test the viability of regional or cultural 'areas'. The conference will build on previously held conferences - Papuan Borderlands (Biersack ANU 1990) and Huli-Duna Workshop (Clark & Ballard ANU 1994) - by more explicitly seeking papers which challenge and problematise the notion of 'boundary'.

Interested participants should contact Dr. L. Goldman at Dept. of Anthropology, University of Queensland, Brisbane, QLD 4072 AUSTRALIA, tel. (617) 365-3178, fax (617) 365-1544, email: <l.goldman@mailbox.uq.oz.au>

Australian Anthropological Society, September 1995, Adelaide

The Australian Anthropological Society will be holding its Annual Meeting in Adelaide, South Australia, from 27 September through 29 September. The Meeting includes papers organised in terms of invited and proposed topics. Registration fee is usually A$30. Accommodation can be arranged by the organisers in Adelaide. Overseas visitors are warmly invited to attend.

All correspondence concerning the annual meeting should be addressed to Dr. John Gray, Department of Anthropology, University of Adelaide, Adelaide, SA 5005, AUSTRALIA, email: <jgray@arts.adelaide.edu.au>

Note: Pacific Session at AAS:
Grant McCall adds a note that he is organizing a session for this conference, tentatively titled: "Pacific Substance(s) and Form(s)" and invites ASAO people who might be in Australia at that time next year to participate in their local gathering. He goes on to recommend Adelaide, the capital city of South Australia, known for its culture and fine buildings, and some of Australia's best wines--"Almost as good as that produced in New South Wales, I remark objectively!"

For further information about his session contact Grant McCall, School of Sociology, The University of New South Wales, Kensington NSW 2033, AUSTRALIA, tel. (612) 385-2408, fax (612) 313-7859, email: <g.mccall@unsw.EDU.AU>
VI. POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Lectureship in Anthropology, University of Auckland, New Zealand

The University of Auckland seeks a Social Anthropologist for a tenurable lectureship in the Department of Anthropology. Applicants should have research interests in such contemporary regional processes as: state formation and disintegration; transnational or multi-state networks; the recent emergence of supraregional and overseas communities; migration; urbanisation; ethnicity; border studies; or other phenomena of comparably wide regional scale. The successful candidate should have skills in a variety of contemporary theoretical perspectives; applications from scholars with additional experience and skills are also welcome. A research commitment to the Pacific is required, with a preference for Southeast Asia, East Asia or Australia. Ph.D. and a demonstrated capacity for research and publication are required. Commencing salary will be established within the range $NZ39,500-$NZ50,000 per annum.

APPLICATION CLOSING DATE: 31 January 1995

Further information, conditions of appointment and method of application should be obtained from the Academic Appointments Office, tel. (649) 373-7599 ext. 5790, fax (649) 373-7023. Please quote Vacancy Number UAC.516 in all correspondence.

Three copies of applications should be forwarded to the Registrar, University of Auckland, Private Bag 92019, Auckland, NEW ZEALAND.

Lectureship in History, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

Applications are invited for a Lectureship in Pacific History, available from 1 June 1995. The appointee will be expected to teach undergraduate courses in Pacific history, and may be required to contribute to general first year teaching. There will also be an opportunity to undertake graduate teaching and supervision in the appointee’s area of special interest. Applicants should have or be completing a Ph.D. Appropriate teaching experience and a record of publications would be an advantage. Salary scale for Lecturers is NZ$38,000-NZ$50,000 per annum.

APPLICATION CLOSING DATE: 3 February 1995

Further enquiries may be made to Dr. Susan Grogan, chairperson, History Department, fax (644) 471-2020; email <Susan.Grogan@vuw.ac.nz>

Conditions of appointment and method of application for the above post are available from the Appointments Administrator, Personnel Office, VUW, PO Box 600, Wellington, NEW ZEALAND, fax (644) 495-5238, email: <appoint@vuw.ac.nz>

Assistant Professor of Anthropology, California State University - Chico

Applications are being accepted for a tenure-track position in Anthropology to begin August 1995. Requirements: Ph.D., fieldwork, demonstration of successful teaching and scholarship or the potential for such, and ability to teach a diverse student population which is multicultural and international. Department seeks balanced strengths in applied cultural, quantitative and computer applications. Courses: Undergraduate Introductory, Religion, Social Organization, and Formal Methods. Undergraduate and graduate courses in specialization. Work load: four courses per semester and advising and committee work. Salary: $34,236 to $39,360 depending on qualifications and experience. AA/ADA/EEO/IRCA; women, minorities, and persons with disabilities are urged to apply.

Send application letter plus CV and three letters of recommendation to Professor Urbanowicz, Chair, Anthropology Department Personnel Committee, CSU - Chico, Chico, CA 95929-0400. Department tel. (916) 898-6192, fax (916) 898-6824, email: <curbanowicz@oaavax.csuchico.edu>

Visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology, St. Lawrence University

St. Lawrence University, Department of Anthropology, invites applications for a Visiting Assistant Professor in Anthropology. Candidates must be able to teach introductory courses in cultural anthropology and linguistics, a senior seminar in culture theory, and two other courses in applicant's regional, topical and technical specialties. Appointment is for 2 years and begins Fall 1995. Second year teaching duties will be shared with St. Lawrence's First Year Program, an interdisciplinary, team taught, academic and residential program for first year students. Ph.D. preferred. Areas preferred are Asia, Pacific, Middle East, and Native North and South America. Evidence of commitment to undergraduate teaching is required. Preference will be given to applicants with strong training in one or more of the following fields: ecological anthropology, ethnohistory, culture change, psychological anthropology, gender studies, language and culture and symbolic anthropology.

St. Lawrence University, chartered in 1856, is the oldest continuously coeducational institution of higher learning in New York state. An independent, private university firmly committed to undergraduate liberal arts education and cross cultural opportunities, St. Lawrence University offers a unique learning environment. The University's 1900 students come from most U.S. states and more than two dozen other countries. Canton, the St. Lawrence River Valley, and the nearby Adirondack State Park provide the University community many social, cultural, and outdoor recreation activities. St. Lawrence University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity employer. Women, minorities, and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

APPLICATION CLOSING DATE: March 1, 1995.

Send application letter and names of three references to: Richard Perry, Chair, Department of Anthropology, St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY 13617.

VII. PERSONAL NEWS

Obituary for Derson Ramon
(Adapted from articles appearing in The MICRONESIAN FOCUS, July 15-August 30, 1994, and in Pacific Magazine 19(5) 1994, p. 33)

Derson K. Ramon, retired Public Information Officer for the Public School System (Education Department) of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and recent freelance writer for Guam's Pacific Daily News, died July 10, 1994, of congestive heart failure at the age of 46. A native of Pingelap, Pohnpei, Ramon was one of the first Micronesian journalists. He graduated from the University of Guam and taught for a year at Ponape District Intermediate School before becoming the first FSM citizen to serve as Public Information Specialist under the Office of the FSM President. Ramon was also a freelance writer for Pacifica newspaper, FOCUS section of the Pacific Daily News (PDN), Marianas Variety newspaper on Saipan, Pohnpei stringer to the PDN in the early 1970s, and Pohnpei's and later Guam's correspondent to the Micronitor (now the Marshall Islands Journal). Ramon will be remembered not only for his soft-spoken demeanor but his prolific writings and uncompromising stand for principles.
Fran Hezel awarded doctorate of humane letters from Fordam University
(adapted from article by MA Johnson in The MICRONESIAN FOCUS, July 15-August 30, 1994)
Father Francis Xavier Hezel—or Fran as his friends know him—has been recognized for his many contributions to Micronesian society, not only in Micronesia (the University of Guam gave him an honorary doctorate degree in humane letters in 1986) but most recently, in his alma mater, Fordham University. Fran earned a bachelor's degree in combined classical languages and philosophy and master's degree in classical languages and history from Fordham in 1962 and 1963. He also obtained a bachelor's degree in divinity and a master's degree in theology from Woodstock College, Maryland, in 1969 and 1970, respectively. On May 12, 1994, during Fordham University's annual commencement program, Fran was one of three recipients of Fordham's honorary doctorate in humane letters.

For over three decades Father Hezel has been serving the Micronesian people, as priest, teacher, scholar, writer and friend. In acknowledging his impact on Micronesian society, Fordham singled out the Micronesian Seminar, the study center and library which Hezel founded in 1972 in Chuuk, then moved to Pohnpei State in 1992, and which at present continues to provide a forum for conferences, workshops and papers on critical issues in Micronesia.

Renee Heyum Establishes Scholarship Fund
Miss Renee Heyum, Curator Emeritus, Pacific Collection, University of Hawaii, is now in retirement. Miss Heyum was recruited from Paris, France and began at the University of Hawaii on 1 February, 1969. She is responsible for acquiring a vast and varied collection of materials of all kinds from the Pacific and about the Pacific-building the collection from small beginnings. Through her efforts and the continuing efforts of successors mentored by Heyum, the Pacific Collection at UH has come to be regarded as an invaluable resource for research on Pacific topics. She has been of great assistance to many researchers over many years. She was named an Honorary Fellow of the ASAO in 1993.

Miss Heyum has established an endowment with a gift of $30,000, the income of which will be used to provide a scholarship for a student from the Pacific Islands at the University of Hawaii. The first award will be available in about a year. A “Friends of Heyum” campaign has been launched to increase the size of the endowment, and the first contribution of $100 was received in late September. Contributions may be of any amount. Renee's friends may contribute to the endowment with checks made payable to UH Foundation/Heyum Endowment. The contributions should be mailed to UH Center for Pacific Islands Director Robert C. Kiste at the UH Center for Pacific Islands Studies, 1890 East-West Road, Moore 215, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822.

Jocelyn Armstrong Sabbatical
Jocelyn Armstrong is on sabbatical leave in New Zealand for 1994-95. She is a visiting scholar at the Stout Research Centre for the Study of New Zealand History, Society and Culture, Victoria University of Wellington, for a program of aging, disability and culture research and writing. Her field research will focus on ethnic culture as a context of social supports for aging with a disability. The project builds on recent work in Malaysia and the U.S. as well her previous work on ethnicity in New Zealand.

Oceanist offered ANU Chair of Anthropology
Grant McCall writes that Dr. Francesca Merlan has just been offered the Chair of Anthropology at The Australian National University. “Dr. Merlan and her husband Alan Rumsey have worked both in Papua New Guinea and with Aborigines in Australia. Their work, together and separate, will be known to a number of ASAO members."
VIII. CALLS FOR JOURNAL SUBMISSIONS

THE CONTEMPORARY PACIFIC: A JOURNAL OF ISLAND AFFAIRS is interested in receiving scholarly articles on contemporary issues of concern in the Pacific Islands, with particular reference to the late twentieth century. Articles on such issues as urbanization, culture change, decolonization, dependency, development, and social and health problems are sought along with submissions addressing such topics as cultural movements, ethnic relations, regional cooperation, population pressures, environmental concerns, and strategic and security matters. The journal is also very much interested in receiving works that address island art, vernacular literature, the politics of representation, and critical theory approaches to contemporary Pacific topics. Articles relating to earlier periods in Pacific Islands history, on other regions, or of a more general theoretical nature will be considered if they help to illuminate current issues and concerns within the region. All articles published in the journal are refereed. The Editorial Board especially encourages articles that draw on the literature of more than one discipline. Submissions must be original works not previously published and not under consideration or scheduled for publication by another publisher. Guidelines for preparing manuscripts are printed on the inside of the back cover of each issue of the journal. Guidelines for preparing manuscripts on disk are also available from the Editor, or by email request to Tisha Hickson <ctisha@uhunix.uhcc.hawaii.edu>

All submissions and editorial correspondence should be addressed to:
David Hanlon, Editor, The Contemporary Pacific, Center for Pacific Islands Studies, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa, 1890 East-West Road, Moore Hall - Room 215, Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96822 USA tel. 808-956-9957 fax. 808-956-7053.

MICRONESICA is a multidisciplinary journal of the sciences, with emphasis on Micronesia and neighboring areas of the western/central Pacific Ocean and the western Pacific rim. Scope includes archaeology, cultural, medical and physical anthropology, and anthropological linguistics; systematic and ecological botany and zoology, agricultural sciences, and marine sciences. Twenty-six volumes have been published, starting in 1964, with volume 27 in press for December 1994. A 25-volume author and classified title index was included in 26(2). MICRONESICA is published semiannually in June and December. They are presently soliciting manuscripts for volume 28. A sheet of instructions for authors is available on request. Annual Subscription: $15 for individuals; $25 for institutions, including any supplement. Also available on exchange with institutions. Most back volumes are still available.

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Mailing Address: University of Guam, Mangilao, GU 96923, USA.

IX. BIBLIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Aoki, Diane (ed.)
1994  Moving Images of the Pacific Islands: A Guide to Films and Videos
Honolulu: University of Hawaii Center for Pacific Islands Studies, Occasional Paper No. 38.

Moving Images of the Pacific Islands contains information on 1,081 films and videos about the Pacific Islands (excluding Hawaii). Each entry contains information on the content, length, format, and date of the film/video, as well as the distributor, producer, and/or library through which it can be located. In addition, the guide, which is the third in a series of center publications on Pacific Islands films and videos, contains a critical essay by Norman Douglas, "Electric Shadows in the South Seas: The Pacific Islands in Film," and a short article, also by Douglas, on the use of films in Pacific Islands studies. The guide
is an invaluable resource for history and anthropology departments as well as for all libraries. To order the guide (US$20 plus postage), contact the Center for Pacific Islands Studies, University of Hawaii, 1890 East-West Road, Moore 215, Honolulu, HI 96822; telephone 808-956-7700; fax 808-956-7053.

Goodale, Jane C.
1994  *Tuwi Wives: A Study of Women of Melville Island, North Australia*
Prospect Heights, IL: Waveland Press Inc.

Although the Tiwi people of North Australia have been studied before, Goodale's approach adds a significant dimension in that it is from the perspective of the Tiwi woman as she changes through her life course from birth to the rituals performed after her death. Especially interesting and detailed material is offered on marriage arrangements and directions as well as important rites de passage such as the annual initiation ceremony and the funeral ceremony. Now available from Waveland Press, Goodale's descriptive record of her fieldwork among the Tiwi continues to be a lucid and valuable source of knowledge of this remote tribe.

Hasagar, Ulla and Jonathan Friedman, eds.
1994  *Hawai'i: Return to Nationhood*
Copenhagen: International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs, Document No. 75

*Hawai'i: Return to Nationhood* is an anthology of articles on the Hawaiian sovereignty movement, written by activists and scholars. The sections of the volume are: Hawaiians Define the Situation; Historical, Cultural and Legal Background; Dependent Hawai'i--Tourism and the Military; Hawaiian Land--Malama 'aina vs. Development; and Looking Abroad--Hawai'i in the Larger World. Contributors include Haunani-Kay Trask, Lilikala Kame'eleihiwa, Kamaki Maunupau, Kekuni Blaisdell, Noreen Mokuau, Ku'umeaaloha Gomes, Milllani Trask, Marion Kelly, Lela Hubbard, Elizabeth Ellis, Grover Cleveland, Ellen Wright Prendergast, Andy Cummings, Maivan Clech Lam, Dana Naone Hall, Pilahi Paki, John Kelly, Kathy Ferguson, Phyllis Turnbull, Mehmed Ali, Noa Emmett Aluli, Davianna Pomai'kalani McGregor, Sondra Field-Grace, Colette Machado, Ku Kahakalau, Kajsa Ekholm-Friedman, Jonathan Friedman, Nako Prejean, and Liko Martin. This 327-page collection is available for $30 plus postage from IWGIA, Fiolstraede 10, DK-1171, Copenhagen K. DENMARK, tel. +45 33 12 47 24, fax +45 33 14 77 49.

Lepowsky, Maria
1993  *Fruit of the Motherland: Gender in an Egalitarian Society*
New York: Columbia University Press

Contradicting scholars who consider sexual inequality a universal condition, *Fruit of the Motherland* reveals the existence of an exceptional society in which women have equivalent access to power and prestige and significant control over the means of production. Lepowsky presents the first ethnography of Vanatinai--literally, "motherland"--a matrilineal, decentralized island society in New Guinea where there is no ideology of male dominance and women and men are considered essentially equal. Tracing the life cycle of islanders of both sexes, Lepowsky examines the roles of gender in Vanatinai social life, economy, philosophy, and ritual, and analyzes the theoretical implications of the Vanatinai case for comparative gender studies and the study of human sociality in general, effectively demonstrating that female subordination by males is not inevitable. Lepowsky also offers a compelling account of the encounters of an American woman anthropologist with the islanders and their mutual quest for cross-cultural understanding.
X. ANTHROPOLOGY Ph.D.'s

Mauricio, Rufino 1993 (U. Oregon)
"Ideological bases for power and leadership on Pohnpei, Micronesia: perspectives from archaeology and oral history."

"Tambunum: new perspectives on eastern Iatmul (Sepik River, Papua New Guinea) kinship, marriage and society."

Tickner, Michael J. (1993 U. Pittsburgh)
"The migration of conflict: mobility and the changing context of dispute management in the Upper Ramu District of Madang Province in response to uneven development in Papua New Guinea."

Bolyanatz, Alexander H. (1994 UCSD)
"Matriline and mortuary feasting among the Susurunga of New Ireland, Papua New Guinea."

Rensel, Janet P. (1994 U. Hawaii)
"For love or money? Interhousehold exchange and the economy of Rotuma."

XI. EMAIL AND OTHER RESOURCES

ASAONET News

ASAONET hums along. There have been a few suggestions for the 1996 meetings in Hawaii. One of these is a workshop session on solar and other technology useful to anthropologists in the field. Alan Howard will be the session chair, and all queries and suggestions should be sent to Alan at the Department of Anthropology, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu HI 96822, email: <ahoward@uhunix.uhcc.hawaii.edu>

We are pleased (or appalled, depending on how you look at it) that ASAONET had better, more complete, more up to date information available on the volcanic eruptions in Rabaul than most of the commercial media managed to air. We are also pleased to be able to say that after almost nine months of operation, ASAONET has yet to see a flame. That may be because our no one has suggested any radical changes in ASAO meeting sites or times.

ASAONET List Co-owners: Mike Lieber <U28550@uicvm.uic.edu>, Dan Jorgenson <dwj@julian.uwo.ca>

New Email Net

The Australia-South Pacific Community Computing Free Net-Access Project is pleased to announce the opening of FreeNets-Australia-NZ-South Pacific Discussion List (fnoz). Later, we plan to develop a full multi-listing, menu-driven internet Bulletin Board Service. Please join the Discussions, and help the list to expand Australia-S.Pacific wide. Already, we have subscribers from Australia, New Zealand, USA, and Canada. The discussion is lively, and membership is rapidly expanding. The collective experiences and expertise of yourself and your colleagues may prove of invaluable assistance, as we determine suitable processes to achieve the success of this non-profit concept. We invite your active formal and/ or informal participation, as we collectively negotiate the many stages to implement this project, and develop a solid community-supportive infrastructure. We also welcome expertise and reportage of overseas developments, on similar projects.

To join, send your request to: listproc@socter.uts.edu.au
Type : sub fnoz (your name/interests)
Scandinavian Association for Pacific Research

The Scandinavian Association for Pacific Research is a network of researchers from the Nordic countries with a common interest in Pacific societies. Information, research results and work in progress are circulated and discussed in meetings and workshops. The aim of the network is to establish a closer and more personal contact between the researchers and to facilitate the exchange of results from their individual studies of how local and global processes are being articulated in the formation of the modern social and cultural forms in the Pacific region. The researchers connected in the SAPR network represent different ways of approaching the theme of the constitution of the contemporary societies in the Pacific, and the network unites the efforts to understand transformations from pre-colonial times in a historical and global context. The network was formally established at the workshop "The Global Anthropology of Oceania" held at the University of Lund, October 1991, created on grants from NOS-S and Danida. Activities since then have been lectures, presentations and discussions of research projects and themes. Selected papers from the 1991 seminar are forthcoming in Jonathan Friedman and James Carrier (eds.): Melanesian Modern, Spring 1995.

Television: Tagata Tagata

Nancy Pollock writes that there is a new television series of potential interest to ASAO members, airing on New Zealand TV1. Tagata Tagata is designed for a Polynesian audience. The program is written and fronted by Moana Papili'i, and produced by John Maynard Productions. Zemki is in charge of the photography, and otherwise all the staff are Pacific Islanders. Nancy reports, "The first 50 minute showing was a general introduction on the mythology of the Pacific, focusing on different interpretations of Tagaloa, and the variety of rituals around kava/ava/yaqona. The second was on Voyaging, and the symbolism of the canoe. The third program was about the Pacific Island view of meetings with Europeans, i.e. Cook (the not so positive view), traders, whalers and missionaries and the intrusions they brought." Nancy thinks this six part series of 50 minute programs could be a very useful teaching video. If enough people are interested in obtaining prints, copies might be made available.

Special Pacific Issue of Meanjin

Meanjin, the Australian literary/cultural quarterly, has a special Pacific issue, called "In Oceania." Volume 53(4) 1994 Summer. The issue includes interviews with three writers from PNG, fiction from Australia, New Zealand and Fiji, essays, and book reviews.

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