



AAPS Newsletter, April 2021

Dear Members,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2021. As we gear up for the AGM and biennial (with the exception of last year) AAPS conference next week, we offer a report from our President, Mandy Treagus. This newsletter edition also brings you details about research into COVID-19 in the Pacific, a new podcast, and some fresh off the press publications to keep you going over the Easter break.

Best wishes to all,

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2021 Symposium and AGM

There is still time to register for the HDR and ECR Symposium (April 8-9) next week - please take the opportunity to view the program and register: <http://pacificstudies.org.au/conference/aaps-2020-conference-decolonisation-and-the-trans-pacific/>.

President's Report 2021

This is a short report for straightened times, but this is not because nothing is happening in the world of Pacific Studies, which is thriving across the region. What we have not been able to do, on the whole, is to travel and to meet. It's exciting that that is finally possible next week in Melbourne. Despite the fact that the Epele Hau'ofa Memorial Lecture has not been possible again this year, we do have the consolation of a Symposium targeting postgraduate students and ECRs. Kalissa Alexeyeff, Victoria Stead and Kimberley Kruger have produced an exciting program that gives the opportunity for these commencing scholars to share their work.

Climate catastrophe remains the critical issue in the region and the planet. Fortunately the Pacific has (so far) had a better cyclone season than in the previous year. Cyclones and sea rise remain constant threats that are always present. The other threat that we are all living under is of course COVID, and fortunately much of the Pacific has been able to keep itself isolated from the spread of the virus. There has been a cost to this, but the health outcome is admirable. Unfortunately the situation in PNG is quite different, and the roll out of vaccines cannot happen fast enough there.

Thanks to all retiring members of the Executive and welcome to those who are stepping into new roles. The whole organisation is grateful for your efforts. I particularly thank Kalissa, Tori and Kim for being prepared to organise a second event after the disappointment of planning a wonderful one that could not take place last year.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Melbourne and encourage all members in your research projects. I especially welcome the increasing numbers of excellent scholars of Pacific origin who are playing a role transforming this field.

Mandy Treagus

President AAPS

Event

Proposal Writing for the Wenner-Gren Foundation: Introducing the Engaged Research Grant Program

April 19: 19:30-21:00 (ICT)

Register here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_w5iM4_KBQB2DCN7wvb1e1w

The events of 2020 have forced anthropologists to reckon with their discipline's history and the nature of the relationships they forge through their research. They are finding themselves asking themselves hard questions about the ethical implications of the work they do.

The best way to advance knowledge in anthropology is to draw on new sources of insight. The best way to ensure anthropological research has an impact is to make sure projects are meaningful for everyone involved. By supporting projects that are collaborative from the get-go, the Wenner-Gren Foundation hopes to demonstrate the value of this new approach to research for the field more generally.

Join the Foundation's president, Danilyn Rutherford, for a discussion of the [Engaged Research Grant](#) program. Danilyn will describe the program's objectives, go over the criteria of evaluation, and offer tips on writing a winning proposal. There will be lots of time for questions.

'Oceanic Societies in COVID-19'

This is a special issue of the journal *Oceania*, edited by Sophie Chao and Ute Eickelkamp, with contributions from several AAPS members.

The idea for the collection was "to make audible and visible the people and scholars of Oceania, whose lives, views, knowledges and experiences in COVID-19 have not received much engagement in both mainstream academia and news media." 26 individuals, intergenerational research collectives, and local communities from across Oceania responded to the call for scholarly and creative contributions with passion, concern, and insight, sharing articles,

photo-essays, posters, poems, and even love letters.

Access: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/18344461/2020/90/S1>

New Podcast: 'Welcome?'

'Welcome?', the podcast series, tells stories about colonised landscapes, and the people who meet in them.

Along with episodes about Kenya and Australia, there are two episodes examining the contemporary war tourism industry in PNG (Beyond Kokoda I & II), and the postcolonial relationships it gives rise to between Papua New Guineans and Australians. They're sound-rich pieces, drawing on interviews recorded during fieldwork in Oro Province.

You can subscribe and listen to the podcast here:
<https://podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/welcome/id1538651219>. Full transcripts and show notes are available on the podcast website at <http://welcomepodcast.net>.

New publications from AAPS members

Camacho, Keith (ed). May, 2021. *Reppin: Pacific Islander Youth and Native Justice*. University of Washington Press.

Case, Emalani. 2021. *Everything Ancient Was Once New: Indigenous Persistence from Hawai'i to Kahiki*. University of Hawai'i Press.

Craig, A.T., Kama, N., Fafale, G. *et al.* Citizen science as a tool for arboviral vector surveillance in a resourced-constrained setting: results of a pilot study in Honiara, Solomon Islands, 2019. *BMC Public Health* 21, 509 (2021).
<https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-021-10493-6>. <https://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12889-021-10493-6#citeas>

Victoria Stead and Jon Altman, eds. 2019. *Labour Lines and Colonial Power: Indigenous and Pacific Islander Labour Mobility in Australia*. Canberra: ANU Press.

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