



Association of Social Anthropologists of Aotearoa/New Zealand

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Greetings from the Chairperson

Kia ora ASAA/NZ colleagues and friends,

I am so looking forward to seeing most of you in Raglan in about a month's time. It promises to be a really good conference and SOMAA hui at a beautiful location and with our great Waikato colleagues as hosts. Please try and come, even if you are undecided still; we need to make sure that we stay connected, that we feel like a community and to feel that mutual support for each other.

It has been a very challenging year for most of us; we are all still dealing with the loss of the lovely and so very gifted Sam Taylor-Alexander, the wonderful Vincent Malcolm-Buchanan, as well as Catherine Trundle's husband, Matthew. We will no doubt raise a glass or two in their memory.

Please nominate students for the inaugural award in Sam's honour to make sure that we have a good field from which to choose.

Brigitte Bönisch-Brednich (Chairperson, ASAA/NZ)

Greetings from ASAA/NZ Secretary

Tēnā koutou katoa ASAA/NZ members

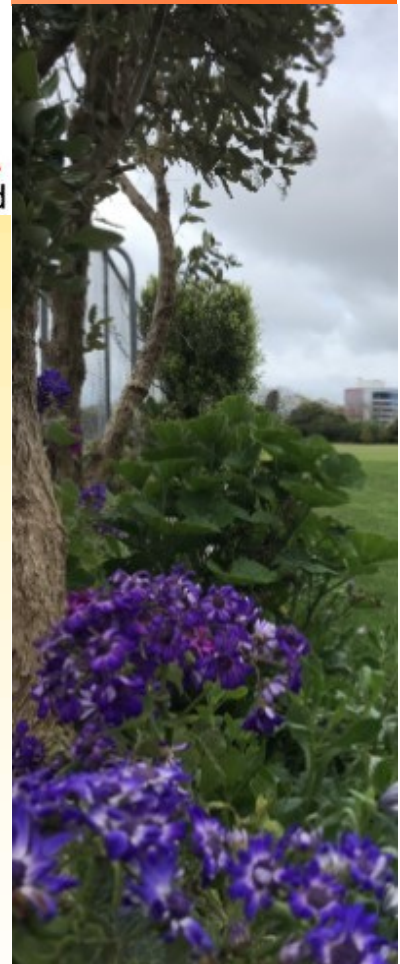
Hope you are all well.

I share this newsletter with a particular heavy heart, as it marks the passing of three members of your community. While two of the members were anthropologists, Dr Samuel Taylor-Alexander and Dr Vincent Malcolm-Buchanan, the third, while not an anthropologist was very much a part of our community. This was Prof Matthew Trundle, husband of our very own Dr Catherine Trundle. We have included obituaries for our anthropology colleagues, but while not including a direct obituary for Matthew here, we hope he is remembered fondly and we can be available to Catherine as colleagues, friends, students, peers, and an overall caring community of anthropologists.

While this loss is heavy for all of us, there are also things in our community that need recognition. This newsletter attempts to bring forward this chance to collectively mourn our loss, but also celebrate the small successes.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Raglan.

**Ngā mihi nui,
Nayantara Sheoran Appleton (Secretary, ASAA/NZ)**



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Noteworthy PhD

Smallholder Sugar-cane Growers, Indigenous Technical Knowledge, and the Sugar Industry Crisis in Fiji

By Mohseen Riaz Ud Dean,
PhD in Anthropology
University of Waikato

This thesis is an interdisciplinary study that draws upon the agronomic, ecological, and social sciences to analyse the current crisis facing the sugar industry in Fiji. Its particular focus is the livelihood crisis facing the smallholder sugarcane growers, and it explores the potential of their local and traditional farming knowledge as a source of solutions for both crises. It argues, however, that present proposals for reforming the sugar industry in Fiji are wedded to the industrial agricultural paradigm and a globalised corporate food regime that is the source of the problems it currently faces and which threatens the future of the smallholder sugarcane farming system along with its local traditional knowledge. The thesis draws inspiration from Agroecology as an agricultural paradigm alternative to the conventional industrial paradigm to advocate for greater attention to be given to smallholder sugarcane growers and their local and traditional farming knowledge in seeking solutions.

Anthropology Programme Profile: Massey University

Greetings from Massey!

Our programme has undergone significant staffing changes over the last year. We are pleased to announce Sita Venkateswar's promotion to associate professor and her nomination as Massey University's new Social Anthropology programme coordinator. While Professor Jeff Sluka is no longer with us, Drs Ruth Gibbons and Nina Harding have made significant contributions to our programme prior to and following his departure. This has meant the transition has been a relatively smooth one in terms of teaching. Dr Graeme MacRae now works between Massey University and the University of Melbourne.

Dr Amy Whitehead has quickly settled in as a highly valued member of our whānau here at Massey University. Amy joined our Social Anthropology programme in January and fills the teaching roles previously held by Professor Kathryn Rountree. Having come most recently from the UK, Amy is an anthropologist of religion whose research is concerned with the material and performance cultures of lived religious practices and traditions, the roles of the senses in religion, object collections and displays (in museums, temples, shrines), ritual and performance studies, magic, and critical approaches to Indigenous religions. We are embarking on a major refresh of our programme, partly because of these staffing changes.

We are proud to have recently supported two PhD candidates to successful completion. Philippa Butler's thesis is titled 'Negotiating Multiplicity: Macro, Meso and Micro Influences on the Ethnic Identifications of New Zealand Secondary School Students'; and Amie Lennox Townsend's is 'Human Trafficking in Mindanao: Personal Narratives and Local Perspectives.'

Our staff have published a significant number of influential academic works over the last year, including Barbara Andersen's 'Cultural Competency and Rural Disorder in PNG Health Promotion' in *Anthropological Forum*; Robyn Andrew's book chapter 'Citizenship and Legitimacy: Kolkata's Anglo-Indian experiences'. In G. Prato, & I. Pardo (Eds.) *Legitimacy Ethnographic and Theoretical Insights* (Springer); Trisia Farrelly's collaboration with master's student Viktorija Blake 'Is Voluntary Product Stewardship for E-Waste Working in New Zealand? A Whangarei Case Study' in *Sustainability*; a Massey University Social Anthropology editorial collaboration between Barbara Andersen and Sita Venkateswar led to a *SITES* special issue 'Ethnographic Frontiers: Pushing the Boundaries of Ethnography'; and Amy Whitehead's 'Sacred Space and Sacred Objects' in Chryssides, G. and Gregg, S. (Eds). *Bloomsbury Companion to Studying Christians*.



Some notable events include Sita's 'Mission, Outreach and Impact' presented at Towards Zero Hunger: Partnerships for Impact. Wageningen University, Netherlands. Sita attended the Graduate Women International (GWI) Triennial and Centenary Conference Peace Through Education in Geneva as leader of the NZ delegation. Sita also coordinated the workshop 'Otherness and Belonging: Re-

making Inclusive spaces for ALL Women (New Zealand, Turkey).'

Massey Anthropology Programme Profile: Continued

I attended two UN Environmental Assembly meetings: Geneva (where I presented and chaired a governance forum) and Nairobi as member of a UN Plastics Pollution Expert Group. I will



attend the Noumea and Waigani Convention COPs and the Pacific Environmental Forum in Apia this month, and assist in a two-day talanoa at a UN meeting in Bangkok later this year with Pacific Island state representatives. I represented NZ at two SYLFF Young Leaders Workshops in Japan 2018/2109 (see photo) and was elected co-chair of the Aotearoa Plastic Pollution Alliance last month.

At the time of writing, Robyn was in India with Education NZ giving a series of guest lectures to Indian tertiary institutions, and participating in an academic conclave in Mumbai. Ruth is involved in a visual anthropology project funded by Creative NZ (please see her website, www.ruth-gibbons.com for information on this).

In other news, we look forward to running our third Postgraduate Ethnographic Writing Retreat at Himatangi Beach this year and our eighth annual Emerging Anthropologists Conference across our Albany and Manawatu campuses. Massey University will be moderating Otago University's honours programme this year.

Ngā mihi

Trisia Farrelly (ASAA/NZ Massey Manawatu Campus Rep)

ASAA/NZ Membership Updates

Dr Robyn Andrews, Senior Lecturer, Social Anthropology Programme Massey University

Dr Andrews spent from December '18 until May '19 on leave in India. Over that time she co-convened an Anglo-Indian Studies research symposium at Calcutta University on 21 December, and a research showcase in Chennai on 11 January at the 11th World Reunion of Anglo-Indians. She also presented various papers on her recent work at the two events, as well as elsewhere such as at Kazi Nazrul University, Asansol, with her paper 'Asansol's Anglo-Indians: Home Ownership and Citizenship.'

Dr Caroline Bennett, Lecturer, Cultural Anthropology, Victoria University has recently been elected to the advisory board of the International Association of Genocide Scholars.

ASAA/NZ member **Dr Bryonny Goodwin-Hawkins (PostDoctoral Research Associate Aberystwyth University)** was recently selected as one of the 30 emerging research leaders in Cymru Wales. Bryonny was the sole anthropologist among researchers from microbiology to mathematical modelling on the 2019 Welsh Crucible / Crwsibl Cymru. The Crucible aims to develop future leaders through an intensive programme, including working with the media, informing policy, interdisciplinary collaboration and career planning. As an antipodean now working in Wales, Bryonny reckons she could be Anthropology's own Warren Gatland!



Dr Nayantara Sheoran Appleton has been appointed to a permanent position as a senior lecturer at the Centre of Science in Society at Victoria University.



Lecturer of The Year

Tarapuhi Vaeau of the Cultural Anthropology Programme at VUW won the VUWSA Lecturer of the Year award.

Tarapuhi also won another award for being an outstanding lecturer at the Victoria University celebration. This is a huge achievement!

From the nominations and comments it was very clear that Tarapuhi dedicated a lot of time to her students. She was noted for her empathy, ability to push past rigid academic walls, and for exploring new ways for knowledge to be created and conveyed.

You can read more about this achievement here: <https://www.victoria.ac.nz/sacs/about/news/1775341-sacs-lecturer-wins-vuwsa-lecturer-of-the-year>

Noteworthy PhD

Negotiating multiplicity : macro, meso and micro influences on the ethnic identifications of New Zealand secondary school students

By **Philippa Jane Butler**
PhD in Anthropology
Massey University

In New Zealand, the number of people who identify with more than one ethnic group is increasing. This is particularly true for adolescents and for those whose identifications include Māori or Pacific Islands ethnic groups. However, there is little understanding of what identifying with multiple ethnicities means for individuals. This research examined the multiple ethnic identities of senior secondary school students (aged between 16 and 18 years) by focusing on how they identified themselves, what decisions formed the bases of their identifications, and what influenced their identifications at three interconnecting levels: the macro (state) level, the meso (institutional) level, and the micro (family and individual) level. This research explored the complex and nuanced ways that ethnic identifications are constructed at each of the three levels for adolescents who identify with multiple ethnic groups.

Public Engagement and Anthropology

Dr Trisia Farrelly was invited to attend the MfE's Ministerial Announcement on Product Stewardship in Wellington on Friday 9 August in her role as the New Zealand Product Stewardship Council's steering committee member. This announcement is something we all should be extremely happy about as the NZPSC has been actively campaigning for a such a scheme over the last two years. Here is a news release about this:<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PO1908/S00132/experts-welcome-govts-consultation-on-product-stewardship.htm>

After giving a presentation at the Klosters Forum on Marine Plastic Pollution (see Dec 2018 ASAANZ newsletter), Dr Farrelly was invited by the Centre for International Environmental Law (CIEL) to join a United Nations Plastics Expert Group. This led to her attendance at two UN meetings; the latest was the United Nations Environmental Assembly in Nairobi where her role was a focal point for the Pacific Islands region. She will be traveling to Apia later this month to attend the SPREP Convention, the Conference of the Waigani Convention, and the Pacific Environmental Forum. Her role at these meetings is to continue liaising with Pacific Islands state representatives planning to attend the United Nations Environmental Assembly (UNEA) Open Ended Expert Expert Group (Marine Litter and Microplastics) meeting in Bangkok in November this year, and UNEA5 in 2021. This will involve ongoing support for Pacific Islands states in translating their plastic pollution challenges and needs into national statements, interventions, and ultimately policy. The end goal is a global plastic pollution treaty. This work is funded by the Norwegian government and supported by the Environmental Investigation Agency and CIEL.

She says her training as an anthropologist has been invaluable in understanding and publicly communicating the liveliness and politics of plastics. It has also helped in navigating the cultural implications of a range of 'solutions' offered in response to the global plastic pollution crisis. Her recent appointment as the co-chair of the Aotearoa Plastics Pollution Alliance (APPA) will facilitate this work as many APPA members are researchers and NGOs based in Aotearoa who work in the Pacific Islands region.

She has also recently returned from a meeting in California to develop a strategy for food-packaging materials and their associated chemicals. Some of the media releases below are preliminary efforts to catalyse a dialogue in Aotearoa about the need to review national food-packaging and food-contact chemical regulations to protect human health. Some recent media articles here:

<https://theconversation.com/we-need-a-legally-binding-treaty-to-make-plastic-pollution-history-113351>

https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=12245252

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/environment/114132313/plastic-free-july-how-to-stop-accidentally-consuming-plastic-particles-from-packaging>

<http://sortwaste.nz/how-to-avoid-eating-micro-plastics/>

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/BU1906/S00166/putting-plastic-packaging-waste-into-roads-is-not-recycling.htm>

Dr Trisia Farrelly is senior lecturer in the Social Anthropology Programme at Massey University

I am no longer accepting the things I cannot change. I am changing the things I cannot accept.

Angela Davis

2019 Publications

BOOKS

Schubert-McArthur, T. (2019). *Biculturalism at New Zealand's National Museum: An Ethnography of Te Papa*. Routledge, New York.

Dutton, J. & **Howland, P.J.** (2019) *Wine, Terroir and Utopia; Making New Worlds*. Routledge: New York

CHAPTERS AND ARTICLES

Gardner, J., Warren, N, **Addison, C.**, Samuel, G. (2019) Persuasive bodies: Testimonies of deep brain stimulation and Parkinson's on YouTube. *Social Science & Medicine* 222, 44-51.

Andrews, R. (2019) 'Citizenship and Legitimacy: Kolkata's Anglo-Indian experiences' in *Legitimacy: Ethnographic and Theoretical Insights*. Edited by Italo Pardo and Giuliana B. Prato. Palgrave Macmillan: London.

Appleton, N.S. (2019) "Get back to life": Contradictions in/of emergency contraceptive advertisements in contemporary India. *Economic and Political Weekly*. 45, 35-42.

Davies, S., & Taylor-Alexander, S. (2019). Temporal orders and Y chromosome futures: Of mice, monkeys, and men. *Catalyst: Feminism, Theory, Technoscience*, 5(1), 1-18.

Howard, C.A. (2019) Phenomenological Anthropology of Interactive Travel: Mediated responsivity and inter-placed mobilities, Ch. 15 in *Tourism and Embodiment*, Palmer, C., & Hazel, A. (eds.), London: Routledge.

Howard, C.A. (2019) Resisting Functional Stupidity. *Working Life*, March.

Taylor-Alexander, S. (2019) The Biopolitics of Beauty: Cosmetic Citizenship and Affective Capital in Brazil. Alvaro Jarrín. Oakland: University of California Press, 2017, 272 pp. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*, 33(1).

PUBLIC WRITING, PODCASTS, AND BLOGS

Neale, T., Phan, T., & **Addison, C.** (2019) "An Anthropogenic Table of Elements." Theorizing the Contemporary, *Fieldsights*, June 27. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/an-anthropogenic-table-of-elements-1>

Addison, C. (2019) "Compound 1080 (Sodium Monofluoroacetate)." Theorizing the Contemporary, *Fieldsights*, June 27. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/compound-1080-sodium-monofluoroacetate>.

Appleton, N.S. (2019) Feminist medical anthropology, gendered technologies, and unintended logics. *The Human Show*. Episode 65.

Appleton, N.S. (2019) Do not 'decolonize' . . . if you are not decolonizing: Progressive language and planning beyond a hollow academic rebranding. *Critical Ethnic Studies Blog*.

Royal Society Te Apārangi—2019 Report

In the two years I have been the ASAA/NZ representative on the Royal Society's Constituent Organisations' Forum, it has been particularly pleasing to see that organisation beginning to take steps to address a long-standing lack of diversity at all levels of that organisation's representation and recognition. Those steps include the opening-up of the fellowship process, in particular to women researchers and those contributing to the advancement of knowledge as well as to excellence in research, the creation of a director-Māori position in the leadership of the society and the appointment of Kahu Hotere, increasing recognition of the place and role of mātauranga Māori, and the co-option of a Pasifika representative to the council.

At the same time, it has become clear at meetings of the forum and elsewhere that the society is not yet matching with actions its aspirations to close engagement with its constituent organisation, such as ASAA/NZ. An example is the recent establishment of a new expert-advice panel titled A fair go in life? Equality, equity and fairness in Aotearoa New Zealand. While we expressed great interest in being involved in planning for the establishment of the panel and succeeded, eventually, in having a representative on the workshop considering terms of reference, there were no further attempts to involve the association in the establishment of the panel. Furthermore, discussion with other representatives at the forums suggest that no other representatives of constituent organisations were involved in the process. There was no approach to us for suggestions as to possible participants, surprising given the issues under consideration, and there is no panel member working in the field of socio-cultural anthropology or, for that matter, in closely related social-science fields. Membership of the panel is at <https://royalsociety.org.nz/what-we-do/our-expert-advice/our-expert-advice-under-development/fairness/>.

There are, however, some indications that progress may be possible in this area too. At the most recent forum meeting, the President, Professor Wendy Larner, in response to questioning on the issue, committed herself to taking up these concerns in her next stage of reviewing the operations of the society. In addition, in the course of a discussion on possible new formats for forum meetings, it was agreed to establish a group of four constituent-organisation representatives, of which I am one, to be involved in the preparation of formats and agendas of future forum meetings. It is to be hoped that this will improve the quality of engagement of the forum and its members in the activities of the society, including such areas as the establishment of expert-advice panels.

Ngā mihi nui

Dr Graeme Whimp

Obituary: Dr Samuel Willoughby Taylor-Alexander 1984—2019

Dr Samuel Willoughby Taylor-Alexander died on 21 August 2019, mourned by his wife, Courtney Addison, his parents, siblings, extended families, and a wide circle of friends and colleagues from all stages of his life. Sam was born on Christmas Eve, 1984 and grew up in Auckland. He attended the University of Auckland, graduating in 2007 with his First Class BA Honours in Anthropology.

Awarded a PhD scholarship from the Australian National University, he conducted fieldwork in Mexico, which led to his first book, *On Face Transplantation: Life and Ethics in Experimental Biomedicine* (Palgrave, 2014), published while he was back in Auckland on a teaching fellowship. Since 2013 he has published, often with others, significant journal articles in medical anthropology, bioethics, and science and technology studies that are being well used in these scholarly communities and beyond.

He also had a powerful voice in online scholarly communities and blogs, popularising anthropology and ensuring ethnographic perspectives were taken into account. He loved his work. And there was more of it to come; at the end of 2018, Sam was awarded the prestigious Australian Research Council DECRA (Discovery Early Career Researcher Award) to ethnographically examine the production of genomic data in clinical settings.

During and after his PhD studies, Sam had fellowships at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government; the Mason Institute for Law and the Life Sciences in the School of Law at Edinburgh University; the Department of Anthropology at Copenhagen University, and in the Health and Biofutures Focus Programme of Monash University, Melbourne. Friends and colleagues in all these places have sent messages of love, loss, and appreciation as have colleagues from all over New Zealand.

We knew Sam first as a student, then a friend and colleague. He was warm, generous, and funny and an inspiring teacher and colleague. We benefitted from his wonderfully incisive and kindly critiques as did our students. He was in his element in the give and take of debate. His work is insightful, original, and enduring. The questions he has raised about the ethics of scientific enterprise, how medical professionals, families, and patients conceive of the boundaries between life and death, and the forms that care takes within practices of experimental medicine were central to the discipline.

All those around him witnessed his bravery and love of life, music, family and friends, and good food. We love him and miss him and offer the arohanui of the anthropological community to Courtney and his family.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Prof Julie Park and Dr Susanna Trnka with help from colleagues in Australia and Aotearoa

Examining the multiple ways that a thing is done in contingent presents reveals the role of time and temporality in the transformation and stabilization of that thing in the locales of its enactment.

Samuel Taylor-Alexander

Obituary: Dr Vincent Malcolm-Buchanan 1967—2019

Vincent Malcolm-Buchanan passed away in Auckland on Saturday 1 June after a period of intense illness. Aligned with Ngāti Whare of Te Whaiti, and Ngāti Pūkiao of Rotoiti, as a youth in Rotorua he dazzled tourists on the concert stage, and began there a career in hospitality. After working overseas, he started a degree at Canterbury University before transferring to Waikato where he completed his BA in Religious Studies and Anthropology. Vincee then stayed in Anthropology for his BSocSc (Hons) and MSocSc (Hons), which resulted in his 2009 thesis titled 'Fragmentation and Restoration: Generational Legacies of 21st Century Māori', which explored issues of cultural conflict and compromise.

His loquacious manner, flamboyant style, infectious enthusiasm, gentle and nurturing spirit, and his occasionally assumed gravitas ensured Vincee's popularity with students and staff everywhere. He was greatly admired and sought-after as a sessional assistant during his higher degree period, tutoring across the disciplines of Māori Studies, Anthropology, and Religious Studies. He understood the meaning of excellence, and firmly accepted no less from his students. Vincee also involved himself in student politics, representing the 'mature' cohort.

Throughout his doctoral work, Vincee was a key member of the Tangihanga Research Programme, sponsored by Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga and the Marsden Fund. During this time, he presented conference papers in Auckland, Wellington, Sydney, Perth, Honolulu, and Waikato, and went on to publish some of this work. The culmination was his ground-breaking 2014 doctoral dissertation, 'A Genealogical Ethnography of Tangihanga: Our Taonga, Our Stories', which focused on traditional death ritual amongst Māori today.

Dr Vincent Malcolm-Buchanan then moved to Auckland University, where he contributed variously to the Papakainga development project at the School of Engineering, the Sir James Henare Māori Research Centre, and the Business School. In the latter, he lectured on contemporary Māori and Pasifika issues to short-term international students, involving them with Māori communities throughout the region. He is still very warmly remembered on those many marae he visited with his travelling groups.

Vincee was an enthusiastic participant in support programmes for Māori and other Indigenous postgraduates and early-career professionals. He also was the proud recipient of a Fulbright Travel Award to enable presentations at Albuquerque and San Diego. Along the way he formed lasting friendships with colleagues in the Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania, the Association of Social Anthropologists of Aotearoa/New Zealand, and Death Studies organisations in his home country and beyond.

Aware that his doctoral work was central to the wider understanding of tangihanga in contemporary times, in 2017 Vincee began to prepare a manuscript for publication, which he continued to work on throughout his illness, and which his friends and whānau will continue to seek to have published.

Vincent's own tangi occurred in Rotorua in the days following his passing.

Kua hinga te totara whakahī i te wao nui a Hinewhākapiripiri; e te rangatira, moe mai ra; kia whakamau koe ki nga whetū o te rangi e whakakau mai ra... te tara ki Matawhaura e.....

Ngā manaakitanga,

Dr Tom Ryan – With generous help from Emerita Professor Ngahuia Te Awēkotuku



SOMAA Hui

The Society of Medical Anthropology in Aotearoa (SOMAA) will be organising its annual hui on November 28th, 2019 in Raglan (8:30—3:30 before ASAA/NZ, keynote at 4:30).

The theme and details are:

**Biomedical Dialogues:
Thinking across Bodies and
Borderlands**

You can read more about the hui here: <https://www.asaanz.org/blog/2019/5/24/somaa2019-call-for-proposals-biomedical-dialogues-thinking-across-bodies-and-borderlands>

To attend RSVP by 30 Oct to: pauline.herbst@vuw.ac.nz

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Updates from Waikato

Mosheen Riaz Ud-Dean was awarded his PhD with a thesis on 'Smallholder Sugarcane Growers, Indigenous Technical Knowledge, and the Sugar Industry Crisis in Fiji', while Hayley Phillips achieved a first-class honours in her MA with a thesis entitled 'Sea of Voices: Deep sea mining and the Solwara 1 project in Papua New Guinea.' Jacinta Forde is in the writing up stage of her PhD on the cultural significance of toheroa.

Fiona McCormack gave a very successful keynote address at the MARE 'People and the Sea' conference in Amsterdam in June, and is working on extending her research on inequality in ocean spaces to include a focus on aquaculture development. Fiona is also working on a Marine and Coastal Area Act claim with Tainui o Tainui ki Whaingaroa.

Fraser Macdonald is deeply engaged with his Marsden-funded project on Pentecostal Revival in Melanesia and this year published, 'God Was Here First: Value, Hierarchy, and Conversion in a Melanesian Christianity' in the journal *Ethnos* as well as 'Breaking points: Mediating rupture and discontinuity within Oksapmin church performances, Papua New Guinea' in the journal *Anthropologica*. Together with Mike Goldsmith, he has a special issue of the *Journal of the Polynesian Society* in 2019 on conversion in the Pacific.

Our seminar series, coordinated by Mike Goldsmith, continues to be very successful, attracting international and local speakers whose diverse research interests animate lively discussions during the seminar and beyond.

Our esteemed colleague Tom Ryan stepped down from his full-time position to become a Senior Teaching Fellow leaving him more time to focus on his research on Hau. We are in the process of hiring a new full-time lecturer to begin in January 2020 and are excited at the possibilities that this entails.

2019 ASAA/NZ Conference

28-30 November
Whāingaroa (Raglan),
Waikato, New Zealand

We invite participants in the 2019 ASAA/NZ conference to mobilise the multifaceted concept of 'boundaries'. Boundaries are the mental resources and material artefacts through which human and non-human lives are ordered, controlled, and differentiated. A boundary may be physical, political, economic, territorial, social, administrative, disciplinary, gendered, cultural, ethnic, moral, environmental, linguistic, genetic, and more. Seen from any of these perspectives, boundaries are not just static entities but dynamic zones that produce particular kinds of interaction. As sites of social entanglement, boundaries not only separate, distinguish, and discriminate, but they may also, at times, be transgressed, dissolved, and reconfigured through creative agency.

To read more about the conference, register, or submit abstracts, visit here:
<https://www.ivvy.com.au/event/N1LQZS/home.html>



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