



Association of Social Anthropologists of Aotearoa/New Zealand

Newsletter, September 2017

## Greetings from The Chairperson

Kia Ora dear Aotearoa Anthropology community,

I am so looking forward to see many of you at our joint conference in Adelaide this December. Hopefully many of you can come and also attend the AGM and a book launch for one or even more books from our Aotearoa colleagues. It is high time we are catching up with each other and hear how Social Anthropology is faring at our universities and which new and fascinating projects are going on.



Please keep in mind that the 2018 ASAANZ conference will be jointly organised by the Massey University and Victoria University programmes.

Hopefully that will lead to a very strong group of postgraduates presentations.

See you all soon  
Brigitte

## Greetings from ASAA/NZ

Tēnā koutou katoa ASAA/NZ members,

This September 2017 issue of the newsletter is focused on some of the achievements of our community over the past few months, planning for the upcoming Shifting States conference, and features a profile of the anthropology programme at Waikato University.

This is also my first newsletter, since I took over as secretary in May 2017 at the Special General Meeting in Wellington. I am fairly new to the ASAA/NZ community, having just started in Feb 2017 as a lecture in the cultural anthropology programme at Victoria University, and have enjoyed getting to know about ASAA/NZ and its members.

I now look forward to seeing everybody in Adelaide.

Ngā mihi,  
Nayantara S. Appleton (ASAA/NZ Secretary)



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### Special Points of Interest

- Shifting Stages Conference  
Adelaide  
December 11—15, 2017



### Sites Essay Winner

We are delighted to announce that the winner of the 2017 Sites Student Essay Competition is Claire Black, currently studying for her MA in Social Anthropology at the University of Auckland. The title of her winning essay is 'Narrating Agency and Constructing Community: Commonalities and Tensions in Health Technology'. This essay will be published in the 2017 December issue of Sites (Vol 14, No 2).

Cheers

Chrys Jaye

## Honours Moderation—2017

We would like to thank the different programmes moderating honours papers this year. The exchange looks like:

1. AUT – 0 Students (Not sending for review, not reviewing any programme)
2. Massey - 0 Students (Not sending for review, but reviewing Otago)
3. Canterbury – 5 Students (Sending to Otago – Ruth Fitzgerald, but not reviewing)
4. Waikato – 4 Students (Sending to Victoria – Nayantara S. Appleton)
5. Otago - 7 Students (Sending to Massey – Jeff Sluka)
6. Auckland - 4 Students per term (Sending to Waikato – Fraser Macdonald)
7. Victoria – 7 Students (Sending to Auckland - Cris Shore)

This exchange is vital to ensure rigorousness in our honours programmes and a way to stay in touch with each other. Thank you!!!

## Publications

With great pride and joy, we share some of the publications from our ASAA/NZ community:

Andrews, R. A., & Otto, B. H. (2017). Religion as capital: Christianity in the lives of Anglo-Indian youth in India. *Journal of Contemporary Religion*, 32, 105-118.

Andrews, R. A., & Otto, B. H. (2017). Durability and change: Anglo-Indian religious practice in India and the diaspora. In A. P. Sen, & S. Bandyopadhyay (Eds.), *Religion and Modernity in India*. 290-308. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Andrews, R. A. (2017). Is the Anglo-Indian 'Identity Crisis' a Myth?. In Z. Rocha, & F. Fozdar (Eds.), *Mixed Race in Asia Past, Present and Future*. 179-194. Routledge.

Appleton, N.S. (2017) On the everyday ethics of stem cell therapies in India. In Shaw, R.M. (Ed.) *Bioethics Beyond Altruism : Donating and Transforming Human Biological Materials*. 89– 112. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan. (w/ Bharadwaj, A.).

Goldsmith, M. ( 2017). Diplomatic Rivalries and Cultural One-upmanship: New Zealand's Long Quest to Become More Pacific than Australia. *The Round Table: The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs* 106(2): 187-196.

Macdonald, F. (2017). Women, mobile phones, and M16s: Contemporary New Guinea Highlands warfare. *The Australian Journal of Anthropology*, 28, 104-119.

### BOOKS

McCormack, F. (2017) *Private Oceans: The Enclosure and Marketisation of the Seas*. Chicago, IL: Pluto Press /University of Chicago Press.

Trnka, S., & Trundle, C. (2017).(Eds.). *Competing Responsibilities The Ethics and Politics of Contemporary Life*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.

Trnka, S. (2017). *One blue child: Asthma, responsibility and the politics of global health*. Palo Alto, CA: Stanford University Press.

## Anthropology Programme Profile: Waikato University

I was nominated as the Waikato ASAANZ executive committee member earlier this year and am very much looking forward to serving in this role. While I did my anthropology undergraduate studies in UCL, London, my graduate training is firmly grounded in New Zealand. My research interests include economic and environmental anthropology, fisheries and indigeneity, though I recently branched out and published a reflective piece on Northern Ireland, my place of birth.

The anthropology programme at Waikato has had a good year, in spite of the challenges presented by the restructuring of our faculty. Our undergraduate student numbers are growing and more than half of them are Māori and/or Pacific Islanders. Of the top five students in all our first semester papers, at least three were Māori and/or Pacific Islanders. We have had two doctoral students complete this year, while four others are under examination (the latter are not listed).

Isa Ritchie: Free Lunch: Food Sovereignty in Whaingaroa.

David Foote: Laowai: Contested Identity and Imagined Community in Shanghai's Expatriate Population.

And some masters students (one currently under examination, not listed):

Darelle Howard: The Food Sovereignty Challenge to the Corporate Food Regime: Food for Thought (A+).

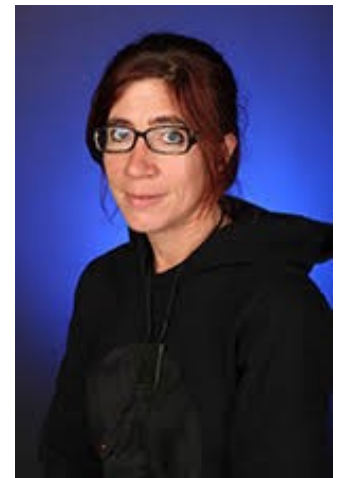
Loren Brooking: Development Agendas and Their Relationship with Secondary Education in Tanzania: (A Historical Analysis from the late 1800s until the 2000s) (A).

Stephanie Howser: Locating Mining and Agency in Recent Ethnography of Highlands Papua New Guinea (A)  
Apo Aporosa, our post-doctoral fellow, hosted a very successful workshop in April, attracting kava enthusiasts and researchers from throughout New Zealand. His research on kava continues to expand and he is currently investigating the possible mitigating effects of kava on post-traumatic stress. Our research associate, Des Kahotea, is working on a Marsden project, "Counting our Tūpuna: Colonisation and indigenous survivorship in Aotearoa NZ", the lead researcher of which is the demography expert, Tahu Kukutai. Keith Barber continues to spend part of each year with SPERI (Social Policy Ecology Research Institute), the lead civic indigenous organisation in the Mekong Highlands, Vietnam, where he serves as a senior researcher and academic mentor. Michael Goldsmith has recently published a paper, "Diplomatic Rivalries and Cultural One-upmanship: New Zealand's Long Quest to Become More Pacific than Australia" (The Round Table: The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs 106(2): 187-196 (2017)). Michael is also convening a panel at the AAS/ASA/ASAANZ conference this year together with Fraser Macdonald: Political and Religious Conversions in the Pacific. Jacinta Forde, recently elected as ASAANZ's post-graduate student representative, had her PhD (Ngā Taonga Toheroa: the significance and management of Toheroa in the Māori world) confirmed in August and is about to head north for her fieldwork.

Our three full-time staff members have recently published a number of academic works, including Tom Ryan's definitive work on tapa in Niue: Hiapo Faka-Niue: A Genealogy of Barkcloth on Niue, (in *Tapa: Southeast Asia to Eastern Polynesia*, Michel Charleux (ed). Aux Vent des Îles, Papeete/Paris, in press); Fraser Macdonald's co-authored article, Women, mobile phones, and M16s: Contemporary New Guinea Highlands warfare, (in *The Australian Journal of Anthropology*, 28, 104-119); and my (Fiona McCormack's) book: Private Oceans: The Enclosure and Marketisation of the Seas, (published by Pluto Press /University of Chicago Press).

Cheers,

Fiona McCormack



## Conference CFP

The Gender, Work, and Organisation conference in Sydney next year may be of interest to ASAA/NZ members - and is accessibly close. The CFP is open until the 1st of November.

Here's the link: <http://www.cvent.com/events/gender-work-organisation-conference-abstract-submission/custom-18-b0ba95627e51477987fa00f4e8a945c3.aspx>

## Shifting States— Conference Updates

Mark your Calendars for some ASAA/NZ Events:

- ASAA/NZ Annual General Meeting  
Wednesday, December 13th  
3:30 to 5:00 pm  
Location: TBA
- Book Launch(es) and Informal Reception  
TBA
- Keynote—Dr. Cris Shore  
Thursday, December 14th  
11:00 to 12:30  
Location: TBA



## ASAA/NZ in Chennai, India

Robyn Andrews (School of P.E.P., Massey University) and Merin Simi Raj (Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (IITM)) co-convened a three day Anglo-Indian Studies workshop in Chennai from 3-5 August titled: **“Midnight’s Orphans”: Problematising the Postcolonial in the Telling of Anglo-Indian (Hi)stories’.**

Anglo-Indian Studies is a growing area of scholarship, particularly in India – demonstrated by the 146 paper abstracts submitted for consideration. IITM sponsored the event, with some assistance from New Zealand India Research Institute (NZIRI). Robyn presented a paper: “Anglo-Indians of New Zealand: Identity and Diasporic Comparisons”

## Massey Doctoral Scholarship Recipient



**Catherine Rivera** from Massey University’s Social Anthropology programme has received a Massey Doctoral Scholarship. She will begin her PhD studies in November this year and was excited and surprised to be awarded the scholarship in July. Catherine will be researching how religious young people in New Zealand are responding to changes in the current Western political climate in the era of Trump, and how they are attempting to ‘embody’

collective citizenship through engagement with social justice issues. She holds a MA (Social Anthropology) and BA (Hons) from Massey and is currently working as a tutor at Massey’s Turitea campus for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

## News from Auckland University of Technology



### PROMOTION:

AUT promoted Eleanor Holroyd to Professor. She is a medical anthropologist based in the Department of Health. You can read more about Professor

Holroyd at: <http://www.aut.ac.nz/profiles/eleanor-holroyd>

### INDONESIA CENTRE:

AUT opened the Indonesia Centre on the 30<sup>th</sup> August, the only one in the country. The Centre will form a place for cross-disciplinary research and networking between NZ and Indonesia.

<http://www.news.aut.ac.nz/news/2017/september/world-first-indonesia-centre-opens-in-auckland>

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*“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.”*  
– Aristotle

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## Masters Updates from Victoria University of Wellington

Three graduate students have recently been awarded Master of Arts in Cultural Anthropology at Victoria University of Wellington. Congratulations to :

- Tom Loffhagen for his thesis “Life After Death: Suicide, Care and Responsibility” (supervised by Catherine Trundle and Caroline Bennett)
- Jonathan Foster for his thesis “A Place to Call My Own: Navigating Life in the Margins” and accompanying ethnographic film A Place to Call Home (supervised by Caroline Bennett and Paul Wolfram)
- Annabel Bennett for her thesis “Tourism bisnis and “making ples”: An ethnography of ni-Vanuatu bungalow and tour owners on Malekula (supervised by Lorena Gibson and Graeme Whimp).



Next Newsletter :

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- Anthropology Programme in New Zealand—Profile
- Publications
- Teaching Accolades
- Promotions
- Shifting States Conference Update
- Travel Awards Winners
- Kākano Fund Winners
- News from the membership

Email here to submit material:  
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## Call for Nominations—

### Executive Board Positions

The executive committee calls for nominations for the following representatives:

- Kākano Fund Representative (1 position)

The executive committee also calls for nominations for the following representative positions (pending approval at AGM in December 2017):

- Māori Representative (2 positions)

The two positions outlined above have been newly proposed by executive committee in consultation with Maori anthropologists in Aotearoa. The appointment of these nominations will be a two-step process - where first, the positions will have to be officially approved at the AGM and then, second the nominated members will be elected.

Details for nominations:

- These representative positions can be self-nominated or nominated by your peers.
- The nominees should be anthropologists of/in Aotearoa, New Zealand and based in research institutions here.
- The nominees have to be ASAA/NZ members at the time of elections at the 2017 AGM.
- Please email names along with a short bio that can be used at the AGM for an election in case of multiple nominations.
- The deadline for receiving nominations is Friday, December 1st, 2017.

Please feel free to contact me (Nayantara) if any additional details are required.

You can also see the current executive committee details here: [http://](http://www.asaanz.org/executive-committee/)

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