

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Indigenous Studies
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EDUCATION

- PH.D. UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MĀNOA, AUGUST 2016
MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY
Dissertation Title: Siu i Moana: Navigating Female Cancer Experience in the Kingdom of Tonga. (Doctoral Chair: Ty Kawika Tengan)
- M.A. UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MĀNOA, AUGUST 2007
CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY
Sub-specializations: Medical Anthropology and Ethnobotany
- B.A. BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY-UTAH, APRIL 2004
CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY
Minors: Botany and International Development

CERTIFICATES

- Certificate, Cancer Patient Navigation, ʻImi Hale, Papa Ola Lokahi, Honolulu, HI (2011)
- Graduate Certificate, Tropical Ethnobotany, National Tropical Botanical Garden (2004)

RESEARCH AREAS & INTERESTS

- Indigenous Anthropology in/of Oceania; Critical Oceanic Ethnic Studies; Critical Medical Anthropology; Critical theory applied to indigenous health and biomedicine, Colonialism and health disparities, Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK); Pacific Ethnobotany, Climate change and agricultural food systems, Food sovereignty; Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR); Indigenous and Decolonial theory and methodologies; Critical pedagogies; Gender studies.

CURRENT POSITIONS

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR – FALL 2021-PRESENT

Department of Ethnic Studies, Oregon State University

Courses:

- ES 101: Introduction to Ethnic Studies (Campus and Ecampus)
- ES 260: Introduction to Pacific Islands Studies (Campus and Ecampus)
- ES 399/499: Race, Globalization, and Pacific Island Societies
- ES/FCSJ 464/564: Food and Ethnic Identity: Decolonizing Food and the Body (Campus and Ecampus)

- ANTH 317: Peoples of the World – Pacific
- ANTH 383H: Introduction to Medical Anthropology (Honors)

INSTRUCTOR– FALL 2018-SUMMER 2021

Department of Ethnic Studies and Anthropology, Oregon State University

- Created inaugural Pacific Islands Studies course and contributed to the development of Pacific Islands Studies focused courses and Indigenous Studies Minor.

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW – OCT. 2016- DEC. 2021

Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Management, University of Hawai'i

Research/Project Highlights:

- Department of Interior (DOI) and USDA Climate Hub funded research on climate adaptation, agriculture and food security in the U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands of American Sāmoa, CNMI, Federated States of Micronesia (Pohnpei & Chuuk), Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas (CNMI) and Hawai'i.
- Conducted on-site situational analysis of agricultural, government and non-profits sectors.
- Co-developed and facilitated locally based Climate Change Forums involving strategic collaborations between multi-level government, community stakeholders and agricultural producers.
- Co-developed Climate & Agriculture “Declarations Statements” and policy documents for local and national government use.
- Currently conducting a Traditional Use Study for the National Park of American Sāmoa engaging local farmers in the documentation of indigenous resources use, management and planning.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- ANTHRO 427: Food, Health and Society, UH Mānoa
- ANTHRO/ETHNIC STUDIES 486 - Peoples of Hawai'i, UH Mānoa
- ANTH 317: Peoples of the World – Pacific, OSU
- ANTH 380H: Introduction to Medical Anthropology (Honors), OSU
- ETHNIC STUDIES/FOOD IN CULTURE & SOCIAL JUSTICE 464/564: Food and Ethnic Identity: Decolonizing Food and the Body, OSU
- ETHNIC STUDIES 392 – Change in the Pacific – Polynesia, UH Mānoa
- ETHNIC STUDIES 260 – Introduction to Pacific Islands Studies, OSU
- ETHNIC STUDIES 399/599 – Race, Globalization and Pacific Island Societies, OSU
- INTERNATIONAL AREA STUDIES 260 - South Pacific Field Study Preparation, Brigham Young University-Utah
- INTERNATIONAL AREA STUDIES 399/599 - Coordinated & Supervised Ethnographic Field School, Tongatapu and Neiafu, Tonga; BYU-Utah
- INTEGRATED BIOLOGY 497R - Ethnobotanical Field Research Methods, Dept. of Integrative Biology, Brigham Young University-Utah
- PACIFIC ISLANDS STUDIES (PACS) 108: Pacific Worlds, UH Mānoa

Courses Assisted with Teaching (as TA and/or Grader)

- ANTH 350 - Pacific Island Cultures, Department of Anthropology, UH Mānoa
- ANTH 151 - Emerging Humanity, Department of Anthropology, UH Mānoa
- ANTH 152 - Culture and Humanity, Department of Anthropology, UH Mānoa

- ANTH 101 - Introduction to Anthropology, Department of Anthropology, BYU-Utah
- DANCE 175 – Ethnic Dance Beginning – Polynesian, Dept. of Dance, BYU-Utah
- DANCE 275 – Polynesian Dance: Practice and Theory, Dept. of Dance, BYU-Utah
- ETHNIC STUDIES 442 - Ethnographic Research Methods, UH Mānoa
- WOMEN’S STUDIES 418 - Women and Work, UH Mānoa

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

LECTURER– FALL 2017 – SUMMER 2019

DEPTS OF ANTHROPOLOGY & ETHNIC STUDIES, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT - JULY 2007- JULY 2016

WOMEN’S CENTER, Bridge to Hope Program, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT - JUNE-AUG 2010; JUNE-AUG 2011

DEPARTMENT OF ETHNIC STUDIES, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.

ASSISTANT PROGRAM COORDINATOR - JUNE-AUG 2012:

UCLA/UH Travel Study Program, Department of Ethnic Studies, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT - FALL 2012; SPRING 2012; SPRING 2013

WOMEN’S CENTER/Department of Women’s Studies, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT & GRADER - AUG 2006-DEC 2007

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.

GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT - AUG 2005-MAY 2006

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.

FIELD STUDIES PROGRAM OFFICER - SEPT 2000-MAY 2004

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL AREA STUDIES, Brigham Young University-Provo
Coordinated and supervised two field schools in Tonga (undergraduate and graduate level).

TEACHING ASSISTANT - JAN 2003-MAY 2003

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY, Brigham Young University-Provo.

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH ASSISTANT - JAN 2001-MAY 2001:

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY, Brigham Young University-Provo.
Assisted with ethnobotanical field study focused on limu/seaweed use in Tonga.

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS & AWARDS

2016-2018 Postdoctoral Fellow, Pacific Islands Climate Change Cooperative (PICCC)

2015-16 East-West Center Student Affiliate, Honolulu, Hawai‘i

2015 Richard W. Lieban Scholarship for Anthropology Dissertation Award

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| 2014-15 | Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i (RCUH) Graduate Fellowship |
| 2013-14 | American Association for University Women (AAUW) Postgraduate Scholarship |
| 2011-12 | American Association for University Women (AAUW) Pacific Fellowship |
| 2008-16 | Anthropology Achievement Scholarship, University of Hawai'i (Tuition waiver) |
| 2008-09 | Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship to Study Tongan Language |
| 2008-09 | Stars of Oceania Scholarship, University of Hawai'i |
| 2008-09 | Pacific Asian Scholarship, University of Hawai'i (Tuition waiver) |
| 2007-08 | East-West Center Student Affiliate |
| 2006-07 | East-West Center Alumni Scholarship |
| 2006 | National Science Foundation (NSF), Pacific Islands Field Training Scholarship, Roviana and Vonavona Lagoons, Solomon Islands. (Travel, room & board) |
| 2005 | Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation Biology Award, University of Hawai'i |
| 1999-2004 | National Collegiate Scholar |
| 1998-2004 | Multicultural Leadership Scholarship, Brigham Young University-Utah (Tuition and books) |

RESEARCH & TRAVEL GRANTS

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| 2019-22 | National Parks Services (NPS) Grant for Traditional Use Study (Terrestrial and Marine Resources) at the National Park of American Sāmoa (with C. Trauernicht) |
| 2020 | Office of Faculty Affairs at OSU Grant to attend ASAO Conference, Hilo, HI |
| 2018 | Western Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Professional Development Program Grant to conduct Climate Change Workshops in Pohnpei and Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia (with C. Trauernicht) |
| 2017-18 | U.S. Department of Interior (DOI), Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) grant to conduct Climate Change and Agriculture workshops in the U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands (Guam, Saipan, American Sāmoa) (with C. Trauernicht) |
| 2017 | Pacific Island Climate Change Cooperative (PICCC) travel grant to attend the Island Sustainability Conference in Guam. |
| 2016-17 | USDA Climate Hub travel funding to attend SW Climate Hub Climate Change Workshop in Tuscan, AZ. |
| 2015 | East-West Center Travel Award to attend American Anthropology Association (AAA) Conference in Denver, CO. |

- 2015 UH Mānoa Anthropology Departmental Travel Award
- 2014 National Institutes of Health (NIH), RMATRIX II Grant for travel to the International Pacific Health Conference, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2014 UH Mānoa Anthropology Departmental Travel Award
- 2013, 2014 UH Mānoa Arts & Sciences Research Award for research in New Zealand & Tonga
- 2013, 2014 UH Mānoa Graduate Student Organization Grant for Research in NZ & Tonga
- 2013 Travel Award for Te Whare Kura: Tuia Nga Aho o Te Matauranga: Weaving the Threads of Indigenous Knowledges – International Post-Graduate Symposium, University of Auckland, New Zealand
- 2009 UH Mānoa Arts & Sciences Research Award for research in New Zealand
- 2007 Pacific Islands Scholars Travel Award to attend annual meeting of the Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania (ASAO)
- 2007 UH Mānoa Anthropology Departmental Travel Award
- 2007 East-West Center Summer Travel Award
- 2003 BYU Office of Research and Creative Activities Grant for research in Ghana
- 2000, 2002 BYU Service-Learning Scholarship for research in New Zealand and Tonga
- 2000-03 BYU International Study Programs Scholarships for research in New Zealand, Tonga and Ghana, Brigham Young University
- 2001 BYU Mentorship Grant for research in Tonga

INTERNATIONAL FIELD RESEARCH, TRAVEL & INTERNSHIPS

- 2018-19 – *Field Research* in American Sāmoa (April 2018, June 2018, Sept 2019)
- 2017 – *Field Research* in Guam and Saipan, Marianas Islands (July-August 2017)
- 2017 – *Field Research*, Kaho‘olawe, Hawai‘i, Pokaneloa (March 2017)
- 2016 – *Participant* “Future Leaders of the Pacific Youth Conference” at the East–West Center, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, August 30 – September 1, 2016.
- 2014 – *Field Research & Internship*, Ministry of Health, Public Health Division Tonga (5.5 months)
- 2013 – *Field Research & Internship*, Ministry of Health, Public Health Division Tonga (2.5 months)
- 2013 – *Field Research*, Auckland, New Zealand (1 month)
- 2012 – *Field Research*, Auckland, New Zealand and Nuku‘alofa, Tonga (1 month)

- 2009 – *Internship*, Pacific Health Research Centre, University of Auckland, New Zealand (Spring ‘09)
- 2007 – *Internship*, Life Foundation – HIV/AIDS Service Provider, Honolulu, HI (4 months)
- 2006 – *Field Training Program*, Pacific Islands Field Training Program, National Science Foundation (NSF), Roviana, Solomon Islands (2 months)
- 2004 – *Field Research*, Port Antonio/Blue Mountains, Jamaica (6 weeks)
- 2003 – *Field Research*, Ashante-Mampong, Ghana (2 months)
- 2002 – *Field Research*, Tongatapu, ‘Eua, and Vava’u Islands, Kingdom of Tonga (4 months)
- 2001 – *Field Research*, Tongatapu and Vava’u Islands, Kingdom of Tonga (5 months)
- 2000 – *Internship/Field Research*, Auckland’s Regional Botanical Garden & University of Auckland (4 months)

PUBLICATIONS

- 2023 *Under Review* (Invited) Special Issue on Food Sovereignty in Oceania. *Journal of Pacific Studies* (Expected publication: first issue in 2024).
- 2023 *Book Manuscript in Preparation*. “Siu i Moana: Navigating Female Cancer Experience in the Kingdom of Tonga”. Pacific Island Monograph Series. Center for Pacific Islands Studies (CPIS). University of Hawaii at Manoa.
- 2023 *In Preparation* – Fifita, P. Unsettling Climate Vulnerability in Oceania: Grounding and Re-centering Indigenous Knowledge and Practice within Climate Adaptation Planning. *Ecology and Society*.
- 2023 *In Preparation* – Fifita, P. Female Cancers and the Embodiment of Social Inequality in the Kingdom of Tonga. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*.
- 2023 *In Preparation* – Fifita, P. Invoking Fonua: A Methodology for (Re)centering Women’s Lives through Cancer Illness Narratives. *Journal of Indigenous Wellbeing*.
- 2023 Film Review, “The Healer and the Psychiatrist” *The Journal of the Contemporary Pacific*.
- 2023 Fifita, P. Technical Contributor, National Climate Assessment (NCA), 5th edition – Hawai‘i and the Pacific Islands – Agriculture Chapter. (Under Review)
- 2022 Fifita, P., N. Motu, and C. Trauernicht. Traditional Use Study: Ethnographic Study of Traditional Plant and Marine Resource Use at the National Park of American Sāmoa. Report Prepared for the National Park Service of American Samoa.
- 2020 Fifita, P. and C. Trauernicht. “Federated States of Micronesia Climate Forum,” College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) at the University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI, Technical Report for the U.S. Office of Insular Affairs, Jan 2020.
- 2018 Fifita, P. Technical Contributor, National Climate Assessment (NCA), 4th edition – Pacific Islands – Water Resources Chapter.
- 2018 Fifita, P. and C. Trauernicht. “American Samoa Extension Climate Forum,” College of

- Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) at the University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI, Technical Report for the U.S. Office of Insular Affairs, June 2018.
- 2017 Fifita, P. and C. Trauernicht. “Hawaii Extension Climate Forum,” College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) at the University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI, Technical Report for the U.S. Office of Insular Affairs, June 2017.
- 2017 Fifita, P. and C. Trauernicht. “Guam Extension Climate Forum,” College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) at the University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI, Technical Report for the U.S. Office of Insular Affairs, Oct. 2017.
- 2017 Fifita, P. and C. Trauernicht. “Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas (CNMI) Extension Climate Forum,” College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) at the University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI, Technical Report for the U.S. Office of Insular Affairs, Nov. 2017.
- 2017 Spooner, D., D. Polhemus, W. Peterson, M. Gombos, W. Miles, S. Enomoto, M. Speicher, and P. Fifita. 2017. Climate Change Adaptation Planning in the U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands: Assessment of Current Capacity and Recommendations for Future Opportunities. Honolulu, USA: Pacific Islands Climate Change Cooperative.
- 2017 Fifita, P. and C. Trauernicht. “Climate Smart Agriculture in the Pacific” – Factsheet. Honolulu, HI: Pacific Islands Climate Change Cooperative (PICCC).
- 2014 Fifita, P. “Navigating Breast Cancer/Fakataukei ki he Kanisa Huhu”, Health Education Informational Pamphlet for the Tongan Ministry of Health (MOH) and the Tongan Breast Cancer Society (TCBS), English and Tongan translations, Nuku’alofa, Tonga, October 2015.
- 2009 “Pacific Pathways to Sexual Violence Prevention”, multi-authored Report Prepared for the Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs. Auckland, New Zealand, August 2009.
- 2007 Fifita, P. “Valuing Traditional Knowledge: An Ethnobotanical Review of Herbal Medicine in Tonga,” *Pacific Rim Studies Journal*, 1:69-83.

MEDIA & PUBLIC OUTREACH

- 2022 Interviewee, “Cluster hire” allows SLCS to proceed with plans to launch a minor in Indigenous Studies” College of Liberal Arts (CLA) News, Oregon State University. <https://liberalarts.oregonstate.edu/2022-03-15-cluster-hire>
- 2022 Interviewee, “Indigenous Studies minor to start at OSU as three Indigenous faculty members are given tenure track,” Daily Barometer, Oregon State University, May 12, 2022. <https://dailybaro.orangemedianetwork.com/16753/daily-barometer-news/indigenous-studies-minor-to-start-at-osu-as-three-indigenous-faculty-members-are-given-tenure-track/>
- 2021 Interviewee, “Food as a Portal -- to Myself,” YES! Magazine, November 18, 2021. <https://www.yesmagazine.org/opinion/2021/11/18/food-culture-identity-portal>
- 2018 Interviewee, “Workshop looks at impacts of climate change on food,” *Talane'i*. July 6, 2018, American Sāmoa. <https://www.talanci.com/2018/07/06/workshop-looks-at-impacts-of-climate-change-on-food/>

- 2017 Interviewee, “Two-day forum on climate change and its impact on islands,” *Marianas Variety*, Nov 3 (Lori Lyn C. Lirio, Author). <http://www.mvariety.com/cnmi/cnmi-news/local/99812-two-day-forum-on-climate-change-and-its-impact-on-islands>
- 2017 Guest, “CNMI Extension Climate Forum,” KKMP, Morning Show, October 31 (G. Sword, Host), Saipan, CNMI.
- 2016 Spokesperson, “AAUW Honolulu,” KITV NEWS, Morning Sunrise Program, February.
- 2016 Spokesperson, “AAUW Honolulu,” PSA video recording on equal educational opportunities for women and girls in Hawai‘i for ‘OLELO public access television, February.
- 2014 Guest, “Breast Cancer Awareness Month: Navigating Care in Tonga,” Broadcom FM89.5 Radio Show, Nuku‘alofa, Tonga, October 19 (A. Fonokalafi, Host).
- 2014 Guest/Interviewee, “Pacific Islander Women’s Health,” Special segment of *Get Up Stand Up Show* honoring International Women’s Day, UTAHFM.org, March 8 (K. Moala and E. Moala, Co-hosts).
- 2013 Guest, “Hama e Vaka ‘o e ‘Api: Navigation Program,” Tonga Broadcasting Program for Women, AM Radio Tonga 1 and Kool 90FM (Radio Tonga 2), October 23 (With A. Afuha‘amango, Guest and U. Moala, Host).
- 2013 Co-Host, “Siu i Moana: Navigating Breast Cancer in Tonga,” Television Tonga, Tonga Broadcasting Commission, October 25 (With A. Afuha‘amango, Co-Host).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 Panelist for session entitled: “Managing for Abundance: Purple Prairies as Indigenous Place Keeping,” Washington Oregon Higher Education Sustainability Conference, Oregon State University, Feb. 10, 2023.
- 2023 Reclaiming Oceanic Food Sovereignty and Centering Indigenous Ecologies in the Face of Global Climate Change” Prepared for “Food Sovereignty in the Pacific” Working Session. Association of Social Anthropology in Oceania (ASAO) Conference, Kona, HI. February, 2-5, 2023.
- 2023 Participant in Informal Session: “Stories about Birth, Cultural Celebrations, Cultural Observations.” Association of Social Anthropology in Oceania (ASAO) Conference Kona, HI, February 2023.
- 2023 “Unsettling island vulnerability and recentring indigenous oceanic ecologies in the face of climate change,” University-Wide Ignite Research Colloquium: Climate Change and Human Health, Oregon State University.
- 2022 “Saltwater Rinse: Feminist Sense-making of Language and Loss in the Midst of COVID-19” Roundtable Session for National Women’s Studies Association Conference, Minneapolis, MN, November 2022.
- 2022 “Talanoa: Indigenous Oceanian Feminisms & Protecting the Sacred.” Special Event Session for National Women’s Studies Association Conference, Minneapolis, MN, November 2022.

- 2022 “Reclaiming Resilient Pacific Island Food Systems and Sovereignty in the Face of Global Climate Change” Prepared for “Food Sovereignty in the Pacific” Working Session. Association of Social Anthropology in Oceania (ASAO) Conference, Portland, OR, January, 2022.
- 2021 “Reclaiming Resilient Pacific Island Food Systems and Sovereignty in the Face of Global Climate Change” Prepared for “Food Sovereignty in the Pacific” Informal Session. Association of Social Anthropology in Oceania (ASAO) Conference, Suva, Fiji (remote), February 2021.
- 2020 “Unsettling Climate Vulnerability: Foregrounding Indigenous Knowledge for Resilient Island Futures. Prepared for “Climate Change, Food Security and Agriculture” session. Association of Social Anthropology in Oceania (ASAO) Conference, Hilo, HI. January 24-26.
- 2020 “Embodied Inequalities and Constellating Space for Indigenous Medical Anthropology in Oceania: An Intersectional Approach. Prepared for “Decolonizing Anthropology: A View from Oceania” session. Association of Social Anthropology in Oceania (ASAO) Conference, Hilo, HI. January 24-26.
- 2019 “Constellating Emergent Spaces for Indigenous Medical Anthropology and Praxis in/Oceania.” Prepared for Critical Interventions: Examining Indigenous Roles in Academe session for the Native American and Indigenous Studies Conference, Hamilton, New Zealand, June 26-29. (Abstract Accepted)
- 2018 “Building Resilient Pacific Island Food Production Systems and Communities in the Face of Climate Change.” International Conference on Environmental Futures: Human and Island Environments, Honolulu, HI. April 2018.
- 2018 “Navigating Cancer and the Politics of Healthcare and Healing in Tonga.” Prepared for Working Session “Healthy Islands, Healthy People” at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania (ASAO), New Orleans, Louisiana, February 2018.
- 2017 “Climate Vulnerability and Resilience in the Pacific Islands: Knowing, Adapting and Navigating the Future of our Islands.” CNMI Extension Climate Forum, Saipan, CNMI, November 2017.
- 2017 “Climate Vulnerability and Resilience in the Pacific Islands: Knowing, Adapting and Navigating the Future of our Islands” & “Climate Tools & Resources for the Pacific Islands.” Guam Extension Climate Forum, Guam, October 2017.
- 2017 “Oceania's Urban Canvas: (Re)visioning a Sense of Place through Public Art in the Transnational Pacific.” Prepared for “Pacific Worlding and the ‘Ephemerally Concrete’” for the European Society for Oceanists (ESfO) Conference, Munich, Germany, June 2017. (Abstract Accepted with R. Fifita)
- 2017 “Deconstructing Vulnerability and Resilience in the Pacific Islands.” Hawai‘i Extension Climate Forum, East-West Center (EWC), Honolulu, HI, June 2017.
- 2017 “Pacific Islands Agroforestry Climate Change Initiative.” Island Sustainability Conference, Guam, April 2017.

- 2017 “Health Promotion and the Politics of Female Cancer Care in Tonga.” Prepared for Informal Session “Healthy Islands, Healthy People” at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania (ASAO), Lihue, Kauai, February 7-11. (Abstract Accepted)
- 2016 “Traversing Gender, Illness and Class Boundaries: Navigating the Politics of Female Cancer Experience in Tonga.” Tides of Transformation: Pacific Pasts, Pacific Futures, Australian Association for Pacific Studies Conference, Cairns, Australia, April 2016 (Abstract accepted).
- 2015 “Strange Affinities of Indigenous Anthropology: Alter-natives and Ethnographic Refusals.” Roundtable Presenter at the American Anthropological Association (AAA) Conference, Denver, CO, November 2015.
- 2015 “Navigating Female Cancer Care: Illness Experience and the Politics of Healing in Tonga,” Panelist for Session entitled: *The clinical way: Exploring Biomedicine and Public Health in the Pacific* for the European Society for Oceanists (ESfO) Conference, Brussels, Belgium, June 2015. (Abstract accepted).
- 2014 “Navigating Female Cancers, Illness Experience and Health Seeking Behavior in Tonga: Indigenous Articulations of Health, Culture and Modernity. Paper presented at the International Pacific Health Conference, Auckland, New Zealand, Nov 2014.
- 2014 “Navigating Female Cancers, Illness Experience and Health Seeking Behavior in Tonga: Indigenous Articulations of Health, Culture and Modernity. Paper presented at the NAISA Conference, Austin, TX, May 2014.
- 2013 “Navigating Female Cancers, Illness Experience and Healing in Tonga: Indigenous Articulations of Culture and Modernity.” Paper presented at the Te Whare Kura: Tuia Nga Aho o Te Matauranga: Weaving the Threads of Indigenous Knowledges – International Post-Graduate Symposium, Auckland, New Zealand, July 2013.
- 2011 “Rooted and Grounded: Food, Health and Culture among Tongans.” Paper introduced at Informal Session at the Annual Meetings of Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania, Honolulu, HI, February 2011.
- 2007 “Traditional Medicine at the Interface of Modernity: Negotiations of Globalization and Health in Tonga.” Paper presented at “Indigenous Anthropology” Working Session at the Annual Meetings of Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania, Charlottesville, Virginia, February 21-24.
- 2004 Preserving Traditional Knowledge in Tonga: An Ethnobotanical Exploration. Paper presented at Pacific Islanders Symposium, Brigham Young University-Utah, November 6.
- 2004 Ghanaian Healing and Medicine: An Ethnobotanical Study of Medicinal Plants Among the Ashanti Healers. Paper presented at the International Inquiry Conference, Brigham Young University-Utah, March 4-6.
- 2003 Traditional Herbal Knowledge in the Tongan Islands. Paper presented at the International Inquiry Conference, Brigham Young University-Utah, March 3-5.

INVITED COLLOQUIUM, PRESENTATIONS AND GUEST LECTURES

- 2023 Invited Speaker, “Moving Towards Healing: Understanding the Impacts of Colonization on Indigenous Peoples’ Health,” InterCommunity Health Network Coordinated Care Organization Webinar, July 2023. (w/L. Whitebear)
- 2023 Guest Speaker, WGSS 513: Orientation and Professionalization III (M. Sharazi)
- 2023 Guest Speaker, MAST 300: Society, Culture and the Marine Environment (S. Bernardin)
- 2022 Guest Speaker, SOC481/581: Society and Natural Resources (L. Cramer)
- 2022 Respondent, "Of Mimicry & Mai" Koka'anga” Talk by Dr. 'Ilaheva's Book Proposal Talk Tongan Scholars Speaker Series, April 15th.
- 2021 “Indigenous Agricultural Systems and Climate Adaptation in the Pacific Islands” Invited Speaker for Lunch with Forages E-Forum Series by the Oregon Forage and Grassland Council, Oct. 2021.
- 2021 Invited panelist for “APIDAHM: Stories of (Im)migration” hosted by Asian Pacific Cultural Center (APCC) and “HereToStay”, Oregon State University, May 20th.
- 2021 Charting Pacific Futures: Navigating Pacific Pathways in Academia. Workshop presentation for the Oregon State University Pacific Islander Club (PIC), Jan 27.
- 2020 Invited panelist for the “Healer and the Psychiatrist” film screening and panel discussion for the Society for Visual Anthropology Film Festival, December 10.
- 2020 “Unsettling Climate Vulnerability in Oceania: Foregrounding Indigenous Knowledge & Reclamation Toward Resilient Island Futures,” Invited Lecturer, Anthropology Lecture Series, Oregon State University, Jan 2020.
- 2019 “Indigenous Anthropology and Health Justice,” Guest Lecturer, WGSS 583: Gender, Race, Ethnicity and Health Justice. Oregon State University, Jan 2019.
- 2016 “Talanoa Mai, Let’s Talk: Creating a Dialogue to Increase Institutional Support for Pacific Islander Students and Communities at Oregon State University,” Invited Panelist, Asian and Pacific Cultural Center (APCC). Oregon State University, May 2016.
- 2015 “La’au Lapa’au: Integrating Herbal Medicine and Pathways to Health and Healing,” Guest Lecturer for Nā Pua No’eau Summer Institute (E. Makepa-Foley). University of Hawai’i at Mānoa, July 2015.
- 2014 “Female Cancer Experience in Tonga: Pathways to Appropriate Prevention and Treatment,” Presentation for the ‘Ahopanilolo Technical Institute Breast Cancer Awareness Dinner, Nuku’alofa, Tonga. Oct. 2014.
- 2014 “Tongan Modernity and Transnationalism: Expressions of Culture and Identity.” Guest lecturer for Anthro 350: Pacific Island Cultures (F. Young). University of Hawai’i at Mānoa, Oct. 2014.
- 2014 Panel discussant for “Leaving home, going ‘home’: second generation Tongan identity journeys” presentation by Dr. Helen Lee for the Center for Pacific Island Studies Colloquium Series, University of Hawai’i at Mānoa, February 19.

- 2013 “Culturally Based Approaches to NCD Prevention for Pacific Islander Populations: Pili Ohana and Cancer Patient Navigation” Presentation for the Tongan Ministry of Health, Public Health Division, Vaiola Hospital, Tongatapu. Nov. 2013.
- 2013 “Siu i Moana: Cancer Patient Navigation in Tonga” Presentation for the Tongan Nurses Association, Vaiola Hospital, Tongatapu. Nov. 2013.
- 2012 “Navigating Cancer in Tonga: Articulations of Health and Disease at the Interface of Modernity,” Presentation for AAUW Scholarships Award Dinner, September 2012.
- 2011 “Understanding Pacific Economies in the Context of Indigenous Ways of Knowing and Being”, Presenter, Hawai‘i–Kakou Mural Project Workshop, September 2011.
- 2011 “Multicultural Hawai‘i & Sustainability.” Guest lecturer for School of Pacific and Asian Studies (P. Lau). University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, August 2011.
- 2010 “Multicultural Issues in Hawai‘i.” Guest lecturer for School of Pacific and Asian Studies (M. Wheeler). University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, August 2010.
- 2010 “Social Science Research Ethics.” Guest lecturer for Ethnic Studies 447: Social Science Research Methods (R. Labrador). University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, January 14.
- 2009 Panel presenter for “Pacific Cultural Anthropology” for the Department of Anthropology Colloquium Series (co-sponsored by the Center for Pacific Island Studies), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, October 1.
- 2008 “Pacific Peoples and Migration.” Guest lecturer for Asian American Studies 143B: Immigration and Multiculturalism in Hawai‘i (R. Labrador), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, July 28.
- 2006 “Ethnomedical Traditions of Roviana, Western Solomon Islands.” Guest Lecturer for Anthropology 425: Medical Anthropology (H. Young Leslie), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, November 17.
- 2005 Ashanti Healers: An Examination of Ethnomedical Traditions in Ghana. Paper presented in Cultural Forum Series, Chemeketa Community College, Jan 15.
- 2003 Tongan Cultural Presenter for K-12 students in Salt Lake City, UT School District, International Outreach Project, Brigham Young University-Utah.
- 2002 Preserving Traditional Plant Knowledge in Tonga: An Ethnobotanical Perspective. Paper presented in International Field Studies Cultural Forum, Brigham Young University-Utah, February 5.

CONFERENCE PANELS AND SESSION ORGANIZATION

- 2023 Co-organized Symposium Session: “Food Sovereignty in the Pacific Islands (ASAO) Conference, Kona, HI. (With J. Wagner and K. Riley).
- 2022 Co-organized Working Session entitled: “Food Sovereignty in the Pacific Islands (ASAO) Conference, Portland, OR. (With J. Wagner and K. Riley).
- 2021 Co-organized Working Session entitled: “Food Sovereignty in the Pacific Islands (ASAO)

- Conference, Suva, Fiji. (With J. Wagner and K. Riley).
- 2020 Co-organized Workshop entitled: (Re)presentations of Oceania: Identity, Art and Creative Expression. Pacific Islanders Student Association (PISA) Conference, Oregon State University, March 2020. (With R. Fifita).
- 2020 Co-organized Working Session entitled: “Climate Change, Food Security and Agriculture” for the Association of Social Anthropology in Oceania (ASAO) Conference, Hilo, HI and Portland, OR in 2021. (With J. Wagner and K. Riley).
- 2017 Co-organized Panel for Session Entitled: “*Pacific Worlding and the ‘Ephemerally Concrete’*” for the European Society for Oceanists (ESfO) Conference, Munich, Germany, June 2017. (With L. Kauvaka and L. Irvine).

CONFERENCE AND SYMPOSIUM ORGANIZATION

- 2020 *Co-Organizer*, Federated States of Micronesia (Chuuk State) Extension Climate Forum, University of Hawai‘i. January 2020 (w/C. Trauernicht).
- 2020 *Co-Organizer*, Federated States of Micronesia (Pohnpei) Extension Climate Forum, University of Hawai‘i. January 2020 (w/C. Trauernicht).
- 2018 *Co-Organizer*, American Sāmoa Extension Climate Forum, University of Hawai‘i and American Sāmoa Community College. June 2018 (w/C. Trauernicht).
- 2017 *Co-Organizer*, Guam Extension Climate Forum, University of Hawai‘i and University of Guam. October 2017 (w/C. Trauernicht).
- 2017 *Co-Organizer*, CNMI Extension Climate Forum, University of Hawai‘i and National College of Marianas (NMC), November 2017 (w/C. Trauernicht).
- 2017 *Co-Organizer*, Hawai‘i Extension Climate Forum, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, East-West Center, Honolulu, HI. (w/C. Trauernicht).
- 2004 *Co-Organizer*, Pacific Islander Symposium, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT, November 2004 (w/ V. Narsimulu).
- 2003 *Organizer*, International Field Studies Inquiry Conference, Department of International Area Studies, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT, March 3-5.

DEPARTMENT & UNIVERSITY SERVICE AND COMMITTEES @ OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

- 2023 Co-organized inaugural OSU Pasifika Fest with the Pacific Islander Association (PIA), 1000+ attendees, Spring 2023
- 2023 Co-Curator of Exhibit entitled, “Stars of Oceania” Student Experience Center (May 2023) and Asian Pacific Cultural Center (June 2023), Oregon State University.
- 2023 Member of Promotion & Tenure Committee for Department of Anthropology, 3 candidates (Chair, K. Maes)

- 2023 Member of the Humanities and Science Review Committee for the Interdisciplinary Student Fellowship
- 2023 Member of the Review Committee for the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship
- 2023 Member of the Core Leadership, President’s Commission on Indigenous Affairs (PCIA)
- 2022 Member of the Search Committee for the position of SLCS Head Advisor
- 2022 Member of Ethnic Studies K-12 Summer Institute Planning Committee
- 2021- Member of the Indigenous Studies Minor Development Committee
- 2021- Member of Marine Studies Program Diversity and Inclusion Community of Practice Working Group.
- 2021- Faculty Mentor for Beaver Connect Program for Students of Color. Educational Opportunities Program (EOP).
- 2021- Faculty Mentor for Nia Black Scholar & munk-skukum Indigenous Living Learning Communities (LLCs)
- 2021- Member of Search Committee for the position of CAPS Coordinator of Indigenous Student Mental Health and Wellness
- 2021- Member of the President’s Commission on the Status of Women
- 2021 Presenter for “Professional Development Workshop: Charting Pacific Futures and Navigating Pacific Pathways in Academia.” for the Pacific Islander Club (PIC), Jan 27.
- 2020 Co-Curator of Exhibit entitled, “Roots: Enduring (Re)presentations of Oceania,” Native American Longhouse Eena Haws, Oregon State University.
- 2019-20 Advisor and Co-organizer of the Pacific Islander Student Association (PISA) Conference hosted at Oregon State University, March 2020.
- 2018 - Faculty Advisor and Committee Member for: *PhD Students (2); MA Students (2); BA Honors Students (2)*
- 2018- Member of the Advisory Council for the Asian Pacific Cultural Center (APCC)
- 2018- Member of the Advisory Council for the Kaku-Ixt Mana Ina Haws Cultural Center
- 2018- Faculty Advisor for the Pacific Islander Association (PIA)
- 2018-19 Member of the Student Success Working Group, School of Language of Culture (SLCS)
- 2018- Member of the Pacific Islander Task Force

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- 2023 Manuscript Review for *Contingencies: A Journal of Global Pedagogy*, special issue on

Indigenous Pedagogy.

- 2023 Member of Adjudication Committee for “Turning the Tide: Climate Change, Social Change, and Islandness,” the Second International Conference on Small Island States and Subnational Island Jurisdictions. University of Aruba and University of Prince Edward Island, Aruba, Oct 23-26.
- 2021-23 Doctoral Dissertation and Post-doctoral Research Funding Application Reviewer for the Wenner-Gren Foundation.
- 2019- Manuscript Review for *The Contemporary Pacific*
- 2018 Manuscript Review for the National Science Foundation (NSF) – Cultural Anthropology Program.
- 2017- Scholarship Review for Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF).
- 2015-17 Member of the Scholarships Committee, American Association of University Women (AAUW), Honolulu Branch.
- 2015 *Dignitary Liaison*, East West Center (EWC), Wednesday Evening Seminar Program.
- 2008-9 *Graduate Student Representative* for the Commission on the Status of Women, University of Hawai‘i.

CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT & OTHER SERVICE

- 2023 Indigenous Plant Project: New Zealand Flax/Harakeke Planting, Reciprocity Garden, Oak Creek Center for Urban Horticulture, Oregon State University. April, 2023.
- 2023 Native Plant Restoration Project: Camas Planting, Reciprocity Garden, Oak Creek Center for Urban Horticulture, Oregon State University. Jan., 2023.
- 2021- Co-creator and facilitator of “Koko’anga: Tongan Womxn Scholars Feminist Writing Group” (with F. Niumeitolu and I. Tua’one).
- 2019 Co-presenter, La‘au Lapa‘au/Traditional Hawaiian Herbal Medicine, Kamehameha Schools Community Workshop (with E. Makepa-Foley-Wong).
- 2013- Committee Member, Tongan Breast Cancer Society (TBCS), Tonga
- 2013 Assistant Muralist for “*Healthy Land, Healthy Body, Healthy People*” – POW! WOW! Hawai‘i
- 2012 Logistic manager for “*Kaka’ako Kakou/Kaka’ako For All*” Mural Project - Honolulu, HI
- 2012 Presenter at *Mamo Arts Market*, Bishop Museum, Honolulu, HI
- 2012 Assistant Muralist for “*This Woman’s Work/Ode to Tapa*”, Public Mural, POW! WOW! Hawai‘i
- 2011 Assistant Muralist for *Kalibi Waena Mural Project*, in collaboration with Kaupa Organization

- 2011 Assistant Muralist for *Hawai'i Loa Ku Like Kakou Mural Project* - Hawai'i Convention Center, Honolulu, HI
- 2010- Cultural Practitioner and Member of A'ali'i Council for La'au Lapa'au
- 2003 Student Volunteer for Special Education Seminary, Provo, UT
- 2002 Women's Advocate for The National Center for Women and Children, Nuku'alofa, Tonga
- 2001 Hotline Volunteer for the Center for Women and Children in Crisis, Provo, UT
- 1999 Student Mentor for the Multicultural Student Services Program, Brigham Young University

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, American Anthropological Association (AAA)
- Member, Association of Social Anthropology in Oceania (ASAO)
- Member, Native American and Indigenous Studies Association (NAISA)
- Member, Society for Medical Anthropology (SMA)
- Member, Tongan Research Association (TRA)