

# PEOPLE

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# CONFERENCES WORKSHOPS & TRAINING

## LIANZA CONFERENCE 2011 - CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The LIANZA Conference 2011 with the theme Passion, Power and People Te Ihi, Te Wehi, Te Wana will convene on 30 October - 2 November 2011 in Wellington, New Zealand.  
*Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa!*

The Call for Abstracts has gone out and information may be obtained at <http://www.conference.co.nz/lianza11/call\_for\_abstracts>

# RECENT PUBLICATIONS

## THE 2006 MILITARY TAKEOVER IN FIJI

Jon Fraenkel, Stewart Firth & Dr. Brij V. Lal. Canberra, A.C.T.: ANU E Press, 2009 ISBN-9781921536502 472 p. USD35.00

"The December 2006 military takeover breached the assumption upon which Fiji's history had previously been written. Coups in 1987 and 2000 had overthrown governments elected largely on the basis of the Fiji Indian vote. Many had assumed that the indigenous Fijian elite would never concede political control, and that Fiji's 99% ethnic Fijian military forces would always act to defend indigenous political dominance."

## THE SONG MAKER'S CHAIR

Albert Wendt. New Zealand : National Library of New Zealand, 2004. ISBN-9781869690311. 127 p. USD25.00

"Auckland, one summer weekend. A family fused together by the energies of multicultural Aotearoa New Zealand faces meltdown as tensions build between migrant New Zealand born generations, and between Samoan, Maori and Palagi family members."

## PACIFIC ENCOUNTERS ART & DIVINITY IN POLYNESIA 1760-1860

Steven Hooper. [S.I.] : Sansbury Centre for Visual Arts, 2006 ISBN-9781877385209 [n.p.] USD40.00

"Pacific Encounters Brings together nearly three hundred rare and visually stunning objects from New Zealand and the Pacific, many of them published here for the first time. Gathered mainly during the 18th and 19th Centuries, when European voyagers, missionaries and settlers first made contact with the peoples of Polynesia, these objects reveal the spiritual beliefs, ritual and daily life of the cultures that created and used them. Items include bright, feathered god images and lush cloaks, sculptures in wood and stone, wooden kava bowls, woven fans and intricate basketry, tapa cloths, personal adornments and valuables made of ivory, shell, bone and pounamu (nephrite). They come from the many island groups including Samoa, the Cook Islands, Tonga, Fiji, Tahiti, Hawai'i and Easter Island, as well as Aotearoa New Zealand."

## PLANTS OF THE CANOE PEOPLE

W. Arthur Whistler. Hawaii : [s.n.], 2009 ISBN9780915809004 (Hardback) 241 p. USD30.00  
"The extremely rich botanical descriptions in this book are foundations to understanding the languages, history, cultures, and people of Polynesia."

## CLIMATE AND AGRICULTURE IN THE PACIFIC ISLANDS: FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

William Aalbersberg, Patrick d. Nunn and Asesela D. Ravuvu (ed's). Suva, Fiji : IPS Publications, USP, 1993. ISBN: 9820200830 (Paperback) 80 p. USD 12.00

"A majority of Pacific Islanders rely on subsistence farming and fishing for their survival. These sectors are also a major foreign currency earners in a number of countries. In cultural terms, the very existence of Pacific peoples is inseparable from the land. Although the risks to the physical survival of many Pacific Islands as a result of sea-level rise have been widely publicised, it is agriculture and marine and terrestrial ecosystems that are likely to be affected greatest in the next century. Adverse effects on these systems will probably render many areas uninhabitable long before they are totally inundated, if they ever are. This small volume aims to increase grass-roots awareness, to help Pacific populations cope with changes and make the necessary sacrifices to counter the negative impacts of climate change."

## MARY, THE DEVIL, AND TARO: CATHOLICISM AND WOMEN'S WORK IN A MICRONESIAN SOCIETY

by Juliana Flinn. Honolulu, Hawaii : University Press, 2010. ISBN: 978-0-8248-3374-9 (Cloth) 208 p. USD 47.00

"Catholicism, like most world religions, is patriarchal, and its official hierarchies and sacred works too often neglect the lived experiences of women. Looking beyond these texts, Juliana Flinn reveals how women practice, interpret, and shape their own Catholicism on Pollap Atoll, part of Chuuk State in the Federated States of Micronesia. She focuses in particular on how the Pollapese shaping of Mary places value on indigenous notions of mothering that connote strength, active participation in food production, and the ability to provide for one's family."  
"Mary, the Devil, and Taro contributes significantly to the study of women's religion and the appropriation of Christianity in local contexts. It will be welcomed by not only anthropologists and other scholars concerned with religion in the Pacific, but also those who study change in gender roles and Marian devotions in cross-cultural perspectives."

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# RECENT PUBLICATIONS

## LAW AND THE FAMILY IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC

Sue Farran. Suva, Fiji : The University of the South Pacific, 2011. ISBN: 978-982-01-0880-6 (Paperback) 236 p. USD45.00

"This book builds on those foundations and brings together a range of materials in order to address issues of importance in the regulation of family life in the twenty-first century in a part of the world that is experiencing rapid development and change. In particular this book incorporates and draws on the views of Pacific islanders who have been students on Family Law courses I have taught over a number of years at the University of the South Pacific."  
[Preface, Sue Farran]

## BIRTHING IN THE PACIFIC: BEYOND TRADITION AND MODERNITY

by Vicki Lukere; Margaret Jolly (eds.) Honolulu, Hawaii: University Press, 2001. ISBN: 978-0-8248-2484-6 (Paperback) 264 p. USD14.00

This collection explores birthing in the Pacific against the background of debates about tradition and modernity. A wide-ranging introduction and conclusion, together with case studies from Papua New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji, and Tonga, show how simple contrasts between traditional and modern practices, technocratic and organic models of childbirth, indigenous and foreign approaches, and notions of "before" and "after" can be potent but problematic. The difficulties entailed confront public health programs concerned with practical issues of infant and maternal survival in developing countries as well as scholarly analyses of birthing in cross-cultural contexts.

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## VOLUNTEER WORK

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The World celebrates International Volunteers Day in December each year in acknowledgement of all who give their time, energy and commitment to helping others at no financial cost.

2

The achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) is assisted in a large way by volunteers. Age is no barrier to volunteering – there is always something for everyone.

3

Close to home, the South Pacific Games was successfully managed using volunteers; the poor and homeless are supported by charitable organizations that work through the contributions of volunteers with many more circumstances that I am sure you can think of.

5

The contributions that libraries make to their communities are often reliant on the work of volunteers. Their contributions range from story-telling, book repairs, creating a welcoming library environment, art projects, school holiday programmes and to being members of a library

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association that fundraises for projects and undertakes training of library personnel and volunteers. Do we acknowledge the contributions of these people? How can we ensure that on Volunteer's Day in 2011 we recognize the contribution of this group of people?

In the Library world we host national library weeks, book days etc. which emphasize our services and role we place in the building of individuals, communities, economies and countries. Perhaps this year we could include in our programmes an acknowledgement of those who give their free time to libraries.

I would like to commend those libraries and communities that recognize this group of people and recommend to those who have not, to seriously think of the role of their volunteer library workers and to acknowledge them publicly in some way. However you do it, preferably Pacific style, will be certainly appreciated.

*Elizabeth C. Reade Fong*



## FIJI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION – OFFICE BEARERS 2011

The Fiji Library Association held its AGM on the 24 April 2011 and the following persons were elected as Office Bearers for 2011.

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## USP CAMPUS LIBRARY FEATURE

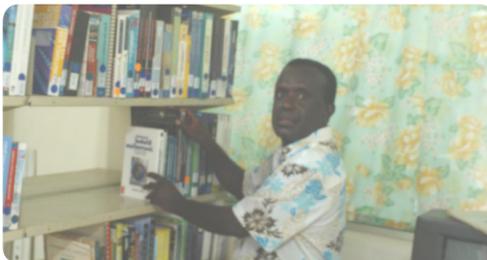
This month we feature the Solomon Islands Campus Library

A new initiative in 2010 at the SI Campus Library is the display of new titles. According to the Campus Librarian, Tony Dadalo, "After cataloguing and processing them, new books are displayed for a week before they are shelved in their designated area of the collection." He explained that the week-long display is a way of marketing or promoting the new items that are added to the Campus Library's collections.

Mr. Dadalo has also encouraged Campus staff to visit the library when they are out on tea breaks or lunch to see what new titles are being added to the Collections as well as other relevant items that are available in the Campus Library.

Mr. Dadalo also reported that shelving in the Reserve Collection, a heavily used collection which contains prescribed texts and titles submitted by lecturers, had been recently expanded.

Other good news for the Campus is the receipt of F\$44,400.00 from USP CAPEX funding for library development with work beginning during the semester break in July 2011 and the appointments of a library assistant and two library attendants who will add to the Library's ability to meet its commitment to students and staff. The new staff will feature in the September issue of PaCfika.



Tony Dadalo at the Reserve Collection

## AUCKLAND NEW ZEALAND LIBRARIES PROMOTING SAMOAN LANGUAGE WEEK

Auckland Libraries celebrated Samoan Language Week with activities from 1-8 June, 2011.

The 2011 theme was Samoa Ola – Samoa Active, focusing on language, sport and healthy living and linking to the visit of Manu Samoa to New Zealand for the Rugby World Cup.

A range of resources were identified for use by Auckland library staff to mark Samoan Language Week. These include greetings, general information, educational resources and a poster designed for the week. Featured resources were:

- Top 20 most borrowed books
- Samoan Words
- Places to visit in Samoa
- Greetings from the Pacific Islands
- Phrases for Samoan Language Week
- Myths and Legends of Samoa
- Wordfind and colouring exercise
- FAGASA booklet – Our Samoan Language in New Zealand
- Auckland Libraries Samoan Language Week poster
- Links to HRC and FAGASA online resources for reference

[Source: Pasifika Information management, 02/06/2011]

## CHUUK LEGISLATIVE BUILDING FIRE

On 30 April 2011, the Legislative Building in Chuuk burnt to the ground with everything in it.

The State Police is conducting investigation on the incidence and are yet to determine the cause of the fire.

## CHINESE DELEGATION DONATES BOOKS TO THE USP

A delegation from the Government of the People's Republic of China donated 205 books to the University of the South Pacific Library at the Laucala Campus in Suva to further promote bilateral relations and cooperation between China and the University.

The delegation, led by Mr Cai Mingzhao, the Vice-Minister of the Publicity Department of the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee presented the books to the USP Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration and Regional Campuses), Dr Esther Williams in a handover ceremony on 12 May, 2011.

The books, which are in the Chinese/English and Chinese/French languages, are based on Chinese mythology, civilization, heritage, history, geography, poetry, language, art and music.

In his remarks, Mr. Cai Mingzhao acknowledged USP as a very important institution in the South Pacific with a high quality of education and great cultural influence in the region. He added that China esteems USP highly and is proud to extend their relationship with the University through this gift of books. Mr. Cai Mingzhao said that the books are expected to help the students and teachers of the University to learn more about China.

He hoped that China and South Pacific countries will continue to make joint efforts to deepen and expand bilateral relations.

In expressing USP's appreciation of China's gift, Dr Esther Williams said that, "this gift will not only add value to the University's library collection, but will also give greater understanding and appreciation of China – its peoples, its cultures, its economic growth, and way of life."

She highlighted that China is the fastest growing economy in the world and it is good to know and share the reasons for their success. Dr Williams thanked the Government of the Peoples Republic of China for their generosity and added that USP intends to establish a deeper and lasting relation with tertiary and research institutes in China.



The Head of the delegation and the Vice-Minister of the Publicity Department of the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee, Mr. Cai Mingzhao presents a catalogue of the books to the USP Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration and Regional Campuses), Dr Esther Williams.

USP has established working relations with the Tongji University in Shanghai and the recent signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between USP and the Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications (BUPT) to establish a Confucius Institute at the Laucala Campus, is expected to promote a deeper and more meaningful cooperation in the areas of staff and student exchange, research and acquisition of language skills in Chinese and English.

## UNESCO MEMORY OF THE WORLD (MOW)

Documentary heritage submitted by Fiji, Guyana, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago and recommended for inclusion in the Memory of the World Register in 2011.

"At the recent Unesco Memory of the World (MOW) International Advisory Committee meeting held in Manchester 22–25 May, Fiji's nomination on the "Records of the Indian Indentured Labourers" was one of 43 nominations that was successfully inscribed."

The Fiji MOW Committee was the chief nominator working closely with the National Archives of Fiji. The nomination was submitted in 2010 jointly with Suriname, Guyana and Trinidad & Tobago. This is the first successful inscription from the South Pacific (apart from those of Australia and NZ).

"The Indian Indentured immigration was first accounted for in the 1830s and over a period of roughly 100 years 1,194,957 Indians were relocated to 19 colonies. These records are the only documents for ancestral and lineage research for the numerous descendants of those Indian Labourers. The arrival of large groups of Indian labourers in the receiving colonies had immense repercussions, many of which are still being felt today. The Indian Diaspora had an enormous impact on the local economy, the politics and the socio-cultural make up of the colonies."

See: <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/communication-and-information/flagship-project-activities/memory-of-the-world/register/full-list-of-registered-heritage/registered-heritage-page-7/records-of-the-indian-indentured-labourers/#c200608>

## 2011 TALK STORY GRANT WINNERS - GROWING PACIFIC ISLANDER POPULATION

The American Indian Library Association (AILA) and the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA) are pleased to award \$500 grants to the Greenwich Branch of the Gloucester County Library System in Gibbstown, N.J. and the White Mesa Library of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe in Towaoc, Colo. Each will use its \$500 grant to host a Talk Story program at their library.

Greenwich Branch serves a small town of 5,000 people with a growing Pacific Islander population. The library will be highlighting Samoan culture through classes for the community on South Pacific Island dance, Samoan tattoo art and Polynesian musical instruments.

Source: <http://ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pr.cfm?id=6760>

## THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC: BACHELOR OF ARTS OR COMMERCE MINOR (INFORMATION/LIBRARY STUDIES)

The Pacific Islands should be self-sufficient for qualified library staff, but professional vacancies exceed local graduates, and many academic and NGO libraries rely on international contract staff. Long term vacancies in libraries have often been filled internationally. This is not sustainable, but there is little evidence of succession planning, or recognition of the value of building local capability.

Pacific, government, academic and NGO libraries cover many subjects, including marine science, agriculture, medicine, museums, environment, training, law and journalism. A strong academic background in these areas should appeal to employers. Government, corporate and NGO libraries need trained library staff to support their information needs. Law libraries (justice and courts, attorney-general, parliament etc) require professional staff, as do private law firms. Throughout the region, Ministries of Statistics, Treasury Central/Reserve Bank, Foreign Affairs and others require highly trained library staff.

School, government and corporate libraries are often run by Diploma graduates, and there are many talented Diploma graduates work in non professional positions on low salaries. Family responsibilities limit study abroad. The Diploma is South Pacific's highest qualification, but is not recognized as professional by key employers.

In November last year a Minor in Information and Library Studies was approved by the University of the South Pacific Senate. The Minor is intended to build career opportunities as well as local capability. The Minor is part of a strategy to build sustainability of LIS programmes, with a career pathway stair casing from

Certificate to Diploma to the ILS minor (we are still working towards an ILS Major).

Students applying for the Minor must also enroll in their choice of Majors within either the Bachelor of Arts or the Bachelor of Commerce. Students should be aware that their final qualification will not be a library qualification, but a qualification in Accounting, Computing Science, Economics, Education, Information Systems, Law, Management and Public Administration, Psychology etc. Cross credit arrangements

Graduates of the Diploma in Library and Information Studies (DLIS) who are seeking a Minor in Information and Library Studies within their undergraduate program will have the equivalent courses cross-credited:

HU/LS101 – cross-credit will be LS101  
 HU/LS102 – cross-credit will be LS102  
 HU/LS103 – cross-credit will be LS203  
 HU/LS104 – cross-credit will be LS204  
 HU/LS210 – cross-credit will be LS310

Other courses completed under the DLIS program may also be cross-credited depending on your chosen major. Students should apply for the undergraduate program, fill in a Cross-Credit Application and submit this with the Admission Application.

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LIS program website: [www.usp.ac.fj/library\\_studies](http://www.usp.ac.fj/library_studies)

