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I. FROM THE EDITOR

This issue of the Newsletter contains the Program and Schedule of Sessions for the 1999 ASAO Annual Meeting to be held in Hilo, Hawai‘i, February 2–6.

Enclosed with this Newsletter members will find a multipurpose form. Please use this form for the following purposes:

(1) Pay your conference registration fee for the upcoming meeting
(2) Pay your 1999 dues (whether or not you are attending the meeting)
(3) Make a contribution to the Pacific Islands Scholars Fund
(4) Update your mailing address for the ASAO Newsletter
(5) Update your information for the ASAO membership database
(6) Order your copy of the 1999 ASAO Membership Directory*

*The Directory will be available either for pick up at the meeting, or by mail order. If mailed, you must pay the appropriate postage (see form).

Please mail the form (along with your check made out to ASAO) to:

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II. 1999 ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION
The 1999 ASAO Board Meeting convenes on Tuesday, February 2, and the Annual Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday–Saturday, February 3-6, 1999, at the Hawai‘i Naniloa Hotel in Hilo.

Meeting Registration
Preregistration fees (postmarked by January 15, 1999) will be US$30 (general) and US$15 (students); onsite registration fees will be US$35 (general) and US$20 (student). If you have not already done so, send meeting registration payments (cash or check made out to ASAO; sorry, no credit card payments) to ASAO c/o Jan Rensel at the address on page 1.

Hotel Reservations
The Naniloa Hotel has arranged for special ASAO conference rates for guest rooms. Whether single or double occupancy, the nightly rate for standard (twin beds) or superior (double beds) rooms is $76 plus tax, and for deluxe rooms (double beds and balcony), $84 plus tax. There is an additional charge of $15 for a third person sharing a room but no charge for children up to 12 years of age using existing bedding when sharing room with adult. Note: There is no space for a rollaway bed in rooms with double beds (superior and deluxe rooms), so if three people want to share a room but want three separate beds, they should request a standard room!

Hotel Prepayment Required
The hotel has agreed to waive our meeting room rental charges IF our group uses at least fifty (50) guest rooms per night. In order to keep our conference registration fees affordable, we are counting on participants staying at the Naniloa. Deadline for advance hotel reservations is January 2, 1999; reservations made after that will be subject to room availability, although the hotel will continue to honor our conference rate.

If you are interested, an optional room & car package is available through the hotel—but all car rentals in Hilo must be arranged several weeks in advance, so act now!

Please note: As it says on the hotel advance reservation form, prepayment must accompany reservations, and there are penalties for late cancellations:
Cancellations received after the January 2 deadline and up to 72 hours of arrival date will be subject to a charge equal to one night room and tax, with balance of prepayment refunded. Cancellations made within 72 hours of arrival will result in forfeiture of entire prepayment amount.

Although the Naniloa will accept phone reservations, they prefer that we use their advance registration form, enclosed. If you have not already done so, please send this form with your prepayment/credit card information directly to Hawai‘i Naniloa Hotel, 93 Banyan Drive, Hilo, Hawai‘i 96720; fax 808/969-6622; telephone toll-free in the US and Canada: 1-800-367-5360; toll-free in the Hawaiian Islands: 1-800-442-5845; elsewhere: 808/923-2111.

III. FROM THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR
Other than the Annual Meeting Program that follows, I have three announcements:

(1) Volunteers are needed to work the registration desk and to supervise the book exhibit. (See schedule for times the registration desk and book exhibit are open.) As in previous years, registration desk volunteers will receive a free book—depending on supply—for every TWO HOURS worked. Book exhibit volunteers will also be rewarded!

(2) Those persons needing a roommate for the Hilo meeting should contact me no later than December 20, 1998 with the following information: your name, phone number, sex, whether you’re a smoker or nonsmoker, and whether you want to share a double or triple.

(3) Session organizers: If you require audio-visual equipment such as slide projectors and screens, please contact me as soon as possible. Also remember to advise me if equipment is NOT needed after all, so that I can cancel the request. We are trying to maintain an “absolutely essential equipment only” policy, since rentals through hotels are quite an expense. Of course, you are always encouraged to bring your own equipment in support of your paper/presentation.
IV. 1999 ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

EVENING EVENTS

Session Organizers Meeting
Wednesday 2/3, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
All session organizers are requested to attend this special meeting with ASAO Monograph Series Editor Andrew Strathern and Assistant Series Editor Pamela Stewart, to discuss how the Series works and to encourage submissions. Light refreshments will be served.

Opening Plenary
Wednesday 2/3, 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm
The Opening Plenary will include meeting announcements from the Program Coordinator, reports from officers, nomination of new board members, announcement of this year’s Pacific Islands Scholars Fund recipients, and introduction of newcomers.

Welcome Party
Wednesday 2/3, 9:30 pm - 11:00 pm
All are invited to attend this special no-host open-bar social gathering, especially to welcome PISF awardees, new ASAO members, and first-time annual meeting participants.

Distinguished Lecture
Thursday 2/4, 8:30 pm - 11:00 pm
Prof. Anne Salmond (Anthropology and Maori Studies, University of Auckland) will speak about ethnographic approaches to the past, present and possible futures in the Pacific. Her lecture is tentatively entitled “Matakite: Post-Colonial Visions.”

Optional: An Evening at the Lyman Museum
Friday 2/5, 5:30 pm - 10:30 pm
See enclosed flyer about this special, optional event. Those who choose to attend will pay a fee to cover costs of admission to the Museum, docent tours of Lyman House, Hawaiian cultural performances, beverages (sodas & beer) and what are known locally as “heavy pupus” (snacks substantial enough to make a meal!). For those who choose not to attend the Friday evening event, the Museum is offering discounted Museum admission ($2.50), for the duration of the conference, to ASAO participants and their families.

The Museum will accept cash, credit card (Visa or Mastercard), and personal or institutional checks made out to the Lyman Museum. Please complete and return the tear-off portion of the enclosed flyer with your payment directly to the Lyman Museum.

Closing Plenary
Saturday 2/6, 7:30 pm - 9 pm
Highlights of the Closing Plenary will include session reports (and future plans), proposed new sessions for 2000, installation of new ASAO Board Chair, announcements regarding future annual meeting sites, and other association business.

Special Presentation
Saturday 2/6, 9 pm - 10:30 pm
Ethnobotanist Paul Alan Cox will give a special presentation on his work to help save the rainforests of Samoa (formerly known as Western Samoa).
1999 ANNUAL MEETING SESSIONS
Sessions are listed in order of occurrence.

Symposium: Pentecostal and Charismatic Christianity in Oceania
Organizer: Joel Robbins (University of California - San Diego)
Discussant: John Barker (University of British Columbia)
Meeting: Thursday 2/4, 8:30 am - 5:30 pm, Kilohana

1. Roger Ivar Lohmann (University of Wisconsin - Madison)
Asabano Dreaming and Charismatic Christianity

2. Cluny Macpherson and La'avasa Macpherson (University of Auckland)
Evangelical Religion among Pacific Islands Migrants: New Faiths or Brief Diversions?

3. Linda Allen (Kirkwood Community College)
Participation as Resistance: The Role of Pentecostal Christianity in Maintaining Identity for Marshallese Migrants Living in the Midwestern United States

4. Ernie Olson (Wells College)
Obligations that Bind, Opportunities that Enable: Identities Forged in Tongan Pentecostalism

5. Jolene Marie Stritecky (University of Iowa)
Israel, America, and the Ancestors: Spiritual Warfare in a Pentecostal Denomination in the Solomon Islands

6. Pamela J. Stewart and Andrew Strathern (University of Pittsburgh)
The Great Exchange: Moka with God

7. Joel Robbins (University of California - San Diego)
Whatever Became of Revival? From Charismatic Movement to Charismatic Church in a Papua New Guinea Society.

8. Mark S. Mosko (University of Auckland)

9. Bronwen Douglas (Division of Pacific & Asian History, RSPAS, ANU)
The Romance of the Millennial: From Cargo Cult to Pentecostalism in Melanesian Anthropology

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Working Session: Negotiated Space and the Construction of Community in the South Pacific
Organizer: Anne Allen (Indiana University Southeast)
Meeting: Thursday 2/4, 8:30 am - 5:30 pm, Polynesian

In her discussion of contemporary research into the art and aesthetics of Polynesian peoples, Adrienne Kaeppler (1989: 211) asks, “How can we as outsiders understand Polynesian worlds if we rigidly separate categories? Can we comprehend social and cultural patterns without understanding the layout of space, how one moves in it, what one wears while moving, and how all of these elements change according to contexts and activities?” These questions hold true for all of Oceania. What Kaeppler is suggesting is a fundamental link between the physical spaces and other manifestations of Pacific societies, a primary relationship between object and culture. As such, the marking and manipulation of architectural space are not just by-
products of cultural development but are an active means of achieving social ends.

The focus for this Working Session will be on how the structuring of space (architectural, ritual, communal, interpersonal, visual, auditory, linguistic) impacts on or responds to the structuring of society. This latter includes world view, gender, personal or group identity, and politics. How is space conceptualized? How is it constructed? What are the transformations within the process? In what ways do such constructs exhibit logical or causal connections to social relations on a number of levels? What are the messages encoded in space as concerns identity, group relations, and social importance? What are the contexts in which spatial decisions are or were being made?

Although each participant will be expected to read all fellow participants' work and make criticisms, papers will be assigned specific groups for in-depth comments. That way we can keep each other moving along. The possibility of anonymous outside readers is being considered for later drafts. A number of theoretical works will also be suggested for reading to provide a similar foundation for session participants.

Working drafts of papers should be submitted to the entire group by January 1. We are still open to participants if they can meet this deadline. The session participants are linked via a listserv. For more information please contact Anne Allen.

1. Keith and Anne Chambers (Southern Oregon University)
   Village Expansion and Housing Creativity: Changes in Living Choices in Post-Colonial Nanumea, Tuvalu

2. Larry Carucci (Montana State University)
   The Church as an Embodiment and Expression of Community on Ujelang and Enewetak, Marshall Islands

3. Eugene Ammarell (Ohio University)
   Bugis Systems of Orientation: Transformations in the Conceptualization of Space

4. Joshua Bell (Hertford College, Oxford)
   Negotiating Architectural Space: An Examination of the Cultural Politics of the Center for Hawaiian Studies, University of Hawai‘i

5. Leslie Butt (McGill University)
   Women, Birth Control, and the Construction of Community among the Balium Valley Dani, Irian Jaya

6. Wende Elizabeth Marshall (Princeton University)
   Creating Spaces for Healing the Nation

7. Gwendoline Malogne (Université Française du Pacifique, Tahiti)
   The Construction of Space and Identity in the Austral Islands

8. Naomi McPherson (Okanagan University College)
   Women’s Houses, Men’s Houses: Gender Cosmology and the Life Cycle in a Western New Britain Community

9. Anne Allen (Indiana University Southeast)
   Dance as Negotiation: The Dynamics of Social Creation in Western Samoa

10. R. Daniel Shaw (Fuller Seminary)
    The Samo Longhouse: A Microcosm of Spatial and Social Structure

11. Yoshitaka Ota (University College London)
    Nanyo No Yume, The Construction of Japanese Space in Palau

Eric Metzger and Rima Bartlett also indicated they would participate.
Informal Session: Cultural Hypermedia Encyclopedia of Oceania
Organizers: Pierre Maranda (Université Laval) and Christine Jourdan (Concordia University)
Meeting: Thursday 2/4, 8:30 am - 5:30 pm, Palm Lounge

Christine Jourdan is planning to produce a CD-Rom that would be an intermediate stage between the ECHO/CHEO workshops and the final hypermedia product. This CD-Rom would be an electronic publication with its own ISBN number and would serve as a prefiguration of a sort of ECHO/CHEO. Planned contents: For each individual attractor, the entry on the CD-Rom would be: (1) the attractors and attraction basins presented in Marseille (CREDO, December 1997) and Pensacola (ASAO February 1998); (2) a short text (less than 10 pages) explaining the dynamic structure of the attraction basin; (3) multimedia data (video clips, sound, slides...) to document the attractor and the nodes in the basin—data to be digitalized for incorporation into the CD-Rom.

Our Informal Session will consist of (1) a BRIEF re-presentation of the attractors and basins presented the first time around; (2) the presentation of the 10 pages text (mentioned above) in which the authors develop the attractor and its basin; (3) the presentation of multimedia data each contributor would bring to enrich and document the attractor and basin; (4) suggestions of hyperlinks—hypertext and hypermedia connections—with other attractors and basins (these attractors and basins will be circulated in advance); (5) discussion of publication modalities.

So far, 18 attractors have been presented, and a few more are being prepared. Once participants confirm their participation, we will send them the list of the attractors (and their associated graphs by mail if email download is not possible) to be presented, discussed and documented. And we would ask participants to consider them in view of inputting additional data they deem pertinent for colleagues’ presentations—be such additional data participants’ own or data they are aware of.

As persons responsible for an attractor, participants will act as “workshop leaders” for particular attractors and basins, and will be expected to provide the final versions for incorporation into the CD-Rom. The final versions of the attractors will be CD-Romized—deadline: April 30, 1999, so that the CD-Rom can be presented by Christine at the next ESfO conference, in Leiden, at the end of June 1999.

Working Session: Kinship Studies on the Eve of the Millennium
Organizer: Marta Rohatynskyj (University of Guelph)
Meeting: Thursday 2/4, 8:30 am - 5:30 pm, Sandalwood II

The study of kinship, over the past few decades, has become subsumed under a whole series of other concerns in the Anglophone literature. This session aims at discovering how anthropologists working in Oceania are dealing with kinship material in the present. At the informal session last year it became clear that many participants welcomed the opportunity to address kinship data which had been gathered in earlier research and set aside in favour of more current concerns. There were a number of themes that were identified in that session: (1) kinship as a system of meaning and emotion; (2) a historical focus; (3) reflexive concerns; (4) documentation of transformation in structure and meaning (the ‘new meanings’ that kinship has acquired). Other concerns were discussed such as the intersection of gender and kinship and kinship as identification with resistance to state ordered relations. In preparation for the up-coming session, it was decided that a reading list be developed which could inform discussion of individual contributions. Please contact me if you wish further information.
Participants are as follows:

1. Laurence Marshall Carucci (Montana State University)  
   New Models in the Muddles: Negotiations of Local Identity on Enewetak Atoll

2. Doug Dalton (Longwood College)  
   Kinship and General Economy in Papua New Guinea

3. Rose Elu (Queensland)  
   Buwai: Organization of Society

4. Richard Feinberg (Kent State University)  
   Nukunamu Kinship

5. Edward D. Lowe (University of California - Irvine)  
   Kinship as a Relational System and the Distribution of Need - Nurturance in a Chuukese Community

6. Nancy Pollock (Victoria University of Wellington)  
   Kinship and Commensality in the Pacific

7. Marta Rohatynskyj (University of Guelph)  
   Significant Differences: The Case of Ömie Sex Affiliation

8. Eric Silverman (DePauw University)  
   Kinship from Levi-Strauss to Lacan; Or, Rethinking the Iatmul Debate

9. Andrew Strathern and Pamela J. Stewart (University of Pittsburgh)  
   Creating Difference: The Conflict of Homogeneity and Heterogeneity in Kinship Studies

10. Patricia K. Townsend (University of Buffalo)  

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Informal Session: Meetings in Context in the Pacific  
Organizer: Eve Pinsker (University of Illinois - Chicago)  
Meeting: Thursday 2/4, 8:30 am - 12 noon, Ho'omalimali

For the purposes of this session, “meetings” will be broadly defined as multiparty discursive gatherings in which there are shared assumptions about the context that can be articulated, including some sense of an expected collective focus and/or outcome. That outcome, however, may be no more specific than the achievement of an “event” that becomes part of an unfolding shared narrative. Data examined can include a range of meeting types or genres in terms of context, format, and audience—from public to restricted, from legislatively or judicially structured congresses, hearings, or trials to village-based “traditional” forms of meeting oratory, from work or church related meetings to marriage and funeral negotiations. In this broad area, what I suggest is a focus on how meeting contexts are defined and how those constraints relate to both possibilities for maneuvering within the meeting and what happens outside the meeting (consequences for social organization). Participants may wish to examine not only how particular meeting genres are defined and/or manipulated, but the relationships between different genres of meetings within a given society. Another topic that has emerged in earlier literature that bears looking at comparatively is the relationship of meetings to the construction of community in differently structured polities (more “egalitarian” vs. more “hierarchical,” which distinction of course could still use further examination). The
importance of meetings to community in the Pacific is clear from earlier work, e.g., by Silverman, Shore, Duranti, Salmond, Brenneis, Myers, Brison, White, Lederman, Merlan and Rumsey, Kuipers, and others. In the Informal Session, we can discuss how to build on that earlier work and extend it.

Informal Session: Love Songs of the South Seas
Organizers: Lin Poyer (Univ. of Wyoming) and Amy Ku’uleialoha Stillman (Univ. of Michigan)
Meeting: Thursday 2/4, 2 pm - 5:30 pm, Ho’omalihali

“Love Songs of the South Seas” will hold a second Informal Session at Hilo. Our 1998 Informal Session produced a set of potentially interesting contributions, and we will use our time in Hilo to identify a list of questions and considerations that will guide contributors in presenting and analyzing comparable data.

If you have a body of songs of Pacific origin, and think that interesting questions can arise out of comparative discussion and analysis, please join us. What is the contemporary role of Pacific love songs? What inspires their text and music? How and in what contexts are they written, sung, broadcast, choreographed?

We will explore images, emotional tropes, uses of songs, contexts of performances, and categories of songs. While we will pay attention to published work on Pacific music, we are more interested in cultural than in technical ethnomusicology. Those who joined us in Florida should be aware that we have re-committed ourselves to a focus on love songs, though of course that is an elastic category. If your body of song texts deals with quite a different theme, talk with us first. We will expect participants to have papers, based on analyzed repertoire, ready for a Working Session in 2000.

Informal Session: Historical and Contemporary Transformations of Exchange Systems in the Pacific
Organizers: Paula Brown Glick and Maria Lepowsky (University of Wisconsin - Madison)
Meeting: Friday 2/5, 8:30 am - 5:30 pm, Kilohana

Inspired by Maurice Godelier’s Distinguished Lecture at ASAO 1998 (“Some Things You Give, Some Things You Sell, But Some Things You Must Keep for Yourselves: What Mauss Did Not Say About Sacred Objects”), we invite participants to an Informal Session on exchange at ASAO 1999. Topics could include increment, escalation, and inflation; entanglements of “traditional exchange” with colonial or postcolonial cultures and projects; transformations of goods, values, or symbolic meanings; new and changing exchange occasions; commoditization, the traffic in art, and global markets; touristic performances; sacred objects, sacred places, displacement, and journeying in exchange; and the significance of that which is not exchanged in cultural and historical contexts. We will consider meanings of gift and exchange. We hope to include participants working in all regions of the Pacific. Those who have indicated interest thus far include Maurice Godelier, Andrew Strathern and Pamela Stewart, Rena Lederman, Glenn Petersen, Martin Orans, Dawn Sly-Terpstra, Doug Dalton, Kimberlee S. Kihleng, Shankar Aswani and Peter Sheppard, Richard Scaglion, Paul van der Grijp, Rebecca Stephenson, Martha Macintyre, Mark Mosko, Lilli Ann Iyechad, Nicole Santos, Penelope Schoeffel, Petra Autio, Karen Nero, Kayoko K. Kushima, and Steven Hooper. In addition, John Liep, Melissa Demian, and Anton Ploeg are interested but will not be able to attend the meeting this year.
Working Session: Pacific Dreams  
Organizer: Roger Ivar Lohmann (University of Wisconsin - Madison)  
Meeting: Friday 2/5, 8:30 am - 5:30 pm, Polynesian  

Dreams and waking visions frequently play an important role in religion, political legitimacy, creative symbolism, healing, psychological well-being, cultural transmission, decision making, and so on. In this working session we will examine the many aspects of the dream in the Pacific. Contributors:

1. Rima Alecia Bartlett (University College, London)  
   Dreaming Hawai'i: Oneiric Experience and the Construction of Reality  

2. Florence Brunois (Ecole Des Hautes Etudes En Sciences Sociales)  
   The Dream in the Conservation of the Kasua’s Tropical Rainforest (Southern Province, Papua New Guinea)  

3. Maurice Godelier (Ecole Des Hautes Etudes En Sciences Sociales)  
   Dreams and the Origins of Religious Beliefs  

4. Jane Goodale (Bryn Mawr College)  
   Tiwi Island Dreams  

5. Douglas Hollan (University of California - Los Angeles)  
   Dreams, Aging, and the Life Cycle  

6. Ian Keen (Australian National University)  
   Dreams, Agency, and Religious Knowledge in Northeast Arnhem Land  

7. Roger Ivar Lohmann (University of Wisconsin-Madison)  
   New Guinea Religious Experiences While Awake and Asleep  

8. Jeannette Mageo (Washington State University)  
   Dreaming Cultural History: Sex-Gender Issues in Samoan Dreams  

9. Sylvie Poirier (Université Laval)  
   Dreams, Dreaming and the Ancestral Order in the Australian Western Desert  

10. Joel Robbins (University of California - San Diego)  
    Dreaming and the Defeat of Charisma: The Politics of Dream Reporting among the Urapmin  

11. Douglass St. Christian (University of Western Ontario)  
    In Dreams Begin Responsibilities: Samoan Dreams of Pleasure and Power  

12. Pamela Stewart and Andrew Strathern (both University of Pittsburgh)  
    Dreaming: When the Spirit Takes a Walk on the Wild Side  

13. Jolene Marie Stritecky (University of Iowa)  
    Dream Stories in Urban Solomon Islands  

14. Robert Tonkinson (University of Western Australia)  
    Melanesian Dreams and the Aboriginal Dreaming: A Comparison
Working Session: Repatriation of Field Material: Possibilities, Prospects, and Problems  
Organizer: Sjoerd R. Jaarsma (Utrecht University)  
Meeting: Friday 2/5, 8:30 am - 5:30 pm, Palm Lounge

This Working Session will deal with two main issues: the ethical problems involved in repatriating ethnographic information and knowledge to its original location, and the points of ethnographic interest arising from the repatriation of ethnographic material. During last year’s discussion two basic directives were formulated that create a field of tensions in which the repatriation process takes place: (1) to do no harm as a result of repatriating knowledge and information; (2) to foster knowledge in the process of repatriation. While the tensions created by these directives can only be resolved on a case-by-case basis, the width of their implications can and should be studied.

The contributions to the session will in this respect consider a few main themes. (a) Knowledge has to be taken both as something that is repatriated, and as something that is gained in the actual process of repatriation. Not only the interest taken in the knowledge provided by repatriation should be considered, but also ownership of knowledge, and the dangers involved in repatriating knowledge. (b) The anthropologist is not only to be considered as an interested party in repatriating his own information, but also as broker for third party material. (c) Contrary to ethnographic knowledge, there can be no problem about the ownership of ethnographic data or information, it is and remains part of the culture that was described and should be considered the property of the people that was studied. (d) The lapse of time should be taken into account. Not only the meaning of what is preserved as ethnographic knowledge is changing, but also the interest taken in it by newly developing audiences. (e) None of this can make sense without accounting for stances taken by indigenous people themselves. The initiative for repatriation need not come from the anthropologist at present ‘owning’ the knowledge. With an increasing role played by cultural identity in all kinds of (geo)political debates, the indigenous peoples will increasingly take action on their own behalf. (f) It is important not to lose sight of the process of repatriation itself and the dynamics that created the need for the repatriation of ethnographic knowledge. (g) A major question in repatriation is that on ‘truth’. Ethnographic knowledge is heteroglossic, and any knowledge that is repatriated unavoidably becomes part of a present-day discourse on its use and purpose. Hence issues relating to the authority and authenticity of the knowledge that is repatriated should be considered carefully. Anticipated participants/contributions include:

1. Keith and Ann Chambers (Southern Oregon University)  
   Ethnographer as Taker and Maker: Dilemmas in the Return of Anthropological Field Materials

2. Dorothy and David Counts  
   Talking to Ourselves, or Getting the Word Out

3. Kathy Creely (University of California - San Diego) and David Akin  
   Current Issues in Archiving Ethnographic Data: Examples from the Melanesian Archive

4. Suzanne Falgout (University of Hawai‘i - West O‘ahu)  
   Who Owns Cultural Knowledge: Changing Contexts of Anthropology, Epistemology, and Politics in Pohnpei, Micronesia

5. Nancy Guy (University of California - San Diego)  
   Owning Your Own Voice: Music, Cultural Ownership, and the Ami’s Copyright Struggle
6. Alan Howard (University of Hawai‘i - Manoa)
   Repatriated Ethnography on the World Wide Web

7. Sjoerd Jaarsma (Utrecht University)
   Repatriating Ethnography: The Wish, the Need and the Dilemma

8. Mary McCutcheon (George Mason University)
   Should a Public Institution Impose Any Restrictions in Access to Archival Collections?

9. Bryan Oles (University of Pittsburgh)
   Dangerous Data: A Case Study of the Repatriation of Anthropological Studies on Mokil Atoll

10. Karen Peacock (University of Hawai‘i Library)
    Returning History: The Trust Territory Archives, a Case Study in Preservation and Repatriation

11. Amy Ku‘uleialoha Stillman (University of Michigan)
    De-institutionalizing Cultural Knowledge: Some Considerations in Resurrecting Archival Repertoire for Hawaiian Hula

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Symposium: Women in Male Rituals of New Guinea
Organizer: Pascale Bonnemère (CNRS, Marseille)
Meeting: Friday 2/5, 8:30 am - 5:30 pm, Sandalwood II

1. Sandra Bamford (University of Lethbridge)
   Creating Mothers, Engendering Sons: Male Initiation among the Kamea of Papua New Guinea

2. Aletta Biersack (University of Oregon)
   The Lady of the Lake

3. Pascale Bonnemère (CNRS, Marseille)
   When Women Enter the Picture: Looking at the Male Rituals from the Mothers’ Angle

4. Gillian Gillison (University of Toronto)
   Women in Men’s Houses: Truth and Charade in the War between the Sexes

5. Gilbert Herdt (San Francisco State University)
   Women’s Positionality and the Role of Boys’ Mothers in the Collective Initiation Ceremonies of Sambia Men

6. Pierre Lemonnier (CNRS, Marseille)
   The Variability of Women’s Involvement in Anga Male Initiations

7. Marta Rohatynskyj (University of Guelph)
   Ujawe: The Ritual Transformation of Sons and Mothers

8. Eric Silverman (DePauw University)
   Excremental Motherhood and Masculine Birth: The Role of Women in Eastern Iatmul Naven Rites and the Undoing of Masculinity in Male Initiation

9. Pamela Stewart and Andrew Strathern (University of Pittsburgh)
    Female Spirit Cults in Highlands New Guinea: Gendered Collaboration and Division
Informal Session: Diasporic Politics and Pacific Islander Communities in the Continental United States
Organizers: J. Kehaulani Kauanui (University of California - Santa Cruz) and Linda Allen (Kirkwood Community College)
Meeting: Friday 2/5, 8:30 am - 5:30 pm, Ho’omalimali

This session proposes to explore the nature of diasporic political formations and dynamics within and among Pacific Islander communities in the continental United States. The last Informal Session was lively and stimulating. The focus on the US continent serves different ends. It is one form of acknowledging the contested nature of the boundaries of the US nation-state in the island-Pacific and also allows for an exploration of what it means for Pacific communities in the US not residing on an island while still often defining others and identifying as islanders.

The topics for exploration suggested are by no means exhaustive but may be considered as starting points: movement, politicization, community formation; pan-Pacific & pan-Native alliances; questions of political status and contestations of “American” and/or “im/migrant” identities/identification processes; forms of racialization as they relate to and may be inextricably bound up with gender, sexuality, class and/or rank differences; varying political classification of Pacific Island peoples; neo-colonial resistance, nationalist expression/activism, organization; post-proposition 209 and 187 climate in California which affects affirmative action policies and practices and immigration rights and may determine access to health, welfare, and educational resources as well as hinder the securing of citizenship, residency; and performative identities and cultural production in political contexts.

There was much enthusiasm at the meeting as well as rich exchange about current projects. List of participants expressing interest include: Merrily Stover, Amy K. Stillman, Nancy Guy, Larry Mayo, Jim Hess, Claudio Gomez, Mac Marshall, Barbara Burns McGrath, and Paul Shankman. Miriam Kahn is also interested but will not be able to attend the Hilo meeting. New participants are welcome. We have already initiated an ongoing email discussion and are exchanging bibliographic information and engaging each other as we develop our work.

Special Session: Reconsidering the Compacts of Free Association in Micronesia
Organizers: Jim Hess and Ted Lowe (University of California - Irvine)
Meeting: Saturday 2/6, 8:30 am - 5:30 pm, Kilohana

Participants in this session will consider the experience of the people of the Freely Associated States (FAS) under the Compacts and their concerns as these agreements come up for renegotiation. Organized as a special session, it will bring together FAS citizens and ASAO members to share information, concerns, and viewpoints. Some participants are offering informal presentations based on research, observation, or personal experience; others are coming for the ensuing dialogue.

Following is a list of the participants who will make presentations and the general topics they will bring to the table:
1) The Compacts and Ongoing Discussions/Negotiations
   Peter Black (George Mason University) will discuss what appear to be important issues to
   the various parties to the upcoming renewal talks.
   Holly Barker (Republic of the Marshall Islands Embassy) will talk about negotiations for
   additional compensation under the “changed circumstances” clause of Section 177 concerning
   US obligations to the nuclear victims, on the basis of new information on the effects of testing
   in the Marshalls. She is also studying changes in the language as people develop ways of
   representing their experiences with radiation.
   Glenn Petersen (CUNY - Baruch College), “Colliding Trajectories in Micronesian
   Geopolitics,” will point to issues raised by diverging perspectives within the FSM that may
   make agreement on terms of the new Compact impossible, versus US strategic interests in
   maintaining the political status quo.
   Julie Walsh (University of Hawai’i - Manoa) will report on her research on contemporary
   Marshallese perspectives on the Compact, its strengths and weaknesses and views of the elites
   who negotiated it.
   Additional speakers: We are contacting two other Marshallese engaged in researching
   Compact issues and advising the government on negotiations who may be available to talk to us.

2) Economic Development and Fisheries in the FAS
   Jim Hess (University of California - Irvine) will talk about the political economy of
   development based on his studies of fisheries development in the Marshalls.
   Stevick Edwin (University of Hawai’i - Hilo) will discuss the prospects for small-scale
   fisheries exports in Pohnpei.
   Craig Severance (University of Hawai’i - Hilo): has offered to make a brief presentation on
   FSM citizen concerns and/or fisheries development at the FSM national level.

3) Community, Family, and Household Processes in the FAS
   Mike Burton (University of California - Irvine) & Karen Nero (University of Auckland) are
   working on the results of a two-year investigation of the food practices and the meanings of
   food, with research in Palau, Yap, Kosrae, and the Marshalls.
   Ted Lowe (University of California - Irvine) will present some information from his
   research on the impact of the rapid social and economic changes on kin group/family
   dynamics and the coping resources of male and female late adolescents and youth in Chuuk.
   Patrick O’Brien (Open Sea Foundation) will forward a summary paper on “Ideological
   Change on a Subsistence Atoll” looking at 25 years in the Woleai group.

4) Travels, Communities, Transnationalism
   Linda Allen (Kirkwood Community College) on the basis of her fieldwork in the
   Marshallese community in Enid, Oklahoma, will talk about how they are responding to the
   coming ends of the millennium and the first Compact.
   Jim Hess (University of California - Irvine) will present some concerns of Orange County
   Marshallese over residential rights in the US.
   A FSM student representative to be named (University of Hawai’i - Hilo) will summarize a
   series of group discussions on “Student perspectives on opportunities at home: Shall I return?”
   Joakim Peter (College of Micronesia - Chuuk) will be coming to talk about contemporary
   travels of Chuukese, and their cultural significance in relation to the provisions of the
   Compact. He is also interested in changes within healthcare, and may discuss his efforts to
   build a Chuukese cultural studies curriculum.
   Dial Keju (University of Hawai’i - Manoa) will speak on issues of Marshallese
   transnational migration - from the viewpoint of students living abroad.

In addition, those who have confirmed that they will join us as participants/discussants/
observers are Mac Marshall (University of Iowa), Larry Carucci (Montana State University),
Suzanne Falgout (University of Hawai’i - West O’ahu), Kate Dernbach (University of Iowa), Don
Rubinstein (MARC, University of Guam), and Sandra Crismon (University of Georgia). Four
others have indicated interest in the session but have not confirmed their participation.

The format of the session will aim at a coordinated dialogue. Topics will be introduced
through one or more presentations followed by open discussion, leading into another
presentation. We envision a 90-minute block for each of the four topic areas.

**Symposium: Cultural Memory: Reconfiguring History and Identity in the Pacific**
Organizer: Jeannette Mageo (Washington State University)
Discussant: Greg Dening (in absentia)
Meeting: Saturday 2/6, 8:30 am - 5:30 pm, Polynesian

1. Jeannette Marie Mageo (Washington State University)
   On Memory Genres

2. Doug Dalton (Longwood College)
   Memory, Power, and Loss: Politics, Value and Identity in Papua New Guinea Rawa Discourse

3. Jeannette Marie Mageo (Washington State University)
   The Third Meaning in Cultural Memory: Possession Narratives and Cultural Memory in Samoa

4. Larry Carucci (Montana State University)
   Elision or Decision: Lived History, Cultural Memory, and the Contextual Grounding of the Constructed Past

5. Amy Ku’uleialoha Stillman (University of Michigan)
   Re-membering the Cultural History of Hawaiian Hula

6. Helen Morton (La Trobe University)
   Remember Freedom and the Freedom to Remember: Tongan Memories of Independence

7. Margaret Critchlow Rodman (York University)
   Memory and Conviction: Prisoners District Agencies and the Idea of Colonialism in the New Hebrides

8. Christine Dureau (University of Auckland)
   The Coming of the “Ship People”: Recounting, Remembering and Disremembering “First Contact” on Simbo, Western Solomon Islands

**Informal Session: Pacific Seascapes: Practical Knowledge of the Maritime Environment**
Organizer: Gene Ammarell (Ohio University)
Meeting: Saturday 2/6, 8:30 am - 12 noon, Palm Lounge

In this informal session participants are invited to explore the practical knowledge of the hydrographic and topographic features of the maritime environment and its applications among fishers and navigators in Pacific societies. These features—tides, currents, wave patterns, islands, reefs, sea marks, cloud patterns, etc.—are understood to constitute both practical and symbolic resources in maritime societies. As fundamental elements of culturally constructed schemas, such features are relied upon by members of maritime societies as they pursue their livelihoods. Learned through direct, personal experience, these features are
incorporated by members of such societies into their own biographies; acquired and refined to varying degrees by different individuals, they are integral in the creation and reproduction of structures of power. Often depicted by state authorities and corporate interests as backward and an inhibition to economic progress and modernity, this type of knowledge—acquired in response to a constantly changing natural and human environment—is often more quickly and easily adaptable to varying conditions than is a more “scientific” and universalistic knowledge. We are concerned, therefore, with the features of the maritime environment as locally construed and applied and with their meanings and historical transformations within both local and global arenas of power.

The following have indicated that they will participate in this session:

Shankar Aswani (University of Auckland)
Roviana Ethnoichthyology: Seascapes in Transition

Gene Ammarell (Ohio University)
“The Moon is Like a Clock”: Reckoning Tides and Currents among Bugis Navigators and Fishers

Richard Feinberg (Kent State University)
Polynesian Seascapes: Images of Land and Sea in Greater Anuta

Ed Glazer (University of Hawai‘i - Manoa)
An Evolving Model of Hawaiian-style Troll and Handline Fishing

Janet Dixon Keller (University of Illinois - Urbana)
Conceptualizing Space on a South Pacific Island: Knowledge and Power in the West Futuna, Vanuatu Landscape

Billai Laba (PNG Department of Environment and Conservation)
The Cultural and Religious Significance of the Dugong among Torres Strait Islanders and the Gizra Papuans

Bryan P. Oles (University of Pittsburgh)
Secrecy, Sharing, and Success: the Role of Environmental Knowledge and Blind Luck in Fishing on Mwoakilloa

Ali Pomponi (St. Lawrence University)
The Monsoon Blows Both Ways: Maritime Ecology and Middleman Trade in an Era of Commercial Transport and Tinpis

David Tibbetts (University of Guam)
Constructing Canoes, Constructing Identities: Being Tobian in Contemporary Palau

Stephen M. Vaughn (University of Guam)
The Exchange of Knowledge between Fishing Cultures on Guam

Others who wish to participate in absentia include Edward Hviding and Mary Walta.

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Informal Session: “Virtual” Polynesia, and Other Possibilities for Using Computers in Anthropology
Organizer: Cathy Small (Northern Arizona University)
Meeting: Saturday 2/6, 2:00 pm - 5:30 pm, Palm Lounge
In the last decade, the power of computing has transformed many disciplines, vastly changing their "sense of possibility." For anthropology, and ethnographers in particular, this has been less true, perhaps because anthropologists, in attempting to richly represent the human condition, mistrust the often bloodless and simplistic approach to human culture than computer renderings can produce.

Anthropology is just now beginning to see the development of computer models and simulations in anthropology that attempt to more fully represent cultural complexity, and that can be used in tandem with ethnographic investigation. The session organizer has spent the last few years developing one such model for critique: an interactive model of a Tongan system that reproduces some of the central processes of Tongan social dynamics, including marriage and kinship, production and redistribution, and warfare, tribute, and expansion. This session will focus on exploring the new analytical possibilities that computer modeling may be able to open for anthropology in Oceania.

Participants may have two roles in the session. A few participants will demonstrate or talk about how they are currently using modeling to look at questions in the anthropological study of Oceania. Others will review and critique the simulations or methods demonstrated, and comment on the utility of the models’ outputs (such as virtual history) for understanding. The use of modeling and simulation will be discussed or demonstrated in relation to the following topics: the development of stratification in Tonga, the exploitation of forest resources in relation to canoe building on atolls, the effect of drought on social organization in Kiribati, the articulation of kinship and politics in PNG, the simulation of infectious and non-infectious diseases, and the "neuro-science model' structuring the ECHO/CHEO Cultural Hypermedia Encyclopedia."

In informal session: Melanesia Interest Group Follow-up Meeting
Organizer: Robert Foster (University of Rochester)
Meeting: Saturday 2/6, 8:30 am - 12 noon, Sandalwood II

This meeting is intended to follow up discussion at the meeting held in December at the American Anthropological Association (AAA) meetings to identify purposes that might be served by establishing a Melanesia Interest Group within the AAA and, if warranted, to formulate an agenda for such a group. Those who have indicated interest thus far include Fred Errington, Robert Foster, Deborah Gewertz, Dan Jorgensen, Lamont Lindstrom, David Lipset, Michael O’Hanlon, Joel Robbins, Andrew Strathern, Pamela Stewart, and Geoffrey White. Others expressing interest but unable to attend are: Mark Busse, Christine Dureau, Claudia Gross, and Andrew Lattas. For more information, contact

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Informal Session: Anthropologists and Consultancy Issues
Organizers: Andrew Strathern and Pamela J. Stewart (Strathern) (University of Pittsburgh)
Meeting: Saturday 2/6, 2:00 pm - 5:30 pm, Sandalwood II

This will be an Informal Session to draw together a set of anthropologists who have been involved in consultancy work or who are interested in the intellectual and practical issues involved in such work, most often on issues that concern peoples with whom they have also worked as ethnographers. Our session would have two foci: first a discussion of how anthropologists negotiate their new roles in this kind of context; and second what insights emerge from the work as such, i.e. how the experience alters their view of the ethnography itself. The stress is not on development issues, although these are vital, but on the anthropologists, their work, and their changing ethnographic visions arising from the
consultancy experience as well as their views on consultancy work itself, for example its
potentialities and its limitations. Those who have expressed interest so far include Chris
Ballard, John Barker, Florence Brunois, Dan Jorgensen, Martha Macintyre, Marta
Rohatynskyj, Rich Scaglion, Penelope Schoeffel, Michael Smith, David Trigger, John Young,
and Laura Zimmer-Tamakoshi. We encourage those interested to contact us promptly with a
brief statement of their possible participation.

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Informal Session: Pacific Centuries: Radar, Rear View Mirrors and the Continuing Story of
Anthropology and the Pacific
Organizer: Douglass St. Christian (University of Western Ontario)
Meeting: Saturday 2/6, 8:30 am - 12 noon, Ho'omalimali

The engagement between Anthropology and the Pacific in this century has produced insights
and arguments, some fundamental and profound, some rancorous (and that is not even
thinking about Mead/Freeman, which always makes me, as a Samoanist, break out in a rash)
and many which reshaped aspects of the discipline and the project Anthropology pursues. The
millennium is a nice trophic marker for both taking stock and looking ahead, broadly and in
the spirit of multiplying enquiries. What this session/roundtable proposes is bringing together
group of Pacific anthropologists to reflect critically and expansively both on what the
engagement with the Pacific has and might do to anthropology, but also what our engagement
with the Pacific has and might do to the people we live with and study with and “talk about.”
Stock taking at the millennium is a time-honoured pursuit, but it should also be an
opportunity to think the future as well. This very preliminary informal brainstorms will, I
hope, produce a session at the AAA next winter, followed up by more intensive discussion at
ASAO 2000. Interested? Contact

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Informal Session: Food, Identity and Bodies in the Contemporary Pacific
Organizers: Eric Silverman (contact), Heather Young Leslie, Nancy Pollock
Meeting: Saturday 2/6, 2:00 pm - 5:30 pm, Ho'omalimali

This informal session will explore the relationship between food, cultural and personal
identity, and the “health” of bodies both somatic and political in contemporary Pacific Island
communities. Through this informal session, it is hoped that we can condense our diverse
interests into a clearly-defined set of topics which we can pursue more formally in 2000.
Various topics might include:
- cultural construction of food and non-food (e.g., Levi-Strauss)
- taste and distinction (e.g., Bourdieu)
- food as a symbol for other aspects of culture and social order (e.g., Douglas)
- food and the formation of modernity (e.g., Errington and Gewertz)
- transnational flows of food
- food, consumption and capitalism
- food and somatic health (e.g., Becker)
- food as a symbol for the health of the body politic
- food and class
- food and gender (e.g., Kahn)
- food and cultural ideals of motherhood (e.g., Lipset)
- food and exchange (e.g., Young)
- food and the psychodynamic self (e.g., Epstein)
- beverage alcohol and kava (e.g., Ogan, Marshall)
- food and images (e.g., Foster)
- food as the means for negotiating self-other identifies within the ethnographic encounter (e.g., the recent ASAONET thread)
- and so forth

Ideally, participants can reflect on issues of both “tradition” and “modernity” as Pacific island communities become increasingly “transnational.” Moreover, it would be especially useful for participants to envision one or more topic(s) of interest and a theoretical framework in which they might explore these issues. Eric Silverman will compile, via participant submissions, a working bibliography, which he will distribute in Hilo.

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Special Note to those interested in Food: ICAF is awaiting your contributions. The International Commission for the Anthropology of Food is a Commission within the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences. We held our last meeting at IUAES in July 1998 in Williamsburg, Virginia (William and Mary, a glorious setting!). ICAF is headed by Professor Igor de Garine, CNRS, Lasseube, France. The European crowd has held several meetings recently, so we are charged with getting the data on food out for the South Pacific and Southeast Asia. If you need more information please contact Nancy Pollock. The above session will help us formulate our thoughts, and hope to move swiftly to a publication. The Social Aspects of Obesity, edited by Pollock and de Garine, contains papers on the Pacific; most of the papers were given at an ICAF gathering at IUAES meetings in Zagreb 1987.

V. OTHER CONFERENCES

The Tongan History Association conference will commence June 28, 1999, at the USP Centre in Atele. The conference theme is “Versions of the Past, Visions of the Future: Tonga at the End of the Twentieth Century.” Some accommodations will be available in the student quarters of the centre at TOP$15 per night. Participants can also make alternative arrangements in Nuku’alofa, a short bus ride from the Centre. Salote Fukofuka, Director of the USP Centre and conference convenor, urges intending participants to contact her as soon as possible, whether or not they are intending to present a paper. Abstracts of papers will be due in December 1998 and full versions of the paper by May 1999.

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The XIX Pacific Science Congress will be held from July 4-9, 1999, on the campus of the University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia. UNSW is situated approximately 7 kms south of the Sydney Central District and 2 kms from Coogee Beach on the Pacific Ocean. The University was established in 1949 and the Congress will form part of its 50 year celebrations. It is one of Australia’s largest universities with nearly 28,000 students.

The Pacific Science Association (PSA) is a regional, non-governmental scientific organization operating out of Honolulu, Hawai’i. The objectives of the Association are to provide cooperation and communication in science and technology among the communities of the Pacific region. Science is interpreted in its broadest sense though there has been a degree of emphasis on the biological, earth, environmental and social sciences as they affect the prosperity and welfare of the peoples of the Pacific region. The XIX Congress will also address issues of science policy, communication and education. The Congress theme is “Science for Pacific Posterity: Environments, Resources and Welfare of the Pacific People.”
The following report was recently posted on ASAONET:

Now that the Spam discussion has settled down enough to get a word in edgewise, I might say a word about a conference, “Mining in the South Pacific,” that my husband Bill and I attended in Germany October 23-25, 1998. Contra the usual fare in Bavaria, where “the best vegetable is more meat,” the delicious food served in the conference dining room was largely vegetarian. The beer and conversation were good, too.

The 80-90 participants were just the right number for the circular auditorium at the Schloss Tutzing on the shore of the Starnbergsee. The attendees were a congenial mix of academics (economics, anthropology, political science, and geology), Lutheran Church people, Papua New Guineans, and representatives of European NGOs concerned with environment and human rights issues.

Colin Filer of the PNG NRI was the keynote speaker, fresh from a new round of work at Lihir, but speaking more generally to the points he has made in earlier papers about the relationship of problems of Melanesian state development to environmental paranoia. Filer’s presentation was followed by five case studies: Bougainville (Volker Böge), Kanaky (Pierre Jardin), Freeport (Viktor Kasiepo), Ok Tedi (Roland Seib of Melanesian Institute and Sir Ebia Olewale, representing BHP/Ok Tedi Mining, Ltd.), and Lihir (Thomas Rüde). Peter Raka from the Embassy in Bonn spoke for the PNG government. Other Melanesian participants were Lutheran pastors from PNG who had come to Neuendettelsau for other meetings.

The concluding presentations brought the issues home to Europe, considering the economics and future of metals. A panel of NGOs with active campaigns on mining indicated that they are currently concentrating on gold and on influencing the banks that invest in mining to adopt environmental standards. The last word seemed to belong to the economist who opined that with metal prices as they are expected to go for the next few years, he could only advise leaving the metal in the ground.

Presentations were in German or English with translation into the other language in the earphones. I didn’t meet all of the folks who listed themselves as ethnologists on registration but I did have a chat with Thomas Michel and with Susanne Piegsda. Susanne had sent me information about the conference, probably never expecting that I would come, but travel costs from Buffalo were less than half what they will be to Hilo!

The conference was organized by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria (Neuendettelsau) and other groups and held at their academic conference center, where the environmental economist on the staff is Dr. Martin Held. This conference followed up a much more intense meeting held at this site in 1992 as a follow-up to the Starnberg Report. The earlier conference had strongly worded presentations by Charles Lepani and Bernard Narakobi. Several people from Western Province turned up unexpectedly and galvanized the German participants into taking the environmental issues of German investment in Ok Tedi as far as the German parliament, ultimately leading to the transfer of the German shares to a Canadian subsidiary, Inmet. Other organizations sponsoring the conference included the Churches’ Development Service, the German-Pacific Network, and the European Centre on Pacific Issues (ECSIEP).

VI. FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER: MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of October 17, 1998, current ASAO membership (including 15 honorary fellows) totaled 341, a small increase from 1997. The distribution around the world shifted only slightly, as can be seen in the following table:
Within the United States, members reside in 36 states and in Washington, DC. The highest concentrations this year are in the Northeast (65 members), followed by the West Coast (53), upper Midwest (42), and Hawai’i (35). In addition, the ASAO Newsletter has 32 institutional subscribers, including 12 in the US, 5 in various Pacific Islands, and a total of 15 in Europe, New Zealand, Australia, Canada, the Philippines, and Mexico. Jan Rensel

VII. POSITION OPEN: ASAO MEETING SITE COORDINATOR
An important opportunity to further ASAO’s mission is open, and provides an excellent chance to serve the organization. We urgently need a new Meeting Site Coordinator. Service as a Site Coordinator qualifies a person for the status of ASAO Fellow.

While the Board decides where annual meetings will be held, the Meeting Site Coordinator is responsible for selecting actual sites suitable for annual meetings, and for negotiating terms and conditions with the management of these establishments. The Site Coordinator arranges for contracts to be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer, and provides the Newsletter Editor with information about the site to help members plan their attendance. In the past, a small budget has been made available to help defray costs (e.g. telephone, fax, postage, possibly a site visit) if necessary. Volunteers are encouraged to apply. If you are interested, please contact any member of the ASAO Board (see masthead on the back page of this Newsletter.)

VIII. EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Assistant Professor, Pacific History. To teach introductory and advanced courses in Pacific History, with specialty in Native History, and Women and Gender in Pacific History.
Qualifications: ABD or PhD in History or related discipline. Applications received by March 31, 1999, will receive preferred consideration. For full description, contact Dr. Vicente M. Diaz, Chair, History Search Committee, c/o Human Resources Office, University of Guam, UOG Station, Mangilao, Guam 96923 or email <vdiaz@uog.edu>

IX. GENERAL NEWS
Pamela J. Stewart (Strathern) and Andrew Strathern have been awarded Research Fellowships for 1998 from the International Institute for Asian Studies in Leiden, The Netherlands to conduct an archival project entitled “East Meets West: ‘Indonesia’ and ‘Melanesia’.” They are in Leiden during November and December 1998.

Cyril Belshaw writes, “I’d like to let colleagues know that I have published two books on line recently. They are with Oak Tree Publishers at their site <http://www.previewbooks.com> They may be partially downloaded free, but the full download is priced at US$7.90. The two books are: (1) On Disappearance, Accusation and the Unknown: This is an account of my wife’s disappearance in 1979 and of my incarceration and trial. Unlike the tendentious docudramas and a pot-boiler, which distort many of the facts, this book uses official police files as well as material available to the public. The intent is (a) to help correct the record, and (b) to indicate what it is like for anyone in a similar position. (2) Where is Utopia? The Control of Societal Evolution Here I argue that we have the tools to create the global society we want in the 21st century. But we need to discuss where it is we want to go. The pace of change is very fast, so that we need to make a conscious effort to make sure our views count. This is a debating position to get ideas and their consequences out on the table. One must deal with a range of life dimensions including intimate relationships, education, social control, government, public finance, nationalism, diversity, global government.”
X. BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH: ASAO HONORARY FELLOW H. E. MAUDE

H. E. (Harry) Maude’s major contributions to Pacific studies encompass almost 40 years in administrative positions in the central Pacific, as well as another 40 years of academic career as an “honorary” historian, as he put it to me. He maintained an extensive library that was incomparable for the range of papers and works both published and unpublished, which he shared with great generosity with students such as myself. Most of the material is now at the University of Adelaide. His main focus from the administrative angle was on the Gilbert and Ellice Colony, Ocean Island and Nauru, and the area covered by the Western Pacific High Commission. From this base he drew on his anthropological/historical wealth of knowledge to address wider issues such as the “Evolution of the Gilbertese Boti” (1963), an ethnohistorical interpretation, intrusions of traders, slaves and beachcombers, and other historical contemplations of the interactions between newly arrived colonial agents and their island hosts. His latest publication, Tungaru Traditions (1989), takes us along with him as he presents the papers of Sir Arthur Grimble, his predecessor and mentor as Colonial administrator in the Gilberts in the 1920s.

His administrative career began in 1929 when he joined the British Colonial Service as a graduate from Cambridge with Honours in Anthropology. He was appointed as District Officer in the southern Gilberts, under Arthur Grimble as administrator of the Gilbert and Ellice Colony, as it was then known (now Kiribati and Tuvalu). Subsequently as Lands Commissioner he took note of the land hunger expressed by the Gilbertese. He instituted the first census of the Colony in 1931 as a basis for designing the Phoenix Islands Resettlement scheme in the 1930s and the resettlement of the Banabans from Ocean Island to Rabi Island in the Fiji group in 1946. He rejected the Colonial Office’s proposition to disband the Gilbert and Ellice Colony, recommending more internal autonomy.

Professor Maude is remembered fondly by Gilbertese for his concern for maintenance and incorporation of local cultural principles into the new administrative procedures, rather than imposing the dictates of colonial policy, as his forerunners had done. In fact he reworded some of Grimble’s regulations, such as those on adoption, family obligations and uses of eating and sleeping houses, to reflect Gilbertese customary law, rather than British colonial law. His reform of local government led to the establishment in 1946 of Island Councils, Island Courts, and Land Courts, all of which reflected local administrative procedures, though Island Council members were elected.

In 1946 Maude became Assistant to the Western Pacific High Commissioner and spread his area of interest and influence across the central Pacific. He subsequently joined the newly established (1947) South Pacific Commission where he became Director of Social Development, carrying out his ideas throughout the nations affiliated to the Commission “seeking information and new experience,” as he states in the Preface to Of Islands and Men (1968).

“The one idea I had in life . . . was to go out to the South Seas and stay there,” as Maude recalled (1968:xii), so he regarded his opportunity to study the Pacific Islands as a special tripos subject at Cambridge as part of a fortune that has lasted him a lifetime. With his wife Honor “who loved the Pacific and its peoples as much as I did,” he has devoted his life’s endeavours to influencing the direction taken, both through implementation of policies and his scholarly contributions, creating his own mixture of anthropology with history. He has always been ready and willing to share his memories and papers with colleagues; I myself benefited from his generosity in sharing the Nauru materials he had collected in the course of his own work with me. At Australian National University he found “a haven in probably the only institution existing where I could still continue to study and write on the islands” (1968:xiii). There he has been affiliated for almost 50 years, contributing through his writing and his generous spirit to the ceaseless spirit of enquiry that he himself espoused. In his own words, “Could one ask more of the Fates?” He and Honor still live near Canberra enjoying their autumnal peace. Nancy Pollock

X. IN MEMORIAM

Keith L. Morton, 53, died after a year-long battle with cancer on August 8, 1998. Besides research in Washington state on the Yakima Indian reservation, Morton conducted fieldwork
in Tonga in 1970-71, earning his doctorate at the University of Oregon in 1972. In 1978 Morton served as a consultant on Tongan culture for the Peace Corps, and he later studied the Tongan immigrant community of Los Angeles. He was a member of the faculty of the anthropology department at California State University - Northridge for 26 years, and served as its chair from 1979-1985; he was to have assumed that role again in Fall 1998. He was also the coordinator of the American Indian Studies Program from 1994-1997. His publications include works on Tongan adoption (in *Transactions in Kinship*, edited by Ivan Brady) and circulating credit associations (in *Human Organization*, vol. 37), and most recently he had prepared an article on Chumash political organization. The CSUN Anthropology Department has established a scholarship in his honor. Noting that as a professor in a teaching institution, Keith Morton’s primary professional commitment was to his students, the scholarship announcement states, “Keith was a thoughtful, responsible, and well-informed teacher who combined clarity with kindness. Accordingly, he was much in demand as an adviser, serving over the past decade, for example, on over half of the department’s M.A. thesis committees. Keith Morton was the Department of Anthropology’s outstanding instructor and the mainstay of its teaching program. . . . His colleagues valued him for his wit and good humor, for his reasonable sense of the possible, and for his insistence on doing what was right.” Tax-deductible donations made be made to Keith Morton Memorial Scholarship/CSUN Foundation, c/o the Department of Anthropology, California State University - Northridge, 18111 Nordhoff Street, Northridge CA 91330-8244.


XI. ANTHROPOLOGY PhDs

Thanks to Mac Marshall for drawing our attention to these dissertations, announced in the new AAA Guide to Departments.

Aswani, Shankar 1997
Marine tenure and artisanal fishing in Roviana and Vonavona lagoons evolutionary ecology of resource management. University of Hawai’i.

Bickler, Simon H. 1998

Cheer, Susan 1997
Lactose digestion capacity and adaptation in New Zealand Tokelau. University of Auckland.

Demerath, Ellen Wrchota 1997

Martin, Brenda Michelle 1998
Tourism as a means of economic and sociocultural adaptation in a Fijian village. University of Colorado.

Roalkvam, Sidsel 1997
Pathways to hardness: Values of body, gender and place in Onotoan social life. University of Oslo.
Sosis, Richard 1997
The collective action problem of male cooperative labor on Ifaluk Atoll. University of New Mexico.

Taumoefolau, Melenaite 1997
Problems in Tongan lexicography. University of Auckland.

White, Carmen 1997
Cultural continuity and discontinuity between the home, school, and the peer group, and the impact on academic performance: The “multiple worlds” of Fijian students.
Washington University (St. Louis).

XII. BIBLIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION
See enclosed flyers for two new ASAO Monographs, published by University of Pittsburgh Press:

Herdt, Gilbert, and Stephen C. Leavitt, eds.
1998 Adolescence in Pacific Island Societies.

Akin, David, and Joel Robbins, eds.
1999 Money and Modernity: State and Local Currencies in Melanesia.

Campbell, I. C.
This is a study of the lives and experiences of Europeans and Americans in the age of early industrial expansion overseas who became detached from their own societies and lived, sometimes for many years, as integrated members of Pacific Islands communities. These men included castaways and deserters, some abandoned by their captains and others kidnapped by the islanders, who survived by applying European knowledge and skills to local situations. Campbell teaches Pacific and world history at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Connell, John, and John P. Lea
1998 Island Towns: Managing Urbanization in Micronesia. Occasional Paper 40. Honolulu: Center for Pacific Islands Studies, School of Hawaiian, Asian & Pacific Studies, University of Hawai’i - Manoa; and Sydney: Research Institute for Asia & the Pacific, University of Sydney. ISSN 0897-8905 (paper).
This is a study of the problems of urban growth in the Micronesian island states of the Pacific, where rapid rural-urban migration since the 1960s has produced unusually high urban population concentrations. The paper is copublished by the Research Institute for Asia and the Pacific (RIAP) at Sydney University, which has focused its research activities on developing human resources skills that can support sustainability, including sustainable urban development. John Connell, a geographer at University of Sydney, and John Lea, a development specialist in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at the same university, have collaborated on two other books dealing with urbanization in Melanesia and Polynesia. The 200-page paper is available from the UH Center for Pacific Islands Studies, 1890 East-West Road, 215 Moore Hall, Honolulu HI 96822-2362 or email <flannery@hawaii.edu>

Eves, Richard
The Magical Body is an ethnographically rich and theoretically bold exploration of the body and magic among a Melanesian people, the Lelet of central New Ireland, Papua New Guinea. The author captures the fluidity and complexity of the relationship
between magic, power, and the body for the Lelet and the way that these are refashioned with the encounter with modernity. *The Magical Body* grapples in an imaginative way with the role of body in the constitution of the Lelet lived world and its significance to issues of identity and difference. Through close examination of the corporeal imagery and metaphor used in magic and in other discourse, the author argues for the importance of the analysis of the body to anthropology. Not only is the body a dominant trope for representing the Lelet world and social action within it, it is an important means through which they construct their personhood and identity. Filled with insight, *The Magical Body* will be of great value not only to Melanesianists and Pacific Island specialists for its fine ethnography, but to those interested in theoretical issues, such as the anthropology of the body and personhood, phenomenology and comparative religion. [Posted by the author on ASAONET.]


This collection of papers is the result of a cooperative effort between Cenderawasih University’s (UNCEN) Department of Anthropology and the Eastern Indonesia Universities Development Project (EUIDP), funded by CIDA of Canada and headquartered at Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, British Columbia. Part of EUIDP’s work with UNCEN’s anthropology department has involved short courses in Irian Jaya for members of the staff on various aspects of research methodology. The papers published here are based on research reports submitted by participants in these short courses, which have been held annually since 1991. The papers concern studies relating to urban markets, oil palm plantations, transmigration, and the logging industry, as well as the impact of construction of a hotel on local communities, and a baseline study of a small mountain village in the interior of the island of Yapen.


Published by the School of Social and Economic Development, University of the South Pacific, these two volumes include a selection of the papers commissioned by the Fiji Constitution Review Commission. The fifteen papers in Volume 1 cover diverse aspects of contemporary Fiji society, including identity; the relationship between religion and the state; the rights of women and other minority groups including Part-Europeans and the people of Rabi, Kioa and Rotuma; and prospects for the economy, education, affirmative action, land and fisheries. Volume 2 includes seventeen papers looking at multiethnic, multicultural situations around the world and how their political systems employ constitutional means to accommodate diversity. It provides a more theoretical examination of different political and electoral systems, comparative constitutional law and the melding of traditional political systems with newer models—as either role models or negative object lessons for Fiji.


After driving the Japanese out of Papua New Guinea during World War II, the US military left their gear—and the makings of a cargo cult—to the native Kailai. *Cultures of Secrecy* offers a close look at how, for fifty years, the bush Kailai in Melanesia have worked these tailings of the western world into their indigenous culture. Lattas shows how cargo cults in general bring together past, present, and future in their curious blending of traditional myths, imported folklore, borrowed state practices and
ideologies, and reworked Christian stories. The result is a richly interdisciplinary work that uses ethnography to explore questions of racial experience, gender relations, space, time, death, and the politics of human relations. Never passive imitators, the Kaliai as Andrew Lattas portrays them actively incorporate and transform western beliefs and practices into their own narratives of life, sexuality, and death. The consequences are new myths and histories, new relationships with the ancestral dead—an alternative world of power and knowledge through which the Kaliai accommodate the dominant white culture and its institutions. Lattas examines the racial conflict that has riddled the recent history of the cargo cults. He also describes the cults’ demonization by the New Tribes missionaries from the United States, who disapprove of the villagers’ unorthodox miming of European symbols and practices. His book allows us to see behind the villagers’ ambivalence toward “waitskin” (white-skins) as they continue to reinvent their social world. [Posted by the author on ASAONET.]

Miles, William F. S.

This book takes a look at the long-term effects of the joint Franco-British Administration in public policy, political disputes, and social cleavages in post-independence Vanuatu. Miles, a political scientist who teaches at Northeastern University in Boston, adds to his analysis by including comparisons with other colonized societies such as Niger, Nigeria, Martinique, Mauritius, and Pondicherry.

Samson, Jane

This work is an analysis of British imperialism and the cultural roots permeating Britons’ attitudes toward Pacific Islanders. In the course of the book, Samson explores the impulses behind British calls for the protection and “improvement” of Islanders, from kingmaking projects in Hawai’i, Tonga, and Fiji to the “anti-slavery” campaign against the labor trade in the western Pacific. In doing so, she reveals deep division over the issue of “gunboat diplomacy.”

Wiessner, Polly, and Akii Tumu

Drawing on interviews conducted over ten years with elders in 110 tribes, Polly Wiessner and Akii Timu chart Enga history over a span of seven generations. They reconstruct the ecological, social, political, and ideological processes that shaped these continually changing networks before first contact with Europeans. At the heart of the book is an ethnohistory of the Tee ceremonial exchange cycle, which originated in some twenty clans eight generations ago and, by the onset in the 1950s of the colonial era, had grown to encompass about 355 clans and involve the redistribution of up to 100,000 pigs. Wiessner and Timu describe how Enga big-men crafted the full-blown Tee cycle by drawing on three different exchange networks: alliances to control trade in the east, great ceremonial wars in the center, and religious cult networks in the west. They also show how, by using religious cults to alter norms and values, Enga leaders mediated the tensions caused by economic competition and inequality amidst a growing population. In this unusual collaboration between an anthropologist and a member of the society being investigated, the authors use practice theory and a vanishing oral record to argue that not only economic but also cultural needs motivated the men and women who, in altering social meanings and values, also directed the course of change in Enga society. [Posted by the author on ASAONET.]
XIII. RECENT JOURNALS

The September 1998 issue of The Journal of the Polynesian Society (Vol. 107, No. 3) includes the following articles and shorter communications:

Sir Paul Reeves: The Making of the Fiji Constitution
Pennie Moblo: Institutionalising the Leper: Partisan Politics and the Evolution of Stigma in Post-monarchy Hawai‘i
Wayne Fife: The Bampton Island Murders: Exploring the Human Face of Colonisation in Early Papua
Robert Langdon: Fakaofo’s Hawaiian Castaways of 1830 and the Origin of Its Lidded Boxes Called Tuluma

There are also seven book reviews, including several written or reviewed by ASAO members. Address all correspondence to:

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The September 1997 issue of Pacific Studies (Vol. 20, No. 3) recently appeared, with the following articles:

Peter Larmour: Corruption and Governance in the South Pacific
Jan Rensel and Alan Howard: The Place of Persons with Disabilities in Rotuman Society
Thomas K. Pinhey, Daniel A. Lennon, and Nicholas A. Pinhey: Consumer Debt, Alcohol Use, and Domestic Violence in Guam
Doug Munro: The Making of Ai Matai: A Cautionary Tale in Fijian Historiography and Publishing

The Book Review Forum features Maria Lepowsky’s Fruit of the Motherland: Gender in an Egalitarian Society; and Raymond C. Kelly’s Constructing Inequality: The Fabrication of a Hierarchy of Virtue among the Etoro. Reviews by Peggy Reeves Sanday, Marta Rohatynskyj, Lisette Josephides, Nicholas Modjeska, Marilyn Strathern, and responses by Kelly and Lepowsky.

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Volume 33, Issue 2 of The Journal of Pacific History (2 September 1998) contains the following:

Peter Overlack: “Bless the Queen and Curse the Colonial Office”: Australasian Reaction to German Consolidation in the Pacific 1871-99
Peter Hempenstall and Paula Mochida: The Yin and Yang of Wilhelm Solf: Reconstructing Colonial Superman
Andrew Hamilton: Nineteenth-century French Missionaries and Fa’a Samoa
Lissant Bolton: Chief Willie Bongmatur Maldo and the Role of Chiefs in Vanuatu
Christine Dureau: Decreed Affinities: Nationhood and the Western Solomon Islands

Also included are comments, notes and fourteen reviews of books, many by ASAO members.

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