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Qualifications

Ph.D.	Pacific Studies	University of Auckland, N.Z.	2010
M.A.	Pacific Islands Studies	University of Hawai'i at Mānoa	2005
Grad. Cert.	International Cultural Studies	University of Hawai'i at Mānoa	2005
B.Sc.	Anthropology	University of Utah, U.S.A.	2003

Experience - consultancies & work

Pacific Community (SPC), European Union Pacific Technical and Vocational Education and Training Project (PacTVET) / Pacific Centre for Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency (PCREEE) Consultancy. Networking focus on trainers for CCA/SE training packages on offer at TVET partners – 11/14/2016 - 12/2018

Leadership Specialist & Co-Director Pacific Islands Leadership Program (PILP), Pacific Islands Development (PIDP), East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawai'i 8/ – 12/ 2015

Responsible for M&E & face to face delivery a 3-month intensive leadership training, coaching and mentoring during diplomatic field study in Taiwan of 26 young professionals from 11 PICs

East West Center (EWC), Women in Leadership (WIL) Program - M&E analyst for a women business mentorship experimental training module which was being reality-checked. This module involved *Talanoa* modes of evaluation 2/2015 - 5/2015

University of the South Pacific Cultural Advisor with Disney Corporation's consultation with Oceania Centre for Arts, Culture and Pacific Studies (OCACPS) at University of the South Pacific - 9/2011

Lecturer, Oceania Centre for Arts, Culture and Pacific Studies, The University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji 7/ 2011 – 1/ 2015

Focus was on online monitoring and evaluations of online course delivered to 1,200+ students across 12 PICs and 14 campuses. M&E and Revision of PG Diploma resulting in a 900% increase in enrolments. Conducted Action/Research projects in heritage/training.

Co-Founder, The Motuhā Sustainable Living Project, 'Uiha, Ha'apai, Tonga 1/2010 – 4/2011

Collaborated with Honourable Malupō and village leadership on a community-based climate change awareness initiative. Supported stakeholders and int'l NGO (Sustainable CoastlinesNZ) in mobilising 3,000+ local residents in a multi-island garbage cleanup and made progress on mangrove propagation.

Distinctions & Awards

Advisor for Indigenous Knowledge, ICHCAP/UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage Communications & Networking for Asia-Pacific, 2014-2015
New Zealand International Doctoral Research Scholarship (NZIDRS), 2006-2009
Te Atu Trust Award, 2007
East-West Center Graduate Degree Fellow in Pacific Islands Studies, 2003-2005
Smith College Tuition Grant, 1997-1998

Community & Professional Service

Peer Reviewer, Journal of Pacific Studies, 2013-2014
Peer Reviewer, Oculus: Postgraduate Journal for Visual Arts Research, 2007-2011
Editor-in-Chief, Impulse Journal, East-West Center, 2003-2005

Publications

Books

Kinikini-Kauvaka, Lea Lani, Unaisi Nabobo-Baba, Faustina Rehuher-Marugg (Eds.) (2015). Traditional Knowledge and Wisdom: Themes from the Pacific Islands. Jeonju, South Korea: UNESCO/ICHCAP.

Articles

Kauvaka, Lea Lani Kinikini. (accepted - 2017). Decarcerating Archipelagos. symplokē: Special Issue "Oceania in Theory".
Kauvaka, Lea Lani Kinikini. (2016). Berths and Anchorages: Pacific Cultural Studies from Oceania. The Contemporary Pacific (28:1).
Kinikini-Kauvaka, Lea Lani. (2015). Pacific Seafaring Heritage: The Tongan Voyaging Sphere. ICH Courier, Vol. 23. Jeonju, South Korea: UNESCO/ICHCAP.

Reviews

Kauvaka, Lea Lani. (forthcoming). Island Kingdom: Tonga Ancient and Modern, 3rd Edition (Book Review). Journal of the Polynesian Society.
Kauvaka, Lea Lani. (2016). In Football We Trust (Film Review). The Contemporary Pacific (28:2).
Kauvaka, Lea Lani. (2015). Dying From Improvement: Indigenous Deaths in Custody (Book Review). AlterNative: A Journal of Indigenous Studies (12:1).

Kauvaka, Lea Lani. (2014). Tonga: Last Place on Earth (Film Review). The Contemporary Pacific (27:1).

Kauvaka, Lea Lani. (2013). A Chosen People, A Promised Land: Mormonism and Race in Hawai'i (Book Review). AlterNative: A Journal of Indigenous Studies (9:3).

Online

Kauvaka, Lea Lani. (2013-14). PA409: Representations of the Pacific. USP: Online Course. Location: offline.

Kauvaka, Lea Lani. (2012). UU204: Pacific Worlds. USP: Online Course. Location: offline.

Kauvaka, Lea Lani. (2009-). The Motuhā Project: Sustainable Living from 'Uiha, Ha'apai, Tonga. Online Blog. Location: www.freemaui.blogspot.com.

Edited Journals

Kinikini Lea Lani, et. al. (eds.). (2005). "ROOTS". Impulse Journal. Honolulu: East-West Center.

Kinikini, Lea Lani, et. al. (eds.). (2004). "(Silence)". Impulse Journal. Honolulu: East-West Center.

Audiovisual Films

Kinikini, Lea Lani, (Dir.). (2005). "Lines Returned to the Root" (22 mins). Capstone Project. International Cultural Studies Graduate Certificate Program, East-West Center and University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

Courses Taught

PILP Training (EWC): Wayfinding: Oceanic Pasts-Futures (3-month intensive leadership skills development course)

UU204 (USP): Pacific Worlds: An Introduction to Pacific Studies

PA409 (USP): Representations of the Pacific

PA419 (USP): The Contemporary Pacific

Conferences & Seminars

"Between Science & Pō: Pacific Knowledge, STEM and the Ephemeral Concrete" (Panel Proposal in submission), European Society for Oceanists (ESfO), 11th Annual Conference, Pacific Environments, 28 June - 1 July 2017, Munich, GERMANY

"Moanan Genealogies: Pacific paradigms in research" (Invited Paper), Pacific History Association (PHA), 3-6 December, 2014, Taipei, TAIWAN

"The Berth(s) of Pacific Studies" (Invited Paper), 1st Oceanic Symposium, Oceania Centre for Arts, Culture and Pacific Studies, The University of the South Pacific, 5-7 November 2013, Nadi, FIJI

“Bordercrossings: Interdisciplinarity in the University” (Invited Panelist), School of Language, Arts and Media, The University of the South Pacific, 18 April 2012, Suva, FIJI

“Excavating the Natural Man in Oceania” (Invited Paper), European Society for Oceanists (EFSO) Conference, 5-8 December 2012, University of Bergen, NORWAY

[350.org](#) Pacific Climate Youth Leadership Workshop, 13-17 June 2010, Suva, FIJI

Indigenous Peoples & Reducing Emissions from Deforestation & Degradation (REDD) Workshop, The University of the South Pacific Tonga, 29-31 July 2009, Nuku’alofa, TONGA

“A Conversation About Methods: Talanoa”, (Invited Panelist), University of Auckland Postgraduate Fono, 16-18 April 2008, NEW ZEALAND

South Pacific Regional Tourism Conference, South Pacific Tourism Organisation and Ministry of Tourism, 22-26 October 2007, Nuku’alofa, TONGA

Tonga: its land, sea and people, Tonga Researchers Association Conference, 11-14 July 2007, Nuku’alofa, TONGA

Moanan (Polynesian) Practice of Tā and Vā, ‘Time and Space’ (Invited Discussant), Association of Social Anthropologists of Oceania Annual Meeting, 2-5 Feb. 2005, Lihue, Kauai, U.S.A.

Negotiating Pacific Identities: Ethnicity, Encounters, and Self-Determination, United Nations University Global Seminar Series (Invited Participant), 19-22 March 2004, East-West Center, Honolulu, U.S.A.

Tākanga `enau fohē: Tonga and its diasporic communities in the 21st century, Tonga Researchers Association Conference, 2-6 April 2001, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, U.S.A.

Grants

USP Strategic Research Theme Grant, for “Pacific Worlds Online: An Action/Heritage/Research ICT Training Project”, The University of the South Pacific, 2013-2014

USP Staff Research Grant, for “Triangulating Oceanian and Scandinavian Maritime Heritage”, The University of the South Pacific, 2012

Global GreenGrant, “Uiha Community Greenhouse”, 2010

[350.org](#) Pacific Youth Leadership Grant, 2010

Skills & Abilities

Languages	English - fluent speaker and writer
Computer	Microsoft Office, eLearning Management Systems (Moodle), iWeb, InDesign Evernote, Base Camp, Social Media
Relevant	eLearning, online syllabi, course writing, social media, virtual collaborations
Other	First Aid at Sea Certified (exp. 2/2019)