

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- PH.D. UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I AT MĀNOA , AUGUST 2016
MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY (CULTURAL)
Dissertation Title: Siu I Moana: Navigating Female Cancer Experience in the Kingdom of Tonga.
- M.A. UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I 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

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

RESEARCH AREAS

- Anthropology in/of the Pacific/Oceania, Indigenous theory and methodologies, Critical theory applied to indigenous health and biomedical health care systems, Political economy, Global health, Food security, Climate change in the Pacific Islands, Gender studies.

CURRENT POSITIONS

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW – OCT. 2016- PRESENT

Dept. of Natural Resources & Environmental Management, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

- Climate Adaptation and Pacific Island Agroecosystems Research in Guam, CNMI and American Samoa.

LECTURER – JAN. 2016- PRESENT

Department of Ethnic Studies, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

- Course: Peoples of Hawai‘i (ES 486)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT - JULY 2007- JULY 2016

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

- Designed and managed program database for over 780 student participants.
- Designed and implemented multiple surveys for program evaluation.
- Conducted qualitative and quantitative data analysis and statistical analysis utilizing SPSS.
- Compiled data for annual reports submitted to program funders at the State of Hawai'i's Department of Human Services.
- Drafted technical reports for use in program reporting and outreach.
- Assisted with trained graduate and undergraduate research assistants.

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

Department of Ethnic Studies, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

- Assisted with lecturing, curriculum development and grading.
- Courses: Ethnographic Research Methods (ES 442); Peoples of Hawai'i (ES 486)

ASSISTANT PROGRAM COORDINATOR - JUNE-AUG 2012:

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

- Coordinated program activities and supervised over 40 undergraduate students.
- Assisted with lecturing, curriculum development and grading.
- Courses: Ethnographic Research Methods (ES 442); Peoples of Hawai'i (ES 486)

TEACHING ASSISTANT - FALL 2012; SPRING 2012; SPRING 2013

Women's Center/Department of Women's Studies, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

- Assisted with curriculum development and grading.
- Course: Women & Work (WS 418).

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT & GRADER - AUG 2006-DEC 2007

Department of Anthropology, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

- Assisted with lecturing, curriculum development and grading.
- Courses: Anthro 151 Emerging Humanity; 152 Culture and Humanity; 350 Pacific Island Cultures.

GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT - AUG 2005-MAY 2006

Department of Anthropology, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

- Developed literature review, designed and maintained database research project on the Tongan Medical Association (H. Young Leslie).
- Managed project's research library and citations using EndNote.

FIELD STUDIES PROGRAM OFFICER - SEPT 2000-MAY 2004

Department of International Area Studies, Brigham Young University-Provo

Field Location: Tonga

- Coordinated and supervised two field schools in Tonga (undergraduate and graduate level).
- Managed South Pacific field study program office.
- Recruited and interviewed student participants.
- Coordinated international travel, visas, in-country travel and accommodations.

TEACHING ASSISTANT - JAN 2003-MAY 2003

Department of Anthropology, Brigham Young University-Provo.

- Assisted with lecturing, curriculum development and grading.
- Course: ANTH 101: Introduction to Anthropology.

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH ASSISTANT - JAN 2001-MAY 2001:

Department of Botany, Brigham Young University-Provo.

- Assisted with international ethnobotanical field study focused on limu use in Tonga.
- Conducted household surveys, group interviews and environmental field surveys.
- Collected plant voucher specimens & documented location with GPS technology.
- Documented indigenous plant knowledge and use utilizing ethnographic research.

COURSES TAUGHT

ETHNIC STUDIES 486 - Peoples of Hawai'i, UH Mānoa

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 (Spring 2001; Spring 2002); BYU-Utah

INTEGRATED BIOLOGY 497R - Ethnobotanical Field Research Methods, Dept. of Integrative Biology, Brigham Young University-Utah

COURSES ASSISTED WITH TEACHING

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

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS & AWARDS

2015-16 East-West Center Student Affiliate

2015 Richard W. Lieban Scholarship for Anthropology Dissertation Award

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

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

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.

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

RESEARCH & TRAVEL GRANTS

2015 East-West Center Travel Award

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; 2014 UH Mānoa Arts & Sciences Research Award 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

INTERNSHIPS, INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH & TRAINING

- 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

- 2017 (In Preparation) "Navigating female cancers, illness experience and healing in Tonga: Indigenous articulations of culture and modernity." *Journal of Indigenous Wellbeing*, 1:3.
- 2007 "Valuing Traditional Knowledge: An Ethnobotanical Review of Herbal Medicine in Tonga," *Pacific Rim Studies Journal*, 1:69-83.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS, REPORTS, AND SCHOLARLY PRODUCTS

- 2017 (Under Review) "Climate Smart Agriculture in the Pacific, *Policy Brief*," Pacific Island Climate Change Cooperative (PICCC).
- 2017 (Under Review) "Pacific Islands Agroforestry and Climate Change," *Policy Brief*, Pacific Island Climate Change Cooperative (PICCC).
- 2014 "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.

MEDIA

- 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 Hawaii for ‘ŌLELO 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 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).

INVITED KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS

- 2013 “Cancer Patient Navigation in Hawai’i and Tonga: Exploring Intersections of Health, Culture and Pathways to Care.” Keynote Speaker for Pasifika Medical Association Conference: Youth of Today – Our Future Tomorrow, Nuku’alofa, Tonga, September 24-27, 2013.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 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

- 2016 “Talanoa Mai, Let’s Talk: Creating a Dialog 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 ‘Ahopaniolo 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 Manoa, August 2010.
- 2010 “Social Science Research Ethics.” Guest lecturer for Ethnic Studies 447: Social Science Research Methods (R. Labrador). University of Hawai’i at Manoa, 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 SESSIONS ORGANIZATION

- 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

- 2017 Co-Organizer, Hawai‘i Cooperative Extension Climate Change Workshop, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI. (With C. Trauernicht).
- 2004 *Co-Organizer*, Pacific Islander Symposium, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT, November 2004 (With V. Narsimulu).
- 2003 *Organizer*, International Field Studies Inquiry Conference, Department of International Area Studies, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT, March 3-5.

COMMUNITY SERVICE & ENGAGEMENT

- 2017 *Scholarship Reviewer*, Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF)
- 2015-17 *Scholarship Committee Member*, American Association of University Women (AAUW), Honolulu Branch.
- 2015 *Dignitary Liaison*, East West Center (EWC), Wednesday Evening Seminar Program
- 2013- *Committee Member*, Tongan Breast Cancer Society (TBCS), Tonga
- 2010- *Practitioner and Member*, A‘ali‘i Council for La‘au Lapa‘au (Native Hawaiian Healing).
- 2008-9 *Student Representative*, UH Mānoa Commission on the Status of Women
- 2003 *Student Volunteer*, Special Education Seminary, Provo, UT
- 2002 *Women’s Advocate*, The National Center for Women and Children, Nuku‘alofa, Tonga
- 2001 *Hotline Volunteer*, Center for Women and Children in Crisis, Provo, UT
- 1999 *Student Mentor*, Multicultural Student Services, Brigham Young University

COMMUNITY ARTS INVOLVEMENT

- 2013 “*Healthy Land, Healthy Body, Healthy People*” *Public Mural Volunteer – POW! WOW! Hawai‘i*
- 2012 “*Kaka‘ako Kakou/Kaka‘ako For All*” *Mural Project - Logistic manager, Honolulu, HI*
- 2012 *Mamo Arts Market, Bishop Museum, Honolulu, HI*
- 2012 “*This Woman’s Work/Ode to Tapa*”, *Public Mural, POW! WOW! Hawai‘i*
- 2011 *Kalihi Waena Mural Project, in collaboration with Kaupa Organization*
- 2011 *Hawai‘i Loa Ku Like Kakou Mural Project - Hawai‘i Convention Center, Honolulu, HI*

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, Society for Economic Botany (SEB)
- Member, Tongan Research Association (TRA)

REFERENCES

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