Executive Summary – Broad Aims and Strategic Goals

The primary aim of Pasifika@Massey is to increase gains for Pacific Peoples through teaching, research and consultancy services at Massey University. Secondary aims are to assist Massey University meet its Charter obligations for Pacific Peoples and to make a positive contribution to Pacific communities and Pacific nations. These aims recognize Massey University as a strategic University in the wider Pacific region, committed to the advancement of Pacific Peoples where in New Zealand or in island states.

Doctorate Thesis Monograph

Teachers Developing Communities of Mathematical Inquiry – Roberta (Bobbie) Kathleen Hunter

This Thesis is divided into eight chapters. This chapter has sent the scene and provided a rationale for the study. Chapter Two reviews sociocultural learning theories and establishes its links to classroom discourse, communities of mathematical inquiry and mathematical practices. Chapter Three discusses the background research on the teaching and learning of mathematical practices in classroom inquiry communities. Chapter Four provides descriptions of difference mathematical practices which emerge in the social and mathematical norms of classroom communities. Chapter Five outlines the use of a qualitative design approach and discusses the methods used to collect and analyse data. Chapters Six and Seven present the results of teachers’ developing classroom communities of mathematical inquiry. The teachers’ pedagogical practices and the mathematical practices which emerge and evolve as a result are discussed in relation to the literature. Chapter Eight completed this thesis. The journey of the two teachers is discussed. The conclusions and implications and recommendations for future research are presented.
Masterate Thesis Monograph Series

What’s God got to do with Sex? Exploring the Relationship Between Patterns of Spiritual Engagement and the Sexual Health Activities of Samoan Youth – Analosa Ulugia-Veukiso

Brief Summary of the book

Improving the health and social wellbeing of Pacific youth is a key priority for the New Zealand Government. When the Pacific youth population’s sexual health is compared with that of other ethnic groups in New Zealand there are clear disparities. At the same time, spiritual engagement is frequently noted as protecting young people from engaging in health-risk taking behaviours.

Objectives: This study determines whether a relationship exists between patterns of spiritual engagement and the sexual health activities of Samoan attending secondary schools in New Zealand. Does going to church or rating spiritual beliefs as important influence the sexual health activities of Samoan youth?

Langa Fonua: In Search of Success - How a Tongan Kainga Strived to be – Socially and Economically Successful in New Zealand – Sione Tu’itahi

Brief Summary of the book

This thesis explores the diverse perspectives on and attitudes to, social and economic success in four generations of a migrant Tongan Kainga (extended family). It examines the insights and understanding of this particular Kainga of the concept of success, and analyses the values and motives that drive them to achieve it. It investigates the strategies they employ to achieve goals, the challenges they face, and why they are successful. An exploratory study, this thesis argues that more research should be conducted on the socio-economic success of Tongans. Findings from such research can inform policies and strategies for socio-economic development for Tongan families and community groups in Aotearoa New Zealand. This research will contribute to the construction of a larger and more representative study of a successful Tongan Kainga that can inform the development of social and economic policies for Tongans in New Zealand.
Pasifika Leaders Forum

**Tonga’s Foreign Relations: New Zealand and the Pacific – The Hon Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Tonga Dr. the Hon Feleti Vaka’uta Sevele**

**Brief Summary of the book**

Our relationship with New Zealand is a very close and strong one, and is based on mutual respect for each other’s sovereignty and integrity. We value very much this relationship and the Government of Tonga has always endeavoured to maintain and deepen this relationship. The establishment of our High Commission post in Wellington is a reflect not only of the importance of this relationship but also of the increasing demand for such a mission from the growing number of our people who have come to study, to work or to live in New Zealand. New Zealand aid is an integral part of our relationships, and contributes significantly to our development programme. The Government and the people of Tonga are most grateful to the New Zealand Government for the annual migration quota system, which allows 250 people to come and live here. This is one of the new and significant milestones in our relationship.

**Pasifika Leadership: An issue of Quality and Relevance – Dr. S. Langi Kavaliku**

**Brief summary of the book**

The Theme on which I was asked to talk to you about this evening is Personal Foundations of Leadership: An issue of Quality and Relevance. Furthermore, amongst the objects of this particular Programme – as stated in the Briefing Notes I was given – are three issues: Notes for a talk to Participants in the Pacific Health Leadership Development Programme 2006 on “Being a Pacific Leader” – Module Two: Individual leadership at Hamilton, New Zealand; July 12, 2006.

> Understanding Pacific Cultural values and their influence
> One’s perception and thinking; and
> Cultural values are integral to leadership and for this programme in particular, in the New Zealand setting.

I would like firstly, to comment on Personal Foundations of leadership in relation to my own experience, then secondly how I think it may relate to leadership issues in general and your Leadership Development Programme in New Zealand context in particular.
**Pacific Development Perspectives: Meeting Our Diverse Goals – Editor Rukmani Gounder**

**Brief Summary of the book**

Development has a number of meanings and can be considered from several perspectives. But this book has a clear focus on the unique approaches that Pasifika researchers can make to the development of their own people and their own nations. The contributions reflect the vision, aspirations, experience, and research of the twelve authors and the correspondingly wide ranging topics covered, convey a broad picture of development. Social, cultural, economic and political dimensions are threaded together by shared methodologies and shared concerns for Pasifika states and Pasifika communities within New Zealand. Importantly also, this book recognizes both long stand and new connections between Aotearoa New Zealand and Pasifika nations. Developments in urban Auckland, together with New Zealand’s overseas aid policies, and economic transfers between families in two countries highlight some aspects of those connections in modern times. They are important to Pasifika people but also to the forward development of New Zealand as a nation in the South Pacific.

**Talanoa ripples: Across Borders, Cultures, Disciplines... - Editor Jione Havea**

**Brief Summary of the book**

Books like this are rare. Talanoa is a word used in several of the native languages in Oceania (also known as Pacific Islands) to refer to three interconnected events: story, act of telling (of memories, stories, longings and more) and occasion of conversation. Talanoa is more than one or two of these, for talanoa is all three events – story, telling, conversation – together. Talanoa is a point of intersection, like a passage in a reef, through which currents and waves whirl with the rising and receding tides. To illustrate this metaphorical passage, imagine these three “currents” interesting. The relationship between the talanoa as indigenous reference and its intersections with indigenous religion, Christianity, spirituality, food, sex, traditional culture, church rituals, doxological approaches and the search for identity/ethnicity is a complex ‘ie toga illumined by the threads of understanding the writers weave, all specialists in their fields of study and work. ‘Talanoa ripples’ is an appropriate metaphor for what is taking place. Whatever one views of the critiques, philosophizing and/or dreams for the future are immaterial for present purposes. What is, is the talking to and with each other that talanoa allows; an inspirational inter-generational inter-ethnic/gender rooted/routed talanoa which enhances the search for wisdom.
Pasifika Occasional Paper Series

**Pacific People Economic Development in New Zealand (A View from Within) by Luamanuvaue Kuresa Tiumalu-Faleseuga**

**Brief Summary of the book**

This book is an opportunity to put in print some of my thoughts about Pacific social and economic developments in New Zealand. As we say in Samoa “These opportunities don’t come every day and we must make use of them when they present themselves”. I hope the thoughts and ideas I am presenting will contribute to the betterment of Pacific people in New Zealand and elsewhere.

The main focus of this book is **Community Economic Development (CED)**. My intention is to present CED as a relevant and an efficacious approach for Pacific economic development. Given the nature of Pacific people and our way of life, and the economic and social problems we have been facing I argue CED is probably the most fitting form of economic development for us and suggest that it should be seriously considered as an option.

**Investigating barriers to tertiary participation of Niuean students at Massey University and tertiary institutions in New Zealand: A Community Perspective – by: Sunlou F. Liuvaie**

**Brief Summary of the book**

Investigating barriers to tertiary participation of Niuean students at Massey University and tertiary institutions in New Zealand. For decades, wide disparity has existed in the tertiary participation rates and subsequently, the socio-economic status of the Niuean and Pasifika populations in New Zealand compared to that of Pakeha and Asian population. Over past decades, statistics indicate low tertiary participation rates among the Niuean and Pasifika populations at Massey University and other tertiary institutions in New Zealand compared with Pakeha and Asians. Compelled by poor retention and achievement, these therefore constitute as pertinent factors resulting in Niueans and Pasifika populations being over represented in the low socio-economic strata of the New Zealand society. A qualitative method using multiple strategies of a case study, 2 focus groups and a survey was employed in this study to investigate the antecedents of low tertiary participated based on the frame of reference of the Niuean community, a minority ethnic group in New Zealand.
Jesus The Haua: Diasporoa Theology of a Tongan – Rev. Salesi Finau

Brief Summary of the book

This is a personal testimony of theology evolution to embrace Jesus to a diaspora life where marginalization caring and a hunger for theological centrality prevail. This dissertation begins with the customary Tongan welcome, malo e lelei. This welcoming language is a traditional practice. Who welcomes ‘us’? This range of language reflects a multiple identity, cultural diversity, migration and diaspora. I do my theology as a Tongan-Australian. The small dash between Tonga and Australia becomes the position where I stand to negotiate my past and present, my Tongan culture and Australian culture. This is the position where Tongan oral culture meets literary Australian culture. My theology is defined by the reality that I am a male Tongan in origin standing inside Australia culture. I understand how my cultural experiences encounter other cultures and other faith traditions in my here and how.

Implementing Pasifika@Massey Strategy: Cultural Democracy in Action – by: Professor Sitaleki A. Finau

Brief Summary of the book

This paper addresses an explicit strategy from Massey University to assist Pacificans to motivate and empower themselves to start the march from the margins and whims of the economic climate, to the safer and more stable upper echelons of New Zealand. The Massey University Pasifika@Massey Strategy is for better academic achievement of Pacificans in New Zealand and the Pacific Islands, reorganizing the dominant paradigms in a multi cultural society wherein the indigenous population have been colonized and sometimes oppressed for the greater gains of the dominant population. Massey University is becoming the newest University for Pacificans in New Zealand and the Pacific Ocean. Education must improve political participation, strengthen Pacific leadership through improved cultural competency and reinforced traditional leadership and increase university educated parents, guardians and church leaders.
Pasifika Arts and Literary Series

Raw Edges: A Series of Poems – Juliet Enid Westerlund

Brief summary of the book

This book provides a platform for expression of courageous beliefs. These artistically radical poems are aimed at raising awareness of island realities shaking traditional passive thoughts. Discover true treasures of identities. Through a new voices, raw with compassion convey messages that are brutally honest about how Pasifika people live. Enid Juliet Westerlund gives readers a window to peek into her personal thoughts on many controversial and pressing issues in the Samoan cultural today. Her approach to writing portrays these ideas in an incredibly modern, fresh and raw attitude. Raw Edges is not to be read by the faint-hearted or simply those who just want to pass the time, the casual and the passionless. Rather, it is for those who wish to experience, leading an eager ear to hear an honest, vital view on things that makes us islanders.

Enid succeeds in grasping the attention yet not forceful but wheels a sense of incredible awakening. She dares to face the challenges and questions of traditions without losing her rhythm and certain intent. Her poetry possesses a literary message, opening eyes of the heart of life and igniting the mind to reach further than the surface, superficial appearances.