



Greetings from the chairperson

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This newsletter comes at the right time to share some uplifting news, to get a glimpse of our newest publications, successes, and cooperation.

We are starved for personal contacts and in-room stimulation, but I would like to remind all programmes around the country to please post online events and seminars on our mailing list. We should share our seminars, but also details about other interesting conferences or talks. This is also a good way of staying in touch with each other.

Apropos staying in touch: can you please block the date of our ASAANZ conference 14-16 November 2022 in your diaries. Our new colleagues in Wellington, Amir Sayadabdi and Corinna Howland, have very kindly decided to hold the conference in Wellington and work with Mike Goldsmith to incorporate parts of his planned programme. They will send out more information and a call for papers in March.

I wish you all good start into the new academic year; stay healthy, remember that good enough is perfectly great right now. I am looking forward to hear from you and to hopefully see you this year.

A note from the secretary

Tēnā koutou e hoamahi,

It's been a delight to hear all of your news and successes from recent months and to be able to share these with the ASAANZ community, especially since we can't catch up in person. I aim to have a newsletter out twice yearly (with a shorter gap between calling for items and actually publishing it!). Please do share your and your students' news on the listserv in the interim. I'd like to acknowledge Mike's prescience in calling off the conference that would have happened just a couple of weeks ago, and all the mahi behind both that vision and its deferral. I can't wait to see the conference that Amir and Corinna organise with Mike's generous guidance. Take care.

COURTNEY ADDISON



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New positions

Julie Spray has accepted a position as a lecturer in Childhood Studies at National University of Ireland in Galway, commencing in June. She says 'e noho ra to ASAANZ!' You'll be missed, Julie!

New ASAANZ member **Andreja Phillips** was very happy to receive a Wellington Doctoral Scholarship to pursue a PhD with the Centre for Science in Society (supervised by Courtney Addison and Amanda Thomas), starting on 1 June 2021. Her PhD working title is: 'Science and community in the web of Marlborough's podocarp forests', and is set in an interdisciplinary environmental humanities context.

The University of Otago is advertising for a Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Social Anthropology – Mātai Tikaka Takata (Ref# 2200215). The ability to teach and research from Pacific worldviews is essential and can be complemented by other specialities including Indigenous anthropology; Pacific Studies; Indigenous approaches to methods and theory; environmental anthropology; the anthropology of food; digital anthropology; social media; visual anthropology; psychological anthropology; performance studies; legal and political anthropology; multi-species anthropology; and cultural studies. **Closes 6 March.**

Prizes

Tarapuhi Vaeau is the 2021 recipient of the Sam Taylor-Alexander Award for Ethics and Engagement in Anthropology. The prize aims to recognise the 'everyday ethical' labour and engagement that is continually practiced in, and essential to, the academy, and in doing so, to foster a culture of allyship, social justice, and generosity within Aotearoa's anthropology. Tarapuhi's nominators celebrated her intellectual generosity; her ability to both support and hold accountable the people around her; her commitment to a more ethical and inclusive pedagogy; and a pursuit of radical accessibility. Her work manifests through the Tātoutātou collective, policy engagements, her professional work, and the MahiTahi initiative. Congratulations Tarapuhi!

Susan Wardell was awarded first place in the inaugural Headlands Te Māra a Tāne Essay Prize, for a piece of creative prose based on ethnographic fieldwork in the Christchurch Red Zone. The theme of the competition was "Radical Connections". The essay is published here: <https://headland.org.nz/issues/issue-16/red-zone-pie/>

Cris Shore was awarded a Senior Global Horizons Fellowship at the Swedish Collegium for Advanced Studies (SCAS), Uppsala University Sweden in 2021.

Chris Howard won the Old Vine wine writing award for this piece on the Evangelho vineyard in California.

General news

ANTHROPOLOGY AND CLIMATE POLICY RESEARCH

Terrence Loomis has been working with colleagues in the Fossil Fuels Aotearoa Research Network (FFARN) to undertake a literature review on the political economy of energy transitions. The report is not about identifying energy transition policy options, but how governments can overcome obstacles to developing a robust political will to accelerate energy transition. It aims to (a) review the literature on the political economy of energy transitions and the role of governments; (b) question whether there's more to the reluctance of governments to undertake radical energy system reform besides party politics or failure of 'political will;' (c) identify three main kinds of obstacles that politicians encounter in trying to build a collective political will to accelerate energy transition; and (d) suggest opportunities and strategies from the research literature that progressive policy makers and climate action groups might consider to overcome these obstacles.

ANTHROPOLOGICAL INPUT INTO THE NCEA REVIEW

In October 2021 a group of members (**Susan Wardell, Courtney Addison, Lorena Gibson, Julie Park, and Pauline Herbst**) put together a submission on behalf of ASAANZ, for a Ministry of Education curriculum review of NCEA Level 2 and 3. The focus was on reviews to existing subject lists, including those in the area of Social Science, and the addition of distinct subjects for Māori Studies, Pacific Studies, and 'Environment and Societies'. Our submission highlighted a concern with a lack of recognition of, and clarity in study/career pathways towards, anthropology, making suggestions on subject titles and topics to improve this.

PLASTICS POLLUTION ON THE GLOBAL STAGE

Trisia Farrelly presented on the disproportionate impacts of plastic pollution and environmental justice at the United Nations Scientific Advisory Committee report launch, which was attended by over 1000 people. The report was the outcome of over two years of research and will be essential reading for anyone in the environmental anthropology space. Trisia also presented to the World Trade Organisation on Plastic Pollution as Waste Colonialism in the Pacific region earlier this year, and launched 5x UNEP Factsheets on Plastic Pollution in the Pacific Region (Policy Gaps, Human Rights, Climate Change, Human Health, Saf(er) Circular Economy for Plastics) as part of the Clean Pacific Roundtable.

WAITANGI TRIBUNAL EXPERT EVIDENCE

Fiona MacCormack delivered expert witness evidence to the Waitangi Tribunal on behalf of Tainui hapū ki Whāingaro. Her evidence, which highlighted three key points of law, was presented at Maatatua Marae in Whakatane as part of The Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act Inquiry (WAI 2660).

NEW 'HEALTH & SOCIETY' MAJOR AT AUCKLAND

The University of Auckland's **Susanna Trnka and Jesse Grayman** are leading a new undergraduate major in "Health and Society" in the School of Social Sciences. This major, which begins Semester One, introduces two new courses: HLTSOC 100, an introduction to this new field, and HLTHSOC 203, an overview of the social and political implications of pandemics. While not an Anthropology major, it is heavily informed by medical anthropology.

OCEAN VOICES FROM AOTEAROA

Romilly Cumming, a former Massey student, and **Matt Peryman**, a social researcher at Massey University studying his MA in Social Anthropology, presented their research on plastic pollution and waste colonialism as panel members on the Clean Ocean: The Equity Puzzle of Ocean Litter, part of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development 'Clean Ocean Laboratory'. Associate Professor Trisia Farrelly, who also attended the event and supervised their research, said: "Romilly and Matt made the most brilliant and articulate presentation. I was so incredibly proud of them both". The panel was presented by Ocean Voices, a UN Ocean Decade-endorsed action program within the Nippon Foundation Ocean Nexus Center.

Journal news

Susanna Trnka, Lisa Wynne and Jesse Grayman will take the helm as editors of *American Ethnologist* from March of this year – an exciting step for Anthropology in Aotearoa and the wider region.

Julie Spray is the new communications chair for the Anthropology of Children and Youth Interest Group for the American Anthropological Association. She invites your childhood-related research for promotion through the network and social media!

Susan Wardell assumed the role of Poetry Editor for *Anthropology and Humanism*, in mid-2021. In this capacity, she recently ran an ethnographic poetry workshop as part of the AAA's virtual workshops, with 50 international attendees.

Courtney Addison, with Tim Neale (Deakin U.), Kari Lancaster and Matthew Kearnes (UNSW) is an incoming editor of *Science, Technology and Human Values*, the flagship journal of the Society for Social Studies of Science.

Anthropologists in the media

A number of our colleagues have put their time into writing for popular audiences this year, with platforms in various local media.

Julie Spray has been writing about the role of children in Aotearoa's pandemic response, with pieces in RNZ and the Spinoff:

- ['Including Children in public health.'](#) Radio New Zealand Nights interview, 9th September 2021.
- ['Are we being inclusive enough of children in our pandemic response?'](#) News media article, The Spinoff, Nov 24th 2021.
- ['An update on Covid-19 for the kids of Aotearoa.'](#) News article, The Spinoff, Nov 19th 2021.
- ['Stop Saying Children are 'Resilient'.'](#) Radio New Zealand Opinion, 17th Nov 2021.

Trisia Farrely is the expert voice on this NewstalkZB Footprint: Business Sustainability podcast about plastics.

Fraser Macdonald has written several pieces for The Conversation about aspects of Covid-19 in Papua New Guinea and in Aotearoa:

- Just 1.7% of people in PNG are vaccinated against COVID. Why is resistance so fierce?
- [Spirit of resistance: why Destiny Church and other New Zealand Pentecostals oppose lockdowns and vaccination](#)

Susan Wardell wrote about the 'cyborg children' living with Type One diabetes, but without the public funding for appropriate monitoring devices, [in the Spinoff](#).

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