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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2013 to 2016, ARC Future Fellow, T.C. Beirne School of Law, The University of Queensland.

2011 to present, Professor in Law, T.C. Beirne School of Law, The University of Queensland.

2009 to present, Director, Centre for Public, International and Comparative Law, T.C. Beirne School of Law, The University of Queensland (formerly, Executive Director, Asia-Pacific Law)

2006 – 2011, Associate Professor in Law, T.C. Beirne School of Law, The University of Queensland. Australia

2001 – 2006, Senior Lecturer in Law, T.C. Beirne School of Law, The University of Queensland. Australia

1999 – 2000 Associate Professor in Law, University of the South Pacific, Vanuatu

1996 – 1999, Senior Lecturer in Law, University of the South Pacific, Fiji

1987 – 1996, Principal Solicitor, Jennifer C Corrin, Barristers & Solicitors, Honiara, Solomon Islands

1982 – 1987, Lecturer in Law, Queensland University of Technology, Australia

1980 – 1982, Solicitor, Howes Percival, Solicitors, Northampton, England

QUALIFICATIONS

- PhD, Griffith University, 2003
- Graduate Certificate in Executive Leadership, UQ Business School, 2013
- Professional Diploma in Legal Drafting, University of the South Pacific, 1998

- Bar Practice Course, Brisbane College of Advanced Education, 1984
- Law Society Final Examination, Nottingham Trent University, 1979-1980
- M Phil (Law), University of Nottingham (Scholarship Holder), 1976-1978
- BA (Hons) Law (Upper Second), Nottingham Trent University, 1976
- Mediator, Queensland, 1996
- Barrister, Queensland, 1984, Solomon Islands, 1986, Fiji, 1997
- Solicitor, England & Wales, 1982

RESEARCH

Research Themes

My research is of a comparative nature with three main themes: legal pluralism; rule of law; and cultural relativism. It draws on post-colonial jurisprudence and legal transplant theory. The research themes are manifested in work within a range of areas and topical legal matters, including:

- The scope and application of human rights in developing countries;
- The status of and the relationship between formal law and customary law;
- Legal pluralism and land issues;
- Conflict between customary law and human rights;
- The relationship between formal law and customary law in the context of substantive areas of law;
- Dispute resolution and evidence;
- Governance, law reform and legal education.

Within this agenda, recent projects include:

- The development of a suggested new approach to the application of human rights in the Pacific (the lateral approach), which takes into account cultural relativity;
- Analysis of human rights and transplant theory;
- An empirical study on the rule of law and legal theory in Fiji;
- Comparison of the recognition of indigenous laws in Canada and the South Pacific;
- AusAID funded analysis of dispute resolution mechanisms for customary land;
- Analysis of customary law and guarantees of anti-discrimination, freedom of movement and freedom of religion; comparative family law research;
- Analysis of civil procedure rules;
- A LPITAF grant funded project involving analysis of pleading and proof of customary law in common law courts in Queensland;
- A MacArthur Foundation grant funded conservation project, which includes work on law, governance and customary law in Marovo Lagoon;
- Research into legal transplant theory in the context of adultery in the Pacific region;
- Collaborative research into dispute resolution and development in post-conflict situations, under the auspices of ConCord.

Research on introduced law in small island countries of the South Pacific has developed into a major project on patriation of Solomon Islands legislation, which is part of the South Pacific Law Program, established in the Centre for Public, International and Comparative Law (CIPCL) and for which an ARC Discovery grant application has been written. Other research projects include the establishment of the Legal Pluralism Program within CIPCL, and work on law and culture in the context of punishment and customary banishment; and human rights. Much of the empirical work has concentrated on the South Pacific, but the scope of the research is international.

Significant Publications in the Past Ten Years

Books

'Introduction to South Pacific Law', 3rd ed, monograph, Palgrave MacMillan, Australia, 2011. With Prof D Paterson

Proving Customary Law in the Common Law Courts of the South Pacific, with Prof J Zorn, British Institute of International and Comparative Law, UK, 2002, 70 pages

Courts and Civil Procedure in the South Pacific, Cavendish, UK, 2004, 330 pages

Contract Law in the South Pacific, Cavendish, UK, 2001, 332 pages.

Book Chapters

'Finding the Law on Adoption in Vanuatu' in Bill Atkin (ed), *The International Survey of Family Law* (Jordon Publishing Limited, Bristol 2013) 399-412. With Eleanor Foote.

'Cultural Relativism vs Universalism: The South Pacific Reality' in Arnold, Rainer (eds), *The Universalism of Human Rights* (Springer, Dordrecht 2012) 103-126.

'Protection Des Ressources Naturelles Aux Îles Salomon' in Carine David and Nadège Meyer (ed), *L'intégration De La Coutume Dans L'élaboration De La Norme Environnementale* (Bruylant, Paris 2012) 455-478

'Reform of Maintenance and Divorce Laws in Samoa: Appropriate for the 'Aiga'?' in Bill Atkin (ed), *International Survey of Family Law* (Jordon Publishing Limited, Bristol 2012) 283-298. With Lalotoa Mulitalo.

'Adoption And 'Vae Tama' in Samoa', 2011 *International Survey of Family Law* (Jordon Publishing Limited, Bristol 2011) 313-334. With Lalotoa Mulitalo.

'Customary Land in Solomon Islands: A Victim of Legal Pluralism' in Anthony Angelo and yves-louis Sage (ed), *Droit Foncier Et Gouvernance Judiciaire Dans Le Pacifique: Land Law and Governance in the South Pacific*. (Revue Jurique Polynesienne, Wellington, New Zealand 2010) 361-376.

'Solomon Islands' in Professor Stephen Levine (ed), *Pacific Ways: Government and Politics in Pacific Islands* (Victoria University Press, New Zealand 2009) 212-220.

'Is It Well With the Child?': Custody of Children in Small South Pacific States' 2009 *International Survey of Family Law* (Family Law, New Zealand 2009) 469-489.

'Getting a Fair Share: Financial Relief on Breakdown of Marriage in Samoa', 2008, *International Survey of Family Law*, 297 – 316.

'For Better or Worse: Marriage and Divorce Laws in the Kingdom of Tonga', 2007, *International Survey of Family Law*, 291 – 307.

'Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Women, Religion and Law in Solomon Islands', in Dr Carolyn Evans and Amanda Whiting (ed), *Mixed Blessings: Laws, Religions, and Women's Rights in the Asia-Pacific Region*, 2006, Martinus Nijhoff Publishers Leiden, 101 – 128.

Journal Articles

'Getting Down to Business: Developing the Underlying Law in Papua New Guinea' [March 2014] *Journal of Legal Pluralism and Unofficial Law* 1-17

J Corrin, 'Round Pegs and Square Holes: Pleading Indigenous Customary Laws in Australia and the South Pacific' (2014) 33 (4) *Civil Justice Quarterly* 475-493

J Corrin, 'The Root of the Problem: Carbon Rights and Natural Resources Issues in Solomon Islands and Vanuatu' (2014) 26 (1) *New Zealand Universities Law Review* 1-26

J Corrin, E al, 'Transforming Management of Tropical Coastal Seas to Cope with Challenges of the 21st Century' (2014) 85 (1) *Marine Pollution Bulletin* 8-23

N Aroney, J Corrin, 'Endemic Revolution: HLA Hart, Custom and the Constitution of the Fiji Islands' [2013] *Journal of Legal Pluralism and Unofficial Law* 26

C Forrest, J Corrin, 'Legal Pluralism in the Pacific: Solomon Island's World War II Heritage' (2013) 20 (1) *International Journal of Cultural Property* 1-21

J Corrin, 'Responding to Challenges to a Bank's Duty of Confidentiality in Offshore Finance Centres: The Vanuatu Example' (2013) 28 (2) *Banking and Finance Law Review* 249-268

J Corrin, F Bartlett, 'Stemming the Flood: Procedural and Ethical Issues Arising from Potential Flood Litigation' (2013) 87 (4) *Australian Law Journal* 250-258

'It Takes Two to Tango, But Three to Commit Adultery: A Survey of the Law on Adultery in Post-Colonial South Pacific States' (2012) Issue 2, *International Journal of Law Policy and the Family*, accepted for publication.

'A Question of Identity: Complexities of State Law Pluralism in the South Pacific' (2011) 61 (1) *Journal of Legal Pluralism* 143-169.

'Judge or Be Judged: Accepting Judicial Appointment in an Unlawful Regime' (2010) 16 (2 & 3) *International Journal of the Legal Profession* 191-209.

'Moving Beyond The Hierarchical Approach To Legal Pluralism in the South Pacific' (2010) 61 *Journal of Legal Pluralism* 143-169.

'Accommodating Legal Pluralism in Pacific Courts: Problems of Proof' (2010) 15 (1) *International Journal of Evidence and Proof* 1-25.

'A Tragedy of Monumental Proportions': Indigenous Australians and the Sentencing Process' (2010) 19 (2) *Social and Legal Studies*, with H Douglas.

'From Horizontal and Vertical to Lateral: Extending the Effect of Human Rights in Post Colonial Legal Systems of the South Pacific', 2009, 58(1) *International and Comparative Law Quarterly*, 31-71.

'Customary Land and the Language of the Common Law', (2008) *Common Law World Review* 305 – 333.

'Ples Bilong Mere: Law, Gender and Peace-Building in Solomon Islands' (2008) 16 (Number 2, August 2008) *Feminist Legal Studies* 169-194.

'Another Aboriginal Death in Custody: Uneasy Alliances and Tensions in the Mulrunji Case' (2008) 28 (4) *Legal Studies*, 531 – 558.

'Negotiating the Constitutional Conundrum: Balancing Cultural Identity with Principles of Gender Equality in Post Colonial South Pacific Societies', (2006) *The Indigenous Law Journal* (University of Toronto), 51 – 81.

'Barava Tru'– Judicial Approaches to the Pleading and Proof of Custom in the South Pacific, (2002) 51 (3) *International and Comparative Law Quarterly* 611 – 639.

Other Relevant Journal Articles

'Discarding Relics of the Past: Patriation of Laws in the South Pacific' (2009) 39 (4) *Victoria University of Wellington Law Review*, 635-658, invited to submit in special tribute issue.

'Australia: Country Report on Human Rights' (2009) 40 (1) *Victoria University of Wellington Law Review*, 37-55.

'A Green Stick or a Fresh Stick?: Locating Customary Penalties in the Post-Colonial Era', (2006) 6 (1), *Oxford University Commonwealth Law Review*, 27 – 60.

'Off the Peg or Made to Measure: Is the Westminster System of Government Appropriate in Solomon Islands?' (2002) 27(5) *Alternative Law Journal*, 207 – 212.

'Land, Law Reform and the Faa-Samoa' 2008 (2008) *LAWASIA Journal*, 31-46.

'Breaking the Mould: Constitutional Review in Solomon Islands', 2007, 13 *Revue Juridique Polynésienne*, 143 – 168.

'Finding the Right Balance in Plural Systems: Training Lawyers in the South Pacific' (2006) Vol 4 (2), *Journal of Commonwealth Law and Legal Education*, 1 – 16.

Full list of publications and details of competitive grant funding can be found

at: <http://www.law.uq.edu.au/academic-staff/staff.php?nm=jennifercorrin&tab=publicationslink>

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Commission on Legal Pluralism
- International Academy of Comparative Law
- Executive Committee, Australasian Law Teachers Association (this is the peak body of law teachers within Australia, New Zealand, and the South Pacific)
- Specialist Accreditation Board of Queensland Law Society (this is a peak Board of Queensland Law Society ('QLS') which oversees and administer all aspects of the scheme that which permits lawyers to apply to sit for specialist accreditation on the basis of special competence in the area of practice for which accreditation is sought. The Board appoints and supervises the Accreditation Committees and hears all appeals. It also makes policy on accreditation and determines the applicable standards)
- South Pacific Legal Studies Interest Group (ALTA) – convenor
- European Society of Oceanists
- Australian Association for the Advancement of Pacific Studies
- Commonwealth Legal Education Association
- International Law and Relations Section of Queensland Law Society
- Bar Association, Solomon Islands, Life Member
- Women Lawyers Association, Solomon Islands
- LAWASIA

- Women Lawyers Association, Queensland
- Law Society, England and Wales
- Association of Women Lawyers, Law Society of England and Wales
- International Small Island Studies Association

JOURNAL EDITORSHIPS

- Associate Editor, *Journal of Legal Pluralism*
- Member of International Editorial Board, *Journal of South Pacific Law*, 2003 to present
- Member of Editorial Board, *Proctor*, Journal of Queensland Law Society, 2008 to present
- Co-Editor, *LAWSIA*, 2004-6